

For the Record...

Bible Study: 235
 Sunday Worship: 394
 Sunday Evening: 148
 Wednesday: 244

Weekly Giving: \$12,971
 Weekly Budget: 16,237
 YTD Giving: \$ 559,289
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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,
 Sept. 29, 2019

This week's helpers:

Nursery:

- Beth Donnell
- Lisa Reed

KFC:

2 year olds:
 Grace M. & Emma J.

3 & 4 year olds:
 Jessica Davis

K - 2nd grade:
 Tiffany Clem

Puppets:

Storytime with
 Mrs. Vandy

Greeters:

North:
 Bill & Susan Lewis

East:
 Alan & Michele Todd

West:
 Larry & Linda Harrell

Communion:

Table 1:

- Keith Frazier,
- Larry Harrell, Jon
- Francis, Craig Davis,
- Brandon Hurt

Table 2:

- Don Helm, Garrett
- Crosby, Les Howard,
- Eric Jackson,
- Kenny Freeman

The Mysteries of Time and Space

by Tim Tripp

Let's say I made a paper airplane and launched it down the hall from my office into the media room (I actually did but it crashed into the wall and died unspectacularly in the entryway = fail). Let's say that the speed it was traveling was 5 miles per hour through the air. That means if it could have stayed aloft for an hour, it would travel five miles in that amount of time. That however is an illusion. It is not real. In truth it was going much faster and traveled much farther. That truth is based in the fact that the earth is spinning at around 1,000 miles per hour and traveling through space at some 67,000 miles per hour. That doesn't take into account the fact that our solar system is moving as well as the galaxy and perhaps the universe. With all of that movement, my paper airplane already traveled at an incredible rate of speed before it left my hand. That is rather mind blowing.

Are you ready for more? Well, let's say Josh was in his office with his door shut when I launched the airplane. The airplane was less than ten feet from him but he never saw it because of the barriers around him. If it had made a spectacular journey (it did not) he would have missed it! In fact, I could be building a paper airplane that is a scale model of an F-35 Lightning II Navy fighter and he would never know it. (I have no idea how to do that but it would be cool.) Due to only a few thin sheets of drywall, Josh and I can be unaware of what the other is doing or even if the other is in the building. Just to see him, I have to walk 15 feet down the hall, turn a corner and go through a doorway. Its kind of a bummer because I like Josh.

It's even worse that my wife, while working, is a couple of miles away. My parents and my brothers are a couple of hundred miles away and my son is around 350 miles away. Unfortunately, to cover that space, it takes time. Traveling at speeds available to me, I need around 6 hours to get to a place where I can see my son (unless of course I could hitch a ride with an F-35 Lightning II pilot. He/she could get me there in about 20 minutes). I really don't like that.

Space costs you time and time costs you space. Defying either of them costs resources. The more efficiently you defy them, the more the cost (an F-35 Lightning II fighter costs around \$100 million dollars). In other words, there is really not much we can do about the fact that while we are earth and flesh bound, we are stuck with those dimensions. Yet something deep within us yearns to escape them. We fantasize about instantaneous travel to distant places (like the transporter in Star Trek). We fantasize about time travel (Back to the Future) and about superpowers like invisibility, seeing/moving through walls, or reading the thoughts of others. All of them imaginations about escaping the confines of time and space.

Why do we do that? In Ecclesiastes, Solomon writes, "He (God) has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end," (3:11). Our existence here is shrouded by mystery and illusion. We are built with the vague awareness that there is more than the confines of this life. We are also vaguely aware that one day those confines will be lifted and that will be freedom indeed. One day the illusion will be lifted and we will see all things clearly.

Until that time remember: you don't see things as they really are.

DIOS LE BENDIGA! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

"Another day, another dollar" that's what I hear from some folks! In our daily life, especially Monday thru Friday, our major business is about work. We have to work, is part of our existence and really, we need it so we can earn for our daily bread, and housing and clothing and electricity, and more bills to pay... And never ends... A big percent of our life, we live just for work, since we start school, homework is there. We grow up, and work takes most of our daily life, the rest is driving, eating, sleeping and few minutes for interacting with one another... (4-5 hours we are in the phone?!!) how much time we really spend with the family? And from those moments, how many minutes on "quality" time with the family? Do we go places to enjoy time with the family? Do-we?. All of this, in our every day life... but what about in our Spiritual life? Can we say: another day, another soul? Can we say: we are looking first for the kingdom of God, and everything else is being added to us!

Well my West Side Family, every day that the Lord is giving us, is one more chance to live and used to live for him too!! 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



Youth Group
6 - 12 grades

upNEXT/Information

- > Oct. 4 - 6, Middle School Retreat: SIGN UP NOW ONLINE!
- > Oct. 18 - 20, Girls Retreat/Guys Retreat: Need some adults to help.
- > Oct. 30, Family Meal & Worship Night. Pizza @ 5:30pm

Students that Drive, Sundays 4pm in Mark's Office, Discipleship Study

Share Groups, Families are encouraged to attend a Share Group together.

Wednesday nights the Gym/Cornerstone opens at 5:30, Bring your homework, dinner, and hangout.

HOMEWORK FOR SUNDAY CLASS:

1. READ JOHN CHAPTERS 1-5
2. Write some thoughts or questions about the reading.
3. Bring your Bible to class!

Sundays:

9AM | College Bible Study at the Greer house.
10 AM | Worship with our West Side Family
Noon | Share Group - Free lunch! Bring a friend with you!

Wednesdays:

Noon Meal | Free lunch for college students every Wednesday @ the CCSC

7PM | Midweek Worship at the CCSC

This year's theme is.. "Seeing Jesus - A Study of the Gospel of Mark"

Come early for Coffee and Cookies. Stay late and hang out!

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:

Adopt -A- Student Luncheon:
For those who have signed up to participate in our Adopt -A-Student program, we will gather this morning after services in the Family Center for a potluck lunch and time of fellowship with the students.

Wedding Shower :
Don't forget the shower in honor of Garrett Crosby and Lexi Culwell *this afternoon* from 1:30-3:30 in the Rock. Garrett and Lexi are registered at Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond, and Millyn's .

Prime Timers:
Prime Timers will meet Tuesday Oct. 1st at 5:30pm in the Family Center. Chicken will be provided. Bring sides and desserts to share. Special entertainment will be provided!! Hope to see you there!

Friends and Family Day:
Our annual Friends and Family day is next Sunday, Oct. 6th! We are collecting water and soft drinks. Please bring your donations no later than October 2nd. We need 15 cases of water and 25 (12packs) of Soft Drinks.

Upcoming Shower:
A Wedding Shower in honor of Brandon Grice and Lizzy Tripp will be Oct. 13th from 1:30-3:30 in the Rock. Brandon and Lizzy are registered at Millyn's and Amazon. For more registry info go to www.theknot.com/us/lizzytrippandbrandongrice

Ladies:
We are collecting fabric scraps in prints or plaids in fall colors for our upcoming Ladies Day on Nov. 16th. Donations can be left in the basket provided next to the KFC room.

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

Gathering Times

SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
9:00 AM Bible Class	6:30 PM
9:00 AM Clase en Español	6:30 PM Clase en Español
10:00 AM Worship	7:00 Midweek at CCSC
10:00 AM Adoración	
5:00 PM Share Groups / various times & locations	

Family Illness and Recovery

Jim Betterton is improving at home following surgery last week. Please continue to pray for a speedy recovery.

Cathryn Cates is home and doing well after suffering a stroke last week. Please continue to pray for her strength to return.

Lydia Franklin is recovering from heart valve replacement surgery. Please continue to keep her in your prayers for a complete and rapid recovery.

Clay Reed is currently undergoing chemo and radiation regimen. Please pray for strength and effectiveness of treatment

Don Todd is in Russellville Nursing and Rehab working on regaining strength in his legs. Please continue to pray for his strength to return.

Sympathy:

We extend our deepest sympathy to Paul Senn and family in the death of Paul's mother Brenda Senn of Hendersonville, North Carolina. Please keep Paul and his family in your prayers for peace and comfort during this time of loss.

The family of Ruby Meyer would like to thank everyone who sent cards, texts, and flowers, as well as those who helped in preparing the delicious meal we enjoyed after Ruby's service. Most importantly, we would like to thank our church family for all the love and encouragement that you give us each and every day. You are our family and we love you so much! Steve, Hailey and I are so grateful and blessed to be on this spiritual journey with you all.

Steve, Jamie and Hailey

The family of Linda Mullinax wishes to express a special thanks for the flowers and the family meal provided after the funeral service. Thank you all for your love and concern.
Dale and Lynda Lamberson

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.

Congratulations
to
Jackson Schmitt
on his recent baptism!

The truck from Southern Christian Children's Home will be here Oct. 22nd.

Items especially needed:

Chocolate Chips, Clorox or Lysol spray cleaner, Clorox wipes, crunchy peanut butter, paper towels, Ritz crackers, toilet bowl cleaner, whole pickles.

A Look Ahead...

Today: Adopt-A-Student luncheon // Crosby Wedding Shower 1:30-3:30 in the Rock

9/30: MNFTM @ 5:45pm in the Family Center

10/1: Prime Timers @ 5:30 in the Family Center

10/3: Ladies Bible Study 9:30 am// Celebrate Recovery// meal @ 6pm; worship and classes to follow.

10/6: Friends and Family Day Cookout

10/13: Grice Wedding Shower 1:30-3:30 in the Rock