

FOR THE RECORD

Week of April 23rd, 2017

Bible Study.....	225
Sunday Worship.....	395
Share Groups.....	131
Wednesday.....	223
Weekly Giving.....	\$17,976
Weekly Budget.....	\$17,306
Year-to-Date Giving.....	\$295,798
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$294,202

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

April 30

Marcia Hunter & Janelle Miller

May 7

Judy Holman & Susan Lewis

APRIL COMMUNION PREP

Frank Foster

GREETERS

April 30

Beth Donnell.....East
Donnie & Rena Baker.....North
Jim Betterton.....West

May 7

Beth Donnell.....West
Donnie & Rena Baker.....East
Jim Betterton.....North

COMMUNION

April 30

Table 1: Merlin Mann, Brian Hurt, Billy Lewis,
Glenn Holmes, Luke Miller

Table 2: Terry Highfill, Charles May, Les
Howard, Scott Johnson, Kyle Lamberson

Kids for Christ

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

April

Word / Scripture of the Month

Serving / Galatians 5:13

Serve one another humbly in love.

April 30

2 Year Olds: Jill Bonds

3-4 Year Olds: Sue Ann Jernigan

K-2nd Grade: Destiney Carroccio

Puppets: Story time with Mrs. Vandy

May 7

2 Year Olds: Jamie Bates

3-4 Year Olds: Beth Sorrells

K-2nd Grade: Paula Tarte

Puppets: Jackson & Addison Crane

April Helpers

Jada Voltz, Elizabeth Martin, Rebecca
Cawyer, Emma Jernigan

RAISING * ARROWS

April 2017

Children's Ministry Grades K-5. Teachers
beginning **April 26th 2017** are...

Noah's Arcade

Dale & Christina Brooks

Museum

Brent & April Ruple

Creator's Canvas

Teyah Jarra

Holy Word Studios

Sue Ann Jernigan

BARRIERS GONE

April 30, 2017

by Tim Tripp

In the courtyard of the temple in Jerusalem there was a fence, a barrier that separated the courtyard of the gentiles from the area immediately around the temple building itself. There were gates that allowed people to come and go through them yet it was well known that only Jews could go through the gates and into the temple courtyard. Signs have been found that date back to the era of Herod's temple written in several languages that say,

"No stranger is to enter within the balustrade round the temple and enclosure. Whoever is caught will be responsible to himself for his death, which will ensue."

In Acts, Paul was mobbed because he was accused of taking a gentile past the barrier. There was a curtain or a veil in the temple that served as a barrier between a holy God and sinful man but only the Jews could get near that. Gentiles were held even further away and considered unworthy to be anywhere near the presence of the God of the Jews.

In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul tells his readers that the barrier that once stood keeping non-Jewish people from God's presence is now removed. He says,

"For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility," (Ephesians 2:14)

God wanted all the barriers down. No curtain in the temple and no fencing in the courtyard would keep any of those who called Him "Father" away from Him. Paul says,

"But now, in Christ Jesus, you who were once far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ." (Ephesians 2:13)

In Christ, God removed every barrier between Him and His children. Because we have been washed clean in the blood of the lamb, the stain of every sin is removed and we have been made righteous, been made holy and are now able to be in the presence of our Holy God. Praises be to Him. A barrier that we could never have crossed on our own was taken down for us all because God wanted us to dwell in His presence.

Because of God's great love for us, we can do no better than to reflect Paul's words later in Ephesians as he says,

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." (Ephesians 3:20-21)

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.

Senior Sunday - May 7

SENIOR SUNDAY

May 7th is Senior Sunday in honor of our nine high school graduates. The morning service will include a time of blessing and recognition. You're invited to bring a dish to share afterward at a potluck fellowship where our graduates' families will display tables showcasing their child. There are Bibles in the foyer for our church family to write notes of love and encouragement in or to highlight a favorite verse. Please join as we celebrate our seniors!

GRADUATION CELEBRATION

Aris Ortiz, Jr. is graduating from Harding University on May 6th with a degree in Math and a minor in Youth and Family Ministry. The ceremony will be at 9am, and a reception will be held at 4pm at the CCSC. There is a card box by the Chapel if you would like to give a monetary blessing. Everyone is invited to attend and celebrate his achievement!

ADULT BIBLE CLASS CURRICULUM

We are currently planning next year's (2017 Fall - 2018 Summer) adult Bible class schedule and seeking your input on ideas for textual and topical studies to offer to our church. Please send your ideas and suggestions to Josh Clem (josh@westsidear.org) or contact the church office by phone or e-mail (info@westsidear.org). We will review all submissions on Sunday, May 7th and plan to have next year's schedule completed by Memorial Day weekend.

HARRISON/APPLE WEDDING

Please join us for the wedding of Melissa Apple and Corey Harrison on Sunday, May 14 at 2:00. The wedding and reception will be in the large pavilion at Mt. Nebo State Park. Parking is very limited, so carpooling is requested. Corey is the son of Darol and Carol Harrison. We would love to know if you are planning to attend. You can RSVP by calling or texting Carol at 479-857-0108 or by email at dharrison@suddenlink.net.

REYNOLDS SENDOFF BLESSING

On May 28th, there will be a potluck meal honoring the Reynolds family for their years of service at West Side. Please bring a letter or card to bless them as they serve the University Church of Christ in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. There will be a money tree set up if you'd like to add a monetary blessing.

MEALS FOR THE HOMELESS

If you are interested in volunteering one day to prepare sack lunches for the homeless, please sign up in the foyer. We have 17 Mondays to cover from May 15 to Sept. 4. We will provide a \$20 gift card to pay for the bread, meat and extras for sandwiches for 10-12 meals. Please contact Merlin Mann with questions.

CONGRATULATIONS

West Side would like to welcome Jackson Asbury into the body of Christ. He gave his life to Christ and was baptized April 23rd. Please continue pray for him with us!

We would also like to congratulate Kevin and Beverly Mason on the birth of their granddaughter, Eva Clare Mallory, born April 22 at 7lbs, 2oz and 19.5" long. She is the daughter of Ashley and George Mallory, and sister to Rosemary.

DIOS LE BENDIGA (GOD BLESS YOU)

BY ARIS ORTIZ

"Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." (Colossians 3:16-17)

As we mature in the spiritual matter, we realize more and more that our life depends on God in all aspects of our life. The material things become less and less important because we finally understand that all that we see is temporary and all that we can't see is what matters and is permanent.

That's why Paul is encouraging us: *"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."* This is what matters if we are looking to be in that eternal place where ALL is permanent!

PRAYER LIST

Nursing Homes

Madge Alverson (Atkins #311), 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, Maddie Allen

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**.

To reach Britney directly, email **britney@westsidear.org**.