

For the Record...

Bible Study: 236
 Sunday Worship: 414
 Sunday Evening: 49
 Wednesday: 255

Weekly Giving: \$14,010
 Weekly Budget: 16,237
 YTD Giving: \$ 503,438
 YTD Budget: \$ 552,058

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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

The Genie Conundrum

by Tim Tripp

Lenore and I recently watched the new live action version of the Disney classic "Aladdin." It was such an enjoyable movie with all the romance, laughs and suspense it takes to make a good, family friendly flick.

While watching such a movie it is hard not to be fascinated by the genie conundrum. You've got 3 wishes. How do you use them? Really, how would you. Don't just give the typical beauty pageant answer ("I would wish to wipe out world hunger so we wouldn't have to worry about the youth in Asia ever again.") What would you wish for? The proposition is a conundrum because it is tough to nail down (at least for me) if I would use the wishes for stuff I want or to bless someone else. Maybe I would choose a combination of both (I'll take the house on a lake and a bass boat, everyone else gets an end to child hunger). I can think of a lot of good things to do with that offer but knowing me, there would be some selfishness involved.

This is all the stuff of fairy tales until you read the story of Solomon. Solomon inherited the throne of Israel from his father David and ruled a united Israel. His reign saw the greatest gains in the history of the nation. The boundaries were pushed to their furthest points and the influence was further yet. It is said that silver was found in the streets because it was so common indicating that wealth grew along with the borders. Solomon was the wealthiest and most influential leader of Israel, certainly in the Biblical era and perhaps ever. How was he able to achieve his immense wealth and influence? The genie conundrum. Only his 'genie' was the God of Israel who spoke to him directly (in a dream) and told him he would give him any one thing his heart desired (1 Kings 3:5). Solomon didn't ask for power or wealth, he asked for wisdom with which he might effectively lead God's people. God was so impressed with Solomon's response that he gave him not only wisdom (so that he was like no other in his abundance of wisdom) but wealth and power as well.

So, what would you ask for if God came to you with the same offer? Would you, like Solomon, ask for something that was of benefit to you but would also positively impact the lives of countless others? There is an interesting way to look at this question. I doubt that any of us will have the fortune of this incredible offer from God but God has gifted each of us in numerous ways. We have the gift of salvation first and then we have physical, mental and spiritual gifts as well. The genie conundrum applies there too. Do you use your talents and skills to build you up and to work for your benefit or do you use them for the glory of God and to bless the lives of others?

Many of you have already blessed my life incredibly and I am so thankful for you. Lets all think of how we can improve how we share with others what God has given us.

DIOS LE BENDIGA! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Aristides Ortiz declare and confirm that I Know Jesus Christ. That He is the Son of God, and He is a real person whose address is in The Eternal Heaven standing to the right of his Father after returning from this earth with the mission given from his Father to show the Way, the Truth and the Life to every single person. And by doing so, I testify that he proclaimed a message that he left in his Testament to be read and to be obeyed, if someone wants to go to Heaven too. Also, I can confirm that his death was because of that message from which the only intention was to give hope to everybody. I do want to recommend Him Highly, as a sincere, truthful, loving and forgiving person that all what he wants is to love you and take care of you and take you to the place he is right now, and surely, you will be overwhelmed with wonderful gifts for your life and your loved ones until that happens.

If you need more information, please don't hesitate to contact me. I would love to tell you more about Him. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Sincerely, a servant of Jesus Christ too.

Sunday,
 Sept. 1, 2019

This week's helpers:

Nursery:

- April Ruple
- Grace Ruple

KFC:

2 year olds:
 Grace M. & Emma J.

3 & 4 year olds:
 Sue Ann Jernigan

K - 2nd grade:
 Destiney Corroccio

Puppets:
 Sam & Claire Davis

Greeters:

North:
 Carol White

East:
 Lloyd & Kristin Cawyer

West:
 Keith & Velda Frazier

Communion:

Table 1:

- Aaron Horton, Pat Crosby, Brandon Grice, David Davenport, Glenn Holmes

Table 2:

- Michael Grant, Lee Henson, Larry Duvall, Josh Harrell, Lynn Donnell



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



Youth Group
6 - 12 grades

>TODAY, Sunday, Sept 1: Church Potluck

upNext/Information

>Aug 30 - Sept 2, A small group of WSYMers are at a Retreat.

> Sept 4, Wednesday Night Youth Group Classes Kick off.

5:30 pm, Bring your dinner hang out till class time. 6:30 pm Group Class then Split into three classes.

> September 8, Sunday Morning Class 9:00am in the Cornerstone before splitting into age specific classes.

> September 8, Student Drivers are invited to join Mark in his office for a D-Connect time. We will discuss our Discipleship Study.

> SHARE GROUPS, Families are encouraged to attend a Share Group together.

Youth Group Study:

Sunday's: Gospel of John

Wednesday's: Proverbs (8th - 12th), A Big Picture workbook (6th & 7th)

Welcome Back College Students!!

Coffee & Donuts + Bible study @ 9AM at the Greer House each Sunday morning followed by Worship at West Side !!

Midweek @ the CCSC - 7pm Wednesdays.

Want to receive text updates?

text @ccscatu to 81010

or

for more info visit www.ccscatu.org

Adult Bible Classes

Sunday Morning Adult Classes:

Room 2: Sermon on the Mount: Clem Rotation

Room3 :The Mission of Jesus: Clements Rotation

FC Classroom: Spiritual Formation: Tripp Rotation

Rock: The Minor Prophets: Janelle Rotation

Wednesday Night Adult Class(es):

Room 3: "Ecclesiastes"

FC Classroom: A Joyful Journey Ladies Class
"The Gospel of Mark"

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Labor Day Potluck tonight!

We will gather at 5pm in the Family Center for a potluck meal and fellowship. Please bring enough food to share! Home-made Ice Cream is encouraged as well!

Share Group Sign-ups:

Share Groups begin again Next Sunday Sept. 8th. Sign - up lists are in the foyer. We encourage everyone to find a group to join. For more information see Josh Clem.

**Fall Quarter classes will begin Wednesday night (9/4)
New Children's classes are as follows:**

Cradle Roll (Nursery)

Sunday Mornings - Stephanie Taylor & Donna Evans

Wednesday Nights - Tara Young & Lisa Rentfro

1year olds (room 8)

Sunday Mornings - Beth Sorrells & Lacey Butler

Wednesday Nights - Jenifer Hurt & Barbara Dunn

2's -3's "Turtles" (room 16)

Sunday Mornings - Jamie Bates & Susan Lewis

Wednesday Nights - Susan Taylor

4's-pre- k 5 "Tigers" (room 12)

Sunday Mornings - Betty Grinder & Lindsey Spurlock

Wednesday Nights - Judy Holman

Raising Arrows rotations will stay the same for ages K-5th grade.

6th & 7th grade will meet in the cornerstone and then go to Room 11 Sunday Morning and Wednesday nights.

8-12 WSYM Cornerstone

Adult Class Schedules are available for pick up at Starting Point

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 begin Next Sunday!

WEDNESDAY

6:30 PM

6:30 PM Clase en Español

7:00 Midweek at CCSC

Family Illness and Recovery

Jim Betterton will have surgery Sept. 17th to treat an aneurysm. Please pray for a successful surgery.

Tonya Bloodworth, niece of John Lee, was recently diagnosed with breast cancer and has just begun chemotherapy. Please pray for strength and healing.

Lydia Franklin will be meeting with a heart surgeon again on Tuesday for some additional testing and to schedule possible valve replacement surgery. Please keep Lydia in your prayers for a successful surgery.

Tanner Freeman's stay at Mayo Clinic proved inconclusive. Please keep the Freeman family in your prayers during this trying time.

Margaret Grant is doing well following knee replacement surgery. Please continue to pray for her recovery.

Maree Lewis, mother of Bill Lewis, is improving and is scheduled to be released Tuesday.

Clay Reed will begin his chemo and radiation regimen this week. Please pray for strength and effectiveness of treatment

Prime Timers Update:

Has been cancelled for the month of September.

The next meeting will be Oct. 1st.

MNFTM Returns on Sept 9th!!

Join us on Monday evenings at 5:45 for a meal followed by service projects. We hope to see you there!

Needs: Ritz Crackers (short stacks), Individual cans of tuna packed in water, and Little Debbie Snacks.

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.

ATTENTION LADIES!!

Mark you calendars for our fall
Ladies Day
Saturday morning November 16th.

Make your plans now to attend and
'Seize the Day'!
Be watching for more information in
upcoming weeks ahead.

If you would like to help with this event,
please see Susan Taylor.

A Look Ahead...

Tonight: 5pm Labor Day Potluck & Ice-Cream in the Family Center

9/2 : Final Brown Bag Monday: Kristy Jackson

9/4 Fall Quarter Adult & Children's bible classes @ 6:30pm

9/5: Celebrate Recovery meal @ 6pm; worship and classes to follow

* Office will be closed Monday Sept. 2nd for Labor Day.