

## For the Record...

Bible Study:	171	Weekly Giving: \$	14,760
Sunday Worship:	367	Weekly Budget:	16,237
Sunday Evening:	42	YTD Giving: \$	700,752
Wednesday:	195	YTD Budget: \$	779,376

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## For our visitors:

If you have any questions, if you want to get involved with our church, or if you just want to meet some of our leaders, please stop by the Starting Point kiosk in the lobby. We'd love to meet you and answer your questions. Thank you for worshipping with us today!

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## Unto Us A Child Is Born

by Tim Tripp

*"For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given..."* Isaiah 9:6a

One of the things Lenore and I enjoyed most about our kids attending the public school they did was the excellent vocal music program. The director of the program and of all choruses was truly the best of the best when it comes to conducting a chorus. One winter concert we attended several years ago was as usual, excellent. They closed the concert in a traditional way with the combined choruses singing the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's Messiah. It was, as it always is, a stirring and triumphant call to remember why Jesus was sent into the world - "the kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our God and of His Christ and He shall reign forever and ever!"

The conductor told the story of a tradition of the audience standing when the "Hallelujah Chorus" is performed as a part of the larger work (Messiah). According to tradition, the King of England attended the premier performance of Messiah in London in 1743. When the chorus started the "Hallelujah Chorus" (which is at the end of the 2nd movement of a 3-part choral piece taking the better part of 3 hours to perform) the king rose to his feet. When the king stood, the entire audience rose to their feet as well and so it has been since that time that audiences stand for the "Hallelujah Chorus."

Whether the tradition is actually true is in question but it is certainly true that when a king or queen attended a public performance the audience remained standing until the king or queen was seated and rose to their feet anytime he (she) did. Thus, the members of a royal family could call attention to an excellent performance or a favorite piece of music by standing for it. It was truly remarkable to impress the king.

The birth of Jesus is like that. The event was so special and so remarkable that the hosts of heaven arose. The prophets promoted it, angels foretold it, archangels appeared in dreams and in person telling principles to expect it, a star was added to the night sky to commemorate it. A virgin gave birth and all of heaven stood.

No other event in history will ever be seen as being as pivotal as this event. "The Word became flesh, and made his dwelling among us." (John 1:14). All of creation for all time turns on the fact of Jesus' birth; that in Jesus, the sins of man were taken away and sinful man was reconciled to their perfect and holy God.

The impact of this event continues to be a very real today. The celebration of Christmas is no doubt more secular than ever but no amount of secular pressure will ever take away the significance of God sending his son for us and all creation takes notice as the creator of the universe rises to his feet.

### DIOS LE BENDIGA! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

Married life is the beginning of happiness - just ask Lizzy and Brandon!! They are enjoying their "new" life! Before marriage, life is incomplete and not good. The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." (unless you are called not to do that in order to serve The Lord and not having marriage responsibilities-but that will be another topic for another time) When we read about Adam being alone in the garden that God made it for him, God knew what was best for him and what would make him "complete" Genesis 2:22 NIV. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. God made woman to be a "helper suitable for him". That's GOD design and He NEVER is wrong. God has made happiness by bringing two people together to fulfill His plans, but is not until those two understand the purpose of God's plan and be active on it, that happiness will occur. After 26 years of marriage, "I am" getting the point!! That my wife is part of me! The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." That's deep... and is taking me 26 years to see it? And I have to stop here... will continue next week... but one thing I'm so blessed, to have all my West Side family to be part of my marriage happiness too!! May God bless you West Side Family!

Sunday,  
Dec. 8, 2019

This week's helpers:

Nursery:  
- April Ruple  
- Grace Ruple

KFC:

2 year olds:  
Grace M. & Emma J.

3 & 4 year olds:  
Beth Donnell

K - 2nd grade:  
Marissa Roberts

Puppets:  
Christmas Program  
Rehearsal

Greeters:

North:  
Judy Lamb

East:  
Clay and Candy Reed

West:  
Lisa Reed

Communion:

Table 1:

-Mark Bryant, Cody Dare, Craig Davis, Jim Betterton, Rex Chambers

Table 2:

-Lloyd Cawyer, Steve Bates, Patrick Crosby, Lynn Donnell, Terry Bonds

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Children's Ministry Grades K - 5 Meets Sunday at 9 AM and Wednesday at 6:30 PM.



Teaching Team Leaders:

Holy Word Studios: Lee and Andrea Henson

Noah's Arcade: Dale and Christina Brooks

Museum: Brent and April Ruple

Creator's Canvas: Hensons



>December 8: Middle School 6th - 8th Grade Christmas party Lunch in Cornerstone.

>December 15: 9th - 12th Grade Christmas Party Lunch in the Cornerstone.

>December 18: FAMILY NIGHT\_ Meal and Worship together in the Cornerstone 5:30pm - 7:30pm. Parents and Students encouraged to be together.

CHRISTEENS: A variety of planning and work meetings are taking place from now till the event. Please let Mark know how you can be of assistance.

Wednesday nights the Gym/Cornerstone opens at 5:30, Bring your homework, dinner, and hangout.

HOMEWORK FOR SUNDAY CLASS:

1. READ JOHN CHAPTERS 1-10
2. Write some thoughts or questions about the reading
3. Bring your bible to class!

Hey College Students!  
Good Luck on those Finals!

We hope you have a great Christmas Break and look forward to seeing you in 2020!!

**Gulf Coast Getaway**, a christian conference for college students is coming up **Jan. 17th -20th.**

Cost is \$160

For more info on how to register visit

[ccscatu.org/gcg](http://ccscatu.org/gcg)

Want to receive text updates?

Text@ccscatu to 81010

## Adult Bible Classes

Sunday Morning Adult Classes:

Room 2: Tripp Rotation | Spiritual Formation

Room3: Clem Rotation | Sermon on the Mount

FC Classroom: Janelle Rotation | Minor Prophets

Rock: Clements Rotation | The Mission of Jesus

Wednesday Night Adult Class(es):

Room 3: A Life of Covenant

FC Classroom: A Joyful Journey Ladies Class

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

### KFC Christmas Program:

It is almost here!! Our 2019 Christmas Program, "Twas the Night Before Christ's Birth" will be during morning service on December 15th!!

We hope you invite friends and family to this special morning of worship. The kids program is sure to be a lot of fun (with help from some awesome adult actors, as well)

Note to Parents:

Parents, please bring your child to the Kids For Christ room at the BEGINNING of Worship. They will be putting on their costumes, having a small snack and getting into their groups for the program.

\*\* If your child is in the 2-3 year old class, they have been cast as an angel and their costume will be provided.

\*\* If your child is in the 4-5 year old class, they have been cast as a shepherd and their costume will be provided also.

\*\* The K, 1st and 2nd graders will need to bring and wear their own winter clothing..hats, scarves, gloves, sweater/jacket, etc.

If you would like to bring extra hats, gloves and scarves, we will be collecting them as a donation for Southern Christian Home. There will be a box provided for these donated items in the Kids For Christ room on the morning of the performance.

Your Children will be returning to the Kids For Christ room following the performance and you may pick them up there.

Questions? Contact Beth Sorrells or Keith or Vandy Moore

Beth: 479-264-2562

## Gathering Times

SUNDAY

9:00 AM Bible Class

9:00 AM Clase en Español

10:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Adoración

5:00 PM

Share Groups/ various times and locations

WEDNESDAY

6:30 PM

6:30 PM Clase en Español

7:00 Midweek @ CCSC

## Family Illness and Recovery

Richard Humphreys is at Russellville Nursing and Rehab center recovering from a broken hip and femur. Please continue to pray for his strength to return.

Pat Kee is doing well following hip replacement surgery. Please keep her in your prayers for a full and rapid recovery.

Gladys Norwood is home recovering from a broken pelvis. Please continue to pray for her healing.

Clay Reed has an upcoming appointment with Dr. Sneed on Dec. 10th to determine his next step in the treatment/ recovery process. Please continue to pray for healing.

Joe Russell is currently at the Arkansas Heart Hospital undergoing testing. Please pray for Joe and Hazel and their family as they work with doctors to find answers. Please also pray for Joe to make a full recovery and be able to return to us soon.

### Anniversary Celebration:

In celebration of their 25th anniversary for a couple well known to all of us...

Jim Bob & Betty Humphrey would like to invite you to a reception for Aris and Carina Ortiz Sunday, December 15th at 6pm in the Family Center.

*Let's come and celebrate this couple's accomplishment.*

### Note of Thanks:

Dear Friends,

Clay and I want to thank you all for all your prayers, love and support through our journey. Thank you also for the peace lily plant.

We love you all, Clay and Candy Reed

## RIVER VALLEY CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

West Side Church of Christ has partnered with Paul Senn of River Valley Christian Counseling to provide high quality, affordable, Christian counseling to the River Valley. Hourly fees are based on the client's income and services will be provided regardless of the income/insurance situation of the client.

If you would like more information, please contact Paul Senn at

479-219-3019 or [rvccounseling@gmail.com](mailto:rvccounseling@gmail.com).

You may also visit [www.westsidear.org/rvcc](http://www.westsidear.org/rvcc) for more information.

### Shut-in & Nursing Homes

Madge Alverson - Atkins 311

Wanda Bailey - home

Mirl Helms - Stella Manor 221

Wayne Nordin - Brookdale 219

Glennette Price - Stella Manor 305

### Missions

James & Abigail Rucker

WBS Students

Paul & Noemi Crites

### Military

Ethan Grace

James Cole, Jr

Micah Hunter

Charles Pitney

Joseph Roberds

Carson Curtis

### Expectant Mothers

Brittany Loudon

## A Look Ahead...

12/9: MNFTM @ 5:45 pm in the Family Center

**MNFTM Pantry is currently OUT of the following items that are used at the dialysis clinic.**

**Individual cans of Tuna packed in water and Ritz Crackers (short stacks). Please drop off items in the MNFTM box provided in the hallway.**

12/12: Celebrate Recovery @ 6pm in the Family Center