

# For The Record

Week of February 26th, 2017

Bible Study .....	N/A
Sunday Worship .....	230
Share Groups .....	N/A
Wednesday .....	286
Weekly Giving .....	\$10,047
Weekly Budget .....	\$17,306
Year-to-Date Giving .....	\$146,764
Year-to-Date Budget .....	\$155,754

## Nursery Attendants

### March 5

Andrea Henson & Rebekah Cole

### March 12

Michele Todd & Tiffany Brandon

## March Communion Prep

Linda McMickle

## Greeters

### March 5

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

### March 12

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

## Communion

### March 5 & March 12

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

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

# 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 5

**2 Year Olds:** Christina Brooks

**3-4 Year Olds:** Susan Bratton

**K-2nd Grade:** Amanda Williams

**Puppets:** Emma Jernigan & Sara Beth Francis

## 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 Helpers

Lorelei Harris, Reagan Mitchell, Chiane Nesbitt

## Raising Arrows

Children's Ministry 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

# THE ENEMY - THE DRAGON

March 5, 2017

by Tim Tripp

One of the most engaging, yet disturbing, images in the Bible is the vision John sees of the terrifying red dragon recorded in Revelation 12. There John described seeing a woman in pains of childbirth, her time to give birth very near. He also saw a huge red dragon lurking near her. The beast was waiting to devour her child the moment he was born. The woman gave birth to a son, a ruler, the Messiah, and the dragon moved in for the kill but the child was taken up into heaven and given protection from God. The woman fled into the desert where she was also protected from the dragon. The dragon attacked heaven trying desperately to get to the child and with his angels fought against Michael and the angels in heaven. The dragon was defeated and hurled to the earth. Enraged at his defeat, he again goes after the woman who had given birth to the child, but again the woman is saved and protected by God. The dragon refuses to give up. He began to hunt down her other offspring to make war with them and kill all who are related to her. The goal of the dragon is annihilation of all those who have family connections to the woman.

A quick decoding of the language of Revelation and what is represented in the imagery is that the woman is Israel and the baby is Jesus. The dragon is Satan and the other offspring of the woman are Christians. Since Satan could not devour Christ or Israel before the Messiah was born, he turned on Christians to persecute them and seek to turn them from Christ. Those he is unsuccessful in turning he will strive to kill.

John gives us a view into the motivation of Satan. Satan's war is with God and the spiritual forces of light. His only interest in us is to turn us against God or disable us from our mission of being light to the world. If he tempts us it is to hurt God. If he can cause us to shame the church, it is to hurt God. It is all about seeking to destroy God's kingdom either through us or in spite of us.

It is important that we know who the enemy is. We are told several places in scripture that it is the devil, Satan and the spiritual forces of darkness that we are up against. People are merely his medium and he works through them for his purposes. In our battle here on earth, we need to remember with whom we fight and that the weapons of war should never be weapons that injure flesh and blood, but spiritual weapons used in ways that honor God and defend His purposes. Prayer will always be more effective than verbal assault.

The next time someone hurts you or says something malicious, try looking beyond that person to the real battle: the battle being played out in the spiritual realms. How will you respond? Retaliation plays into the hand of the forces of darkness. Prayer and goodness in the face of evil support the light brigade. Remember whose side you are on. Be light.



## 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. March 31-April 2. More info soon!

### 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.

### Share Group Information

This afternoon at 2:00 in the Family Center Classroom, 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. Hope to see you there!

### Condolences

We would like to extend our condolences to the Reeves family in the passing of Mike Reeves on Tuesday, February 28. Please continue to keep his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this time.

### Prime Timers

Prime Timers will meet March 7 at 5:30. The meat will be provided. Please bring sides and desserts.

### 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 **Grace Miller** and **Elizabeth Martin** into the body of Christ. These young ladies are two members of the WS youth group. They gave their lives to Christ and were baptized last weekend at CHRISTeens. Please pray for these two ladies and continue to encourage them on their walk with Jesus!

## DIOS LE BENDIGA (God Bless You)

by Aris Ortiz

... large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them, he said: "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters- yes, even his own life- he cannot be my disciple, And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple"..... " In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple"... Luke 14:25,26,27,33.

I have done that, and in return the Lord has given me even more, because those who I left for the Lord, are now in the Lord! And my family is now even bigger and everywhere. I'm so blessed to have my Westside family and to be part of it! God bless Westside!

### 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](mailto:info@westsidear.org).

To reach Britney directly, email [britney@westsidear.org](mailto:britney@westsidear.org).