

FOR THE RECORD

Services ~ week of July 10

Bible Study	170
Morning Worship	422
Evening Services	70
Wednesday	163
Contribution	\$15,749
Online Contribution	\$1,561
Weekly Budget	\$18,165

Nursery Attendants:

July 17

(AM) Wendy Loveland & Norma Windle
(PM) Ashlee Wilson & Brenda Holmes

July 24

(AM) Jen Wortham & Vanessa Holmes
(PM) Tammy Wooten & Marcia Hunter

Preparing Communion:

July—Josh Harris family

Greeters:

July 17

Roy & Becky Reaves (E. entrance)
Charles & Shirley May (W. entrance)
Keith Klemmer (North entrance)

July 24

Roy & Becky Reaves (E. entrance)
Charles & Shirley May (W. entrance)
Keith Klemmer (North entrance)

MEN SERVING JULY 17

Lord's Supper:

Table 1

Rocky Jones, Tracy Goodwin,
Don Helm, Tom Doan, Truman Hill

Table 2

Lee Henson, James Cole, Craig Davis,
Larry Harrell, Glenn Holmes
(PM) Chad Mitchell & Mark Bryant

KIDS FOR CHRIST CORNER

Kids For Christ is for ages 2 through 2nd grade, in rooms #2 and #3.

August word of the month: TBD

July:

We will not meet in July
See you in August!

August Helpers:
TBD

DIOS LE BENDIGA

(God Bless you)

I'm 31 years old!!!

Can you believe that? ... If you don't, (because I was born in 1965) how that can be possible?... Well my friends... "what is impossible for men, it's possible for God"! And it's because of God's Power that I'm 31 years old now by His Grace and Mercy. 31 years ago, I was "born again" July 5th, 1986. About 25 years later my son, Aris Jr., also was baptized on July 5th! And a few years later my other son, Jonnathan, was baptized on July 5th! So, I share the same spiritual birthday with two of my sons! That is God's blessings to me—and counting-

Are we counting the blessings that last forever, or just the ones that will disappear soon??

Our phrase for the week:

Bendiciones de Dios!
(Blessings from God!)

Please keep praying for the Hispanic ministry.

Aris



Friday nights in the Cornerstone

Dinner @ 5:45pm
Worship @ 6:30pm
Childcare provided

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JULY 17, 2016

Arkansas Foster Care Crisis

By Jessica Davis

Today in Arkansas there are 4,968 children in foster care. There are 1,503 foster homes with 3,299 beds available in those homes. If you do the math, you will realize that means there are 1,669 children without homes. These children are in group homes, shelters, or in some cases sleeping on DCFS office floors for the night. Every year in Arkansas 7,000 children spend time in foster care. These children have been removed from their families due to abuse, neglect, or other problems that are putting a child in danger. These children range from infancy to 18 years old. Every year about 250 of these teenagers "age out" of the foster system without a permanent family connection.

Kids in foster care are not the government's kids; they are God's kids and therefore they are our responsibility as a church to love and protect. It is a gospel issue first and not a government issue. The church has the responsibility to speak and stand up for these children who cannot speak and stand for themselves and that is what God has done for us by giving Jesus as our savior.

In 2015, Asa Hutchinson asked for help from the faith based community to expand their ministries and seek greater involvement in the state's foster care system. Our Arkansas children deserve better and it is our responsibility to step up and love these children through the hardest times of their lives. In 2014, only 18 percent of children who had been in foster care for more than two years had lived in two or fewer homes. This means these children are often bounced around and given no stability because of the lack of available homes.

Maybe your family is not called to be a foster family, but what about to adopt? There are currently over 600 children that do not have a forever family. The average age of a child waiting to be adopted is 8 years old. There is no cost to adopt a child through DCFS. The only cost may be minimal court costs and the cost of a birth certificate. Visit theprojectzero.com to put faces to these children who are waiting for a family.

Not everyone is called to be a foster parent. As a matter of fact, most people in the Church will not bring a child into their home for any extended period of time. This does not mean the Church as a whole doesn't play an essential and necessary role in the lives of these foster families and the children they are giving their lives over to.

We are not all called to do the same thing, but we can certainly do something to create a community for these kids to grow and thrive in. You are either called to bring these beautiful children into your home or you're capable of serving and supporting those who do. These kids are God's kids and therefore they are our kids because God has adopted us as his children.

Next Sunday evening we will have a service night centered around foster care. Please come and learn how you can become a foster parent or ways you can support foster families in your area. We will be doing a service project along with an informational meeting. Please see the bulletin next week for another article on how you can help and serve these children who need and deserve our care.

Sources: <http://jasonjohnsonblog.com/>, theprojectzero.com, thecallinarkansas.org

SYMPATHY

We offer our condolences to ...

... Randall Williams and family in the loss of his grandmother, May Belle Williams, who passed away Friday, July 8.

... Judy Clements and family in the loss of her aunt, Gaylia Fleming, who passed away Tuesday, July 12.

... Donna Frick and family in the loss of her uncle, Henry Milligan, who passed away Tuesday, July 12.

NEW ADDRESS

Rachel, Daniel and Destiny Duncan are moving to Georgia. They're new address is 562 Fond Du Lac Dr., Stone Mountain, GA 30088. We will miss having the Duncan's as part of our church family! Please keep this sweet family in your prayers as they transition to their new home.

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME

The truck from Southern Christian Children's Home will be at West Side Tuesday, July 19, to pick up groceries and supplies. Listed are some of the items needed:

Bottled water, variety pack instant oatmeal, funds for meat, juices, alfredo sauce, BBQ sauce, dill & sweet pickle relish, Gatorade, large marshmallows, Miracle Whip, muffin mix, Nutella, popcorn, red beans & rice, Vanilla wafers, Velveeta, aluminum foil, batteries, laundry detergent, Clorox wipes, baby wipes, school supplies, Aleve, Off!, sunscreen, toothpaste, mouthwash, head bands, bows & clips

Complete lists are on the bulletin boards in the foyer and hallway.

BACK TO SCHOOL GIVEAWAY

Our back to school giveaway will be here before we know it. It is scheduled for Sunday, August 14. We need your help! Below is a list of items needed by Sunday, August 7. We will have a box, labeled "School Supplies" in the foyer. Contact Michele Todd to volunteer to prepare the bags. She will need the help!

Supplies needed:

Black expo markers, 24 ct. Crayola crayons, 12 ct. colored pencils, glue sticks, highlighters, composition notebooks, baby wipes, disinfectant wipes, Kleenex, wooden pencils, pocket folders with brads, wide rule loose leaf paper, spiral notebooks, 1 inch 3 ring binders & tab dividers.

PASTA EXTRAVAGANZA UPDATE

What a great time we had at our first annual extravaganza! It would not have happened without those who volunteered many hours decorating, preparing the food and goodness! - washing all of those dishes!

A special thanks goes out to Kroger, Harps, and Steve & Jamie Bates for food donations and also to those who gave extra money to help with the food cost. Because of the wonderful response we were able to give Camp Caudle a check for \$3,900.00.
~The Tripp & Frick Small Groups

PRAYER LIST

Updated July 14

Bill Lewis - stomach lining tumor (GIST) is malignant and treatment will shrink it to be surgically removed.

Tiffany Lutrell - recuperating at home.

Linda Elkins (Mattie Martin's aunt) diagnosed with breast cancer.

Vina Hathaway (Frank Foster's sister) Rehab at Baylor Institute of Rehabilitation.

Expectant Mothers: Stephanie Taylor

Nursing Homes: 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), Randall Adaire (Legacy Heights), Elizabeth Wyatt (Legacy Heights #43).

Cancer patients: Gladys Norwood, Helen Stephens, Mary Grice, Mary King, Carla Ford, Jeri Shay, Jerry Thompson, Sherilyn Russell, Doug Hart, Julie Session, Kenny Coates, Don Martin, Tami Lemley, Lavada Gordon, Mary Crosby, Ray Fullerton, Amy Baker, Delba Parrish, Ali Winters, Ruby Kite, Terrie Collins, Kirk Benson, F.E. Cook, Bob Baker, Debbie Gann, Jim Valentine, Hobart Summers, Debra Leaming, Ruth Kelley, Hazel Anderson, Steven Watson, Lorri Petty, Johnetta Hunter, Dianne Skipper, Rudy Hickman, Linda Elkins, Kelly Owens
Additional: Betty Humphrey, Bill Lewis, Patsy Parnell, Mike Oliver, Tawnya Bell, Vina Hathaway, Steve Simpson, Ruth Kelley, Jeremiah Martinez

Military: Dale Nelson, Justin Dollins, Steven Renfrow, Justin Dollins, Nicholas Randel, James Cole, Jr., Micah Hunter, Steven Cawyer, Charles Pitney, Clint Wilson

Missions: WBS Students

Guatemala Mission Trip, July 15-22

Christian Relief Fund - Nicaragua, July 16-23

Baja, Mexico Mission Trip, July 22-29

GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP

July 15-22

GENERATIONS

Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Family Center
Please join us each week in the Family Center for an inter-generational worship experience.

Tonight: "Faith is Hot"

STELLA MANOR BIRTHDAY PARTY

Tuesday, July 19, 2:00 p.m.
Angel food cake - Joy Johnson

WSYM NEWS

Turnt Up Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m.

July 19: Murder in the Dark

July 26: Pool Party

LADIES' BOOK CLUB

Ladies are invited to meet Tuesday, July 19, 7:00 p.m., in the Rock, where we will discuss, "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman.

SUMMER SERIES

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., auditorium
July 20: Patrick Mead,
"Reasons to Believe"
July 27: Chris Harrell, "Kingdom Risk"

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 25-29, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

We need lots of cookies and Kool-Aid. No peanut butter or peanuts, please. Supplies can be left under the tables.

Please contact Tee Nesbitt, 901-494-1382, if you can teach at VBS.