

FOR THE RECORD

Week of July 2nd, 2017

Bible Study.....	197
Sunday Worship.....	401
Wednesday.....	239
Weekly Giving.....	\$15,414
Weekly Budget.....	\$17,306
Year-to-Date Giving.....	\$446,607
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$467,262

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

July 9

Donna Frick & Wanda Reed

July 16

Judy Holman & Susan Lewis

JULY COMMUNION PREP

Frank Foster

GREETERS

July 9

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

July 16

Thom & Tami Robinson.....East
Gordon Dunn.....West
Richard Loveland.....North

COMMUNION

July 9

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

Table 2: Kenny Freeman, David
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 9 & 12

Teacher: Amy Tindell

Helpers: Tiffany Clem & Shelby Brashear

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 9

Kids for Christ will not meet for the month of July

TROUBLE IN PARADISE

July 9, 2017

by Tim Tripp

Thus far I have refused to watch the show called "The Bachelor" or its fraternal twin show "The Bachelorette," but I do get the appeal at a certain level. Who can resist the romantic appeal of Mr. Perfect swimming through an ocean of adoring, beautiful young hopefuls to find that one perfect flower that he weds and takes home to his castle to be his forever love? That has appeal to both genders. Guys like the idea of swimming through the ocean of adoring, beautiful young hopefuls. Ladies love the concept of being chosen and going to the castle to be someone's forever love. Is this God's model or an unrealistic worldly scenario?

I think it is a sad illustration of a cultural tragedy going on in our country right now. There is no doubt that the fantasy of finding the Mr. or Mrs. Right is alive and well. However, our culture is so blinded by the fantasy that they are shocked when they see the reality. A sex obsessed society demands immediate gratification and expects instant happiness and personal fulfillment the moment the rings are in place and the preacher pronounces "man and wife". The fantasy bubble is popped when they, as selfish, worldly adults, struggle and fail to make relationships work because they are working for objectives that are mutually opposed. Anytime two people in an intimate relationship have as their spoken or unspoken primary objective the complete fulfilling of their own needs **there will be trouble in paradise.**

As a church, we need to begin demonstrating early that Godly marriage has at its foundation the mission of Christ and that mission is to make us holy. As we align marriage to the Biblical standard, we begin to see value in giving rather than getting. We understand conflict as part of God's design to remove selfishness from us. We value meeting the needs of the other without expectation of reciprocation as a means to having our own needs met.

We train our children, thusly, when we teach them the value of saving sex for marriage and delaying gratification. We show them this when we engage conflict with the goal and achievement of resolve. We let them see that in God's design the human fantasy of immediate and permanent fulfillment is wrecked, but God's plan of holiness and ultimate fulfillment - one that may seem vague early but is far better than the worldly one - is well and alive.

For them to want to get married we must show them that the romantic ideal is still alive. The worldly model of romance, love and marriage is inherently flawed. When we point them to God's model they can see that forever love is still attainable in His plan.

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 at 5:00 there will be a potluck fellowship meal in the Family Center. We need volunteers to help with setting up and tearing down. Also, please bring a dish to share! See you there!

WEDNESDAY SUMMER SERIES

This Wednesday, July 12th, Chris Buxton from Wolf Life Campus Ministry will be presenting a lesson entitled "Fruitful and Faithful" from the book of John. We will meet at 6:30pm in the auditorium.

RAISING ARROWS HELP NEEDED

It is time to start working on our fall rotation! If you are interested in helping with classes this fall, email or call the church office at 479-968-1121, Britney Austin at 479-970-9062, or April Ruple at 501-920-2026.

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.

CROSBY/LOUDON WEDDING

Brittany Crosby and Zachary Loudon request the honor of your presence at their wedding July 15th, 2017 at 2:00 PM. The wedding will be held at West Side Church of Christ. There will be a reception to follow. Please RSVP at theknot.com/us/zloudon-bcrosby if you can share their day with them!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Check out our Summer calendar at westsideyouthministry.org 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.

BAPTISMS

We would like to welcome Isaac Asbury into the body of Christ. He was baptized last Sunday, July 2nd. We would like to also welcome Antonio Holmes. He was baptized at CR on Friday, June 23rd. Please continue to pray for both Isaac and Antonio as they begin their lives in Christ.

BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

It's that time of year again! We are ready to begin collecting school supplies for next school year. The school supplies will be used to fill up back packs to hand out to those in need. Please bring the supplies to the lobby in the main building or the church office.

CONDOLENCES

We would like to extend our condolences to Stephanie Taylor in the passing of her father, Shawn Pierce, on Friday, June 30th. Please keep the entire Pierce family in your prayers.

DIOS LE BENDIGA (GOD BLESS YOU)

BY ARIS ORTIZ

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

We had food, clothes, rice and sugar to be ship to El Salvador. But, how that will be shipped? When that will be shipped? Great questions at that moment... All I knew was: The Lord will provide! And He did!!

So, an application/ request was filed out to the Air Force for space in a military plane to be shipped, and having "some contacts" in town, couple of weeks later we had a Senator giving us the good news about bringing everything to the L.R.A.F.B. from where a plane will transport all at once. Now, the next challenge was on how that relief will be received in that country?

The lady who worked at the "Estado Mayor" (like Pentagon), she had all transportation (military) ready when that plane arrived in El Salvador and was placed in a storage where they prepared and had it ready to be delivery. And our 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.