

FOR THE RECORD

Week of February 25th, 2018

Bible Study.....	79
Sunday Worship.....	212
Sunday Evening.....	NA
Wednesday.....	272
Weekly Giving.....	\$9,157
Weekly Budget.....	\$17,914
Year-to-Date Giving.....	\$122,303
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$143,312

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

March 4

Brenda Holmes & Janelle Miller

March 11

Laura Francis & Shirley May

March Communion Prep

Charlie Richards

GREETERS

March 4

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

March 11

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

COMMUNION

March 4 & 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 **February 28** are...

Creator's Canvas

Tiff Clem

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 4

2 Year Olds: Elizabeth Martin

3 & 4 Year Olds: Sarah Janelle

K - 2nd Grade: Lorianne May

Puppets: Jon & Sara Beth Francis

March 11

2 Year Olds: Elizabeth Martin

3 & 4 Year Olds: Amy Jones

K - 2nd Grade: Teri Mitchell

Puppets: Jon & Sara Beth Francis

March Helpers

Chiane Nesbitt, Courtney Nesbitt, Jada
Parker, Emma Jernigan

BAD SHEPHERDS

March 4th, 2018

Tim Tripp

This morning we will look at another of Jesus' "I am" statements as he says, "I am the good shepherd," (John 10:11, 14). We will focus on what he meant when he said that. I won't have time in this lesson to get into the contrast of a good shepherd and that is a bad shepherd.

In Jesus' monologue in chapter 10:1-18, he addressed the Pharisees indicating how inadequate they have been as shepherds of God's people. He uses several metaphors to describe them. They are like those who climb into the pen over the walls or through holes in the fence. Jesus called them thieves and robbers and says they only come to "steal and kill and destroy." He likens them to a hired hand brought in to watch over the sheep who runs away when a wolf comes leaving the flock exposed and vulnerable. He leaves them because he doesn't really care for them (vs. 12-13). The good shepherd, Jesus said, is willing to "lay down his life for the sheep."

There are at least a couple of different kinds of farmers and I speak particularly about those who raise animals on their farms. There are some who place a high priority on giving their animals the best care they can receive. They carefully attend to the animal's living conditions, their diet, and their health care. You might see these farmers spending a great deal of time in grooming and a small fortune on veterinary care for their animals. Even animals they intend to sell or use for food are treated with care and respect. They don't just use the animal for what it has to give, or the work it produces, they respect its life and see to its health and wellbeing.

There are others who care little for such things. They raise the animal for its value on the market or at the slaughterhouse. Their level of care is minimal and at or below industry standards. They put as few resources into care for the well being of the animal as they can as they are only interested in what it can produce (milk, meat, eggs, wool, rides, etc...). Simply put, one cares for the animal and what it produces, while the other cares only about the revenue the animal generates.

Jesus would say that his shepherding is an extreme of the former while bad shepherds carry to extreme the attitude of the latter. When the "good shepherd" thinks of the sheep he thinks in terms of "what can I do for them to give them the best life possible?" The bad shepherd thinks, "what can they do for me to make my life better or my bank account bigger?" From the perspective of the sheep, it is not at all difficult to choose which shepherd it would rather follow around.

We are sheep in the metaphor Jesus shares in John 10. Obviously, Jesus represented himself as the "good shepherd" one we would gladly choose to follow yet often we choose to follow bad shepherds. Why do we do it? Because bad shepherds tell us that we can be in charge of where we want to go. Jesus just says, "Follow me. I know the best way." Bad shepherds let us choose then blame us when things go awry. Jesus just says, "Follow me. I know the best way."

We can only choose one. The good shepherd is always the right choice.

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.

MNFTM

MNFTM is in need of fruit cups and Little Debbie's for the homeless. Also, MNFTM is collecting plastic cutlery packs. You can place them in the MNFTM box.

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.

BAJA MISSION TRIP MEETING

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.

PRAYER LIST

- James Clements** is recovering at home from back surgery.
- Matt Harrison** is recovering at home from a hospitalization with pneumonia.
- 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.
- Herb Taylor** is recovering at home from bypass and repair surgery.
- Truman Hill** will be having scans done next week in Little Rock. The chemotherapy treatments are keeping him very sick and weak.

The Week Ahead...

- March 4:** Class at 9, Worship at 10! // Friendship Cafe: 3 Doz. Donuts - Wanda Reed; 3 Doz. Donuts - Rena Baker; 3 Doz. Muffins - Donna Frick. // Bible Bowl at 3:00. // Share groups at various times and locations.
- March 5:** MNFTM will meet at 5:45! // CR Ladies Step Study at 7:00.
- March 6:** Prime Timers will meet at 5:30 in the FC.
- March 7:** Bible class at 6:30. // CCSC Midweek at 7:00. // CCSC Cookies: Judy Holman, Paulette Cooper, Betty Chambers, Margaret Grant
- March 8:** Ladies Bible Study at 9:30.
- March 9:** Celebrate Recovery. Meal at 5:45, worship at 6:30!

DIOS LE BENDIGA (GOD BLESS YOU)

BY ARIS ORTIZ

Reading thru the Gospels, I notice one important aspect about "The Son of Man" "The Emmanuel" (God with us), "The Alpha and the Omega" (the beginning and the end; the first and the last) "The Verb" (right action) "The Light" (who guide) The Shepherd" (the protector) The Door" (to heaven) "The Way" (to live life) "The Morning Star" (deeper faith into a new life) "The Messiah" (The Christ) "The Wonderful Counselor" "Mighty God" (nothing impossible) "Everlasting Father" (always there) "Prince of Peace" (who brings justice) "The Lamb of God" (atonement) "THE SON OF GOD". The One who is "the image of the invisible God, the first born over all creation. - and not only that but- For him ALL things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; ALL things were created BY him and FOR him! BUT wait, there is more!! He is BEFORE all things, and in him all things HOLD together." And the best for all of us is: He is OUR SAVIOR! (all this is in the Bible) Wow! I believe we got the point who our Lord Jesus Christ is. Understanding all that, now, this is what I notice on reading thru the Gospels: In all his teaching and preaching... His vocabulary was very, very, very simple! Simple words. - common words- nothing fancy, nothing sophisticated! Even though he had all the knowledge of the universe and how everything is made and all components of matter; all about time and space, his words always came out very simple: God is our Father and Creator. We need to obey him. We are going to die and if we obeyed him we will be in heaven; if we not obey him, we will be in hell. (is in the Bible too) Jesus made everything easy for us. Nothing complicated. He even told how easy was: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light" see? Those words are so simple to understand, easy to read, to listening and to obey. Let us keep using the same vocabulary that THE SON OF GOD used. And is because that vocabulary I'm writing this to you today... In simple words.... I love you my West Side Family... and "that's all about to say about that..." -forrest Gump- (not in the Bible)

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Wes and Paula Tarte are proud to announce the birth of their granddaughter, Molly Abigail. She was born on Monday, February 26th, to John and Mandi Tarte.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit an announcement for the bulletin, please contact the office using the email:

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