

## FOR THE RECORD

Week of September 24th, 2017

Bible Study.....	258
Sunday Worship.....	473
Sunday Evening.....	93
Wednesday.....	284
Weekly Giving.....	\$13,940
Weekly Budget.....	\$17,306
Year-to-Date Giving.....	\$628,617
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$674,934

## NURSERY ATTENDANTS

### October 1

Kristen Cawyer & Rebekah Grace

### October 8

Lenore Tripp & Carol Lee

### October Communion Prep

Linda McMickle

## GREETERS

### October 1

Alan & Michele Todd .....West  
Steve & Donna Frick.....East  
Terry & Sharon Bailey.....North

### October 8

Alan & Michele Todd.....North  
Steve & Donna Frick .....West  
Terry & Sharon Bailey.....East

## COMMUNION

### October 1 & 8

**Table 1:** Jerry Yates, Matt Strasser,  
Darran Austin, William Smith, Zach  
Taylor

**Table 2:** Randall Williams, Donnie  
Baker, Ken Turner, Doug Bailey,  
Brandon Tabor

## RAISING \* ARROWS

Psalm 127:3-5

Children's Ministry Grades K-5. Meets  
Sunday at 9AM, and Wed. at 6:30PM  
Teachers beginning **September 27** are...

### Noah's Arcade

Dale & Christina Brooks

### Museum

Darran & Britney Austin

### Creator's Canvas

Brent & April Ruple

### Holy Word Studios

Lee & Andrea Henson

## Kids for Christ

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

### October

#### Word / Scripture of the Month

Peace / Colossians 3:15

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your  
hearts...*

### October 1

2 Year Olds: Elizabeth Martin

3-4 Year Olds: Christina Betterton

K-2nd Grade: Amanda Williams

Puppets: Reagan Mitchell, Wesley  
Lamberson, Emma Jernigan

### October 8

2 Year Olds: Elizabeth Martin

3-4 Year Olds: Britney Austin

K-2nd Grade: Christina Brooks

Puppets: Reagan Mitchell, Wesley  
Lamberson, Emma Jernigan

### October Helpers

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

## STANDING, KNEELING, OR GATHERING?

October 1, 2017

Tim Tripp

There was a lot of discussion at the Harding Lectureship on race relations. It seems about the time we have some peace and resolve in the works another divisive event takes place. Some act of violence, claims of racial motivation, protests, then protests against the protests. Everybody feels like they must take a side. Social media, though a great tool in many respects, functions to agitate conflict around most social issues. Christians jump right into the fray. I must admit that I get caught up in it as well. I read everyone else's opinions and comments and feel that the world will be a better place if I just chime in. Then I usually regret it.

These controversies take on a complex twist when it comes to race. Issues involving race are not just about Republicans and Democrats, not about taxes or health care. They are more personal, more potentially offensive and more easily explosive. They go to history, to ancestry, to heritage. They bear perspectives born out of centuries of cultural experiences and values passed down from one generation to another. "You can pick on my beliefs but don't pick on my people!"

Paul addressed a racially charged issue in the early church in Romans chapter fourteen, dealing with meat sacrificed to idols. The Jewish Christians felt they could not eat meat sacrificed to idols without essentially participating in worship of the idol. The Greek Christians had renounced all gods but the God of heaven and felt that eating the meat held no religious significance at all. It was just another meal. Cultural tensions ran deep and each probably thought of the other as idolatrous or judgmental. Paul says, "Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and mutual edification." (Romans 14:19).

The world may participate in petty comparisons, indulging in illusions of racial superiority, and qualitatively judging the actions of others before they take the time to understand them. Christians don't really have time for all that. For Christians who have the "peace of Christ" ruling in their hearts (Col. 3:15), peace is the only choice. He brought peace between us and God. He charges us to be at peace with one another. The path to peace in struggles with racial impingements is through understanding the perspective of the other. Make every effort to see the issue (whatever that issue might be) through the eyes of others whose skin may be a different color and who have a different perspective on the issue. We don't have to agree. We must, however understand and express understanding in words filled with compassion.

Whenever possible, don't choose a side in the debate, rather choose the side of unity, of reconciliation, of understanding and of love. Christians must be a people who live above the worldly fray and gather people together in Christ. If racial barriers don't come down first in the church, they'll never come down beyond.

## 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.

### FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY

TODAY is Friends and Family Day! Directly after morning services we will have an afternoon of fellowship in the field next to the church lawn. Lunch is provided. We ask that you bring a dessert to share with everyone. We look forward to seeing you!

### YOUTH MINISTRY

Check out [westsideyouthministry.org](http://westsideyouthministry.org) for all the youth news!

### HARDING SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to Selby Bailey and Celeste Parker, each recipients of the West Side Harding Scholarship, for Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 semesters!

### MNFTM

MNFTM meets every Monday night in the Family Center at 5:45 for a free meal followed by service projects. They are in need of donations for homeless meals, specifically Fruit Cups and Little Debbie's.

### WOMEN'S STEP STUDY

A weekly ladies step study, part of the Celebrate Recovery ministry, will begin in October (day and time TBD). All ladies are invited to walk through this journey with s for God's healing of our hurts, habits, and hang-ups. For more information or to sign up, call Judy Clements (479-880-1714) or call/text Amy Jones (479-747-4966).

## A Look Ahead...

**October 1:** *TODAY IS FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY!!* Come join us on the lawn after services for lunch and fellowship. Jennifer Zangara - 2 doz. Muffins; Rena Baker & Carina Ortiz - 2 doz. Donuts.

**October 2:** MNFTM

**October 3:** Prime Timers will meet in the Family Center. Bring a soup or a dessert to share. The speaker will be Richard Pierce.

**October 4:** CCSC Cookies - Sheri Crosby, Jamie Bates, Nittie Goodwin, Kristen Cawyer

**October 5:** Women's Bible Study

**October 6:** Celebrate Recovery

**October 7:** Ladies Potluck Brunch from 9-11 am in the Family Center. Bring a breakfast/brunch dish to share with everyone. Coffee and juice will be provided.

**October 8:** Please join for a couples' wedding shower for Kathryn Davis and Zac Smith (son of Jenifer Hurt) from 1:30-3:00 in the Rock. They are registered at Bed, Bath, and Beyond, Dillard's and Target. Britney Austin & Vicki Betterton - 2 doz. Donuts; Judy Holman - 2 doz. Muffins.

**October 9:** MNFTM

**October 10:** SCH will be picking up supplies donated today.

**October 12:** Women's Bible Study

**October 13:** Celebrate Recovery

**October 15:** Please join for a wedding shower for Kelsi Todd and Robert Gardner from 1:00-3:00 in the Rock. They are registered at Millyn's, Walmart, and Bed, Bath, and Beyond. Cindy Jones - 2 doz. Donuts/Muffins; April Ruple - 2 doz. Donuts.

## IOS LE BENDIGA (GOD BLESS YOU)

**BY ARIS ORTIZ**

Earthquakes, Hurricanes, wildfires, Eruptions of Volcanoes, Rumors of wars, Big explosions on the Sun, trees dying, rivers and lakes disappearing, crimes everywhere. All that is on the news these days...So, I was reading in the Bible about what was written 2000 years ago! "People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God..." "Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, I am he, and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them. When you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away..." "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, there will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven" "... A third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up...a third of the living creatures in the sea died..." "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man"... I was just reading... What a blessing to be In-Christ. In His Body. In His Church. To be a Christian working on His Kingdom!  
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, Connie Shay, Mark Helms,

### **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, Nathan Hodges

### **Missions**

James & Abigail Rucker-Haiti, WBS Students

## **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To submit an announcement for the bulletin, please contact the office using the email: [office@westsidear.org](mailto:office@westsidear.org).

To reach Britney directly, email [britney@westsidear.org](mailto:britney@westsidear.org).