

FOR THE RECORD

Week of February 11th, 2018

Bible Study.....	230
Sunday Worship.....	400
Sunday Evening.....	204
Wednesday.....	238
Weekly Giving.....	\$16,873
Weekly Budget.....	\$17,914
Year-to-Date Giving.....	\$99,054
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$107,484

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

February 18

Joy Brandon & Tiffany Brandon

February 25

NA

February Communion Prep

Ginger Tippit and Molly Turner

GREETERS

February 18

James & Judy ClementsNorth
Joel & Ginger TippitWest
Rex & Betty ChambersEast

February 25

Lloyd & Kristen CawyerWest
Bill & Margaret GrantEast
Carla FordNorth

COMMUNION

February 18 & 25

Table 1: Bobby Wortham, Doug Bailey,
Joel Tippit, Jim Betterton, James
Strother

Table 2: Ashley Young, Brandon Tabor,
Steve Bates, Rick Butler, RD Walker

RAISING * ARROWS

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

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 18

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

February 25

CHRISTeens Weekend!
NO KIDS FOR CHRIST!

February Helpers

Angeleah Gomez, Noah Wooten, Noah
Henson, Katie Clem

THE BREAD OF LIFE

February 18th, 2018

Tim Tripp

Do you have a favorite smell? I have two. One is the smell of lilacs in the spring. My aunt who lived on our family farm raised lilacs and there was a bush right by the front door of her house. It smelled heavenly in the spring. I just wanted to stand near and breathe in the sweet floral scent. My second favorite smell is the kitchen in my house when Lenore is making bread. It is especially good when she makes rosemary-garlic bread or cardamom bread. It just makes the house smell amazing. We are spoiled in our time and it is just too easy to go to the store to pick up a loaf of bread. Many homes miss the aroma of fresh baked bread.

Bread was a staple back in Jesus' day. In that time, meals usually comprised of cooked vegetables, roasted grains and bread. Meat was rare because animals were so valuable in those days. If anything, fish was the only meat common at the typical first century Jewish table. Bread was very common. Most home cooks started the day with making bread dough and, once cooked, the family would feast on those loaves all day. The word bread in those days was used interchangeably with the word food (as in "give us this day our daily bread"). Water was considered necessary for survival and bread was associated with survival and life just as much. In a real way, bread was life.

When God sent manna for the Israelites to eat in the wilderness, He made it obvious that He cared for them by sending them life-giving sustenance. For them, manna equaled life. They could not have survived without it. It was a miraculous event that took place day after day to show that God was their savior. As manna was the miracle that led to physical life, Jesus was the miracle that led to spiritual life.

John records seven "I am" statements in his gospel. In chapter six, Jesus says, "I am the bread of life." He goes on to say that "he who comes to me will never go hungry," (v. 36). What bread was to the health and physical life of the common Israelite in those days, Jesus was to the spiritual life. Jesus later invites them to feast on his flesh and drink his blood. That metaphor grossed a lot of his followers out but he later told those who stuck around that he was speaking spiritually. Later the concept of being "filled with the Spirit" was a gastronomical analogy. Not filled to the point of bursting or overflowing, but filled to the point of being completely satisfied; nourished to the max as opposed to just enough to hold on and survive.

Jesus invites us to the spiritual table where he is not only the host, but also the main course. He serves a feast that completely satisfies and expects us to eat until full. Being full of Jesus nourishes us spiritually and enables us to serve Him as we never could alone. We become like him as we "consume his flesh and drink his blood," (John 6:53) and people will begin to see Him when they look at us. As we partake in Him we partake in life, real life and God does His work on earth through us bringing the Kingdom of Heaven down to earth.

All things are ready. Will you come to the feast?

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.

CHRISTEENS

If you signed up to bring something for the hospitality room, the list is on Facebook in the Friends and Family page to see what and how much you're bringing. If you have any questions, see Wendy Loveland or call 479-567-1863. Please bring your items to Room 11 prior to noon Friday. If you need to bring them after, you can take them to the Center For the Arts after 4:30.

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 on March 4.

MNFTM

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.

PRAAYER LIST

- James Clements** is having back surgery on February 21 at St. Vincent's in Little Rock.
- Wendy Loveland** is having surgery for a hernia correction surgery at St. Mary's on March 1.
- Bill Davis** - At St. Vincent's in 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.
- Herb Taylor** - Recovering at home from bypass and repair surgery.
- Bill Lewis** - Recovering at home from surgery to remove a gastrointestinal tumor.
- Imogene Taylor** - Moved to Dardanelle Nursing and Rehab Center - Room 203.

The Week Ahead...

February 18: Class at 9, Worship at 10! // Friendship Cafe: 3 doz. donuts - Beth Donnell; 3 doz. donuts - Mattie Martin; 3 doz. muffins - Cindy Jones // Bible Bowl at 3:00 in the FC. // Share Groups at various times and locations.

February 19: MNFTM will meet at 5:45! // CR Ladies Step Study at 7:00.

February 20: Stella Manor birthday party at 2:00. Mattie Martin is bringing the angel food cake. Please be there by 1:50 to help!

February 21: Bible class at 6:30. // CCSC Midweek at 7:00. // CCSC Cookies - Sheri Crosby, Jamie Bates, Nittie Goodwin, Kristin Caywer

February 22: Ladies Bible Study at 9:30.

February 23: Celebrate Recovery is cancelled tonight. // CHRISTEENS begins at the Center for the Arts.

February 24: CHRISTEENS

February 25: CHRISTEENS // Adult classes meet together in the Auditorium at 9:00. Children's classes are cancelled. Worship at 10. // Friendship Cafe: Coffee only.

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.

DIOS LE BENDIGA (GOD BLESS YOU)

BY ARIS ORTIZ

When I was a teenager, life was -somehow- very simple. No internet, no cell phones, no ipads, no Netflix, no Facebook, no Instagram, no Messenger, not much "technologies" in our hand... just calculators, radios, "Walkman" and for most of my early life, no TV! Not even "telephones" so, compared to today, life was simpler... riding bicycles, playing (and literally playing in a physical way) running along with other friends, walking on the streets, chasing "chickens" exploring the woods; climbing trees to cut mangos, oranges, avocados and some other fruits. Walking a mile (even when I was just 7 years old) to go to school, dealing with traffic and people on the streets. No worries about danger outside! Life today is so complicated. Society is different, the nucleus of society is broken, divided and damaged. Social media has taken a center place in the family. A one year old can manage a cell phone better than an adult in some cases. The tv.(most of the channels) is offering a complete different messages to young people as those when I was young(language, style, violence, sex etc.) is changing the way of life today. Life is more complicated now. Not even schools are safe. Shutting with the intention of killing students is a mark on how bad has reach that kind of influence in the life of young people today. This bring a question to myself: what I'm doing to make a positive impact or to be an influence in order to make changes in some way to the life of young people? to my own children? Spiritually speaking, I do have a mayor responsibility to be example, to lead, to show the way to all of those that I'm in contact. I need to give more of my time, my knowledge, my possessions, my money in order to accomplish that. And understanding myself better when I said: -"my"- really is not my(money, time, knowledge, possessions) is God's possessions that He has allowed me to have, used and manage for His Kingdom! I invite to my Westside family to continue, not stopping of doing what God has call us to do for others, to make a big difference in the life on someone who is in big need for salvation! Let's keep spreading LOVE, and let's keep SHARING what God has giving us in order to make more DISCIPLES who will honor God and continue make a difference in the life of more and more people! God bless you my Westside Family!

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