

FOR THE RECORD

Week of September 10th, 2017

Bible Study.....	241
Sunday Worship.....	478
Sunday Evening.....	244
Wednesday.....	303
Weekly Giving.....	\$16,194
Weekly Budget.....	\$17,306
Year-to-Date Giving.....	\$601,322
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$640,322

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

September 17

Wanda Reed & Judy Holman

September 24

Joy Brandon & Laura Francis

September Communion Prep

Molly Turner & Ginger Tippit

GREETERS

September 17

Carla Ford.....	North
Bill & Susan Lewis.....	East
Larry & Linda Harrell.....	West

September 24

Carla Ford.....	West
Bill & Susan Lewis.....	North
Larry & Linda Harrell.....	East

COMMUNION

September 17 & 24

Table 1: Thom Robinson, Darwin Price,
Mike Spurlock, Allan Reaves, Jim
Setters

Table 2: George Reed, Charles Session,
Mike Oliver, Bobby Smart, Charlie
Richards

RAISING * ARROWS

Psalm 127:3-5

Children's Ministry Grades K-5. Teachers
beginning **September 13, 2017** are...

Noah's Arcade

Dale & Christina Brooks

Museum

Darol & Carol Harrison

Creator's Canvas

Sarah Abbott

Holy Word Studios

Danny & Kristen Davis

Kids for Christ

Kids for Christ is for ages 2 – 2nd grade,
in room #2, and is announced for
dismissal **during the sermon.**

September

Word / Scripture of the Month

Joy / Nehemiah 8:10

...*the joy of the Lord is your strength.*

September 17

2 Year Olds: Mattie Martin

3-4 Year Olds: Charli Horton

K-2nd Grade: Paula Tarte

Puppets: Brent & April Ruple

September 24

2 Year Olds: Mattie Martin

3-4 Year Olds: Calvin & Amy Jones

K-2nd Grade: Kaitlin McCormick

Puppets: Danny & Kristen Davis

September Helpers

Elizabeth Martin, Wesley Lamberson,
Reagan Mitchell, Shella Brashear

WHERE IS GOD IN THE DISASTER?

September 17, 2017

Tim Tripp

The news and images with which we have been inundated in the past couple of weeks have been disturbing. Hurricane Harvey slams Texas and puts much of Houston and the surrounding area under water. Then Hurricane Irma envelops the entire Florida peninsula bringing destruction and distress to millions. There are fires in the Northwest and earthquakes in Mexico. Lives have been disrupted and people displaced seemingly turning the world upside down for them.

I have heard some ask, where is God in the disaster? How can He see all the human suffering knowing that He could have prevented it? It's a great question. Theologians have for centuries tried to untie that Gordian knot and find it an exercise in frustration. I have never been accused of being a great theologian but I do find at least a part of the answer to the question, "Where is God in the disaster," in the gospels. Where we find him may surprise you.

In Mark chapter 4, the gospel writer relates a story of Jesus and his disciples traversing this body of water possibly from North to South, a 15-20 mile trek in a large row boat. The Bible says that as they were rowing a furious squall or storm descended on the lake. The water became so rough that even the experienced sailors in the group feared for their lives. Meanwhile, we are told that Jesus was sleeping in the bow of the boat. With the storm at its worst, his disciples woke him saying, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" (Mark 4:38, NIV). Jesus got up and rebuked the storm saying "Quiet! Be Still!" and immediately the wind died down and the sea became still. Jesus looked at his disciples and asked, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" This caused the disciples to be even more afraid and they asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Simply put the answer to the question, "Where is God in the storm," is that God is right there with us. We may not know all the reasons why the storm rolls in but we do know that God would never abandon us there. I'm not one who believes that God "sends these terrible disasters to judge the wicked." I believe it is more likely that God allows the storms to remind us that we live in a fallen world and to see if we have the faith to trust his presence in the storm and for that to be enough to calm our "seas." When all is lost is God enough?

The next time the storms roll through your life remember who is in the boat with you. The one with the power to calm the storm may just be wondering when you will lean on him bring peace amidst the chaos.

STARTING POINT

Welcome to West Side! Are you interested in learning more about us? Be sure to visit the Starting Point room in the back of the auditorium after each Sunday service.

SHARE GROUPS

Share Groups started last week! If you haven't found a share group, please contact Josh Clem or the office and we will find a place for you! We hope to have a great year!

FALL QUARTER

Fall quarter classes have begun. Sunday morning rotations have started, as well as new Wednesday night quarter classes. If you want more information on the classes, please look online at westsidear.org/blog or call the church office at 479-968-1121.

LADIES THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Thursday morning Ladies Bible Study series has started. We will meet each Thursday in the main building here at WS. Come join for fellowship and learning as you work through the video and workbook series called *The Good Book* by Deron Spoo and Kyle Idleman.

MISSIONS SUNDAY

We will have a missions focused Sunday on September 24th. On this day we will be looking at both the local missions we support, as well as those we support across the country and the world. We look forward to bringing and sharing this information with you. **After morning services, we will have a church potluck in the Family Center.** Please bring a dish to share with everyone. We will have booths set up with our local mission outreach programs we support and hope you will come learn more about them.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Check out westsideyouthministry.org for all the youth news!

BASKET SHOWER

There is a basket in the foyer for a basket shower in honor of Lashard and Jolynda Bullard. They were married here at West Side on August 19th. Walmart, Belk, and Kroger gift cards are welcome.

MNFTM

Monday Night for the Master has started back. They are in need of donations for homeless meals. They meet every Monday night in the Family Center at 5:45 for a free meal followed by service projects.

STELLA MANOR BIRTHDAY PARTY

Stella Manor Nursing Home is having their birthday celebration on September 19th at 2:00. Lydia Franklin is providing the Angel Food cake. If you would like to help set up, please be there at 1:45.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY

We are having our Friends and Family Day October 1st. Directly after morning services we will have an afternoon of fellowship in the field next to the church lawn. We look forward to seeing you!

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit an announcement for the bulletin, please contact the office using the email: office@westsidear.org.

To reach Britney directly, email britney@westsidear.org.

DIOS LE BENDIGA (GOD BLESS YOU)

BY ARIS ORTIZ

Good morning Westside Family, God is blessing us with a new day and a new week to be thankful for and to stay faithful to Him.

-Update on the Relief Effort: I have been told by some brothers in the Houston area that the best way to help families affected by the hurricane is money donations. Thousands of families are facing not been able to live in their houses because they are so damaged by the flood (having to remove the sheetrock, insulation and carpets), and many of them don't have a flood insurance.

The best way we can bring help to families in great stress is by donating money to buy those materials over there.

Still, there are some basic needs; especially for the little ones:

- DISPOSABLE DAIPERS
- FORMULA FOOD
- BABY CLOTHS AND BLANKETS (new)
- BABY WIPES
- CANNED FOOD

BUT MONETARY DONATIONS WILL ALWAYS BE MORE EFFECTIVE AND PRECISE.

Those who will receive assistance with materials (sheetrock, insulation) will be screened/qualified to receive that help.

Whatever your help/donation can be, will be a great blessing to many.

(volunteers need it)

Blessings my Westside Family.

PRAYER LIST

Nursing Homes

Madge Alverson (Atkins #311), Mirl Helms (Stella Manor #221), Imogene Taylor (Brookdale #211), Wayne Nordin (Brookdale #219), Glennette Price (Stella Manor #305), Elizabeth Wyatt (Legacy Heights #43).

Cancer Patients

Gladys Norwood, Helen Stephens, Mary Grice, Mary King, Carla Ford, Doug Hart, Jerry Thompson, Julie Session, Ruby Kite, Sherilyn Russell, Kelly Owens, Don Martin, Lavada Gordon, Ray Fullerton, Delba Parrish, Kirk Benson, Debbie Gann, Hobart Summers, Debra Leaming, Lorri Petty, Joyce Gage, Ruth Kelley, Steven Watson, Linda Elkins, Suzanne Gatewood, Kim Kersh, Richie Schilling, Greg Standridge, Ella Allison, Rex Roberts, Eura Mae Loyd, Maddie Allen, Stephanie Carper, Don Bailey, Jerry Bailey Military

Dale Nelson, Justin Dollins, Steven Renfrow, James Cole, Jr., Micah Hunter, Steven Cawyer, Charles Pitney, Joseph Roberds

Additional

Aris Ortiz, Jr., Patsy Parnell, Nora Smith, Jeremiah Martinez, Matt Francis, Loren Hurst, Ridge Austin, Tiffany Lutrell

Missions

James & Abigail Rucker-Haiti, WBS Students