

For The Record

Week of March 5th, 2017

Bible Study.....	274
Sunday Worship.....	468
Share Groups.....	169
Wednesday.....	300
Weekly Giving.....	\$19,079
Weekly Budget.....	\$17,306
Year-to-Date Giving.....	\$165,843
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$173,060

Nursery Attendants

March 12

Michele Todd & Tiffany Brandon

March 19

Janelle Miller & Shirley May

March Communion Prep

Linda McMickle

Greeters

March 12

Terry BondsNorth
Bill & Susan Lewis.....West
Larry & Linda HarrellEast

March 19

Terry BondsEast
Bill & Susan LewisNorth
Larry & Linda HarrellWest

Communion

March 12

Table 1: Jon Francis, Lloyd Cawyer, Brett Fritts, Drew Goodwin, Larry Duvall

Table 2: Pat Crosby, Bill Grant, Larry Harrell, Danny Davis, Rocky Clancy

March 19 & 26

Table 1: Michael Grant, James Cole, Don Helm, Craig Davis, Josh Harrell

Table 2: David Davenport, Rex Chambers, Brandon Grice, Kenny Freeman, Tom Doan

Kids for Christ

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

March

Word / Scripture of the Month

Ready/ 1 Peter 3:15

Always be ready to give an answer to anyone who asks about the hope you have.

March 12

2 Year Olds: Christina Brooks

3-4 Year Olds: Lisa Rentfro

K-2nd Grade: Lee & Andrea Henson

Puppets: Emma Jernigan & Sara Beth Francis

March 19

2 Year Olds: Christina Brooks

3-4 Year Olds: Jill Bonds

K-2nd Grade: Tee Nesbitt

Puppets: Brent Ruple

March Helpers

Lorelei Harris, Reagan Mitchell, Chiane Nesbitt

Raising Arrows

Children's Ministry Grades K-5. Teachers beginning **March 15, 2017** are...

Noah's Arcade

Dale & Christina Brooks

Museum

Brent & April Ruple

Creator's Canvas

Sheri Crosby

Holy Word Studios

Bob & Kay Smart

Led Leaders

March 12, 2017

by Tim Tripp

We don't often think of the first church, the church in Jerusalem as being problematic but it was. We don't often think of the first church of lacking in leadership but it was at least in one instance. In Acts chapter six, Luke gives us at least one example of a problem that was so difficult that the apostles had to add a layer of leadership to the church in order to address it. The problem was one with which we might empathize because it was fueled with prejudice and implied ethnic bias. It was a difficult issue swollen with emotion and accusation. It had the potential to be the first real division in the church and that less than 5 years after Jesus ascended into heaven.

Widows formed a special segment of the underclass in Israel. If they didn't have a son who was willing and able to care for their needs once their husbands died, they really only had two choices prostitution or begging. Thousands of older women in and around Jerusalem had been forced upon the death of their husbands to release any dignity they had and join the ranks of those around the temple, along the roads and in the marketplace who held out dirty hands and asked random strangers for money. The Jesus followers in Jerusalem gained a reputation of having compassion on the widows in town. The church became an organization from which the indigent widows might receive blessings of food that church members donated for their cause. Apparently, the list was a long one and the task of getting food to those widows became burdensome. Amidst the chore of distributing the food some widows were missed. Regularly or occasionally we are not told but we are told that it was noticed. While all the widows were Jewish, some of them were from Jerusalem and the surrounding area while others had only moved back to Jerusalem later in life. It wasn't uncommon for Jewish men of that day to live most of their lives in the diaspora (outside of Israel) but desire to return to Jerusalem to die and there to be buried. That left many widows who had no way to support themselves, no family in the area, and most of whom would not have been fluent in Hebrew but would have spoken Greek as their primary language. No doubt both groups would have been thankful for a church family to care about them and provide for their needs. They had all accepted Jesus as the Jewish Messiah and certainly numbered among the baptized believers in Jerusalem. Some claimed to notice a pattern (whether real or imagined) of how the food was distributed. To some it seemed that the local or Hebraic Jews were taken care of first and those new to town or Grecian Jews were getting the leftovers or not getting food at all. To some anyway, a clear bias was observed and they brought it to the attention of the apostles.

The apostles' plates were full. They knew they would never be able to adequately address the issue of the widows and food so they suggested that a new layer of leadership be added to the church. They suggested that church members appoint seven men full of the Holy Spirit and full of wisdom to resolve the issue. Their connection with the Holy Spirit would lead them through a difficult issue and they could in turn lead the church.

That is how church leadership has always been intended to work. Men who listen to the Holy Spirit lead the church. It's what we still seek today - Led Leaders.

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

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. April 1-2. More info soon!

Spring Sing at Harding - April 15

Senior Sunday - May 7

Tripp Family Blessing

Everyone is invited to attend a potluck for the Tripp family on March 19th immediately following services in the FC. They are settled in their new home, so bring a dish and come help us celebrate with them and bless them as they have blessed us at West Side. Envelopes will be available for written blessings. A money tree will be set up if you would like to give a monetary blessing.

Bible Teacher's Meeting

There will be a meeting for all adult Bible class teachers and host leaders today at 3:00 P.M. in Room 3 across from the Chapel to discuss next year's classes. Contact Josh Clem if you have any questions.

Raising Arrows

We need volunteers to join the rotation for teaching in the Raising Arrows classes (K-5th grade) for Spring and Summer. Please see April Ruple to learn more and volunteer. Her number is 501-920-2026.

MNFTM

MNFTM is collecting items for **two** different projects:

1. Items for Guatemala mission trip this summer: travel size shampoo, conditioner, lotion and soap; sandwich-size Zip Lock bags; beanie baby toys; and hygiene items such as wash cloths, combs and hairbrushes, feminine hygiene items and baby wipes (40 count or smaller). You can place these items in the MNFTM box in the foyer. If you would like to help package items, please join us at MNFTM at 5:45 pm. For more details see Laura Francis.

2. Items for Foster Homes to hand out for foster families taking in children: toothbrushes (small kids & youth sizes), toothpaste (with and without fluoride), hairbrushes, combs, and ponytails, socks (infant size and up), underwear (2T and up), sippy cups, children's books, journals and pens, word game books, colored pencils, coloring books and crayons. There are labeled boxes in the foyer to place these items. For more details see Joy Brandon, Jessica Davis, or Kristen Bunch.

CONGRATULATIONS

West Side would like to welcome **Kendra Cook, Samson Gomez,** and **Lisa Mann** into the body of Christ. They gave their lives to Christ and were baptized last weekend here at West Side. Please pray for these three individuals and continue to encourage them in their walk with Jesus!

DIOS LE BENDIGA (God Bless You)

by Aris Ortiz

As a Christian, as a believer, we walk by faith and we must. We read in the Bible about whom to believe, how to believe, when to believe and what to believe. Faith in God is the only one thing that secures our life and eternity, and it is in Jesus Christ that our soul will reach that destination.

God designed the Church as "one body" that we can be part of, and not only be part of the body, but to have an active function in it. We belong together in the body of Christ, and as members of the One Body, we need each other to fulfill God's purpose for eternal salvation. I'm so thankful to God for giving us this opportunity to worship Him together under the same roof, with different languages but in the same Spirit. West Side family is a wonderful family!

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, Richie Schilling, Greg Standridge, Ella Allison, Rex Roberts, 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, Loren Hurst

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.

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