

## FOR THE RECORD

Week of February 19th, 2017

Bible Study .....	240
Sunday Worship .....	502
Share Groups .....	157
Wednesday .....	292
Weekly Giving.....	\$16,472
Weekly Budget .....	\$17,306
Year-to-Date Giving .....	\$136,716
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$138,448

## NURSERY ATTENDANTS

**February 26**

Lenore Tripp & Sue Ann Jernigan

**March 5**

Andrea Henson & Rebekah Cole

## FEBRUARY COMMUNION PREP

Beverly Mason

## GREETERS

**February 26**

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

**March 5**

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

## COMMUNION

**February 26**

**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 26

KFC cancelled due to CHRISTeens.

### MARCH 5

2 Year Olds: Christina Brooks  
3-4 Year Olds: Susan Bratton  
K-2nd Grade: Amanda Williams  
Puppets: Emma Jernigan & Sara Beth Francis

### MARCH HELPERS

Lorelei Harris, Reagan Mitchell, Chiane Nesbitt

## Raising Arrows

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

### NOAH'S ARCADE

Dale & Christina Brooks

### MUSEUM

William & Cassandra Smith

### CREATOR'S CANVAS

Sheri Crosby

### HOLY WORD STUDIOS

Sue Ann Jernigan

# MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN

February 26, 2017

by Tim Tripp

You may not recognize the name Alexis de Tocqueville, but you may recognize these words that are attributed to him. "America is great because America is good and if America ceases to be good, she will also cease to be great." Those words were actually a summation of de Tocqueville's writings by another author whose name has been lost but they are an accurate summation of his observations from a visit he made to America in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. De Tocqueville was a French diplomat and sought direction for his country as they struggled to reunify after the peasant revolt against the monarchy. As his country floundered amidst continued violence and unrest he sought to find what it was that made America the peaceful democracy it was known to be at the time. He visited America in 1831, charged by the French government to study the prison and penitentiary system in the country. What he noticed was the sharp contrast between the unrest in Europe and the relative peace in America. He attributed the peace in America largely to the focus on religion and the teachings of Christianity adhered to by a significant percentage of Americans. As citizens held to the teachings of their faith, people could govern themselves without spiraling into the chaos of selfishness and political turf wars. De Tocqueville returned to France to write his most famous book, "Democracy in America." In it he mentions the central role of religion in American life and government. The quote above is a summation of his observations and the report he penned as a result.

It is interesting that the theme of a recent political campaign was "Make America Great Again," and the theme was invoked without much of a reference to the role of religion in American life at all. According to de Tocqueville and others, what made America great in the beginning was something that political parties in modern times are quick to push to the margins or exclude all together. What made America great was a common faith in Jesus Christ. It is what made us good and when we ceased to be good, we ceased to be great.

If we really want to make America great again it will require a movement. We need another "Great Awakening" kind of event; one where the Holy Spirit moves in the hearts of men in overtly obvious ways, convicting men of sin and driving them to repentance. If we are to be great, we must first be good. We can only be good by embracing faith and walking in the guidance of the Spirit of God within us. 'Making America Great Again' will require people of God living out their faith and embracing the themes of scripture. Themes like, gentleness, kindness, non-retaliation, sincere love even for enemies, compassion for the poor and weak, mercy for the doers of wrong, and selflessness can be contagious if consistently lived out by a mere handful of the faithful. We must strive to live that kind of life before a watching world and pray that God will direct His spirit to move making men good and our nation great again.

## 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!

### 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.

### MISSION OPPORTUNITY

If anyone is interested in a summer mission trip to Guatemala in July, please see Laura Francis. You can contact her at 479-886-4742 or 479-577-5326.

### SHARE GROUP INFORMATION

On Sunday, March 5th, we will have a training and time of vision sharing for next year's Share Group leaders. This meeting is open to both current share group leaders and anyone interested in leading a share group in the future. We will meet in the Family Center Classroom at 2:00pm. Please contact Josh Clem ([josh@westsidear.org](mailto:josh@westsidear.org)) if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

### PRIME TIMERS

Prime Timers will meet March 7 at 5:30. The meat will be provided. Please bring sides and desserts. James Strother, Jamie Sorrells and Melanie Cook will tell about their climb of Mt. Kilimanjaro.

### CONDOLENCES

We would like to extend our condolences to Kay Fureigh in the passing of her brother-in-law and Amanda Williams in the passing of her uncle, Mr. Jim Valentine, on Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please continue to keep Kay, Amanda and their family in your thoughts and prayers during this time.

### STELLA MANOR BIRTHDAY PARTY

The Stella Manor birthday party will be held this week on Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.

### *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).

### DIOS LE BENDIGA (God Bless You)

by ArisOrtiz

The need for prayers is always a must. We all are connected or touched by a situation that needs God's intervention in the life of those close to us. Not only here with our families or communities, but all around the world there is a need for our prayers for those we know are facing a difficult time. I know of many that soon will be facing hardship when new laws will be implemented. I know families that will be separated or be removed away after so many years of living in this nation. Prayers we ask, that God will provide for every situation that will arise soon for so many.

### 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), 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, Ray Fullerton, Amy Baker, Delba Parrish, Kirk Benson, Bob Baker, 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, Richa Schilling, Greg Standridge, Ella Allison, Rex Roberts, Mike Reeves, Eura Mae Loyd

#### 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, Orla Golay

#### Missions

James & Abigail Rucker-Haiti, WBS Students

### West Side Church of Christ

Adult Bible Class Schedule

2017 Spring Quarter

(Begin Wednesday, March 1, 2017 – End Sunday, May 28, 2017)

	La Iglesia del Nuevo Testamento	College	Mark	Romans	1st and 2nd Corinthians	Following Jesus
Sunday	Aris Ortiz	Corey Harrison	Jamie Sorrells - Rotation	Bill Grant - Rotation	Keith Klemmer - Rotation	Josh Clem - Rotation
	Classroom 34	Family Center - Kitchen	Family Center - Classroom	Chapel	Classroom 3	Rock
Wednesday	Mandamientos, Doctrina y Tradiciones	College - Midweek	Disciple Making 101	Empires: The Intertestamental Period	Christ, Community, and Coffee	
	Aris Ortiz	Neil Reynolds	Tim Tripp	Keith Klemmer	Shannon Walters	
	34	Student Center @ 7:00 pm	Room 3	Chapel	Family Center - Classroom	

Note: Sunday morning is a rotation of five teachers, moving from classroom to classroom at the beginning of each quarter. If you haven't already found a Sunday morning class, pick a room/group and stick with it!