

FOR THE RECORD

Week of May 6th, 2018

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| Bible Study..... | 225 |
| Sunday Worship..... | 415 |
| Sunday Evening..... | 110 |
| Wednesday..... | 164 |
| Weekly Giving..... | \$16,819 |
| Weekly Budget..... | \$17,914 |
| Year-to-Date Giving..... | \$282,017 |
| Year-to-Date Budget..... | \$322,452 |

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

May 13

Andrea Henson & Sue Ann Jernigan

May 20

Shirley May & Wanda Reed

May Communion Prep

Beverly Mason

GREETERS

May 13

Jim Betterton.....North
George & Wanda Reed.....West
Roy & Becky Reaves.....East

May 20

Beth Donnell.....West
Larry & Judy Holman.....East
Charles & Shirley May.....North

COMMUNION

May 13

Table 1: Paul Senn, Brent Ruple, Charlie Richards, Mike Spurlock, Ronnie Russell

Table 2: James Strother, Alan Reaves, Phil Sims, William Smith, Thom Robinson

RAISING * ARROWS

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

Teachers beginning **May 9** are...

Creator's Canvas

Jessica Davis

Museum

Brent & April Ruple

Noah's Arcade

Dale & Christina Brooks

Holy Word Studios

Susan Taylor

Kids for Christ

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

May

Word / Scripture of the Month

Self-Control / Proverbs 25:28

"Like a city whose walls are broken down is a man who lacks self-control."

May 13

2 Year Olds: Donna Frick

3 & 4 Year Olds: Amy Jones

K - 2nd Grade: Teri Mitchell

Puppets: Reagan, Wesley, Emma

May 20

2 Year Olds: Donna Frick

3 & 4 Year Olds: Judy Holman

K - 2nd Grade: Jessica Davis

Puppets: Brent & April Ruple

May Helpers

Emmy May, Angela Gomez, Ally Foster, Sara Beth Francis

IT ONLY TAKES A SPARK

May 13, 2018

Tim Tripp

"It only takes a spark to get a fire going..." went the opening of the old campfire devotional song. It's true. There was a man at one church with which I worked that liked to do everything large. He was beyond expert level in starting a bonfire. He hosted a bonfire/hot dog roast at his farm each fall. The highlight most every year was the lighting of the bonfire. He started the week before the event clearing a place for the fire. He placed a container of accelerant in the middle of the clearing and then piled around it a bunch of leaves then smaller twigs. He placed around the twigs a stack of larger logs and then piled all kinds of brush over them all. The impressive stack would rise ten feet or more with a circumference at the bottom nearly twice that. I'm sure more accelerant was used just before the lighting of the fire.

When it was ready and the crowd had gathered (standing not too close for good reason), he struck a match; a single 2 inch piece of wood that sent a barely visible flame against the twilight sky, and tossed it in. The effect was dramatic. The accelerant ignited immediately setting the leaves and smaller kindling afire but when the fire reached the container of accelerant, a giant flame erupted. Yellow flames exploded through the brush pile sending fire well above the towering brush pile, threatening the branches of the trees above. From that little match, a fire of great size and intensity blazed within seconds. We had to wait a while for the flame to burn down to where we could even approach it before hot dogs and marshmallows could be cooked to perfection. We had a great time around a great fire that once prepared, was started by a small spark.

We didn't create fire, we just know some of how it works. Even with our advanced knowledge we still struggle to control fire that gets going too well and, at times, we have trouble getting it started when we need it. Perhaps it is no coincidence that when the Holy Spirit first came upon the Apostles and disciples of Jesus in Jerusalem, the appearance was that of fire. The Holy Spirit fire spread from there to eventually consume the whole world. Fire as a force of nature at times eludes our control. Fire as a force of the Spirit pleads us to give control over to the spiritual forces of good with the purpose being to consume the world with God's goodness and love.

Christians may wonder what possible impact they can have on taking God's goodness and love to the world. They are after all, limited beings and most with limited influence and limited range. Limits however, are things with which we deal that God doesn't. When the apostle Paul uttered the words, "I can do everything through him who gives me strength," (Philippians 4:13, NIV), he gives his audience confidence to know that with God, there is nothing they can't do when it aligns with His will.

One person can indeed make a difference in bringing God's love and grace to the world. Any one of us can be the spark that God uses to light a huge fire. We can take steps towards helping those who are in need. We can become the beginning of bringing people together. We can be a catalyst for taking the message of the gospel to a world dying to hear it. We make but a small spark. God fans the flames. If we can muster faith no larger than a mustard seed, God will make it grow. God has prepared the world for the fire to come, it only takes a spark.

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.

SHARE GROUPS

Our Share Groups will continue meeting through Sunday, May 20. This is the weekend before Memorial Day.

SUMMER SUNDAY NIGHTS

The weekend of Memorial Day, Sunday, May 27, will begin our Summer Sunday Nights. We will kick it off with an Outreach event: Movie On The Lawn. We encourage you to invite people that are seeking something to come be a part of West Side! Come join for food, fun, and a movie. The feature presentation will be "The Last Jedi." Food will start at 6 PM, movie at 7 PM. Please bring chips and drinks to share; West Side will provide the hotdogs and popcorn! Also, feel free to bring blankets, lawn chairs, or yard games as we hang out and fellowship. We will need West Side helpers serving food and popcorn! Remember, we want to REACH OUT to the community around us as a church!

WEDDING SHOWER

-There will be a wedding shower for TJ and Rachel Walters Sizemore, daughter of Shannon and Kim Walters, on Sunday, May 20, from 2-4 pm in the Rock. They are registered at Target and Walmart.

-There will be a wedding shower for Rachel Pipkin and Michael Harville on Sunday, May 27, from 1-3 pm in the Rock. They are registered at Millyn's, Target, Amazon, and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

SERVICES APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

The Free Pope County Public Servants Appreciation Breakfast will be Friday, May 18, from 6:00 - 9:00 am in the Family Center. We would like to say "Thank you!" to all our public servants in Law Enforcement, Fire Fighting, Emergency Medical Services, and Military. Drop by for a free come-and-go country breakfast.

RIVER VALLEY CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

West Side Church of Christ is partnering with our very own, Paul Senn, of River Valley Christian Counseling. He will be providing services in individual, family, premarital, and couples/marriage counseling. Paul has his Master of Science degree from Harding University in Marriage and Family Therapy and has almost 15 years experience working in mental health. If you would like more information, he can be contacted at: 479-219-3019 or rvccounseling@gmail.com. You may also visit www.westsidear.org/rvcc or the facebook page: www.facebook.com/rvccounseling.

The Week Ahead...

May 13: Happy Mother's Day!! // Class at 9, Worship at 10! // Friendship Cafe: Andrea Henson - 3 doz. donuts; Joy Brandon - 3 doz. donuts; Marcia Hunter - 3 doz. muffins. // Share groups at various times and locations.

May 14: MNFTM will meet at 5:45! **This is the last MNFTM meeting until fall!** // CR Ladies Step Study at 7:00.

May 16: Bible class at 6:30.

May 18: Celebrate Recovery. Meal at 5:45, worship at 6:30!

May 20: Senior Sunday!! Class at 9, Worship at 10! // Friendship Cafe: Sue Ann Jernigan - 3 doz. donuts; Sheri Crosby - 3 doz. donuts; Caroline Bonn - 3 doz. muffins. // **Last weekend for Share Groups** meeting at various times and locations!

DIOS LE BENDIGA (GOD BLESS YOU)

ARIS ORTIZ

Thank You!

The Love of God, our Father, was showed to us at the cross. When He realized that his most precious creation- Man- was heading to an eternal suffering, He made the most important decision in order to save the man that He created (the one He made perfect, to His own image, pure...) His love was so much that He send his one and only Son to save us of that eternal suffering! Is until we understand that love, that we can truly love in the same way.

My family and I felt that love of my brothers and sister in Christ this past weekend. No words how to describe the feelings on how everything was put together that our son Jonnathan, Aris and Alex today can have such beautiful memories about that special day that they lived this past weekend. So many names, so many things that we would like to say in gratitude. For all your love showed to the Ortiz family this past weekend:

THANK YOU!

God Bless You my West Side Family!



Happy Mother's Day!



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:

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WSYM CORNER

You can find more details about WSYM and happenings on the information hub www.westsideyouthministry.org/info-blog.

- **May 13:** It's Mothers Day, you should find a mom to hug and dine.
- May 20: Senior Sunday, no evening group.
- May 27: Community Movie on the Lawn: See Bulletin for more information

It is time to sign up for IMPACT (DEADLINE MAY 6) , UPLIFT and CAMP CAUDLE. Go to the WSYM website to sign up and for more information.

WSYM Tee Shirts are on sale now: On the Website.

Reminder: Parents and Students be prepared for Sunday morning discussion by reading the assigned chapter in "The BIG Picture" book.