

Week of
For the Record... December 2, 2018

Bible Study: 235	Weekly Giving: \$74,777
Sunday Worship: 478	Weekly Budget: \$17,914
Sunday Evening: 174	YTD Giving: \$804,976
Wednesday: 197	YTD Budget: \$859,872

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For our visitors:

If you have any questions, if you want to get involved in our church, or if you just want to meet some of our leaders, please stop by the Starting Point room in the back of the auditorium at the end of service. We'd love to meet you and answer your questions!

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Sermon notes from today:

Our Deacons

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| Dale Brooks | Mark Bryant | Craig Davis |
| Danny Davis | Lee Henson | Les Howard |
| Jim Bob Humphrey | Richard Humphreys | Ben Janelle |
| Richard Loveland | Chad Mitchell | Keith Moore |
| Chance Nesbitt | Brent Ruple | Ronnie Russell |
| Phil Sims | Keith Thomas | |

A Look Ahead...

- Dec. 9th:** Class at 9, Worship at 10! // Sr. High Christmas Party (9-12th) immediately following services this morning in the Cornerstone// Bible Bowl will meet at 3 in the FC. // Share groups at various times and locations.
- Dec. 10th:** MNFTM 5:45
- Dec. 11th:** CR Ladies Step Study 8:30 am in the FC
- Dec. 12th:** Bible classes 6:30
- Dec. 13th:** Celebrate Recovery 6 pm in the FC.



WEST SIDE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday,
 December 9, 2018

This week's helpers:

Nursery:

- Brenda Holmes
- Kristin Cawyer

KFC:

2 year olds:

- Michele Todd

3 & 4 year olds:

- Charli Horton

K - 2nd grade:

- Teri Mitchell

Puppets:

- Christmas program

Rehearsal

Greeters:

North:

- Larry and Judy Holman

East:

- Joe Russell

West:

- Charles and Shirley May

Communion:

Table 1:

- Kevin Mason, Lloyd Cawyer, George Reed, Rocky Clancy, Tracy Goodwin

Table 2:

- Matt Francis, Ronnie Russell, David Davenport, Cecil Johnson, Larry Duvall

Cold Outside?

by Tim Tripp

The talk around Christmas songs this year has been interesting. In particular, the public banter over the song "Baby Its Cold Outside" has turned into a public debate. To some it is another example of a reactive culture blowing something intended to be playful and humorous way out of proportion while to others it stands as a tragic icon to the "boys will be boys" stereotype wherein when a girl says 'no' she really means 'yes.'

The song was written in 1944 and under a whole different set of sexual ethics than we have now. It depicts a male trying to talk a female (one to whom he is apparently not married) into extending her stay with him. She feels she should leave because of the appearance of impropriety, of what her parents and friends will think and of how it might damage her reputation while he continues to pressure her to stay because "Baby, its cold outside." Audiences in the late 1940's had a very different perception of what was taking place than modern audiences do.

What at one time might have been playful and funny as a kind of "cat and mouse" game, is now viewed as tragic and potentially criminal in light of the epidemic of sexual abuse and date rape experiences. Lines that might at one time have been tantalizing and added tension to the storyline (like where the female lead says, "Say, what's in this drink?" and "The answer is no") now, in a more perilous sexual context, might trigger red flags that a woman is being forced beyond her will.

What has happened in the past 70-80 years is a cultural shift in the definition of morality. Back in the pre-sexual revolution days, most people accepted sexual morality as defined in the Bible that sexual activity is acceptable between a husband and wife only. Now, in the post sexual revolution era, sexual appropriateness is defined by mutual consent between partners. In our secular culture, sexual activity is considered moral if both partners are of age and agree to engage in it together. The problem is that consent is a very blurry and oft changing line that can break down between perspectives. To put it bluntly, the standard of consent is a very poor standard that has been used and manipulated by both genders for selfish motives. It is not at all surprising that there is heightened sensitivity around a song with such lyrics in light of the plague of victimization (particularly of young women) that we are now witnessing.

How did this become a Christmas song anyway? It has nothing to do with the holiday and certainly bears no relationship to a celebration of the birth of Christ. Can we give it to Valentine's Day? It's cold in February too.

Perhaps attending to the real meaning of Christmas can point us back to a moral perspective found in scripture where God's will defines morality and where love and respect dictate how we treat one another.

DIOS LE BENDIGA! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

Love.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son" Love comes from God. "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." Is a Command: "A new command I give you: Love one another." Now the question is: Are we loving God? Christ? Our brothers? Our sisters? everybody? -If not, (there is something wrong in the heart) because in God's heart, there is nothing wrong and if we say that we love God, we have to love everybody. Share, "that he gave his one and only Son" God share his Son so the world can be save. The most precious valuable to God, he decided to share not matter what. So, the question is : are we sharing what we have? What we have received? What we have learn? The gospel of Christ? That is A MUST, that we have to do. There is no option on that. Because if God share to us, we need to do the same.

Discipleship. "That whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" Salvation will only be possible if the Gospel is preached. "And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard?" If you are a disciple of Christ, you need to be doing the same, making more disciples of Christ, "and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you" So, the question is: Are we making disciples? Teaching someone? Showing someone?

We have a mission and we have a vision my West Side family: Love, Share, Disciple.



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



Teachers for RA rotation beginning Dec. 5th are...

Creator's Canvas: Sarah Abbott

Museum: Bakers

Holy Word Studios: Hensons

Noah's Arcade: Dale Brooks

December Kids For Christ

Word of the Month: Almighty

Scripture: "... Who was and is and is to come, the Almighty?"

Rev. 1:8

Check-In: Keith Moore

December helpers: Jada Parker, Reagan

Mitchell, Shella Brashear

Today December 9

Sr Youth (9th - 12th) Potluck Lunch - Christmas Party, bring a \$10 gift for gift game . *This one will involve some going about the town.

Expectations 5

...so how do we do this? Are we working together? One of the best ways for us to strengthen our knowledge and spiritual welfare for our students is for all of us (Parents, Ministry Staff) to be on the same page. Your Youth Minister is in a position to help facilitate this direction but he needs to hear from you. What is something you would like for us to consider while planning for 2019. Text or email Mark.

January 18 -20: "Winterfest" Sr. High 10th - 12th (9th grade with invitation) is heading to Arlington, TX. \$150. Working to lower the cost. Sign up in Cornerstone by December 30th.

Hello West Side Family!

It's that time of year again when we all have a lot going on. As you make your plans for the upcoming weeks, please be praying for our college students as they take their finals and head home for the holidays.

Also, as many of you know, our big Gulf Coast Getaway trip is quickly approaching! If you would be interested in providing a sponsorship for this event, please let us know. As always your generosity helps change lives, and our hope is that no student who wants to participate will have to stay behind.

For more information on becoming a sponsor, see Jake or Krysta.

Gulf Coast Getaway - a Christian conference for college students - is coming up Jan. 18-29. For more info on how to register, visit ccscatu.org/gcg.

You don't want to miss this!

Adult Bible Classes

Sunday Morning Adult Classes:

Room 2: Old Testament Characters, Reed Rotation

Room 3: Galatians, Clements Rotation

FC Classroom: Church on Mission, Tripp Rotation

Rock: Nehemiah, Janelle Rotation

Wednesday Night Adult Class(es):

Room 2: Gospel of John (pt 1)

Room 3: Making the Most out of Reading the Bible

FC Classroom: A joyful journey Ladie's class | "Befriend"

Rock: The Search for Significance

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

KFC Christmas Program: Sunday, December 16.

You won't want to miss this! If you have children ages 2 - 2nd grade, we encourage you to bring them to KFC to participate in rehearsals.

ANNOUNCEMENT !!

There will be a special Christmas rehearsal immediately following service today. You may leave your children, and pick them at 12:45. Lunch will be provided for the children who are rehearsing.

Bible Bowl

Bible Bowl practice today at 3pm in the Family Center. See Chad Mitchell if you have any questions.

Harvest Sunday update:

Our Harvest Sunday offerings brought in almost \$60,000 over our regular contribution. Thank you West Side!

Celebrate Recovery

CR will meet Thursday night in the Family Center at 6 pm. There will be a meal at 6, followed by worship. If you are looking for a way to serve and be a part of this ministry, see Zac George.

Southern Christian Children's Home

SCCH is in need of several items such as Chicken stock/ broth; Pecans; Ziploc bags. For a more detailed list, see the needs list at schome.org

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

WEDNESDAY

6:30 PM Classes

6:30 PM Clase en Español

7:00 Midweek at CCSC

Family Illness and Recovery

Ridge Austin: Please continue to pray for his healing as he continues with therapies and illnesses.

Charles Baker: Brother of Vicki Betterton and Margaret Grant, in Midland, Texas, has been placed in Hospice care. Please remember the Bakers, Bettertons, and Grants in your prayers during this difficult time.

Margaret Grant: is doing well following back Surgery. Please keep her in your prayers for a speedy and complete recovery.

Lloyd Freeman: Father of Kenny Freeman, is in Russellville Rehab with a broken pelvis. Please pray for strength and healing.

Harding Jackson: Father of Nancy Freeman, has recently been diagnosed with aggressive Esophageal cancer. He will be undergoing radiation and chemo therapy. Please keep Harding and Ethel and Nancy and Kenny and the entire family in your prayers during this very difficult time.

Marcia Hunter: is scheduled for back surgery Monday 12/10 . Please continue to pray for healing and relief.

Connie & Ted Koerner: Both are recovering from surgery. Please pray for their overall health.

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. You may also visit www.westsidear.org/rvcc for more information.

Southern Christian Children's Home items especially needed: Paper Towels, Advil, Pecans, Shaving Cream, Ziploc Bags

Prayer List

Names will be printed on this list for up to 4 weeks at a time unless further updates are received in the church office.

Vavra Allison: Sister of Jim Betterton with stage 4 lung cancer that has spread to her brain and spine.

Mary Barrett: Deanna Cole's step-sister, undergoing chemo treatments.

Fred Taylor: Tracy Taylor's father, is in Baptist hospital with complications from chemotherapy.

Mary Grice: Continued prayers for effective treatment.

Missions

James and Abigail Rucker

WBS Students

Paul & Noemi Crites

Ongoing Concerns

Ridge Austin - Overall health
Bill Davis- Health
Betty Humphrey - Back pain
Marcia Hunter - Back and leg pain.
Patti Page - Achilles tendon
Patsy Parnell - Health
Charlie Richards - Back pain
Fred Taylor - (Father of Tracy Taylor) - colon surgery

Homebound/ Nursing Homes

Madge Alverson - Atkins 311
Mirl Helms - Stella Manor 221
Kirby Larsen - Brookdale 209
Wayne Nordin - Brookdale 219
Glennette Price - Stella Manor 305
Betty Spears-Brookdale 316

Military

Ethan Grace - Navy

James Cole, Jr - Navy

Micah Hunter - Navy

Charles Pitney - Air Force

Joseph Roberds - Air Force

Expectant Mothers

Sarah Beth Amack

Lauren Pipkin

Battling Cancer

Cindy Beck

Mary Grice

Mark Helms

Truman Hill

Gladys Norwood

Darwin Price

Helen Stephens