

FOR THE RECORD

Week of May 7th, 2017

Bible Study.....	248
Sunday Worship.....	478
Share Groups.....	84
Wednesday.....	204
Weekly Giving.....	\$17,616
Weekly Budget.....	\$17,306
Year-to-Date Giving.....	\$328,731
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$328,814

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

May 14

Joy Brandon & Laura Francis

May 21

Kristin Caywer & Christina Betterton

MAY COMMUNION PREP

The Jernigan Family

GREETERS

May 14

Dale & Lynda LambersonNorth
Clay & Candy Reed.....West
Larry & Judy Holman.....East

May 21

George & Wanda ReedEast
Clay & Candy ReedNorth
Larry & Judy HolmanWest

COMMUNION

May 14

Table 1: Thom Robinson, Bert Page, Phil Sims, Matt Strasser, Allan Reaves

Table 2: Jackson Sorrells, Paul Senn, Alex Pipkin, Mike Oliver, George Reed

Kids for Christ

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

May

Word / Scripture of the Month

Truthful / Proverbs 12:17

An honest witness tells the truth, but a dishonest witness tells lies.

May 14

2 Year Olds: Jamie Bates

3-4 Year Olds: Rebekah Cole

K-2nd Grade: Miranda Harris

Puppets: Jackson & Addison Crane

May 21

2 Year Olds: Jamie Bates

3-4 Year Olds: Janelle Miller

K-2nd Grade: Amanda Williams

Puppets: Brent Ruple

May Helpers

Wesley Lamberson, Shanti Asbury, Lashanti Gryner, Jada Parker, Chiane Nesbit

RAISING *ARROWS

Children's Ministry Grades K-5.
Teachers beginning **May 10th 2017** are...

Noah's Arcade

Tammy Robinson

Museum

Beth Sorrells

Creator's Canvas

Jessica Davis

Holy Word Studios

Lee & Andrea Henson

Can you be a teacher or class helper for one Sunday? Please contact...

Brent & April Ruple (501)920-2026

Lee & Andrea Henson (479)747-0421

Dale & Christina Brooks (479)692-9510

THOUGHTS ON THE INDWELLING

May 14, 2017

by Tim Tripp

I believe in the Holy Spirit. I believe that He came just as several Old Testament prophets and Jesus himself said that He would. I believe that people who believed in Jesus experienced the coming of the Holy Spirit. I believe He was sent from God to live in Christians and that God intended for His presence to live in Christians until the second coming of Jesus where the restoration of God's presence will be complete. I believe that they received power when the Spirit came and could speak in tongues, do miracles, foretell the future, and even raise the dead. I believe that the Holy Spirit spoke through them, gave them words to say, revealed God's will to them, and for at least some of them, inspired their writings. I believe He guided them in teaching and in doctrine. I believe He led them in being transformed into the image of Christ.

I believe in the indwelling of the Spirit because the Bible says it happened. It is clear that the authors of the New Testament were convinced that the indwelling of the Holy Spirit was here to stay. The phenomenon would be the mark of a Christian from the events recorded in Acts 2 until the end of time. There was no indication, as far as I can see, that it would ever be anything different.

So what does that mean for us? Do we still receive the Holy Spirit to live within us at baptism? I believe we do. For me, it is the only way to understand the narrative of presence. It is the only way to see God moving closer and closer to His children. He wants to be with us. He wants to be *within* us. He gave us His word in the Bible to guide us in understanding and in discerning what pleases Him. He gave us His Spirit to live within us to help us apply what scripture teaches to our individual lives and specific circumstances.

I must admit that there is still much I don't understand about the Holy Spirit. I don't fully understand how He moves and guides. It seems clear that He is mostly subtle but at times can be overwhelming. He responds to our faith and our belief in His presence and similarly remains silent in the absence of faith. I can't help but wonder how much of His potential I have left untapped because of my lack of faith. Yet, I press on. I pledge to seek His presence. I seek to hear and discern His voice. I expect His direction and I eagerly await the manifestation of His power within me and within the church. I strive to be responsive to His leading and be open to the possibilities of life in the presence of God. I'm so thankful that I'll never have to walk one moment of this journey called life alone. Thank you, God, for giving us your Spirit.

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.

RAISING ARROWS

We need your help! If you can be a teacher or a helper one day this summer, let us know via the contact information in the Raising Arrows section of the bulletin.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM is in need of donations such as Little Debbie snack cakes or peanut butter/cheese crackers for homeless meals. They will be meeting once during the summer - date to be decided.

SUMMER SERIES

We have the lineup for this year's Wednesday night summer series! Please pick up a flyer in the foyer and invite friends in the community to join us. If you would like an electronic copy of the flyer to share on your social media accounts, please email the church office at info@westsidear.org with the subject "Summer Series Request".

STELLA MANOR BIRTHDAY

Stella Manor Nursing Home's birthday celebration for this month has been moved to Tuesday, May 23rd. Tami Robinson has signed up to provide the Angel Food cake.

REYNOLDS SENDOFF BLESSING

Directly following morning services on Sunday, May 28th, we will host a potluck lunch honoring the Reynold's family. Letters, cards, and monetary blessings are appreciated but not expected.

HARRISON/APPLE WEDDING

Please join us for the wedding of Melissa Apple and Corey Harrison today 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.

COLE/GRACE WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. James and Deanna Cole & Mr. and Mrs. Danny and Lori Grace request the honor of your presence to celebrate the marriage of their children, Rebekah Danielle Cole and Ethan Daniel Grace on Saturday, May 20th, at 3pm. The wedding will be held here at West Side with a reception to follow.

MEN'S STEP STUDY

A men's Step Study is taking place on Monday nights. Step Studies are an in-depth study of the Twelve Steps, 8 recovery principles and their scriptures as the Biblical model for living your life. A Step Study is a personal journey through each of these steps in a confidential group. It is a long-term commitment to the members of the group, and follows strict guidelines to keep the group's trust and maintain anonymity. The meetings are also gender specific and we will have more information in the future about a Step Study for women. For more information, contact James Clements, Calvin Jones, or email CR@westsidear.org.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

To all the mothers here at West Side, have a wonderful and blessed day full of love!
"...but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised..." Proverbs 31:28-31

DIOS LE BENDIGA (GOD BLESS YOU)

BY ARIS ORTIZ

My alarm goes off every morning at 5am with the following song in Spanish: "Thank You, for every morning; Thank You, for a new day; Thank You, for all my friends; Thank You that I can put all my concern in your hands, Thank You that there is a gospel..." etc.

And with those words and tune, I will be singing during the morning about being thankful for everything. Every day is God's power in action in order that you and me will have the important things for our life on each day.

It's to live each day of our life in gratitude and in service to the One who is giving us more that we imagine and to the One who has sacrificed his most precious possession: His beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

I'm so thankful to be God's child; so thankful to be a christian and to be here worshipping Him with you at West Side!

Thank you Lord, for giving me this family that always is showing your love!

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, Johnetta Hunter, Dianne Skipper, Suzanne Gatewood, Kim Kersh, Richie Schilling, Greg Standridge, Ella Allison, Rex Roberts, Eura Mae Loyd, Maddie Allen, Stephanie Carper

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:

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