

For the Record...

Bible Study: 184
 Sunday Worship: 388
 Sunday Evening:
 Wednesday: 170

Weekly Giving: \$15,614
 Weekly Budget: 16,237
 YTD Giving: \$ 358,817
 YTD Budget: \$ 389,688

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For our visitors:

If you have any questions, if you want to get involved with our church, or if you just want to meet some of our leaders, please stop by the Starting Point kiosk in the lobby. We'd love to meet you and answer your questions. Thank you for worshipping with us today!

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WEST SIDE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday,
 June 23, 2019

This week's helpers:

Nursery:

- Tami Robinson

KFC: *Will Resume in*
August

2 year olds:

3 & 4 year olds:

K - 2nd grade:

Puppets:

Greeters:

North: Kenny Freeman

East: Mark Bryant

West: Judy Lamb

Communion:

Table 1:

- Les Howard, Tracy Goodwin, Scott Johnson, Larry Holman, Rocky Jones

Table 2:

- Larry Harrell, Cecil Johnson, Glen Holmes, Ben Janelle, Dale Lamberson

Faithing Our Giants

by Tim Tripp

We all have giants in our lives. We all have struggles and sins that seem insurmountable. To face them we need a reminder from a dearly loved Bible story that the greatest weapon to use against giants is a bold faith.

In 1 Samuel chapter 17 the army of Israel under King Saul were camped atop the hills overlooking the valley of Elah. In the hills on the other side of the valley was the enemy of Israel, the Philistine army. The Philistines were really good at intimidation. They had their best warrior, a champion named Goliath, walk the valley before the army of Israel with a challenge. "Send me your best fighter and let us determine the battle." He told them. "If he wins then you win, but if I defeat your warrior, then we win and you will become our servants."

No one in Israel wanted to face Goliath alone. He was a mountain of a man, he was over nine feet tall. He wielded a massive sword. He was a trained soldier and had been fighting since he was a boy. No one would stand a reasonable chance against him alone.

Enter David. At the time David was not in the service of the army. He had come at the request of his father to bring food and supplies to his brothers who were in the army. He heard the challenge of the giant and of the reward being offered by King Saul to anyone who defeated the giant. David confidently volunteered. The king thought David too small, too young and too inexperienced in fighting to face this beast of a man. David told him that he had faced both a lion and a bear in protecting his father's sheep and believed that the God of Israel would deliver him from this giant just as he had from the wild animals. Being low on viable options and inspired by the courageous faith of one so young, the king gave his blessing for David to face Goliath.

As the oft told Bible story goes, David picked up five smooth stones from a nearby stream and approached Goliath and his armor bearer. Goliath was incensed that a mere boy was sent to face him and vowed to "feed his flesh to the birds." David declared that the God of Israel whom this giant defied would deliver him and the army of the Philistines into the hands of Israel.

Then the moment that we can't miss. In verse 48 of the chapter, we are told that David "ran quickly toward the battle line" to meet the giant. Wait. Are you saying that he ran toward the big dude with the giant sword? That's what it says. It is safe to say that no one gave David a chance of walking away at this point.

David put a stone in his sling and while running, wound up and released it. The stone found flesh. It struck Goliath in the forehead bringing the mountain of a man to a stop face down in the dirt. The Philistines retreated and the Lord had saved his people yet again.

It was a reckless moment in the story. A moment where David was, in essence, daring God to save him because if not it meant a sure and swift death. God rewarded his bold faith and saved the day.

That is how we slay giants in our lives as well. We dare God to save us and run right at them. What does that look like for something like addictions? Don't hide. Shout it from the rooftop and admit your need for God to take it from you. Be willing to accept help. Sickness? Pray boldly and aloud in Jesus' name believing God will heal you and not fearing what others will think if it doesn't work. Relationship issues, discord or division? Treat the other(s) with kindness and ask them to work and pray with you as you both work things out.

No giant can be defeated without God. Yet, no giant will stand against him. When taking on your giants be sure to take a bold faith with you. Throw caution to the wind. Run directly at him and watch God take him down.

DIOS LE BENDIGA! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

It would never cross our minds about Jesus lying because we know he was perfect. But how do we understand when a Christian expresses how "hard, difficult and heavy" the Christian life is? Why so many times do we "complain" about that? How will we reason then the following: "For my yoke is easy and my burden is light" Mt. 11:30 NIV. Why did he proclaim that his yoke was easy and his burdens light? Plus, he assures "and I will give you rest". But then it seems our life is conflicting because we have decided to follow him and obey his commands and yet do not have "easy and light and rest"? Why? Well, the answer is very simple. Yes, his yoke is easy and his burden light. BUT, then WE want to add worries... "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? MT. 6:34 "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own". The answer is very simple (but WE do complicate our life) Jesus keeps telling us: "Matthew 6:33 NIV [33] But seek FIRST his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. He never lies!

Let us keep trusting, believing and putting first the kingdom and His righteousness my West Side Family! Blessings to all of you!



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

RAISING ARROWS

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: Hensons

Summer UPDATE:

We have returned! If you haven't been in the loop, we have been on a marathon of youth events. Our Junior high spent a week at UPLIFT and the Senior high at IMPACT. It has been very positive for each student as they were stretched and left with questions that encourage self-study. One of the most encouraging things these past weeks is seeing the social development take place within our group. Let's stay 'Engaged' as we continue in our summer experiences.

Stay Connected!

Sign up for our text lists:

Students send @wsymstu to 81010

Parents send @wsympar to 81010

CCSC Students!

Staying around for the summer?

Be sure you are signed up to receive text updates about fun summer events!

Text @ccscatu to 81010.

College Class @ the Greer's will continue on

Sundays at 9am!

Hope to see you there!

Adult Bible Classes

Sunday Morning Adult Classes:

Room 2: Galatians: Clements Rotation
Room3 : Nehemiah: Janelle Rotation
FC Classroom: Old Testament Characters: Reed Rotation
Rock: Church on Mission: Tripp Rotation

Wednesday Night Adult Class(es):

Summer Series in the Auditorium 6:30pm

6/26: Michael Meredith | Hope Changes Everything

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Sign - Up List:

As part of our Summer Sunday Night Series on "Love your Neighbor", we are planning to host Neighborhood Block Parties. Our hope is that you will take part in this intentional effort to form relationships within your community, putting in to action the concept of Loving Your Neighbor. Please sign the list provided at the Starting Point kiosk to let us know when you plan to host your block party, and who will be helping you.

Welcome Baby!!

Congratulations to Robert and Kelsi Gardner on the birth of Lily Nicole Gardner! Lily was born June 19th weighing in at 7lbs 15oz & 20 inches long. Proud grandparents are Alan & Michele Todd and Great - Grandparents are Don & Bennie Todd!!

Kids For Christ:

KFC is taking a break for the Summer. We will resume in August.

Friendship Cafe:

This will be the last Sunday for Friendship Cafe until August 4th.

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 Sunday Night Series

WEDNESDAY

6:30 PM

6:30 PM Clase en Español

7:00 Midweek at CCSC

Family Illness and Recovery

Vavra Allison, sister of Jim Betterton, has been placed in Hospice care. Please keep Jim and Vicki as well as Vavra and her family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Reba Cox will be having sinus surgery soon. Please pray for a successful surgery and rapid recovery.

Tanner Freeman will be returning to Mayo Clinic on June 27th. Please pray for a correct diagnosis and treatment and healing.

Dennis Hicklin continues IV antibiotic infusions at home. Please continue to pray for Dennis and Karen as he recovers.

Judy Jackson is home now recovering from knee replacement surgery. Please continue to pray for a full recovery.

Sympathy:

We extend our deepest sympathy to Jan and Josh Harrell in the loss of Ralph this past week. Please lift them up in prayer for peace and comfort as they navigate through this very difficult time.

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.

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Ethan Grace

James Cole, Jr

Micah Hunter

Charles Pitney

Joseph Roberds

Mikailah Carr

Missions

James & Abigail Rucker

WBS Students

Paul & Noemi Crites

Expectant Mothers

Christina George

Melanie Cooke

Nursing Homes

Madge Alverson - Atkins 311

Mirl Helms - Stella Manor 221

Kirby Larson - Brookdale 209

Linda Mullinax - Rsv. Nursing Center 319A

Wayne Nordin - Brookdale 219

Glennette Price - Stella Manor 305

A Look Ahead...

Tonight: "Who is my Neighbor?" 5pm in the Auditorium

6/24: Brown Bag Mondays - Tondra Taylor

6/26: Summer Series: Michael Meredith | Hope Changes Everything

6/27: Celebrate Recovery at 6 pm

7/1: Brown Bag Mondays - Catherine Brashear