

Bible Study: 202      Weekly Giving: \$ 12,231  
 Sunday Worship: 428      Weekly Budget: \$17,914  
 Sunday Evening: 81      YTD Giving: \$466,370  
 Wednesday: 176      YTD Budget: \$537,420

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

**A Look Ahead...**

**Tonight:** Blessing Basket Potluck at 5pm in the Family Center

**Aug 8th:** Phil Brookman | The Wisdom of Ethics

**Aug 9th:** Celebrate Recovery. Meal 6pm Family Center, Group sessions after.



**WEST SIDE**  
 CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday,  
 August 5, 2018

This week's helpers:

- Nursery:
- Janelle Miller
  - Carol Lee

KFC:

- 2 year olds:
- Elizabeth Martin
- 3 & 4 year olds:
- Charli Horton

K - 2nd grade:

- Amy Jones

- Puppets:
- Emma Jernigan and Sara Beth Francis

Greeters:

- North:
- Larry Duvall
- East:
- James & Judy Clements
- West:
- Richard Loveland

Communion:

- Table 1:
- Chance Nesbitt, Kevin Mason, Brian Hurt, John Lee, Clay Reed
- Table 2:
- Ed Lewis, Cecil Johnson, Charlie Richards, Dale Lamberson, Scott May

**Life Is Like a Country Song?**

By Tim Tripp

Most have probably heard the old joke that begins, "What happens when you play a country song backwards?" Answer: "You get your truck back, your wife back, your boat back, your house back and so on."

I'll have to admit that one of the appealing characteristics of country music artists is that they are not shy to write about real life; the good and the bad. Jason Aldean has a song out that is called, "Drowns the Whiskey" in which he complains that the whiskey he has used to drown out bad memories isn't working anymore. Now his memories, apparently, 'drown the whiskey,' rather than visa-versa. His method of dealing with life's difficult moments is not at all uncommon but pretty much doomed to eventual failure.

Sugarland has a song out called "Babe" in which the narrator, a female, surprises her husband at work to find him in a involved with a female co-worker. She remarks that she will never call him "Babe" again. She may however, have a few other names for him.

Carrie Underwood has a song called "Cry Pretty," in which she discusses the deep human truth that you can lie pretty, smile pretty and pretend pretty but you can't cry pretty. This illustrates the fact that in this life some people are ... well, struggling for lyrics apparently and shallow perhaps.

A song named "Tequila" by Dan + Shay is high on the charts right now. In it the male artist sings of how he thinks of and longs for a certain girl when he drinks tequila. There you go ladies, when you finally find a man who thinks of you only when he tastes a certain kind of hard liquor, you have found Mr. Right! Just kidding, you have probably found a drunk with a different woman for every bottle.

The top country song on the current Billboard chart is called "Meant to Be" by Bebe Rexha with Florida Georgia Line. The catchy tune accompanies lyrics consisting of a guy trying to talk a girl into entering a relationship with him and encouraging her to "ride with it and see where this thing goes, cuz if its meant to be, then (baby) let it be." She seems reluctant and he has little but the argument of fate to convince her so "where this thing goes" probably isn't very far.

Life may indeed be like a country song or at least have some of the up and down experiences about which country artists tend to write. However, many of their coping strategies (whiskey, tequila, fate, etc...) seem lacking in faith and in the ability to produce the kind of change that brings hope. Only God brings the hope we need in this life. Only God gives the promise that he will never leave us or forsake us. Only he can walk with us in the dark valleys of life. Rather than turning to a country song for consolation, perhaps we should let 'Jesus take the wheel' and turn to the one who promises to 'love you forever and ever amen.'

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

by Aris Ortiz

What have I learned from our trip to Mexico?  
 A week ago, a group of 29 adults and teenagers went to Camalu, Baja California Mexico to spend a week doing different works for brothers and sisters there in Camalu. This was my third trip going to Camalu and every time, I bring back a lot of encouragement from what I see and hear from my brothers and sisters there. For me, it's one of God's way of reminding me how He has blessed me all these years that I have been here in the United States. And I want to say "Thank You" to everyone who has supported my family with prayers and financial assistance for us to go there. We did a lot of concrete, carpentry, electrical, mechanical work. We painted the outside of the church building (a lot of paint by the way) and every night Tim and I were preaching to the church too. We were very busy every day but with a lot of joy too. West Side was present doing all that through us and I know God will multiply every effort and one day we all will see fruits of all this work. I encourage all of my West Side family to get involved in any mission work that you can (going, praying, sending) far or near, but find your opportunity to do so. You will be blessed because of it!!



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

Teachers beginning August 1st are...

Creator's Canvas: Jessica Davis

Museum: Darol Harrison

Holy Word Studios: Tiffany Clem

#### Community is important!

There is an illustration in the New Testament about a body having many parts that function and form a whole body. We sometimes reference this body of believers as a 'community.' Our community at West Side is a wonderful place, we have so many parts. Two of them are the Youth Ministry (6th - 12th grade) and the Raising Arrows children ministry (children - 5th). Sometimes it is easy to become so ingrained in our part that we forget we are part of a larger community.

For your consideration...

As you plan these next few months would you consider taking a season to explore one of the youth programs at West Side? Sit in on a class, get to know some of the newer families, or just ask questions and become more informed about our body at West Side. One way to do this is to directly reach out to one of the ministers or elders. Another way is to text me, the Youth Minister, Mark Hixson. I am interested in any thoughts, comments, encouragement and wisdom you might want to share. I love to have coffee at Starbucks. Go ahead, take this moment, right now, and send me a text message 479.225.2022. Let's share, let's learn, let's community together.

WSYM leadership team: Mark and Sandi Hixson, Mark Bryant, Kyle Lamberson, Chad Mitchell, Chance Nesbitt, James Cole or Bill Grant

#### Mark your calendars for August 26th!

Sunday morning class at the Greer house will start back on August 26th with Coffee and Donuts. Welcome Worship service at 10am at West Side and a potluck following service.

Make your plans to attend! Great things to come this year @ CCSC!

Please join us on Wednesday nights in the auditorium at WSCOC for our Summer Series as we wind up the summer. Midweek Worship @ CCSC begin 8/22 at 7pm.

Text @ccscatu to 81010 for more info

## Adult Bible Classes

Sunday Morning Adult Classes:

Chapel: The Psalms, Reed Rotation  
Room 3: Ephesians, Tripp Rotation  
FC Classroom: Be What You Are, Clements Rotation  
Rock: The Parables of Jesus, Clem Rotation  
KFC Room: Mama Talks: Journey Through Motherhood

Wednesday Night Adult Class(es):

Auditorium: Summer Series 6:30 pm August 8th - Phil Brookman | The Wisdom of Ethics

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

### Summer Sunday Nights:

There will be a "Blessing Basket Party and Potluck" in honor of Southern Christian Children's Home **Tonight** at 5 pm in the Family Center. This will be a time for us to bless them by filling baskets and bins with their most critically needed items.

Those items include: Batteries of all sizes, twin mattress covers, fabric shower curtain/liners, dishwasher tablets, poster board, and greatly appreciated would be money or gift cards for Back to School clothes for the children.

### KFC - Starts Back Today!!\*\*

\*\* We are implementing a new check in process for our children's area. If you have not already done so, please go to our website and under the Ministries menu, select Children. Once there, you will find forms that you can complete and submit to help us get a head start on having your information entered in the system. Thank you in advance for your cooperation as we strive to make this transition smooth and keep our children safe!

### Share Groups:

Share groups will be starting back the Sunday after Labor Day ( Sept. 9th). If you are open to hosting a share group or would like information about leading/co-leading a group, please contact Josh Clem.

### Magazine Drive

St. Mary's Hospital is in need of magazines for the waiting areas. This is a good way to recycle! All donations are greatly appreciated. Please leave magazines on the table across from the nursery. Thank You!

## 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 Summer Sundays

WEDNESDAY

6:30 PM Summer Series  
6:30 PM Clase en Español  
7:00 Midweek at CCSC

## Family Illness and Recovery

**Pat Kee** - has Shingles. Please pray for a quick recovery.

**Patti Page** - has a tear in her achilles tendon. She will be in a cast again for 4-6 more weeks during which time she will have to be completely non-weight bearing. Please pray for healing.

**Matthew Francis** - in UAMS following an extensive back surgery. Please Keep Matt as well as Laura and their family in your prayers as he recovers.

**Fred Taylor**, father of Tracy Taylor is in St. Vincent hospital following colon surgery. Please pray for a quick and complete recovery.

Welcome Baby!!

Ezekiel Dane Freeman was born Friday July 27th to proud parents Logan and Emily Freeman and big brother Keene. Welcome to the world Ezekiel! We can't wait to meet you!

Gluten Free Communion Bread

We want all of our members to be able to participate in communion together, so beginning **today**, all of the matzos ( large crackers) in the bread trays will be gluten free. The individual squares are still wheat based, so if you are gluten intolerant, do not take the individual squares.

## RIVER VALLEY CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

West Side Church of Christ has partnered with Paul Senn, of River Valley Christian Counseling. He will be providing services in individual, family, premarital, and couples counseling. For more information, contact him at: 479-219-3019 or rvccounseling@gmail.com. You may also visit www.westsidear.org/rvcc or the facebook page: www.facebook.com/rvccounseling.

Southern Christian Children's Home items especially needed: Bottled Water, Capri Suns, Gatorade, Velveeta Cheese

## 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.

**Edna Porter**, mother of Susan Taylor - Luekemia  
**Ridge Austin** - adjustment to being home and therapy sessions.

**Patsy Parnell** - severe back pain

**Christy Blythe**, daughter of Patsy Parnell - cancer treatment

[If you have a current prayer request, please let the office know by Thursday morning to have it placed in the bulletin. Thank you.]

## Missions

James and Abigail Rucker

WBS Students

College Students - various trips throughout the summer.

## Ongoing Concerns

Bill Davis - At home recovering.

Betty Humphrey - back pain

Amy Vanderheiden- recovery from knee surgery

Herb Taylor - Heart issues

Charlie Richards-Spine issues

## Homebound/ Nursing Homes

Madge Alverson - Atkins 311  
Mirl Helms - Stella Manor 221  
Wayne Nordin - Brookdale 219  
Gladys Norwood- Brookdale 300  
Glennette Price - Stella Manor 305  
Betty Spears-Brookdale 316

## Military

Steven Cawyer - Army NG

James Cole, Jr - Navy

Micah Hunter - Navy

Charles Pitney - Air Force

Joseph Roberds - Air Force

## Expectant Mothers

Jolynda Bullard

Abigail Rucker

Lauren Pipkin

Stephanie Taylor

## Battling Cancer

Cindy Beck

Mary Grice

Mark Helms

Truman Hill

Gladys Norwood

Darwin Price

Helen Stephens