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Last Week

Giving:	\$15,327
Class - 119	Weekly Budget:
Worship - 259	\$13,380
Wednesday Night	YTD Giving:\$ 391,048
Bible Study -75	YTD Budget:\$ 428,172

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Welcome to West Side!

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Whose Rules Do You Live By? by Tim Tripp

August 14, 2022

When I lived in Cincinnati, I volunteered for a mentoring program in the public schools there. We went after school where the adults and children participating in the program had a little assembly and then were released to spend some one on one time with our assigned student. I had several students over the years but one little guy was a fourth grader named Justin. Justin was a good kid but due to a difficult upbringing had trouble focusing. That made mentoring difficult because one of our assignments was to work through a workbook created especially for the program and to help with any homework assignments he had from his day. Anything that required focus was difficult for poor Justin, so I had to come up with creative ways to get him to do any portion of his assignments. He loved to play games, so I used that as leverage. We did a little work then we played a game. We played card games or checkers or if it was nice outside, we might grab a ball and go out to play. One thing became obvious very early on about Justin. When he played a game – any game – he loved to win and he HATED to lose. He hated losing so badly in fact that he would often change the rules of the game to work in his favor. When we played the card game “War,” he tried to convince me that an eight was higher than or “beat” a jack. I said, “No Justin, I think the jack is higher.” He would come right back and say, “No it is not, an eight is higher than a jack.”

In fact, in all of the games he played he would ‘adjust’ or out right make up the rules to favor himself. When we played basketball, his shots counted for many points (3, 4, 5, etc...) while anytime my shot went in it “didn’t count” and he would come up with some very funny but absurd reason as to why they didn’t count. He simply could not lose and would do anything to prevent being beaten. By the end of the year I was very tired of the rules changing in the middle of the game. I didn’t always let him get away with it but when it meant admitting defeat, he had a melt down nearly every time.

It makes me wonder if God doesn’t tire of us doing virtually the same thing. All of us do it to an extent but some make it a way of life to live as a child of God as long as it is convenient. They know the rules and can read them in scripture but if the rule is inconvenient or stands between them and something they want, it becomes negotiable, mysteriously changed or disregarded as irrelevant.

“I know the Bible teaches us to tithe but I just can’t do that.”

“I know we are supposed to live at peace and turn the other cheek and all but you should have heard what she said to me.”

“The Bible says it is OK for people in a committed relationship to have sex. It’s practically the same as marriage.”

When we choose to follow Jesus and live in the kingdom there is only one set of rules to follow and that is God’s rules. It doesn’t really matter how we feel about them or whether they are convenient for us. It doesn’t matter if his rules are counter cultural or deemed ‘insensitive’ by the dominant culture.

His rules with our editing and stipulations are really our rules. we can live by our rules but not in HIS Kingdom. So, whose rules to you live by?

Prayer Requests

Leigh Honnell, mother of Lauren Reed, is scheduled for tumor removal surgery on Sept. 12th. Please keep her in your prayers for a successful surgery and for complete healing. Lauren and Leigh will be in Houston for most of Sept. for this surgery. Prayers for safety as well as support for the rest of the family are appreciated.

Linda Oliver received some very good news that her cancer was contained and has been removed. She will work with Dr. Sneed for preventative measures going forward.

Rex Chambers is scheduled for open heart surgery on August 19th. Please keep him in your prayers for a successful surgery.

Amy Vanderheiden is scheduled for total knee replacement on August 23rd. Please pray for pain relief and complete healing.

We Extend our sympathy to Dena Moore and family in the recent loss of her Aunt. Please remember to keep this family in your prayers for peace and comfort.

Ongoing Prayer Requests:

Jerri Tabor
Tami Robinson
Norman Shay - Hospice care
Danny Jarra & family
Oliver Blankenship

Welcome Baby!

Congratulations to Dillon and Sarah Rabb and big sister Josephine on the arrival of Sophia Jane early last Sunday morning. Everyone is doing well!

Wedding Shower

Please join us for a wedding shower in honor of
Anna Tripp Bray and new husband
Taylor
this afternoon, August 14th, at 1pm in
the Rock.
Anna and Taylor are registered at
Millyns, Target and Amazon.

Baby Shower

Join us for a baby girl shower in honor of
Christina George
On Sunday August 28th at 2pm
in the Rock.
The Georges are registered at babylist.com

Welcome New Members

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A message from Renew

On August 21, we will be having our College Sunday at West Side. We are hoping to have a several TECH students join us for worship as well as a meal to follow! **Please make plans to join us at the Student Center after worship to eat and meet our students.** You are such an important part of their lives!

Here's where we need your help before that day. We are going to put together gift baskets to give to each student that morning.

All items will need to be put on the Renew table, in the lobby, by August 17. Monetary donations are also welcome! See Grayson or Amanda Taylor to donate.

Thank you for loving our college students and making them feel at home!

Items needed:

"Pocket sized" tissues
Ramen noodles
Pens
Highlighters
Laundry detergent
Dryer sheets
Candy/Chocolate
Gum

Individual packaged snacks/chips/muffins
Band-aids
Chapstick
Bottles of water
Paper towels
Disinfecting wipes
Sticky notes
Shout wipes/Stain remover



KIDS CORNER 8/14/22

by Kaitlin McCormick

This month in KFC, friends Bob the Builder and Believer Beaver are helping us learn about the Trinity.

Main Idea: Our God is three in one. This is a mystery we cannot fully understand because there is nothing like our God!

Bible Verse: "The Lord our God, the Lord is one... Father, Son, Holy Spirit" - Deut. 6:4, Matt. 28:19

Song: We believe in God the Father, we believe in Christ the Son, we believe in the Holy Spirit, that our God is three in One.

Other Scriptures: John 14:20

Expectant Mothers

Alahna James

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