

Week of June 24, 2018

For the Record...

Bible Study: 198	Weekly Giving: \$ 17,098
Sunday Worship: 405	Weekly Budget: \$17,914
Sunday Evening: 83	YTD Giving: \$373,804
Wednesday: 197	YTD Budget: \$429,936

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For our visitors:

If you have any questions, if you want to get involved in our church, or if you just want to meet some of our leaders, please stop by the Starting Point room in the back of the auditorium at the end of service. We'd love to meet you and answer your questions!

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Sermon notes from today:

MNFTM projects serve...

-by crocheting toboggans for preemie babies at St. Mary's.
-by sewing small pillows for cancer patients with ports to help cushion seat belts (4 - 5 a week)

Are you looking for a way to serve? Join us when we kick back off this fall!

A Look Ahead...

June 24: Class at 9, Worship at 10! // Friendship Cafe: 3 dozen donuts - Kristin Cawyer & Caroline Bonn 3 dozen muffins - Cindy Jones // Summer Sunday Night: Dr. Cliff Ganus III
June 25: CR Ladies Step Study at 7:00.
June 27: Wednesday Summer Series at 6:30 in the Auditorium. Speaker is Eric Gentry
June 29: Celebrate Recovery. Meal at 5:45, worship at 6:30! **Celebrate Recovery will be meeting on Thursday nights beginning in August. See West Side Friends and Family page for more information.
July 1: COOKOUT ON THE LAWN 5PM



WEST SIDE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday,
June 24, 2018

This week's helpers:

Nursery:

- Donna Frick
- Rebekah Grace

Classes will resume
KFC: again in August

2 year olds:

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3 & 4 year olds:

-

K - 2nd grade:

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Puppets:

-

Greeters:

North:

- Joe Russell

East:

- Judy Lamb

West:

- Clay and Candy Reed

Communion:

Table 1:

- Charlie Richards, Randall Williams, Don Beck, Ken Turner, Donnie Baker

Table 2:

- Mark Bryant, Brandon Tabor, Jerry Yates, Rex Chambers, Jimmy Brandon

Justice vs. Compassion

by Tim Tripp

"Does God pervert justice?"

"Does the Almighty pervert what is right?" (Job 8:3)

There has been a lot of buzz in the news lately about the immigration issue. Many are heart-broken as they hear stories of children being taken from their parents and placed into temporary shelters while their parents go to detention centers. It is hard to see that action as anything short of horrific, yet the issue is clearly more complicated than just letting them alone.

The other side of the issue has to do with law. When someone breaks the law, they should get what is coming to them. Do the crime, do the time, right? Cross the border illegally and you deserve what you get. It matters not that others did the same and got away with it. You got caught, you get the consequences. Yet the issue is clouded when one ponders the humanitarian nightmare that many are merely trying to escape.

It's a classic dualism. Which do you choose? Be compassionate and allow illegal immigration to continue virtually unchecked? Or move to the side of justice and punish illegals as criminals separating families and creating a visceral public outcry in the process? I don't pretend to know all the answers to that but extreme positions on either side can cause major complications.

What about God? Is God just? Is God compassionate? The answer to both is obviously yes. He is both just and compassionate. Yet the terms in many ways are mutually opposed to each other. How can He be both? Doesn't his grace and mercy at times get taken advantage of practically enabling people to "continue in sin that grace may abound?" Doesn't His justice seem unfair sometimes such as in the case of people who live or have lived in places where they never heard of Jesus? What happens to them?

In Job's dialogue with his friends, he ponders what it would be like to take God to court. Job longed for a platform on which he could bring his case before the Almighty and prove his innocence. He would at least want to learn from God what he had done to cause God to turn against him.

Job's friends tell him it would be a useless exercise for "How then can a man be righteous before God? How can one born of woman be pure?" (Bildad - Job 25:4). Surely God would crush any who came before him in a court room. No line of reasoning could stand. There is no thought or argument of man that God has not already anticipated. God would brush such a one off as if a mosquito on a still summer evening.

God solved the problem by combining justice and compassion in one act. With the death of Jesus, He took our sins upon himself and paid our debt in full to satisfy His justice side. At the same time, in the sacrifice of Jesus we find mercy and grace in abundance and compassion beyond belief.

A lesson we might take from this is when we feel caught in the tension between justice and compassion, try self-sacrifice. It might be a painful choice but you will look like your Father in Heaven.

DIOS LE BENDIGA! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

Rejoice!

We all know that old song: "When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!" And when I think about it, I am reminded that if we are faithful to the Lord, the time will come when we will be together for E-T-E-R-N-I-T-Y. Now, my questions is: are we trying to be together here in this earth, in this life? God gave his Only begotten Son in this life with the purpose that we will become part of One Body, -the Church- in this life too. His power is so amazing that it doesn't matter about race, color, languages or culture; or how young or old we are, poor or rich, but He has made us ONE in Christ. All of that, when we all get to heaven, will not matter anymore! No material things will matter anymore, because what matters to God, is the spirit, the soul.

I'm so blessed to be part of The Body of Christ, to be part of West Side where all that we see is the Spirit in us. That's where salvation will have effect. Are we rejoicing here?

God bless you my Family!



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Children's Ministry Grades K - 5. Meets Sunday at 9 AM and Wednesday at 6:30 PM.



Teachers beginning June 20 are...

Creator's Canvas: Craig and Jessica Davis

Museum: Darol and Carol Harrison

Holy Word Studios: Bob and Kay Smart

West Side Youth Ministry (WSYM) has more detailed information on our web page: westsideyouthministry.org/info-blog

July 8 - 14: Teen Week @ Camp Caudle

Please be prayerful in our travels this summer. If you have any questions, please email Mark Hixson: mark@westsidear.org or phone: 479-225-2022

Any ATU college students staying around for the summer? Any Harding, UCA, UofA, or other university students coming back to town for a while???

The college ministry will have things going on throughout the summer! Join the summer text list to stay up-to-date!

One of those things is the college class that happens at the Greer house every Sunday at 9 am. We'd love to see you!!

Text @CCSCSUMMER to 81010 for more info!

There will not be Midweek during the summer at the CCSC. Please join us on Wednesday nights in the auditorium at WSCOC for our Summer Series.

This Week: SNOWCONES!! We will gather after Wednesday Night Summer Series and go to Mountain Mudd for Snowcones.

Adult Bible Classes

Sunday Morning Adult Classes:

Chapel: The Psalms, Reed Rotation
Room 3: Ephesians, Tripp Rotation
FC Classroom: Be What You Are, Clements Rotation
Rock: The Parables of Jesus, Clem Rotation
KFC Room: Mama Talks: Journey Through Motherhood

Wednesday Night Adult Class(es):

Auditorium: Summer Series

June 27: Eric Gentry : The Interior
Life: Science and Self-examination.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Summer Sunday Nights:

TONIGHT: Dr. Cliff Ganus III at 5pm

Kids for Christ:

KFC is taking a break and will start back in August.

MNFTM:

-Monday Night For The Master is still in need of more food for the homeless outreach. Items needed are fruit cups and little debbies. Please bring items to the church and leave in MNFTM box placed in the foyer.

Mama Talks:

-This Summer Quarter, there is a Sunday morning class at 9 am that is a time for moms to be real and be together while discussing issues of the heart and home. The class will be held in the KFC Room. Contact Vandy Moore for more information. See you moms there!

Friendship Cafe:

The Cafe will be closed for the month of July to allow our volunteers to have a vacation. See you in August.

Note of Celebration:

Alexis Bailey, granddaughter of Terry Bailey and Sharon Bailey was baptized here at Westside last Sunday afternoon June 17th. If you have not met her, please make an effort to get to know her and her daughters Brooka and Aniyah. Congratulations Alexis!

Splash Party:

Jessica Davis is planning a Splash party/ water fun day for the children of Southern Christian Home on Saturday June 30th. Contact Jessica for more information or if you would be willing to help by volunteering your time or contributing financially.

Gathering Times

SUNDAY

9:00 AM Bible Class
9:00 AM Clase en Español
10:00 AM Worship
10:00 AM Adoración
5:00 PM Summer Sundays

WEDNESDAY

6:30 PM Summer Series
6:30 PM Clase en Español
7:00 Midweek at CCSC

Family Illness and Recovery

Ridge Austin -

Ridge and his family are in Boston for corrective surgery. Please be praying for healing and recovery and a quick return to Russellville. Also be praying for Darran, Britney and their other three kids. If you would like to donate to the fund set up to help the family with their expenses during this time, go to www.gofundme.com and search 'Ridge Austin'. There is also a fund at Centennial Bank for those who don't like to donate online. Call the office for more info on that account. Thank you to all who have donated so far.

Gordon Dunn - continued prayers for healing.

Amy Vandderheiden - She had knee surgery last Thursday and will be non-weight bearing for six weeks. Be praying for a smooth recovery.

Charlie Richards- Awaiting a response from a neurosurgeon regarding spinal issues.

RIVER VALLEY CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

West Side Church of Christ has partnered 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.

Southern Christian Children's Home items especially needed: Bottled Water, Capri Suns, Gatorade, Velveeta Cheese

Prayer List

Names will be printed on this list for up to 4 weeks at a time unless further updates are received in the church office.

Bobbie Anderson - Matt Francis' grandmother - previously hospitalized with blood pressure. Be praying for her to remain stable and for Matt.

Erin Grice Putman- prayers of praise for successful jaw surgery and continued prayers for a quick and easy recovery.

[If you have a current prayer request, please get the information to the office by Thursday morning to have it placed in the bulletin.]

Missions

James and Abigail Rucker
WBS Students
Aris Ortiz, Jr
Jonnathan Ortiz
College students trips throughout summer.

Ongoing Concerns

Ridge Austin - Overall health issues.
Bill Davis - At home recovering.
Gordon Dunn - Overall health.
Wendy Loveland - Hernia recovery.
Herb Taylor - Heart issues and leg movement.
Charlie Richards-spine issues

Homebound/ Nursing Homes

Madge Alverson - Arkins 311
Mirl Helms - Stella Manor 221
Wayne Nordin - Brookdale 219
Gladys Norwood- Brookdale 300
Glennette Price - Stella Manor 305

Military

Steven Cawyer - Army NG
James Cole, Jr - Navy
Micah Hunter - Navy
Charles Pitney - Air Force
Joseph Roberds - Air Force

Expectant Mothers

Jolynda Bullard
Abigail Rucker
Cassandra Smith
Stephanie Taylor

Battling Cancer

Cindy Beck
Mary Grice
Mark Helms
Truman Hill
Gladys Norwood
Darwin Price
Robyn Richardson
Helen Stephens