

FOR THE RECORD

Week of April 8th, 2018

Bible Study.....	233
Sunday Worship.....	461
Sunday Evening.....	202
Wednesday.....	233
Weekly Giving.....	\$15,779
Weekly Budget.....	\$17,914
Year-to-Date Giving.....	\$218,830
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$250,796

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

April 15

Tami Robinson & Brenda Holmes

April 22

Kristin Cawyer & Joy Brandon

April Communion Prep

Linda McMickle

GREETERS

April 15

Steve & Donna Frick.....East
Terry & Sharon Bailey.....North
Donnie & Rena Baker.....West

April 22

Steve & Donna Frick.....North
Terry & Sharon Bailey.....West
Donnie & Rena Baker.....East

COMMUNION

April 15, 22, 29

Table 1: Charles May, Brian Hurt, Mike Oliver, Scott Johnson, Kyle Lamberson

Table 2: Rocky Jones, Chance Nesbitt, Aaron Horton, Bill Lewis, Larry Harrell

RAISING * ARROWS

Children's Ministry Grades K-5. Meets ^{Psalm 127:3-5}
Sunday at 9AM, and Wed. at 6:30PM

Teachers beginning **April 11** are...

Creator's Canvas

Josh & Tiff Clem

Museum

Brent & April Ruple

Noah's Arcade

Dale & Christina Brooks

Holy Word Studios

Jamie & Beth Sorrells

Kids for Christ

Kids for Christ is for ages 2 – 2nd grade, in room #2, and is announced for dismissal **during the sermon.**

April

Word / Scripture of the Month
Faithfulness / Proverbs 28:20

"A faithful man will be richly blessed."

April 15

2 Year Olds: Beth Donnell
3 & 4 Year Olds: Charli Horton
K - 2nd Grade: Christina Brooks
Puppets: Brent & April Ruple

April 22

2 Year Olds: Beth Donnell
3 & 4 Year Olds: Christina George
K - 2nd Grade: Andrea Henson
Puppets: Danny & Kristen Davis

April Helpers

Elizabeth Martin, Wesley Lamberson,
Reagan Mitchell, Shelby Brashear

SEED SOWERS

April 15th, 2018

Tim Tripp

Last week we talked about the fact that Jesus calls his followers to be bearers of a supernatural Kingdom to a world in the grip of another kind of kingdom, the kingdom of darkness. How do we go about doing that? Jesus gives us a great metaphor for kingdom bearing in his telling of the parable of the sower.

In this parable (found in Matthew 13:1-23) Jesus places his disciples in the place of a farmer who goes out to sow seed. How that seed is received differs based upon the kind of soil onto which it falls.

Jesus tells his disciples that the seed represents "the word" or "the message." In the parable, as the farmer sows the seed (the word of God) it is received differently by different kinds of soils. It only grows properly in the "good soil." The message he speaks of likely refers to His message about the Kingdom of God. When people 'believe the word' and enter the Kingdom, they become the saved. Disciples of Jesus are seed sowers. They sow seeds of the kingdom by sharing the gospel and pointing others to the King, Jesus Christ. When they sow the seed, they begin with the objective of the Kingdom - reconciling man to God. The message begins with the problem of man's sin and how, in love and in mercy, God continued to pursue them in spite of sinful rebellion. They tell of Christ's sacrifice; his death taking sin away. They tell of God's unstoppable love and his offer of mercy, grace, and forgiveness to all who will enter that Kingdom. They tell them of baptism, the washing away of sin, of discipleship and making disciples and of a life in heaven when this life is over.

When we sow seed we communicate this message. Sometimes we do it with our lives. Sometimes we do it through service to others. Often we do it through relationships with others and allow the 'seed sowing' to take place organically. Remember that different people are different soils and will receive the message differently. When we find the good soil, we need to be willing to walk them through the discipleship process to support their growth in their walk with the Lord.

Sowing seed is God's plan for spreading his word. His plan is for His disciples to spread the message wherever they go. There is no example in scripture of a disciple who was not a seed sower so it is something we all must be doing. Are you sowing the seed of the kingdom?

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.

UPCOMING SHOWERS

-There will be a wedding shower for Aris Jr and Alexis Ortiz TODAY, Sunday, April 15, from 1 - 3 pm in the Rock. They are registered at Millyns, Target, Bed, Bath, & Beyond, Amazon, and Walmart.

-There will be a wedding shower for Savannah Young, the daughter of Ashley and Tara Young, on Saturday, April 21, in the Rock, from 2 - 4 pm. She is registered at Millyns, Amazon, Walmart, and Target.

-There will be a baby boy shower for Craig and Jessica Davis to celebrate the adoption of Bryson into their family on Sunday, April 22, from 1 - 3 pm. (3T clothes, size 6 diapers/3T pull-ups.) Walmart and Kroger gift cards would be appreciated.

-There will be a wedding shower for Maranda Sakowsky and Bryce Cash on Sunday, April 29, from 1 - 3 pm in the Rock. They are registered at Walmart and Millyns.

MNFTM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Each Monday night during the school year, MNFTM cooks and delivers meals to the homeless in the Russellville area. Our last MNFTM meeting before summer break is May 14. Even though we are not meeting, we are continuing to provide meals to the homeless. This year we will have cooked meals to provide each Monday. We need volunteers to come to the church kitchen about 3:00 on Mondays, heat up the food that has already been prepared by Alan from CR, and put it in takeout trays. Someone else will deliver them. The number is usually under 20 meals to prepare. A sign-up list of available dates is in the foyer. If you have any questions, please call Beth Donnell at 479-967-8540.

MINISTRY NEED

ARVAC, a ministry we support, is looking and in desperate need of men's clothing for new clients at Freedom House coming in off the streets. If you have some to donate, take them to ARVAC or bring them to the church office and we will take them. Thank you!

The Week Ahead...

April 15: Class at 9, Worship at 10! // Friendship Cafe: Susan Lewis - 3 doz. donuts; Beth Donnell - 3 doz. donuts; Mattie Martin - 3 doz. muffins // Wedding Shower for Aris Jr and Alexis Ortiz from 1 - 3 pm in the Rock. // Share groups at various times and locations.

April 16: MNFTM will meet at 5:45! // CR Ladies Step Study at 7:00.

April 17: Stella Manor birthday party at Stella Manor Nursing Home at 2:00. Pat Kee is bringing the angel food cake. If you plan to help serve, please be there by 1:50.

April 18: Bible class at 6:30. // CCSC Midweek at 7:00. // CCSC Cookies: Judy Lamb, Tami Robinson, Patti Page, Jodi Bryant

April 19: Ladies Bible Study at 9:30.

April 20: Celebrate Recovery. Meal at 5:45, worship at 6:30!

April 21: Wedding Shower for Savannah Young from 2 - 4 pm in the Rock.

DIOS LE BENDIGA (GOD BLESS YOU)

BY ARIS ORTIZ

Celebrations.

Every year we celebrated something about our life. And all begin with the announcement of been conceived. Next is the big celebration of been born! The next celebration is the first year of life! (well, between that is the celebration of the first word, first teeth, the first step... etc.) then, the first day in kindergarten(well, not so happy specially for mom) the first achievement, moving from primary to elementary to middle school and finally (that seems like just "yesterday") they graduate from high school! Big celebration. Next, College. (By the way, by now you already have received one invitation for my son's graduation from College - yup, seems like yesterday for me) Another big celebration and what follow is "wedding celebration"(that too, I think you got one for my other son)- (I don't know but I feel like I'm soooo tired and I don't have a clue why?)

And I can continue listing celebrations after celebrations, but one that we never celebrate is one of the most important event in our life: the moment when we are born again!! We don't talk much about that moment, even sometimes we forget the date and time when that happened. It will be great to have a special day to celebrate that moment, and with that, we can think really deep about our "first love" I so declare: Today we all celebrate that day when we was born again!!! (Those of us that have been baptized into Christ).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY of your "new life in Christ"

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.

WSYM CORNER

-April 15 (TODAY): After morning services, lunch with Hispanic Ministry in FC. Bring food to share and get ready to learn new songs in Spanish.

-April 22: WSYM summer informational meeting. Parents should attend; bring money for pizza.

-April 29: WSYM - Devotional 5 pm - Meal

-For more WSYM events and information, please see westsideyouthministry.org or text/call Mark Hixson at 479-225-2022.