

## FOR THE RECORD

Week of February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Bible Study .....	257
Sunday Worship .....	470
Share Groups .....	122
Wednesday .....	263
Weekly Giving.....	\$15,620
Weekly Budget .....	\$17,306
Year-to-Date Giving .....	\$102,815
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$103,836

## NURSERY ATTENDANTS

### February 12

Stephanie Duvall & Carol Harrison

### February 19

Kristen Cawyer & Christina Betterton

## FEBRUARY COMMUNION PREP

Beverly Mason

## GREETERS

### February 12

Darol & Carol Harrison..... North  
James & Judy Clements ..... West  
Lloyd & Kristen Cawyer..... West

### February 19

James Cole ..... North  
Bill & Margaret Grant..... West  
Carla Ford ..... East

## COMMUNION

### February 12

**Table 1:** Ashley Young, Dale Brooks, Keith Thomas, David Bailey, Bobby Wortham  
**Table 2:** Randall Williams, Zach Taylor, Donnie Baker, Matt Strasser, Don Beck

### February 19

**Table 1:** Jim Betterton, Joel Tippit, Steve Bates, Rick Butler, Jerry Yates  
**Table 2:** Darran Austin, Jimmy Brandon, RD Walker, Jim Bentley, Gerry Bequette

## Kids for Christ

Kids for Christ is for ages 2 — 2nd grade, in rooms #17-20 during the sermon time.

### FEBRUARY

Word / Scripture of the Month

Quiet / James 1:19

*Everyone should be quick to listen and slow to speak.*

### FEBRUARY 12

2 Year Olds: Kayli & Alyssa Johnson

3-4 Year Olds: Jamie & Beth Sorrells

K-2nd Grade: Kelli Lamberson

Puppets: Wesley Lamberson & Reagan Mitchell

### FEBRUARY 19

2 Year Olds: Kayli & Alyssa Johnson

3-4 Year Olds: Janelle Miller

K-2nd Grade: Tami Robinson

Puppets: Brent Ruple

### FEBRUARY HELPERS

Jada Parker, Courtney Nesbitt, & Sara Beth Francis

## Raising Arrows!

Raising Arrows is the children's education ministry for grades K-5. Teachers beginning February 1, 2017 are...

### NOAH'S ARCADE

Dale & Christina Brooks

### MUSEUM

Brian & Amy Tindell

### CREATOR'S CANVAS

Carrie Lohse

### HOLY WORD STUDIOS

Mellicent Crain

## SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE

February 12, 2017

by Tim Tripp

I don't remember the topic of the conversation but I do remember the tone. It was with an older, married student at Harding. They had invited my then fiancée (now wife) and I over for dinner. While Lenore and his wife were getting the food ready, he and I discussed some controversial point of doctrine. I was unsure of my position on whatever it was but was open to all points of view. He was very clear on his point of view and it seemed to him to be the only point of view that had any value. All others were garbage. I didn't know if I agreed with him but what was perfectly clear was that, in his mind, he had it all figured out and I didn't. Since then I have had many conversations like that. I question a point of view around a doctrinal feature only to have the question shot down amidst a torrent of quoted passages and some string of logic knitting them all together. The presentation is usually aggressive and at the finish you know you have just two choices: agree and everybody's blood pressures return to normal, or disagree and see the discussion spiral into insults and vitriol. I am done with those kinds of discussions.

In Ephesians, Paul is largely speaking to Gentiles to remind them of the grace they have been given and the gift of the offer to come into the family of God, not based on performance, but on God's love and mercy. Yet they have to share the family with the Jews, and with them there are centuries of wars and hatred and cultural differences. In chapters one and two, Paul reminds us that in Christ, God brought down the "dividing wall of hostility" and that His grace made everyone equal and on a level spiritual plane. Yet still the task of getting along was up to them and it was to be no easy task. They came from very different cultures and points of view. They were taught different religious views and had very different moral sensitivities. How could two peoples with very different perspectives on "truth" come together around one truth? Answer: they wouldn't, at least not right away. They come together around one Lord and let him reveal truth as they mature.

In chapter four of Ephesians, Paul says, "...until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ" (v. 13). Then a couple of verses later he says, "Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ" (v. 15). Paul seems to be stating here that when people with different perspectives come together under one Lord, one faith, one God, one baptism, they need to be aware that there may not be just one point of view on things. When those points of view clash, we need to remember that none of us has this all figured out and we all have room to grow. We should speak the 'truth in love,' humbly accepting that we could be wrong.

Let me be the first to say that I do not have it all figured out! I'm working to grow in my faith and in my knowledge, but I hope that when my views clash with others I can speak with humility knowing that the unity Christ calls for can never be accomplished among those who can't disagree in love.

## **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.

## **YOUTH MINISTRY** [westsideyouthministry.org](http://westsideyouthministry.org)

WSYM Midweek: On Wednesdays at 5:30 we meet for pizza (\$3) and hang time followed by Bible study at 6:30.

Young Christians Weekend: Silver Dollar City. March 31-April 2. More info soon!

CHRISTeens 2017: Work nights will be the 21-23 at the Center for the Arts!

## **MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER**

MNFTM is in need of donations such as Little Debbie snack cakes or peanut butter/cheese crackers for homeless meals. They meet every Monday night in the Family Center at 5:45 for a free meal followed by service projects.

## **ELDERS, MINISTERS, DEACONS MEETING**

There will be an Elders, Ministers, and Deacons meeting on Monday, February 13 from 6:30-8:00PM in the Cornerstone.

## **CELEBRATE RECOVERY**

CR meets on Friday nights in the Cornerstone. Dinner is at 5:45PM. Worship is at 6:30PM. Free childcare. If you have questions please email CR@westsidear.org.

## **RIGHTNOW MEDIA**

We are excited to share that our church now has access to an extensive, new video library called RightNow Media! If you have not received an invite via email yet, please contact the office.

## **BIBLE CLASS ANNOUNCEMENT**

Due to the CHRISTeens Sunday morning session at the Center for the Arts on February 26, all adult and children's Bible classes at West Side will be dismissed.

## **CAMP CAUDLE PIE AUCTION**

We would like to say a big thank you to all those who helped organize and prepare the pie auction and spaghetti dinner. Because of your generosity and love for the ministry Camp Caudle provides, just over \$40,000 was raised to provide scholarships for campers!

## **LADIES BIBLE STUDY**

All ladies are invited to a study based on Crazy Love, by Francis Chan. This is a 10 week, workbook and video based study on Thursdays at 9:45 AM. Please contact Mattie Martin for more info or to request a workbook.

## **LADS TO LEADERS**

Bible Bowl practice is on Sundays at 3:00 in the Family Center.

## **RUSS BUS FUNDRAISER**

You are invited to help the Russ Bus. On Friday, February 17, from 7-8:30 p.m., the Russ Bus will present a "Preachers Got Talent" show and silent auction at the Russellville Center for the Arts at Russellville High School.

Tim and Zac have agreed to participate in the show. Tickets are \$10 for adults; they will be on sale before and after service today. You can find Merlin Mann for tickets in the foyer at the west table.

## **CHRISTEENS**

CHRISTeens 2017 is coming up on Feb 24-26 & **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 or Deanna Cole.

1. *Pray!* The most important way to help that EVERYONE can do!!!
2. *Host* visiting groups in our home.
3. *Volunteer* to help organize food for the groups that stay in the Family Center.
4. *Work* the CT merchandise table.
5. Be an *usher*.
6. Help *assemble* and *build* the stage.
7. Help in the hospitality room.
8. *Be there!* We want all of West Side to join us at the Center for the Arts for CHRISTeens 2017!!!

## **DIOS LE BENDICA** (*God Bless you*)

*by Aris Ortiz*

Sunday is a special day for every Christian. Sunday is the Lord's Day. (Even though described something different – "Sun-Day"). In Spanish it is " Domingo" (from Latin "day of the Lord") but the most important thing about this day is that Our Lord and Savior was resurrected from the dead bringing you and me today the great hope of salvation if we are faithful until our last breath!

So, another first day of the week here in the house of prayer is Victory for us.

Always thankful to have this freedom to worship God under the same roof with our brothers and sisters of Westside.

God bless all of us and keep us fighting the good fight!

## **PRAYER LIST**

### **Nursing Homes**

Madge Alverson (Atkins #312), Mirl Helms (Stella Manor #221), Imogene Taylor (Brookdale #211), Wayne Nordin (Brookdale #219), Glennette Price (Stella Manor #305), Margaret Bell (Rsvl. Nursing Ctr #312), Elizabeth Wyatt (Legacy Heights #43).

### **Cancer Patients**

Gladys Norwood, Helen Stephens, Mary Grice, Mary King, Tiffany Lutrell, Carla Ford, Jeri Shay, Doug Hart, Jerry Thompson, Julie Session, Ruby Kite, Sherilyn Russell, Kelly Owens, Don Martin, Lavada Gordon, Tami Lemley, Ray Fullerton, Amy Baker, Delba Parrish, Kirk Benson, Bob Baker, Jim Valentine, Ali Winters, Debbie Gann, Hobart Summers, Debra Leaming, Lorri Petty, Joyce Gage, Ruth Kelley, Steven Watson, Linda Elkins, Hazel Anderson, Johnetta Hunter, Dianne Skipper, Suzanne Gatewood, Kim Kersh, Richie Schilling, Greg Standridge, Ella Allison, Rex Roberts, Mike Reeves

### **Military**

Dale Nelson, Justin Dollins, Steven Renfrow, Nicholas Randel, James Cole, Jr., Micah Hunter, Steven Cawyer, Charles Pitney, Joseph Roberds

### **Additional**

Aris Ortiz, Jr., Patsy Parnell, Nora Smith, Jeremiah Martinez, Matt Francis

### **Missions**

James & Abigail Rucker-Haiti, WBS Students

## **Bulletin Announcements**

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

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