

FOR THE RECORD

Week of November 13, 2017

Bible Study	223
Sunday Worship.....	417
Share Groups	177
Wednesday	249
Weekly Giving	\$18,366.23
Weekly Budget	\$18,165.00
Year to Date Giving	\$752,635.23
Year to Date Budget	\$835,590.00

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Nov 20.....Jessica Davis, Beth Donnell

Nov 27.....Stephanie Duvall & Carol Harrison

COMMUNION PREP

NovemberLarry & Judy Holman

GREETERS

November 20

Charles & Shirley May.....East

Roy & Becky Reeves

George & Wanda Reed

November 27

Thom & Tami Robinson

Herb Taylor

Joe & Hazel Russell

LORD'S SUPPER

November 20 & 27

Table 1: James Cole, Craig Davis, Kenny Freeman, Michael Grant, Tom Doan

Table 2: Lynn Donnell, Drew Goodwin, Patrick Crosby, Corey Harrison, Terry Highfill

Kids for Christ

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

November's Word/Scripture of the Month

Obedient / Deuteronomy 11:1

November 20

Deanna Cole (2 yrs)

Tee Nesbitt (3 & 4 yrs)

Darol & Carol Harrison (K-2)

Brent Ruple (Puppets)

November 27

Deanna Cole (2 yrs)

Jess Davis (3 & 4 yrs)

Alan & Michelle Todd (K-2)

Brian Tindell (Puppets)

November Helpers

Jada Parker, Courtney Nesbitt,
& Sara Beth Francis

Raising Arrows

Raising Arrows is the children's education ministry for grades K-5.

Teachers beginning November 27:

Noah's Arcade

Dale & Christina Brooks

Museum

Lenore Tripp

Creator's Canvas

Brent & April Ruple

Holy Word Studios

Lee & Andrea Henson

A KINGDOM KIND OF LOVE

November 20, 2017

By Tim Tripp

Our culture misunderstands it. They mischaracterize it. They romanticize it. They sexualize it (and virtually everything else). They sing "Love will set you free." They assign it healing properties that it doesn't always have. If its broken love will fix it according to the movies and the music artists. The only problem is, it doesn't do those things unless the love we're talking about is a Kingdom kind of love.

A worldly love is almost always self-centered and conditional at its roots. It says, "I love you" but it means, "I love you as long as you are meeting my needs and making me feel good." Or, "I love you until something better comes along." The world has bought into the kind of love that Hollywood movies portray; the kind that is always scintillating, emotionally rewarding and sexually thrilling. In the movies, this love comes naturally, comes easily and takes little effort to maintain. That is simply not real world love

Real love is Kingdom love. It is a love that is unselfish and that seeks the good of the other even if it requires significant sacrifice on the part of the giver of love. Real love flows from a heart that has been touched by God's love and gives this love more as a decision and less as a response to emotional stimulation. Kingdom love has staying power. The one giving it mourns over shortcomings and sin but refuses to give up on love despite anger, frustration or disappointment. Real love acts for the best interests of the other and does not seek its own betterment. Real love is given unconditionally and does not shrink back amidst injury or poverty of good fortune. Real love is how God loves us.

It is no wonder that so many marriages fail when they are founded on the fantasy of worldly love and uncommitted to Kingdom love. It is not hard to imagine the disappointment perceived when expecting love to wake you up smiling in the morning, to say delicious sweet things during the day, to cater to you as you dine and then to snuggle you and hold you as you drift off to sleep at night. Instead real love gives you bad breath in the morning, grunts and gripes during the day, fast food in front of the television for dinner and loud snoring at night as you try to get some sleep! Kingdom love says, "despite all of that, I love you anyway."

Christians should be striving to be expert givers of this real love. They should be known for this kind of love; for loving those who society may see as unlovable and for continuing to love despite struggles, frustration and disappointment. Jesus sets the bar so high for love and then says, "As I have loved you, so you should love one another," (John 13:34). We may never reach the Jesus level of Kingdom love but it should never be for lack of trying.

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.

CR will be hosting a free Thanksgiving meal for the community on Friday, November 25 at 5PM in the Family Center. Volunteers are needed. Please see Zac George or Christina Betterton for details.

YOUTH MINISTRY westsideyouthministry.org

WSYM Midweek (Wednesdays)

5:30PM Pizza & Hang Time

6:30PM Bible Study

Retreat

December 9-11; \$40; Grades 6-12

Gulf Coast Getaway

January 13-16, \$100, HS Juniors & Seniors

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays; 9:30AM; Chapel; "Human & Holy" by Michelle J. Goff

PRIME TIMERS

Prime Timers are collecting saltine crackers for SCCH.

LADS TO LEADERS

Lads to Leaders registration forms are due December 3. Please see Chad Mitchell or Kyle Lamberson to get the forms if you are interested or have any questions.

Bible Bowl practice is on Sundays from 3:00-4:30PM through March in the Family Center.

HOUSEWARMING PARTY

There will be a housewarming party for Krysta Allen on Sunday, December 11, right after services in the Family Center. Come join us for a soup potluck and help Krysta fill her new home. Contact April Ruple for questions.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM meets in the Family Center on Mondays at 5:45PM for dinner and 6:30PM for service projects.

LIFE LINE SCREENINGS

There will be screenings available in the Family Center on Tuesday, November 29. Contact the office for information. There are also informational flyers available in the foyer.

MINISTRY COORDINATOR

We are currently seeking a full-time person to serve our church and support our ministry team in the church office. We have redefined this role and given it the new title of Ministry Coordinator. If you are interested in this position, please contact Josh (josh@westsidear.org), Tim (tim@westsidear.org) or one of our shepherds to receive a copy of the job description and set up a brief initial conversation about your interest in the position. Interested candidates must contact us by November 28 to be considered.

SHARE GROUPS

Group discussion guides are available in the foyer.

Holiday Schedule

November 22

Thanksgiving Devotional at 6:30PM.

November 23

All classes cancelled.

December 25

3:00PM Christmas Service.
No other meeting times.

December 28

All classes cancelled.

January 1

Morning classes cancelled.
Worship service at 10:00AM.

DIOS LE BENDIGA (God Bless You)

By Aris Ortiz

INFLUENCE | In my country (El Salvador) people (specially business) celebrate "Thanksgiving" too!!! Now business too will advertise "specials" "sales" big "discounts" for that day or weekend. But the interesting part is that Thanksgiving day, is not a Salvadorean holiday at all! All I can see is how one person can influence to another; one community can influence another; one country can influence another. As a Christian, every day I'm looking (and expected too) to be an influence to another person to do the same as me: to be a Christian, a follower of Christ. You are an influence in my life my brothers and sisters, and to my family too. I give thanks to God for that.

Phrase of the week:*Gracias Dios* (Thank You God)

HARVEST SUNDAY

On Sunday, December 11, we invite you to participate in a special contribution to help make up our budget deficit. We are blessed with a generous church family here at West Side. As we move towards the end of 2016, we encourage the entire congregation to prayerfully consider what your family can do to help us meet the financial goals we presented at the first of the year. We are praying for a great harvest in the coming weeks as we lean into our mission to Love, Share, & Disciple. Thank you for all you do to support this church and the many ministries in our care.

– *West Side Shepherds*

PRAYER LIST

Nursing Homes

Madge Alverson (Atkins #312), Mary Barton (Atkins #107), Mirl Helms (Stella Manor #221), Imogene Taylor (Brookdale #211), Wayne Nordin (Brookdale #219), Glennette Price (Stella Manor #305), Margaret Bell (Rsvl. Nursing Ctr #312), 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, Tami Lemley, Ray Fullerton, Amy Baker, Delba Parrish, Kirk Benson, Bob Baker, Jim Valentine, Ali Winters, Debbie Gann, Hobart Summers, Debra Leaming, Lorri Petty, Joyce Gage, Ruth Kelley, Steven Watson, Linda Elkins, Hazel Anderson, Johnetta Hunter, Dianne Skipper, Suzanne Gatewood, Kim Kersh, Richie Schilling

Military

Dale Nelson, Justin Dollins, Steven Renfrow, Nicholas Randel, James Cole, Jr., Micah Hunter, Steven Cawyer, Charles Pitney, Joseph Roberds

Additional

Aris Ortiz, Jr., Burnis Shay, Patsy Parnell, Nora Smith, Mildred Brown, Jean Smith, Jeremiah Martinez, Ella Allison

Missions

James & Abigail Rucker-Haiti, WBS Students

Bulletin Announcements

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