

FOR THE RECORD

Week of March 4th, 2018

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| Bible Study..... | 229 |
| Sunday Worship..... | 401 |
| Sunday Evening..... | 214 |
| Wednesday..... | 243 |
| Weekly Giving..... | \$19,090 |
| Weekly Budget..... | \$17,914 |
| Year-to-Date Giving..... | \$141,393 |
| Year-to-Date Budget..... | \$161,226 |

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

March 11

Laura Francis & Shirley May

March 18

Lenore Tripp & Marcia Hunter

March Communion Prep

Charlie Richards

GREETERS

March 11

Lloyd & Kristen Cawyer.....North
Bill & Margaret Grant.....West
Carla Ford.....East

March 18

Bill & Susan Lewis.....West
Larry & Linda Harrell.....East
Alan & Michele Todd.....North

COMMUNION

March 11

Table 1: Michael Grant, Lloyd Cawyer,
Jon Francis, David Davenport, Rocky
Clancy

Table 2: Lynn Donnell, Kenny Freeman,
Pat Crosby, Brandon Grice, Larry Duvall

RAISING * ARROWS

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

Teachers beginning **March 14** are...

Creator's Canvas

Brent & April Ruple

Museum

Darran & Britney Austin

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.

March

Word / Scripture of the Month

Faithfulness / Proverbs 28:20

"A faithful man will be richly blessed."

March 11

2 Year Olds: Elizabeth Martin

3 & 4 Year Olds: Judy Holman

K - 2nd Grade: Teri Mitchell

Puppets: Jon & Sara Beth Francis

March 18

2 Year Olds: Elizabeth Martin

3 & 4 Year Olds: Amy Jones

K - 2nd Grade: Jessica Davis

Puppets: Brent & April Ruple

March Helpers

Chiane Nesbitt, Courtney Nesbitt, Jada
Parker, Emma Jernigan

THREE CROWNS

March 11th, 2018

Tim Tripp

One day this week if you get a chance, go to Google images and search "crowns." I hope you don't get the dental kind because that might be gross. No, I am speaking of the royal kind. Crowns are some impressive pieces of headgear. The gold, the jewels, the fine cloth and engraving, combined with the history of the people who wore them all, make them some of the most valuable objects on earth. When one was worn, it must have been quite impressive and let everyone around know that the guy wearing the crown is in charge.

I also looked at the word crown in scripture and realized that crowns can serve as symbols of choices we make in life. One crown we see is a king's crown like the one described above. It may be like the crown that was placed upon the head of David in 2 Samuel 5 enjoining all of Israel to follow him severing ties with Saul's family completely. The king's crown in our life signifies who is in control. If I place it on my head it means I am calling the shots, I am in charge of my life. Another choice I have is to give it away and allow another to wear the crown as king of my life. We must be very careful who we choose to give our "king's crown" to though because it places that person/deity in charge of everything.

The second crown is a crown of thorns. It is not nearly as attractive as the king's crown, nor is it something that has much worldly value. In fact it is humbling to wear and others might stare strangely if they see it being worn. Jesus wore this crown just before he took a long walk up a hill with a cross on his back. With it, soldiers tormented him and bowed down to him in mock submission. Yet Jesus bore the sacrifice of the crown of thorns for us. When we don this crown figuratively, we do it knowing that it means sacrifice. We wear it knowing that it means we die to ourselves and submit to another.

The third crown is one no one has seen. It is described more like a garland or a victor's crown. It is far more valuable than the king's crown because it also means that its wearer has earned the right to eternal life. It is the crown of life. In Revelation 2:10, Jesus promises this crown to those who overcome the world. Those who eventually wear this crown will claim heaven as their eternal home.

It works like this. If you choose to wear the king's crown, you are in control of your life and determine your own future. If however you give the king's crown to Jesus and allow him to take control, he will hand you the crown of thorns to wear in this life. When this life is over, the king's crown is immediately worthless and will be consumed by fire, but the lowly crown of thorns, while worthless on earth, can then be traded for a crown of life. The choice of who wears what crown is up to you. The catch is everyone must choose.

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.

BAJA MISSION TRIP MEETING

Today, Sunday, March 11th, after morning services there will be a Baja Mission Trip meeting in the Rock. This will be an informational meeting to assess who might have interest in going on the trip. Please plan to be there if you have interest or questions about going.

SECURITY TRAINING

There will be a security training held Sunday afternoon on April 8 from 2 - 4 pm for anyone involved with the children's ministry. Please plan to attend the training. There will be sign up sheets in the foyer during the month of March. If you are not involved with the children's ministry, but would still like to attend the training, please sign up to join as well. The more people that can attend the training, the better. If you have any further questions, please see Darran Austin or call 870-335-6002.

PRAYER LIST

- Wendy Loveland** is recovering from surgery for a hernia correction at St. Mary's on March 1st.
- Wes Tarte** is having surgery March 13th for a spinal cord stimulator.
- Bill Davis** is still at St. Vincent's in ICU. He is very weak and not eating. Prayers also for Ann as she spends her time back and forth with him in the hospital and at home.
- Truman Hill** is having trouble with chemotherapy treatments keeping him very sick and weak.
- Cindy Beck** just found out she has breast cancer. Please be praying for her and their family as they take the next steps and to give them the peace and comfort they need through it.
- Robyn Richardson** started radiation pills this past week to treat his cancer.
- Caroline Bonn** is having neck surgery March 15th at the Arkansas Surgical Hospital in Maumelle.
- Ridge Austin** as he continues to develop, his anatomical birth defects that still impact his overall health and growth.

The Week Ahead...

March 11: Class at 9, Worship at 10! // Friendship Cafe: 3 Doz. Donuts - Judy Holman; 3 Doz. Donuts - Charli Horton; 3 Doz. Muffins - Beth Sorrells. // Bible Bowl at 3:00. // Share groups at various times and locations.

March 12: MNFTM will meet at 5:45! // CR Ladies Step Study at 7:00.

March 14: Bible class at 6:30. // CCSC Midweek at 7:00. // CCSC Cookies: Donna Frick, Andrea Henson, Brenda Holmes, Kay Smart (Need by 5:00 pm)

March 15: Ladies Bible Study at 9:30.

March 16: Celebrate Recovery. Meal at 5:45, worship at 6:30!

DIOS LE BENDIGA (GOD BLESS YOU)

BY ARIS ORTIZ

Every single book that has been written about GOD, JESUS and The HOLY SPIRIT; every single author/writer about THE TRINITY, started on reading the Bible! From there, they started looking, searching and investigating about the Bible and so far, from all those deep studies, ALL in the Bible has proof real! I have not heard or read about something in the Bible is not truth (1,189 chapters, 31,102 verses, 783,137 words and 3,116,480 letter characters), so, everything that has been written about the Bible, started because of the Bible. Now, what makes the complications, confusions or problems is men, not God. (you will not say: God made a mistake, or He did not have an idea of what he was saying or doing. Never.) God's instructions are these:

O.T.: **Deuteronomy 29:29** "The secret things belong to the LORD our GOD, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all words of this law."

Joshua 1:8 "Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful." -and other passages-

N.T.: **John 5:39** "You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me..." **John 20:31** "But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." **Hebrews 4:12** "For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart" (all in present tense) **2**

Peter 1:20-21 "Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scriptures came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit." **Revelations 22:18** "I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book"

So, as long we keep diligently study the Scriptures, following the words of God; meditating day and night, carefully doing everything written in it and not adding or taking anything from them... we will be prosperous and successful plus, we will have eternal life!

Let's keep obeying The Book of God West Side family... there is no other book that will lead us to the Father. (well, the other books tell about the Bible but only the Bible tells about GOD, JESUS and The HOLY SPIRIT and... our salvation). The God of the Bible bless you my West Side family!

CONDOLENCES

We would like to extend our condolences to the entire Taylor family in the passing of Mrs. Imogene Taylor. She passed away Thursday, March 8th, to be in the presence of the Father she served and loved. Please continue to pray, yet rejoice, with the Taylor family during this time.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit an announcement for the bulletin, please contact the office using the email: office@westsidear.org. To reach Britney directly, please email: britney@westsidear.org.