

## Prayer Requests

Leigh Honnell, mother of Lauren Reed, had to be readmitted to the hospital earlier this week. Please pray for patience while they wait for answers, and for her complete healing.

Cathryn Cates is now in Legacy Heights, Rm. 19 for rehab. She can receive phone calls with the password "June," and would love to hear from you.

Mellicent Crain has been diagnosed with Stage 1 Breast cancer. Thankful it has been caught very early! Please pray for her and her doctors, as they figure out what is best to do.

Rita Cline, mother of Dena Moore, is in Clarksville Hospital with several things going on right now. They are doing some further testing, and no visitors are requested at this time. Please keep her in your prayers.

Zoey Thibodeaux, great-granddaughter of Kay Larsen, has RSV. Please pray for her to improve soon.

## Ongoing

Bob Clark, Wayne Baker, Ethel Jackson, Tami Robinson, Jarra Family, Betty Chambers, Amy Vanderheiden, Oliver Blankenship, Gerge Reed

# Friends and Family Day



Mark your calendars!  
October 16th at Old Post Park. Time will be decided very soon. Please make plans to attend the fun event.

### A Note From Aris:

West Side has a wonderful opportunity for community outreach partnering with Iglesia de Cristo! In October, they will be hosting a training workshop for anyone interested in learning how to teach English/Spanish, or Citizenship classes to members of the community. If interested, please contact Aris by text to 479-970-4548 for more information.



"A SWEET FRIENDSHIP REFRESHES THE SOUL."  
PROVERBS 27:9

### Sunday September 25th

Linda/Brittany Loudon 2 doz donuts  
Beth Sorrels 2 doz donuts  
Baristas: Zac and Kathryn Smith

### Sunday October 2nd

Nancy Preuit 2 doz donuts  
Sue Ann Jernigan 2 doz donuts  
Baristas: Zac and Kathryn Smith



### September schedule

9/28 Brooke Strasser  
Please have your cookies ready at  
Renew each Wednesday at 6pm.

## Attention Volunteers!

We are looking for volunteers to help with the worship service. Anyone looking to be a leader, on the praise team, lead a prayer, help with communion etc, we want you! Please reach out to Zach Taylor if interested at 479-264-3067 or zctaylor14@gmail.com



## KIDS CORNER

by *Kaitlin McCormick*

This month in KFC, friends Barbara Builder and Believer Beaver are helping us learn about Creator God.

Main Idea: On day 6, God created animals. He also created people (us) in His image. On day 7, He rested in heaven.

Bible Verse: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" – Gen. 1:1

Song: God made me, Days of creation song  
Other Scriptures: Gen. 1:24-27, 31, 2:1-3

### **Sunday Morning Children's 9am Bible Class Fall Quarter Schedule**

Cradle Roll/1 yr olds - Nursery  
2 & 3 Year Olds - Room 16  
4Yr/Pre-K - Room 12  
K-2nd Grade - Room 19  
3rd-5th Grade - Museum Room  
WSYM - 6th-12th grades - Cornerstone

## ONLINE CONNECT CARD

We would love to connect with you! Please fill out our Online Connect Card at...

[westsidear.org/connect](http://westsidear.org/connect)



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| <b>Last Week</b> | Giving: \$ 11,239     |
| Class - 117      | Weekly Budget:        |
| Worship - 314    | \$13,380              |
| Wednesday Night  | YTD Giving:\$ 459,604 |
| Bible Study - 86 | YTD Budget:\$ 508,454 |



# Welcome to West Side!

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

September 25, 2022

## Transformed

by Tim Tripp

In my first year of college I had a suitemate who openly admitted that he didn't like "black people." He had worked in a convenience store during high school and had been working twice when the store was robbed by black men. This was the reason he gave for not liking anyone who was African American. You can imagine his feelings as one of a few blacks on campus (my first year was at Ohio Valley College -as it was called then- in Parkersburg, West Virginia) moved into our suite in the second semester of our freshman year. The experience caused him to change his opinion of African Americans and as we laughed and joked and teased and pranked each other, they began to see each other in a new light – as friends. One might say his attitude towards an entire race was 'transformed.'

In Romans chapter 12 Paul challenges his audience to engage in similar efforts. He says, *"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing, and perfect will,"* (vs. 2). He reminds them earlier in the chapter that their motivation for change is the mercy and grace of God and that in light of His extraordinary mercy, we should respond by being willing to offer our bodies as living sacrifices – totally given over to God's will in our lives. As we do so we open our hearts to the guiding presence of the Holy Spirit to move away from the drumbeat of the world and march in step with God's will. Later in Romans, Paul warns the audience to avoid disparaging each other particularly along ethnic lines even in places where they disagree. "Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls," Paul tells them, reminding them that it is God who will judge the hearts of men and none other.

Our world is still a judgmental and segregated world torn up by divisiveness along religious, political, racial and ethnic lines (among others). If we were to live according to the pattern of this world, we would have those who could claim to be conservative Christians or liberal Christians. Some could call themselves a Christian Democrat or a Christian Republican. Others might divide along the lines of being a white Christian or a black Christian or maybe an English-speaking Christian or a Spanish speaking Christian. We read of no such delineations in scripture. In fact, calling ourselves anything but a humble, God-fearing Christian is clearly considered ungodly (see Colossians 3:11). Being transformed means we renew our minds and rid them of worldly prejudice and ethnic pride and see our friends and neighbors and brothers and sisters in Christ; regardless of language or color of skin as people whom God loves with all His heart and expects us to do the same. There can be no room for prejudice among the transformed.

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