

FOR THE RECORD

Week of January 14th, 2018

Bible Study.....	187
Sunday Worship.....	347
Sunday Evening	126
Wednesday.....	254
Weekly Giving.....	\$13,510
Weekly Budget	\$17,914
Year-to-Date Giving.....	\$29,958
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$35,828

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

January 21

Janelle Miller & Wanda Reed

January 28

Shirley May & Susan Lewis

January Communion Prep

The Holman's

GREETERS

January 21

Thom & Tami Robinson.....	East
Larry Duvall	North
Richard Loveland	West

January 28

Thom & Tami Robinson	North
Larry Duvall	West
Richard Loveland.....	East

COMMUNION

January 21 & 28

Table 1: Ed Lewis, George Reed, Ronnie Russell, William Smith, Matt Strasser
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Table 2: Thom Robinson, Mike Oliver, Darwin Price, Charles Session, Wes Tarte

RAISING ✶ ARROWS

Children's Ministry Grades K-5: Meets Psalm 117:3-5
Sunday at 9AM, and Wed. at 6:30PM

Teachers beginning **January 17** are...

Creator's Canvas

Sarah Abbott

Museum

Darol Harrison

Noah's Arcade

Dale & Christina Brooks

Holy Word Studios

Bob & Kay Smart

Kids for Christ

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

January

Word / Scripture of the Month

Kindness / 1 Thessalonians 5:15
"...be kind to one another..."

January 21

2 Year Olds: Michele Todd
3 & 4 Year Olds: Britney Austin
K - 2nd Grade: Rebekah Grace
Puppets: Brent & April Ruple

January 28

2 Year Olds: Michele Todd
3 & 4 Year Olds: Sue Ann Jernigan
K - 2nd Grade: Kaitlin McCormick
Puppets: Danny & Kristen Davis

January Helpers

Emmy May, Angela Gomez, Ally Foster,
Sara Beth Francis

LIGHT AND DARKNESS

January 21st, 2018

Tim Tripp

If you ever watched a few scary movies you have no doubt witnessed a scene similar to this one. The defenseless, usually female, victim stalks along the hallway of an abandoned house looking for a boyfriend who has recently disappeared into this place (we are always left to wonder why she doesn't just call the police and wait for them but that just wouldn't be the same would it?). As she inches along with a panicked look on her face the lights go out. Instead of retreating to the doorway through which she entered the home (as most rational, unarmed people would), she continues to press forward into the unknown in complete darkness. She continues her search, slowly opening each door and looking into the dark interior of the room, softly saying his name each time - desperately hoping to discover her missing person. Then she comes to the last door (and it is always the last door). The music intensifies as she opens the door and suddenly the lights come back on (go figure) where she witnesses much to her shock the monster lurking near the body of her now dearly departed. And if that is not bad enough, the monster suddenly develops an interest in her too. After a short, but intense, chase it easily catches her and with a final blood curdling scream she becomes the next victim as the lights go out again.

It never ceases to amaze me in those movies that when people get into those scary situations they press on into darkness and danger rather than retreat to the safety of a well-lit area. I remember one scary movie where a pre-teen kid was standing on the porch of a creepy looking abandoned old house out in the woods and a deep, creaky, disturbing voice from within called his name. Now I can't speak for you, but I can tell you with great confidence that if I were standing on the porch of an abandoned spook house in the woods and a creepy voice called my name from within, you would see a fat, bald man with the speed of a Jamaican track star. I would most certainly not do what this foolish child did. He heard this creepy voice calling his name from within a haunted looking house and he went in. What happened next was predictable.

Yet it is possible many who have agreed with me to this point are on their own path of spiritual darkness. In a Biblical metaphor, "light" is the realm of God, His Son Jesus and the Kingdom of Heaven. "Darkness" is the realm of Satan, the Kingdom of the world and evil. In the Bible, in John chapter one a clash of enormous proportions developed on earth as Jesus entered it. Jesus as the "light of the world" came to "illuminate the darkness and the darkness could not overpower it." Light is active, darkness is passive. Christians reflect the light of Jesus and upon entering a dark place, a Christian will either change the darkness to light or hide the light to fit into the darkness. When Christians hide the light to enter the darkness, they enter the domain of the darkness and operate by its rules. Yet many Christians today, like fodder people in horror movies, hide their light and walk in.

Those who are Christians may have to enter dark places but should always leave their Christian light shining. Darkness may not like it but it will never overcome it. Spiritually, we live in a dark place. We are called upon to shine light. Be a light to the world and chase darkness away.

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.

MNFTM

MNFTM is in need of **fruit cups** and **Little Debbie's** for the homeless.

STITCH AND TIE GROUP

Stitch and Tie group needs cotton or cotton blend fabrics for pierced tops on fleece throws to be given to cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy treatments. If you have questions see Margaret Grant or Ethel Jackson.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The winter/spring Ladies Bible Study will be starting this Thursday, January 25. They will meet on Thursdays at 9:30. The study will be on Paul using the workbook titled "Paul: By The Grace of God" by Cassandra Martin.

FOYER CHANGES

-Check out the new prayer wall in the foyer on the ramp! If you have a prayer request, write it down and hang it up!

-Feel free to place your thank you cards on the thank you wall in the foyer on the ramp!

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Year-end contribution statements for West Side contributions will be mailed out this week. If you used the online giving portal, you can get your statement at <https://give.church/zq9k49g/my/giving?download>

The Week Ahead...

January 21: Class at 9, Worship at 10! // Friendship Cafe: 3 doz. donuts - Kristin Cawyer; 3 doz. donuts - Deanna Cole; 3 doz. muffins - Beth Sorrells // Bible Bowl at 3:00 in the FC. // Share Groups at various times and locations.

January 22: MNFTM will meet at 5:45! // Guest Speaker Obadiah Abimiku Doka speaking at 5th & Greenwich at 6:30. // CR Ladies Step Study at 8:00.

January 24: Bible class at 6:30. // CCSC Midweek at 7:00. // CCSC Cookies - Judy Holman, Paulette Cooper, Betty Chambers, Margaret Grant

January 26: Celebrate Recovery.

CAMP CAUDLE PIE AUCTION

Everyone is invited to the February 4th Camp Caudle Pie Auction and Fundraiser after morning worship! We will be having chili for lunch, so please sign up if you can make a good pot of chili! If you are bringing a pie, please sign up for that as well! Any donation will be appreciated! Come enjoy lunch and buy a pie for your Super Bowl party! All proceeds go to Camp Caudle!

NIGERIAN GUEST

Monday night at Monday Night For The Master, there will be a guest named Obadiah Abimiku Doka from Nigeria with James Strother. He will be joining at MNFTM to eat. Afterwards, he will be speaking at 5th and Greenwich at 6:30. He is a Christian converted from the Islamic faith through World Bible School. He was raised by his father, the head of the Witchcraft Association. He has quite a story! We encourage you to hear him speak and learn more about his work in Nigeria.

NEW GIVING PORTAL

If you use our online giving currently through Kindred, please switch to our new online portal. Go to www.westsidear.org/give to find out more about the switch and the easy set-up!

CHRISTEENS

CHRISTeens 2017 is coming up February 23-25 & we need **YOU!!** Here is a list of ways you can help. Sign up sheets are in the foyer. If you have questions, please contact Jake Greer, Mark Hixson, or Deanna Cole.



EVERYONE can do!!

1. **Pray!** The most important way to help that **EVERYONE** can do!!
2. **Host** visiting groups in your homes.
3. **Volunteer** to help organize food for the groups that stay in the Family Center.
4. **Work** the CT merchandise table.
5. Be an **usher**.
6. Help **assemble** and **build** the stage.
7. **Help** in the hospitality room.
8. **Be there!** We want all of West Side to join us at the Center for the Arts for CHRISTeens 2018!!!



DIOS LE BENDIGA (GOD BLESS YOU)

VICTORY IN JESUS.

There is an old hymn: "Victory in Jesus" (I haven't hear that one for a while), that many of us are very familiar with. And its tells about hearing the old story -which really, never gets old- and how effective still is that even today when that old story is been preached, the good listener with a ready heart, will end in "victory" because that old story is about how to be saved by the blood of the One that "is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Heb. 13.9)

God is the same, Jesus is the same, the Holy Spirit is the same; the message is the same. What really change, is people. Is until we hear "that old story" and accepted, that's what makes us "to be of one mind, united in thought and purpose" (1 Cor. 1.10) From that moment, all believers became concerned about how to go to that mansion, and making sure everyone else is going, by preaching to them, teaching to them, living as example so, others will see "the Light" "the Way and the Truth" so they can realize that "No one can get to the Father except by means of me." - Jesus Christ.- John 14:6

Is a great blessing for us to know that we are on the Way, heading to the Mansion, because we believed in that old story and if we are faithful until death, we will sing for sure: VICTORY IN JESUS!

Westside: let us sing together -in our mind- "I heard an old, old story, How a Savior came from glory..." Blessings to you may brothers and sisters! "He plunged me to victory, beneath the cleansing flood"

BY ARIS ORTIZ

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