

Week of  
**For the Record...** March 10, 2018  
 Bible Study: 204      Weekly Giving: \$ 17,450  
 Sunday Worship: 432      Weekly Budget: \$16,237  
 Sunday Evening: 105      YTD Giving: \$150,858  
 Wednesday: 214      YTD Budget: \$162,370

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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**

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...**

March 18th: MNFTM will NOT meet this week due to Spring Break.

March 19th: Stella Manor Birthdays 2pm | Cake: Sheri Crosby

March 20th: Bible classes at 6:30. // Midweek at CCSC at 7 pm. // CCSC basketball in the gym 8: 45pm

March 21st: Ladies Bible Study will NOT meet this week due to Spring Break. // Celebrate Recovery at 6 pm in the FC. Meal, followed by worship & sessions

**Love. Share. Disciple.**

# WEST SIDE

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday,  
 March 17, 2019

This week's helpers:

Nursery:  
 - Tee Nesbitt  
 - Courtney & Chiane

KFC:

2 year olds:  
 - Nicole Loibner

3 & 4 year olds:  
 - Amy Jones

K - 2nd grade:  
 - Amanda Williams

Puppets:  
 - Brent & April Ruple

Greeters:

North:  
 - Bill & Susan Lewis

East:  
 - Carla Ford

West:  
 - Larry & Linda Harrell

Communion:

Table 1:  
 - Ben Janelle, Chance Nesbitt, Clay Reed, John Lee, Charlie Richards

Table 2:  
 - Luke Miller, Scott Johnson, Mike Oliver, Dale Lamberson, Bill Lewis

**The Ark of the Covenant** by Tim Tripp

*The Ark of the Covenant was made famous in recent memory by the first film in the "Indiana Jones" franchise "The Raiders of the Lost Ark" starring Harrison Ford as the archaeologist/adventurer "Dr. Jones." You'll remember in this movie, Dr. Jones went on a quest to find the fabled "Ark of the Covenant" of Israel. Amidst great peril he found the ark in (then) Nazi controlled Egypt where it was taken from him by the Nazi's. He rescued it again in a scene that was mind blowing...literally. The movie ended with the precious ark being boxed up and filed away in a top-secret warehouse in Washington DC never to be seen again.*

*In Exodus, we are given the story of the origin of the Ark of the Covenant where it takes its place among the children of Israel as the focal point of God's presence on earth, making it the most storied, precious and valuable box in all history. God himself commissioned its building and gave detailed instructions as to its dimensions and appearance. He gifted craftsmen with the ability to build such a box and put a picture of it in their minds to work from. God said, "There, above the cover between the two cherubim that are over the ark of the Testimony, I will meet with you and give you all my commands for the Israelites." (Exodus 25:22) In Israel, whether in the tabernacle or later in the temple, God's presence would always be associated with the Ark of the Covenant. It was made of acacia wood and overlaid with pure gold. It was not large (dimensions roughly equal the size of a coffee table) but it was heavy (wood plus gold and cover could have weighed in excess of 300 pounds – with some estimates being much more than that). It had a cover made from one piece of gold with two cherubim (angels) on the top in a praying position with their wings outstretched over shadowing the ark. It would have been an incredible thing to behold; both beautiful and mysterious.*

*The history of the ark spans nearly a thousand years. For most of that time it contained three simple items; the stone tablets on which the law was written, a jar of manna (representing God's provision) and Aaron's budded staff (representing God's confirmation of Aaron (Levites) as the priest(s) of Israel). There were specific instructions on how to transport it. People were forbidden to touch it and several who did, died as a result. It was the most holy article that has ever been known and once located in the temple, the only people who saw it were the high priests and only once a year. No one is sure what happened to it but the best guess is that it went to Babylon with Nebuchadnezzar when he conquered Jerusalem and became a part of the gold idol he built to his gods (Daniel 3:1).*

*Through his prophets God told his people that a day would come when he would write His law on the hearts of men (Jeremiah 31:33-34). When Jesus died the veil of the temple was torn and God's presence was unleashed and entered the hearts of those who believed in Jesus. We carry within us something of more worth than the ark of the covenant and something far more mysterious. The spirit of God lives within each of us. We are the "arks" of His covenant to the world; an amazing mystery in jars of clay.*

**DIOS LE BENDIGA! (God Bless You!)** A Message  
 by Aris Ortiz

Every week, we (the Ministers) take time to write a message for you. And we hope that every message will make you think, and motivate you to an action that will benefit your soul. Sometimes, with busy schedules, those messages end in nowhere. (I'm guilty of that!) and I wish I could have a mind that absorbs, retains and uses every little information I receive. But getting older, requires more practice in order to be able to put in use all that information. But the scriptures shows us the best way to have that capacity and ability to do that: James 1:5 "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." And with that verse, we don't have an excuse to say that we are not able. So, there you go, I'm giving "a message" to you that will benefit your soul. What will happen depends on you: how and when you will take action about it is your decision. All what we want is for you my West Side Family, that God can bless you richly. Let us hear God's voice and open our heart to receive His Wisdom!

Blessings!

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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: Darran and Britney Austin

Life is about reflecting and moving forward. Often we hear from teens that have made a poor choice that has resulted in a negative consequence. Paul in the letter to the Philippians wrote: I press on toward the goal to win the prize of God's heavenly calling in Christ Jesus. All of us who are mature should embrace this point of view. My Grandma would say "Pick yourself up by your own bootstraps", in other words, get up and move on. Be encouraged to move forward!

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March 17th: Share Group 5:00pm (no meal)

March 24: Share Group Lunch after Services (Bring your own lunch)

March 31: Share Group 5:00pm - Game Night (Pizza Night Bring \$3)

April 6th - 7th: YCW - No SHARE GROUP meeting

April 28: ALL CALL- WSYM families LUNCH in the Cornerstone

May 19th - Senior Sunday

## College Students!

One of the easiest ways to get involved at the CCSC is to come to our weekly worship — Midweek. Come worship, listen to a message from Scripture, and make new friends! Show up early for fresh cookies. Stay late and hang out. We always have something fun going on. Midweek happens on Wednesdays at 7PM.

REgroups also meet throughout the semester on various nights. These relational environments are great ways for you to grow in your faith while you are building friendships that will last for years. Our desire is to create a family for you to belong to so we can together grow as disciples of Christ.

\*Spring Banquet will be April 27th.. be watching for more details on that in the upcoming weeks.\*

Want to receive text updates? Text @ccscatu to 81010. For more information about the ministry visit [www.ccscatu.org](http://www.ccscatu.org).

## Adult Bible Classes

Sunday Morning Adult Classes:

Room 2: Nehemiah: Janelle Rotation  
Room 3: Church on Mission: Tripp Rotation  
FC Classroom: Galatians: Clements Rotation  
Rock: Old Testament Characters: Reed Rotation

Wednesday Night Adult Class(es):

Room 2: Gospel of John (Part 3)  
Room 3: Denominations  
Room 34: Hispanic  
FC Classroom: Joyful Journey ladies class

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

There will be a brief informational meeting immediately following services this morning in room 3 for ANYONE interested in going on the mission trip to Baja, Mexico this summer.

If you're interested in serving during our worship services by leading a prayer or giving a communion thought please contact the office or Zac George at [zac@westsidear.org](mailto:zac@westsidear.org).

MNFTM will not meet this coming Monday ( 3/18/19) due to Spring Break.

Congratulations to Chiane Nesbitt , Grant and Carson Smith, and Alfonso Ojendis on their recent baptisms.

Hospitality Ministry Meeting:

Do you remember the first time you stepped into a new church? What was that experience like? Did you know where to go? Who made you feel welcomed? On Sunday, March 31st, we'll meet to talk about West Side's Hospitality Ministry. All are invited to come discuss ways we can work together to make sure everyone feels welcomed, informed, and connected here at West Side. The meeting will take place in the WS Family Center from 12:00 - 1:00 following morning services. Bring your own lunch. See Josh Clem ([josh@westsidear.org](mailto:josh@westsidear.org)) for more details.

Basket Shower:

Dustin and Sarah Amack , house parents at Southern Christian Home, are expecting baby girl Emberly Grace in April! There is a basket on the table near the KFC room for gifts. The Amacks are registered at Wal-mart and Amazon.

## 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

Tanner Freeman: results from Mayo clinic regarding his recent evaluation pointed to a hereditary heart condition that should be manageable with medication.

Doug Hart (brother of Brenda Holmes): has been placed in Hospice care. Please keep the Hart and Holmes families in your prayers during this time.

Mike Loibner: has been placed on a waiting list for a kidney transplant.

Sympathy:

We extend our sympathy to Tomas Garcia and his family in the death of his mother Natividad Aberto of El Salvador. Please remember this family in your prayers during their time of loss.

The Truck from Southern Christian Children's Home will be here Tuesday April 23rd to pick up items.

SCCH Needs:

Items especially needed are:

Band-aids, Mucinex/mucus relief plus, Green chilis, Taco Shells, velveeta, velveeta shells and cheese

MNFTM Needs:

Fruit cups, Tuna packed in water - 5 oz cans, individual unsweetened applesauce, Ritz crackers (short stacks)

## 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.

## 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.

Jesma Gann: Mattie Martin's grandmother, 93, is continuing to make slow improvements. She is now recovering at home.

Johnny Rollins : (Jill Bonds brother in law of Tupelo, MS) - esophageal cancer. Please remember this family in your prayers.

Joy Selby (mother of Kristin Bailey: Russellville Nursing and Rehab

David Williams, a friend to several in our congregation and an elder at the Southside Church of Christ in Rogers, is battling cancer that has metastasized to his brain.

## Missions

James and Abigail Rucker

WBS Students

Paul & Noemi Crites

## Ongoing Concerns

Ridge Austin - Overall health  
Bill Davis- Health  
Betty Humphrey - Back pain  
Patti Page - overall health  
Patsy Parnell - Health  
Ron Reid - overall health  
Charlie Richards - Back pain

## 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

## Military

Ethan Grace - Navy

James Cole, Jr - Navy

Micah Hunter - Navy

Charles Pitney - Air Force

Joseph Roberds - Air Force

## Expectant Mothers

Sarah Beth Amack

Christina George

## Battling Cancer

Cindy Beck  
Mary Grice  
Truman Hill  
Harding Jackson  
Gladys Norwood  
Darwin Price  
Helen Stephens  
Fred Taylor