

FOR THE RECORD

Week of December 3rd, 2017

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| Bible Study..... | 240 |
| Sunday Worship..... | 429 |
| Sunday Evening..... | 213 |
| Wednesday..... | 256 |
| Weekly Giving..... | \$20,031 |
| Weekly Budget..... | \$17,306 |
| Year-to-Date Giving..... | \$790,728 |
| Year-to-Date Budget..... | \$847,994 |

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

December 10

Rebekah Grace & Deanna Cole

December 17

Kristin Cawyer & Sue Ann Jernigan

December Communion Prep

The Jernigan Family

GREETERS

December 10

Charles & Shirley May.....East
Joe Russell.....North
Clay & Candy Reed.....West

December 17

Charles & Shirley May.....North
Joe Russell.....West
Clay & Candy Reed.....East

COMMUNION

December 10

Table 1: Mike Loibner, Ben Janelle,
Kevin Mason, Don Helm, Cecil Johnson

Table 2: Brian Hurt, Luke Miller, Larry
Harrell, John Lee, Aaron Horton

RAISING * ARROWS

Children's Ministry Grades K-5. Meets ^{Psalm 127:3-5}
Sunday at 9AM, and Wed. at 6:30PM

Upcoming Schedule

December 20:

Stella Manor Christmas Caroling

December 24:

No Morning Classes

December 27:

Meet in the Auditorium

December 31:

No Morning Classes

Kids for Christ

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

December

Word / Scripture of the Month

Christmas Story / Isaiah 9:6

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace"

December 10

2 Year Olds: Donna Frick

3-4 Year Olds: Christina Betterton

K-2nd Grade: Amanda Williams

Puppets: Christmas Program Rehearsal

December 17

2 Year Olds: Donna Frick

3-4 Year Olds: Britney Austin

K-2nd Grade: Andrea Henson

Puppets: Christmas Program Rehearsal

December Helpers

Elizabeth Martin, Wesley Lamberson,
Reagan Mitchell, Shella Brashear

MESSIAH

December 10th, 2017

Tim Tripp

The Christmas season brings with it lots of 'noise.' There are parties and meals to attend. There are lists to make and presents to buy. There is travel to plan and packing to do. Decorations must be dug out and put up. There are cookies to make and cards to send. It all comes together but it does so at such a cost that the season sometimes becomes more about the 'noise' than what the entire season was intended to be. If only there were time to just sit back in the quiet and remember again the story of God sending His son into the world to be the savior of mankind, Messiah.

I find it incredible that God was whispering into the ear of His followers in these quiet moments to tell them about the coming of the Messiah, "the anointed one" more than 1000 years before Jesus arrived in Bethlehem. God found multiple messengers at different times to proclaim the message of a savior, a king, a counselor, a healer who would come and bring lasting salvation to His people.

The Apostle Paul wrote about a mystery that God kept secret for a long time until he revealed in Jesus that a Jewish Messiah was not just for the Jews. He came to redeem all of creation from the curse of sin. It was this message the prophets of old brought to light. The individual prophecies were small beams of light from individual sources but brought together they form a large beam of light stretching across millennia; a blinding light that is so powerful it cannot be ignored.

The prophets of old, men like David, a king of Israel who lived around 1000 BC, Isaiah and Jeremiah, major prophets who lived around 700 and 600 BC respectively, Micah (also around 700 BC) and Zechariah (lived around 500 BC) all wrote of a coming one, a Messiah who would come to the rescue of the people of God. They wrote of where and how he would be born. They wrote of the kind of life he would live. They predicted how he would be received in his time. They foretold suffering and death. They alluded to a resurrection (Psalm 16:10) and told of his rule that would last forever. Hundreds of years before he entered the world that night as a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes the faithful knew through the prophets that the child would be pierced for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities and would serve as a sacrifice for our sins. For "by his wounds, we are healed" (Isaiah 53:4-6).

Before we get lost in the noise of the Christmas season, let's stop for a moment and ponder the profound importance that God placed on the coming of Christ. The moment sin entered the world God worked out a plan to expose it and deal with it. It had to be a plan that would cause men to choose His way over the paths of selfishness and sin. He took the consequences of sin upon Himself. "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us so that we might become the righteousness of God," (II Corinthians 5:21). As he told the serpent (Satan) in the Garden of Eden, "He will crush your head but you will strike his heel." (Genesis 3:15).

Throughout the text of the Old Testament lie these little gems that look forward to a time when things would be different. Sin would no longer reign over mankind. The grip of Satan would be loosened and all could know true freedom to live in peace, to love their fellow man and to love and serve God.

That time is now. The Messiah has come. He has fulfilled prophecy and invites us into the kingdom of the Messiah to reign with Him forever. Invite some quietness into your life during this season and let God whisper into your ear the story of His son, the real reason for the season.

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.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Laura Pew Stephenson requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of her daughter, Larken Pew, to Scott Record this Saturday, December 16, at 2:30 pm at West Side. There is a reception to follow.

WEDDING SHOWER

There will be a wedding shower for Zac George and Christina Betterton on Sunday, Dec. 17th, from 1:00-3:00 in the Rock. They are registered at Millyn's, Walmart, and Target. Please join us as we celebrate their upcoming marriage.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday morning Bible classes will be **cancelled** on Christmas Eve, Sunday, **December 24th**, as well as New Years Eve, Sunday, **December 31st**.
Our morning worship services will continue to meet at 10 AM!

DECEMBER WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

December 13: Bible Classes will meet as scheduled at 6:30 pm in their normal locations.

December 20: Jeremy Davis, Merlin Mann's son-in-law, will be here to speak to us about his work as a missionary in Huancayo, Peru. All adult classes will **meet in the auditorium**. The Raising Arrows children's classes will be going to Stella Manor Nursing Home to visit and sing Christmas carols.

December 27: All adult and children's classes will **meet together in the auditorium** for evening services. All classes are cancelled.

CONDOLENCES

We would like to extend our condolences to the family of Hugh Word. Mr. Word passed away November 26th at the age of 95. Please keep the Harrison family and the rest of the Word family in your prayers at this time.

A Look Ahead...

December 10: Friendship Cafe: April Ruple - 3 doz. donuts; Donna Frick - 3 doz. donuts; Jennifer Zangara - 3 doz. muffins // Bible Bowl in the Family Center at 3:00.

December 11: MNFTM // CR - Ladies Step Study at 8:00 pm.

December 15: Celebrate Recovery

December 16: Larken Pew and Scott Record wedding at 2:30 PM at West Side.

December 17: Friendship Cafe: Cindy Jones - 4 doz. donuts and 2 doz. muffins // Wedding Shower for Zac George and Christina Betterton- The Rock, 1PM // Bible Bowl in the Family Center at 3:00.

December 18: MNFTM // CR - Ladies Step Study at 8:00 pm.

December 19: Stella Manor Birthday Party 2PM - Beth Donell is signed up to bring the Angel Food cake.

December 20: All adult classes will meet in the auditorium. Guest speaker is Jeremy Davis, Merlin Mann's son-in-law. Raising Arrows children's classes will be going to Stella Manor.

December 22: Celebrate Recovery

December 24: **NO Sunday Morning Classes.** We will meet at 10:00 AM for morning Services. // KFC short program during worship service // **NO Friendship Cafe**

December 25: **NO MNFTM**

December 27: All adult and children's classes meet in the auditorium.

December 31: **NO Sunday Morning Classes.** We will meet at 10:00 AM for morning Services.

DIOS LE BENDIGA (GOD BLESS YOU)

BY ARIS ORTIZ

I remember when I was a little child waiting so anxious about "Navidad" (Christmas) because that was the time of the year when my mom will buy me new shoes, pants and shirt. We call it "estreno" (wearing and showing, specially for Christmas Eve) also was the time when "El Nino dios"(divine child or baby Jesus) will bring me new toys! As I grew up, I discovered that all was a lie about "baby Jesus bringing me toys". Very disappointed I started mistrusting those who always told me about that until I accept the reality. There are many religious Traditions that you believe growing up (I was practicing so many of them) but is until you learn the truth is what makes you free from it. I am so blessed today to know that Jesus gave me the best gift that I can get: Salvation! and not only to me, but to everyone who wants to receive that sacrifice he made at the cross.

Let's keep enjoying the precious gift that has been given to us!

Blessings my Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

PRAYER LIST

Nursing Homes

Madge Alverson (Atkins #311), Mirl Helms (Stella Manor #221), Wayne Nordin (Brookdale #219), Gladys Norwood (Brookdale #300), Glennette Price (Stella Manor #305), Imogene Taylor (Brookdale #211), 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, Ella Allison, Rex Roberts, Eura Mae Loyd, Maddie Allen, Stephanie Carper, Don Bailey, Jerry Bailey, Connie Shay, Mark Helms, Truman Hill, June Tippit, Ella Avery

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, Frost Family, Amanda Hensley, Ellen Collins, Carina Ortiz

Missions

James & Abigail Rucker-Haiti, WBS Students

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit an announcement for the bulletin, please contact the office using the email:

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