

## FOR THE RECORD

Week of October 8th, 2017

Bible Study.....	245
Sunday Worship.....	439
Sunday Evening.....	156
Wednesday.....	216
Weekly Giving.....	\$15,606
Weekly Budget.....	\$17,306
Year-to-Date Giving.....	\$660,836
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$709,546

## NURSERY ATTENDANTS

### October 15

Tara Hyde Young & Brenda Holmes

### October 22

Susan Bratton & Donna Frick

### October Communion Prep

Linda McMickle

## GREETERS

### October 15

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

### October 22

Donnie & Rena Baker .....West  
Jim Betterton .....East  
Beth Donnell .....North

## COMMUNION

### October 15, 22, & 29

Table 1: Bobby Wortham, Ashley Young, Robyn Richardson, Kendall Tabor, Don Beck

Table 2: Keith Thomas, Dale Brooks, Josh Harrell, RD Walker, Joel Tippit

## RAISING \* ARROWS

Psalm 127:3-5

Children's Ministry Grades K-5. Meets Sunday at 9AM, and Wed. at 6:30PM Teachers beginning **October 11** are...

### Noah's Arcade

Dale & Christina Brooks

### Museum

April Ruple & Britney Austin

### Creator's Canvas

Teyah Jarra

### 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 15

2 Year Olds: Elizabeth Martin  
3-4 Year Olds: Beth Sorrells  
K-2nd Grade: Andrea Henson  
Puppets: Brent & April Ruple

### October 22

2 Year Olds: Elizabeth Martin  
3-4 Year Olds: Britney Austin  
K-2nd Grade: Tee Nesbitt  
Puppets: Danny & Kristen Davis

### October Helpers

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

## NEIGHORLY KINDNESS

October 15, 2017

Tim Tripp

When Jesus tells the story of the Good Samaritan it is in response to a legal question posed by some who professed to be experts in the Old Testament law. They asked Jesus to expound upon the law that commanded Jews to love their neighbors as they loved themselves. Specifically, they asked him to define what was meant by the term "neighbor." In other words, who do I have to love. Is it just the people who live next to me? Is it the people of my community or town? Does it expand to the people of my region or does "neighbor" refer to all Jews?

It must have been something to have witnessed his answer to the question. I was not one they would have expected. In Luke chapter ten, Jesus tells the story of a man traveling by foot on a road that had some lonely stretches. While on his journey he was attacked and beaten by some thugs. They robbed him of everything and left him by the side of the road to die. As the man lay dying, a Jewish priest traveling the road passed by the man. Rather than help him, the priest crossed the road and kept walking. Not long after, a Levite (another kind of Jewish religious leader) came by. He too saw the man but, like the priest, he crossed the road and continued on his way. Soon after, a foreigner from a people hated by the Jews passed by - his people were called Samaritans. This man stopped and helped the man. He bandaged his wounds and took him to a local inn asking the inn keeper to care for the wounded man. He left money to pay the man's expenses and promised to return and pay anything that might be outstanding. Then Jesus asked the obvious question. "Which of the three men who encountered the wounded man was a neighbor to him?" The wise choice was taken, "the one who had mercy on him."

Jesus refused to put kindness and mercy in a box only to be taken out when required for the easy, the convenient, the cooperative or the appreciative people in life. Loving your neighbor in the context of the 'Good Samaritan' means extending kindness and mercy even when it is inconvenient, when it makes you late, when it is underappreciated or not acknowledged at all. The kind of love shown in the context of the 'Good Samaritan' story is costly. It is not likely to benefit the hero at all. It is kindness and mercy that is unleashed without hope of payback, a good deed signed by 'anonymous.' Being neighborly as defined by Jesus is selfless, done solely for the benefit of the one on whom it is bestowed. This kind of love, the 'love your neighbor as yourself' kind of love, is chosen as among the greatest of the actions God commands of His people. It is great because it has great impact. When people act in this fashion it inspires and yields other acts of kindness. Nothing can make you want to bless a random stranger more than being blessed by a random stranger. Extreme kindness yields extreme kindness.

Think of what this 'love your neighbor as yourself' thing could do for our world. It could be so powerful. It could bring racism to its knees, it could bring wars to an end, it could heal family wounds and unify our world as one community. Why wouldn't we use such a powerful tool? Why wouldn't we love each other in the extreme and practice selfless, extreme kindness?

The reason is pretty simple really. It's because we are all waiting on someone else to start it.

## 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.

### **CHOICES PREGNANCY CENTER**

Choices Pregnancy is in need of diapers of all sizes. Please bring diapers or monetary donations to Wendy Loveland.

### **FRIENDSHIP CAFE**

To help make the friendship cafe as successful as we can, we ask that you please escort your children to get a treat. They will need adult supervision while coming to the Cafe. Also, please be courteous that there are several that would like to enjoy a donut or muffin and only take one or two. We appreciate your help to make this enjoyable for everyone!

### **WOMEN'S STEP STUDY**

A weekly ladies step study, part of the Celebrate Recovery ministry, will begin October 16th in the Rock. Current meeting time is 8 - 10 PM. All ladies are invited to walk through this journey with us 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).

### **BIBLE BOWL**

Bible Bowl begins November 5th in the Family Center. Those interested in participating, please see Kyle or Chad.

### **A Look Ahead...**

**October 15 (TODAY):** 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; Friendship Cafe: Ginger Tippet - 2 doz. Donuts/Muffins; April Ruple - 2 doz. Donuts.

**October 16:** MNFTM; Ladies's Step Study begins tonight in the Rock at 8:00 PM.

**October 17:** Stella Manor Birthday Party at 2:00 PM. Nadene Jones is bringing the angel food cake. If you would like to help, meet at Stella Manor at 1:50.

**October 18:** Adopt-A-Student Meet and Greet at 5:30 at the CCSC. A grab and go meal will be provided; CCSC Cookies - Joy Brandon, Deanna Cole, Tondra Taylor, Rena Baker

**October 19:** Women's Bible Study

**October 20:** Celebrate Recovery

**October 21:** Walters Family Hayride - 5:30 at Shannon and Kim Walter's house. If you have questions or need directions, call Kim at 479-264-6552.

**October 22:** Friendship Cafe: Shery Crosby - 2 doz. Muffins; Wanda Reed - 2 doz. Donuts; Ginger Tippet - 2 doz. Donuts

**October 23:** MNFTM

**October 25:** CCSC Cookies - Judy Lamb, Tami Robinson, Patti Page, Jodi Bryant

**October 26:** Women's Bible Study

**October 27:** Celebrate Recovery

**October 29:** Friendship Cafe: Kristen Cawyer - 2 doz. Donuts; Sue Ann Jernigan - 2 doz. Muffins; Mattie Martin - 2 doz. Donuts

## **DIOS LE BENDIGA (GOD BLESS YOU)**

**BY ARIS ORTIZ**

What a blessing God is giving me when I opened my eyes this morning and I could see! What a blessing God is giving me today, when I could stand on my own and walk and get ready to come to worship Him. What a blessing God is giving me to see my wife and children doing the same.

I'm counting the blessings that God is providing me and I'm trying not to forget in my every day that, I do exist because He want me to exist. All I need to do is to seek, learn and obey God's Will and everything else, will be given to me! - What a beautiful promise for all of us!

Let's keep counting our blessings Westside Family!

Aris

## **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).

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