

FOR THE RECORD

Week of June 25th, 2017

Bible Study.....	220
Sunday Worship.....	395
Wednesday.....	217
Weekly Giving.....	\$15,953
Weekly Budget.....	\$17,306
Year-to-Date Giving.....	\$431,192
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$449,956

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

July 2

Brenda Holmes & Susan Bratton

July 9

Donna Frick & Wanda Reed

JULY COMMUNION PREP

Frank Foster

GREETERS

July 2

Judy Lamb.....East
Kenny Freeman.....North
Mark Bryant.....West

July 9

Mark Bryant.....East
Judy Lamb.....North
Kenny Freeman.....West

COMMUNION

July 2 & 9

Table 1: Craig Davis, Tracy Goodwin,
James Cole, Josh Harrell, Larry Duvall

Table 2: Kenny Freeman, Davin
Davenport, Don Helm, Rex Chambers,
Lynn Donnell

RAISING * ARROWS

Psalm 127:3-5

The Raising Arrows Children's Ministry meets at **9am Sunday** mornings, and **6:30pm Wednesday** evenings, during Bible classes. All children, grades K-5th, will meet in Room 2.

July 2 & 5

Teacher: Jennifer Wortham

Helpers: Andrea Henson &
April Ruple

Can you be a teacher or class helper for a Sunday or Wednesday?

Please contact the church office at (479)968-1121 or by email at office@westsidear.org

Kids for Christ

Kids for Christ is for ages 2 – 2nd grade, in room #2 **during the sermon**. The children are dismissed during worship.

There will be no KFC in July. However, a video will be shown, in the same room, for children whose parents prefer to have an alternate activity for them during the sermon.

July 2

Kids for Christ will not meet for the month of July

WORDS OF WAR

July 2, 2017

by Tim Tripp

"Well, I'm going to give him a piece of my mind!!" The woman said as she marched back toward the department store's main entrance. She had bought a pricey dress and when she showed it to a friend outside the store she noticed a defect in the dress that the salesperson who helped her failed to find. She was furious.

Maybe you can identify with her anger but tell me this, what will speaking harshly to a salesperson accomplish? The action is punitive and he or she will be humiliated. The manager of the store will probably be called to intervene and give this woman another dress at a deep discount. The manager might lecture the employee on how to inspect garments at the point of sale. Yet all of the compensation is likely if the buyer had spoken kindly as well. All she really accomplishes is making everyone feel uncomfortable. If she is a Christian and that is known by others, it actually detracts from her witness and blocks the fruit of the Spirit from shining through. Little good happens when we address people in anger. It is nearly always better if possible to let that first tidal wave of emotion pass and then think of being Jesus to everyone.

Marriage is perhaps the relationship where full vent to anger is witnessed the most. If you want to know how someone responds to being angry, their spouse is almost certain to be the expert on that topic. Often in marriage the words spoken in anger are usually those that damage the relationship the most. When a husband and wife are caught in a spiral of using "words of war" to attack the other or defend themselves, the damage they do extends the conflict, heightens the level of emotion and creates negative memories and feelings that can never be taken back and not likely to be fully resolved. Insults, sarcasm, belittling, disrespect, accusations, jealousy, rage, stonewalling, and laughing at inappropriate times can all be included as 'words of war.' They are generally spoken or enacted in anger and usually with the intent of doing harm.

In the same passage where Paul says, "In your anger do not sin" and "Do not let the sun go down on your anger" (Eph. 4:26), He also says, "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs that it may benefit those who listen." (Eph. 4:29). He admonishes his audience to abandon words spoken in anger in favor of words spoken with spiritual intentionality.

I know that this is easier said than done and especially in marriage when husbands and wives know how to push each other's buttons. It is important to learn the skill of keeping one's mouth closed until that first wave of emotion passes and then address the issue or the conflict with intentionality seeking to both resolve the conflict and to "build up the other" in Christ by the words that are chosen. Causing injury with words may seem to serve the anger of those involved but it is not likely to solve a problem. Seeking peace will require words of peace not words of war.

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.

SUMMER SUNDAY NIGHTS

Tonight there will be a Bible study in the auditorium at 5pm on *Weird Stuff in the Bible*. We hope to see you there!

WEDNESDAY SUMMER SERIES

This Wednesday, July 5th, Kevin Youngblood from Harding University will be presenting a lesson entitled "God's Scandalous Mercy" from the book of Jonah. We will meet at 6:30pm in the auditorium.

RAISING ARROWS HELP NEEDED

If you can be a helper in the children's church classes one or two days this summer, call or email the church office (479) 968-1121. If you have not received your lesson plans from April Ruple, please stop by the office to pick up a copy.

MEMBER DIRECTORY

There is a member directory available on our website under the "Resources" tab. To access it, you can register with your name, email, and a password of your choosing. If your contact information has changed, please notify the church office, so we can keep the directory as up-to-date as possible.

RIGHTNOW MEDIA

We are excited to share that our church has access to an extensive, video library called RightNow Media! It includes resources for all ages. If you have not received an invite via email in the past, please contact the office.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Check out our Summer calendar at westsideyouthministry.org/summer for all the summer youth events!

SHARE GROUP LEADERS

Next year's Share Groups are set to begin on Sunday, September 10th. We would like for each group to have at least two sets of leaders. If you are able to co-lead a Share Group this year and/or be a host family (you don't have to be a leader to offer your home for meetings), please contact Josh Clem (josh@westsidear.org) or call the church office.

HOMELESS MEALS

MNFTM is in need of donations such as Little Debbie snack cakes or peanut butter/cheese crackers for homeless meals. Though Monday Night for the Master is not meeting throughout the Summer, a meal delivery is made to the homeless every Monday.

STELLA MANOR BIRTHDAY

Stella Manor Nursing Home hosts a birthday party each month for its residents. This month is on Tuesday, July 18th. To volunteer to help, please arrive there at 1:50pm. Norma Tyree is providing the angel food cake.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

CR meets on Friday nights in the Cornerstone. Dinner is at 5:45PM. Worship is at 6:30PM. Free childcare. If you have questions, please email CR@westsidear.org

DIOS LE BENDIGA (GOD BLESS YOU)

BY ARIS ORTIZ

"What is that in your hand Moses?"...(Cont.)

For two weeks, people from the communities and the church, were bringing food, clothes, and other items to send to El Salvador. My sister did the same in Houston and Katy Texas, and in my brother-in-law's eighteen-wheeler, they brought what they had collected also. Looking for a warehouse to keep all the items, we found a church in Fort Smith (Westark CoC) who let us use one in Fort Chafee. A member from that congregation got us a donation of 50k lbs. of sugar and 50k lbs. of rice to send to El Salvador too! So, we had a "load" to be shipped to that country. On one trip to El Salvador, I visited with a lady who was working in the "Estado Mayor" (like the Pentagon in the U.S.) requesting assistance to coordinate for distribution of that relief. Having access to government transportation, she agreed to have ready all transportation needed to receive, store, and to help with distribution of that relief.

...What started one morning at 2am, thinking about "what I can do?" and "what do I have in my hand?", God answered by opening so many doors and moving so many to bless many more! But the question still remains... *"What is that, that we have in our hand?"* (story will continue...)

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, 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, Don Bailey, Jerry Bailey, Jo Binchoss

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, Ridge Austin, Matthew Francis, Tiffany Lutrell

Missions

James & Abigail Rucker-Haiti, WBS Students

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit an announcement for the bulletin, please contact the office using the email: office@westsidear.org.

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