

## FOR THE RECORD

Week of February 4th, 2018

Bible Study.....	265
Sunday Worship.....	466
Sunday Evening.....	150
Wednesday.....	279
Weekly Giving.....	\$17,574
Weekly Budget.....	\$17,914
Year-to-Date Giving.....	\$82,180
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$89,570

## NURSERY ATTENDANTS

### February 11

Kristin Cawyer & Laura Francis

### February 18

Joy Brandon & Tiffany Brandon

### February Communion Prep

Ginger Tippit and Molly Turner

## GREETERS

### February 11

James & Judy Clements .....East  
Joel & Ginger Tippit.....North  
Rex & Betty Chambers .....West

### February 18

James & Judy Clements .....North  
Joel & Ginger Tippit .....West  
Rex & Betty Chambers .....East

## COMMUNION

### February 11

**Table 1:** Donnie Baker, Darran Austin,  
Kendall Tabor, Jimmy Brandon, Zach  
Taylor

**Table 2:** Randall Williams, Jerry Yates,  
Don Beck, Keith Thomas, Ethan Grace

## RAISING \* ARROWS

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

Teachers beginning **February 14** are...

### Creator's Canvas

Sheri Crosby

### Museum

April Ruple

### Noah's Arcade

Dale & Christina Brooks

### 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.

### February

Word / Scripture of the Month  
Goodness / Romans 12:21

"Do not be overcome by evil, but  
overcome evil with good."

### February 11

2 Year Olds: Elizabeth Martin  
3 & 4 Year Olds: Charli Horton  
K - 2nd Grade: Christina Brooks  
Puppets: Reagan, Wesley, Emma

### February 18

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

### February Helpers

Angeleah Gomez, Noah Wooten, Noah  
Henson, Katie Clem

## LIGHT AND LOVE

February 11th, 2018

Britney Austin

Have you ever tried to hide something you didn't like, be it a bad hair day (or week) or even a freckle? It seems in the light of the sun or the flash of a camera it is more obvious than if you were in the dark. It is because you can hide more in the dark and the light tends to expose everything. It is the same way in our walks with God.

In 1 John, John is writing to Christians to put them back on track after Jerusalem had been destroyed and Christians scattered throughout the empire. He tells them, "God is light: in him there is no darkness at all" (1:5). No darkness at all. To be in the light with God, there can be no darkness. He is perfect, true and holy. His light can expose whatever exists, good or bad, just as the light can expose our bad hair day. When you live in darkness, good and bad look the same, just as a bad hair day and a model hair day would. If we live in sin but claim to live in the light, in that sin (darkness) we look like the rest of the world. Because God is light, and because he is holy, sin (darkness) can not exist in the presence of God (light).

John goes on to express, also, that "God is love" (4:16). God loved us, that he sent Jesus to die for us, to remove that darkness that separates us from Him. We, as Christians are to live as Jesus did. If we follow the example of Jesus, we must obey God and serve others. We, as Christians, can sometimes have a misconstrued image of what loving others is. Loving others is more than a saying; it is self-sacrifice, service, giving of time, and building relationships. It is being and bringing Jesus.

If we "walk in the light" but do not love, we do not truly walk in the light. We cannot be near a holy God in the light while hating others, while living a self-serving life. Love is the key for us to be near God in the light, living and walking in the light. If we are, as individuals and as a church, going to be the light to others, to Russellville, we must love first. We must love those that live in the dark that do not know the light. We must love those that need to see and feel love, so that they may ultimately see the Light. The more we grow in the light with God and live like Jesus, the more we can grow our relationships and bring others to see the light that has no darkness through love.

God is light. God is love. Live like Jesus. Be love. Show light.

## 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.

### NEW SECURITY DOORS

The security doors are installed in the West (chapel side) classroom wing this week. They will enable us to secure the classroom wing while children's classes are under way. As a result we will be locking the door on the west side that is under the awning at 9:00am each Sunday morning. After 9:00 on Sunday mornings, please use another entrance even if you have a key.

### PREACHERS GOT TALENT

West Side has cooperated with the Russ Bus in feeding and serving the homeless for the past four years. So, it seemed appropriate last year when Tim Tripp won the first Preacher's Got Talent show. This year's show and silent auction will be 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, at the Center for the Arts. It's an uplifting, enjoyable evening. See Judy Lamb or Merlin Mann for tickets (\$10) at the information counter in the foyer! Proceeds benefit the Russ Bus and homeless.

### CHRISTEENS WEEKEND CLASS SCHEDULE

The Sunday of CHRISTeens weekend, February 25, all adult Bible classes will meet combined in the auditorium for class. All children's classes are cancelled. Classes will resume as normal March 4.

### MNFTM

**MNFTM will NOT meet tomorrow, February 12.**

MNFTM is in need of **fruit cups** and **Little Debbie's** for the homeless. Also, MNFTM is collecting plastic cutlery packs. If you have extras around the house or get some in a drive thru, save them and bring them so they can be used to put in meal packets for the homeless. You can place them in the MNFTM box.

### DEEDS FOR NEEDS

Please realize that, available to our members, is a repair assistance when it is needed or is difficult to afford. We repair minor electrical and plumbing problems, lawn equipment, automotive and offer advice that could be beneficial where the action cannot be accomplished. Recommendations for many other household problems may also be helpful. You can call or text 479-970-4447 for more information.

### WSYM

There will be a parent meeting tonight at 5:00 pm in the Cornerstone. Please plan to attend if you are a youth parent. Please see Mark Hixson if you have any questions.

## 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.

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. **SIGN UP SHEETS ARE IN THE FOYER!**
5. Be an **usher**. **SIGN UP SHEETS ARE IN THE FOYER!**
6. Help **assemble** and **build** the stage.
7. **Help** in the hospitality room. **SIGN UP SHEETS ARE IN THE FOYER!**
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)

**BY ARIS ORTIZ**

"The spirit is willing, but the body is weak." Mt. 26.41. Every day God is giving us freedom to choose between two realities: Good and Evil. Everything in this life is base in those two facts. God's commandments are not impossible; God's commandments are not hard. Jesus said: "If you love me, you will obey what I command" Jn. 14.15 and "For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Mt. 11:30. Why then is so hard sometimes the Christian life? Because every time when that happens we are the ones who wants to control it, or fixed or changed, ( or is because we want to please "two" Masters) not letting God to work and finish his job. We are not perfect. We make mistakes every single day. We sin. Paul was "venting" about that: "For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do-this I keep on doing" Rm. 7.19. And another Apostle: John "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth not in us" 1 Jn. 1.8 As we grow older, we became wiser (as expected)- and when we study more the Word of God, more mature we became -spiritually speaking- and more emphasis, concern and preoccupied we are in the spiritual life instead of material life. Closer we grow to God, stronger we are to deal with the flesh. So, how are we doing with our "Reality

## PRAYER LIST

- Robyn Richardson - At home recovering from surgery. Will begin radiation pills for treatment.
- Bill Davis - At St. Vincent's in a step-down room from ICU. Infection is still present. He is very weak and not eating. Prayers also for Ann as she spends her time with him in the hospital.
- Larry Holman - Recovering from surgery to remove bladder cancer. No evidence that the cancer has spread!
- Herb Taylor - Recovering at Heart Hospital from bypass and repair surgery.
- Bill Lewis - Recovering from surgery to remove a gastrointestinal tumor. No evidence of the tumor spreading!
- Heather - Kristen Caywer's sister - complications from swelling of her body and liver. Out of hospital and at home. Waiting on answers as to what is causing the issues and pain.
- Imogene Taylor - Moved to Dardanelle Nursing and Rehab Center - Room 203.
- Glenn Holmes - At home recovering from total knee replacement surgery.

## The Week Ahead...

**February 11:** Class at 9, Worship at 10! // Friendship Cafe: 3 doz. donuts - Ginger Tippit; 3 doz. donuts - Janelle Miller; 3 doz. muffins - April Rupee // Bible Bowl at 3:00 in the FC. // Share Groups at various times and locations.

**February 12:** **MNFTM will NOT meet this week!** // CR Ladies Step Study at 8:00.

**February 14:** Bible class at 6:30. // CCSC Midweek at 7:00. // CCSC Cookies - Vicki Yates, Cindy Jones, Wanda Reed, Lisa Reed

**February 15:** Ladies Bible Study at 9:30.

**February 16:** Celebrate Recovery.

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