FOR THE RECORD

Week of December 24th, 2017

Bible Study	NA
Sunday Worship	468
Sunday Evening	NA
Wednesday	84
Weekly Giving	$13,567
Weekly Budget	$17,306
Year-to-Date Giving	$834,069
Year-to-Date Budget	$899,912

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

December 31

Tara Young & Tami Robinson

January 7

Sue Ann Jernigan & Lenore Tripp

December Communion Prep

The Jernigan Family

GREETERS

December 31

Judy Lamb	East
Mark Bryant	North
Kenny Freeman	West

January 7

Judy Lamb	North
Mark Bryant	West
Kenny Freeman	East

COMMUNION

December 31

Table 1: Dale Lamberson, Josh Harrell, Scott Johnson, Charles May, Les Howard

Table 2: Terry Highfill, Rocky Jones, Richard Loveland, Glenn Holmes, Bill Lewis

RAISING ARROWS

Psalm 127:3-5

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

Creators Canvas

Tiffany Clem

Museum

Brent & April Ruple

Noah's Arcade

Dale & Christina Brooks

HolyWord Studios

Rebekah Grace

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"

There will be NO Kids For Christ on Sunday, December 31, 2017.

January 7

2 Year Olds: Michele Todd

3 & 4 Year Olds: Amy Jones

K - 2nd Grade: Teri Mitchell

Puppets: Jon & Sara Beth Francis

December Helpers

Elizabeth Martin, Wesley Lamberson, Reagan Mitchell, Shella Brashear

MORE

December 31st, 2017 — *Britney Austin*

The year 2017 has been quite a wild ride for our family. As many of you know, our sweet Ridge was born in May with a birth defect and we have been in and out of the hospital more than we would like and more than we could have dreamed about. It has changed our lives drastically in such a short amount of time. It is safe to say, we could not have survived this year without our family, friends and church family; without the constant help, support, and prayers, and for that we are thankful.

Many times throughout this journey, I have wondered what it is God is wanting to teach me, teach our family, and to use us to teach others through our story with Ridge. One of the many words that keeps popping to mind is "more." He is trying to teach me more.

More in the sense of learning more patience. This journey has been a marathon and not a sprint, as I would like it to be sometimes. I have had to learn to have patience with the healing process, with God's timing, with the many doctors and teams that work on Ridge, and the many appointments. More in the sense of making more of my time. Time spent with my other three kids is more important to me now than ever before. I have spent more time away from them than I ever have. I want to make sure the time I spend with them is more focused, shows more love, and is more quality time. Again, everything has been more. Do more, be more, love more.

What if we, as a church, used the word "more" for 2018? I truly believe we are a church that shows love to others, gives to others, disciples to others, and gives our time to others. But, what if we did more? What would that image look like if West Side lived out more in our church, in Russellville, in Arkansas? What if we pushed to show more of God to our community. What if we decided to push ourselves to love more? How does that look for the church? To love the people that walk into our doors that others consider "unloveable" or we see out in the community that are seeking love?

West Side is a giving church. We give to many different local ministries, places like Help Network, RussBus, and Choices Pregnancy. We also give towards the church for our own ministries such as Raising Arrows, Celebrate Recovery and Benevolence Programs. As much as we give, what if we give more? Give more money to help support our own and local ministries. Give more time to help build these ministries. More time working with the kids and youth of our church is one way to produce more disciples for an eternal reward. What if we give more time to our Celebrate Recovery ministry on Friday nights? We can give more of our time to disciple more to those that are seeking and needing more of Jesus and more relationships with His people.

I can tell you, learning to use the word "more" has not been easy. Having more patience is a struggle when you want instant. Being more present can be exhausting. Giving more may push us to limits financially. More time means cutting other things out. But, I challenge us, lets live "more" in 2018. Lets love more, disciple more, give more, be more, share more. Let's seek those opportunities more. I can't wait to see what more West Side can do for the Kingdom of God this year as we be his hands and feet, be the branches, be his children in a world that needs God MORE.

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.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday morning Bible classes are **cancelled today,** Sunday, **December 31st**. **Our morning worship services will continue to meet at 10 AM!**

KFC will not meet on December 31st.

The Office will be closed until January 2, 2018 for the holidays.

LADS TO LEADERS

The Lads to Leaders Conference is March 19 - April 1, 2018. If your child is interested in participating or if you are interested in attending, please see Kyle Lamberson or Chad Mitchell.

MNFTM

*MNFTM is in need of **fruit cups** and **Little Debbies** for the homeless.*

PRIME TIMERS

Prime Timers will **NOT** meet this week. we will meet again in February.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

The Celebrate Recovery Ministry here at West Side would like to invite everyone to a New Years Eve party tonight, Sunday, December 31, from 7pm - 12 am in the Family Center. Please bring games and snacks if you'd like.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Christina Betterton and Zac George. They will be joined in marriage today in a small ceremony. We invite you to celebrate their marriage with us January 14th from 1:00 - 3:00 for a reception in the Family Center.

WEDDING SHOWER

There will be a wedding shower in honor of Jeni Bandanza and David Rentfro and their upcoming marriage on January 14th from 1:00 - 3:00 in the Rock. They are registered at Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond, and Millyn's. They would also appreciate Disney gift cards for their honeymoon. Please join us as we celebrate their marriage.

A Look Ahead...

December 31: NO Sunday Morning Classes. We will meet at 10:00 AM for morning Services. // **NO Friendship Cafe.**
January 1, 2018: Happy New Year! // **NO MNFTM**
January 2: Prime Timers will **NOT** meet this week.
January 3: Bible classes will resume as normal at 6:30 pm.
J**anuary 5:** Celebrate Recovery
January 7: Morning Bible classes will resume as normal at 9:00 am. Worship at 10:00 am. // Bible Bowl at 3:00 pm. // Share Groups at various times.
January 8: MNFTM will meet at 5:45! // CR Ladies Step Study at 8:00.
January 10: Bible class at 6:30. // CCSC Midweek at 7:00.
January 12: Celebrate Recovery
January 14: Class at 9, Worship at 10! // Bandanza & Rentfro Shower from 1:00 - 3:00 in the Rock. // Zac & Christina George Reception from 1:00 - 3:00 in the FC Kitchen/Class area. // Bible Bowl at 3:00. // Share Groups at various times.

DIOS LE BENDIGA (GOD BLESS YOU) BY ARIS ORTIZ

It's a nice feeling when everything is new. A new House, a new car, a new computer, a new tv, a new phone, a new baby!! … etc.
What about a new year? Well, actually, we don't feel much about it, because after Christmas and new years eve, you and I feel so exhausted that we don't have that "nice feelings" plus, the "new" start growing old so fast too!
But in the spiritual sense, a new year is like another opportunity or better said another blessing from our Father in Heaven for us to do His Will. Resolutions are so common on this period of time for so many, so much are focused on the material, physical things, but so little on the spiritual things.
We, as spirituals, are growing up, maturing in the knowledge of God's will and for us a new year is a new opportunity to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." And to love your neighbor as yourself"
So, we are now at the beginning of a new year and what God has giving us is, one more chance to please Him; to obey Him, to listening to Him. Now, what will be our respond? That will be up to us.
Westside Church: "2018, here we go!"
May God bless all of us with abundant health, beautiful family time and blessings to share with others!

PRAYER LIST

The ongoing, detailed prayer list will be posted in the foyer and updated frequently to keep it more up-to-date. We will also be posting it to the website to access for those of you that prefer online access.

If you have any prayer requests that need to go in the bulletin, a long term prayer request for our ongoing list, or an update to the prayer list, please send them to Britney at britney@westsidear.org or through Facebook.

CONDOLENCES

We would like to extend our condolences to Greg Wooten and Taylor Bramlett in the passing of their baby boy, Connor Wayne Wooten, who passed away December 23, 2017 at 7 days old. Please also keep his grandparents, Brad & Tammy Wooten, in your prayers during this difficult time.

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***.