

FOR THE RECORD

Services ~ week of August 7

Bible Study	184
Morning Worship	417
Evening Services	78
Wednesday	178
Contribution	\$13,753
Online Contribution	\$1,965
Weekly Budget	\$18,165

Nursery Attendants:

August 14

(AM) Karla Johnson & Cindy Beck
(PM) Carol Lee & Susan Lewis

August 21

(AM) Sarah Abbott & Joy Brandon
(PM) Shirley May & Christina Betterton

Preparing Communion:

August—Kevin & Beverly Mason

Greeters:

August 14

George & Wanda Reed (E. entrance)
Thom & Tami Robinson (W. entrance)
Joe & Hazel Russell (North entrance)

August 21

Herb Taylor (E. entrance)
Joel & Ginger Tippit (W. entrance)
Bettye Wade (North entrance)

MEN SERVING AUGUST 14

Lord's Supper:

Table 1

Cecil Johnson, Aaron Horton,
Chance Nesbitt, John Lee, Scott May

Table 2

Merlin Mann, Richard Loveland, Alex
Pipkin, Luke Miller, Dale Lamberson
(PM) Danny Davis & Kent Bullard

KIDS FOR CHRIST CORNER

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

August word of the month: Kindness

August 14:

Charli Horton (2 years)
Christina Brooks (3 & 4 years)
Miranda Harris (K-2nd grade)
Wesley Lamberson & Reagan Mitchell (Puppets)

August 21:

Charli Horton (2 years)
Jessica Davis (3 & 4 years)
Tami Robinson (K-2nd grade)
Brent Ruple (Puppets)

August Helpers:

Jada Parker, Courtney Nesbitt
& Sara Beth Francis

DIOS LE BENDIGA

God Bless you!

Reading from the Gospels about the life of
Jesus; His messages and His day-to-day walk
that was so simple, so humble, so respectful in
every way but also so powerful that today is
making an impact in your life and my life in our
daily walk, it makes me appreciate more and more
every opportunity that I have to be around my
brothers and sisters here at West Side. From the
Hispanics' sentiments and feelings, we keep
receiving that love and care from every one! And
that's "Gospel in action" in a simple, humble and
respectful way as The Master did.

We are so thankful and blessed to be here,
to be part of this family of West Side!

Our phrase for the week:

La Familia de la Fe! (The Family of Faith!)

We are so excited to have two more couples
from Venezuela that God is sending us so they
can hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ! (and another
one is on the way to USA.) 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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AUGUST 14, 2016

Real Love

By Tim Tripp

"I love you." Three simple words that seemed to express what I thought I was feeling for this young woman whom I, at the time, suspected to be "the one." She was my first Harding romance and I believed I had found the woman I was to marry.

"I love you too." She replied in a romantic whisper. *Except, she didn't.* I found later (much to my displeasure) that she was "dating" two other guys at the same time. She apparently expressed the same tender sentiments to them too. When reality about her came to light I was devastated. How could anyone claiming such powerful emotion treat others like that? I could look back now and see that her motivation was not love, it was selfishness. I also now know that selfish love (a love of self) masquerades as real love (genuine concern for others) more than we would like to think.

It was this same struggle that took place in the Corinthian church in the first century. Paul addresses the problem they were having with looking at certain spiritual gifts (i.e. speaking in tongues) as being the mark of a more spiritual Christian. Those with the best spiritual gifts were God's best servants and those not having it might not be Christians at all. As we illustrated in the sermon last week, Paul guides them to a Kingdom view of such things. Spiritual gifts were given for the good of the church and the kingdom. They were distributed by the Holy Spirit for the upbuilding of the church and all are important to the church's well-being. Then, he reminds them of what lies at the core of our faith: love. It is the engine that gets things going. Love is the motivation behind what God did for us and what he wants to motivate us to serve Him as well. Love is **not** by its nature selfish. Real love can certainly be satisfying but, usually when we see its positive impact on others, not so much in its gratification of our own needs. Love is there to serve others and not to serve ourselves.

To contrast selfish love (SL) and real love (RL) from 1 Corinthians 13, consider the following.

SL – Seeks a way out of marriage when needs are not being met and tensions run high.

RL – Seeks to understand the reason why needs are not being met and tries to relieve the tension by identifying how one's own shortcomings add to the struggle.

SL – Is ready to give up on a friendship when feelings are hurt and conversations are difficult.

RL – Seeks to find a context for difficult conversations and is willing to take personal responsibility for their part of the problem.

SL – Shrinks back from or rejects someone who is involved in an unspiritual or ungodly lifestyle.

RL – Builds relationships with someone whose lifestyle might be different, even ungodly in hopes of reaching them with the gospel.

SL – When hurt, insulted, or slighted, seeks vindication even when doing so insults or injures the other party.

RL – Turns the other cheek. Blesses when cursed. Stays when feels like leaving. Gives another chance to those who do them wrong.

Christ's disciples are all spiritually gifted because of the Holy Spirit but, we need to be people who love with Real Love because everything flows from that and without it even our best efforts will seem self-serving.

BABY BOY SHOWER

Everyone is invited to a baby boy shower for Stephanie Taylor, Sunday, August 21, 1:00 p.m., in the Rock. She and Zach are registered at Target, Walmart and Amazon.

MISSIONARY VISITORS

A missionary couple working on a team to establish the first Church of Christ in Huancayo, Peru, will be at West Side Sunday, August 21. Jeremy Davis will speak during the 9:00 a.m. class in the main auditorium, discussing his experiences and plans, which include a 10-year commitment to Huancayo, a capital city of 450,000 people located 10,800 feet above sea level in the Andes.

Jeremy and Whitney (who is Merlin Mann's daughter) have spent the past year in Costa Rica learning Spanish in an intensive language school. Sponsored by East Brainerd Church of Christ in Chattanooga, TN, Jeremy visited Cuba last spring. Previously, Jeremy and Whitney were missionaries in Mumena, Zambia, for two years. You are welcome to come hear their story in the auditorium next week.

SHARE GROUPS

Our Mission here at West Side is to Love, Share, & Disciple. In keeping with this mission, "Small Groups" will now be called Share Groups. We need more Share Group leaders and families—willing to host a group in their home. If you can serve in this way or if you have questions, please contact Josh Clem (josh@westsidear.org).

THANK YOU!

Dear West Side family,

We want to thank you for the prayers, phone calls, and cards during and after my surgery. The Impatient plant is so colorful. Thanks to the ladies "Cut-Up" group for the lap quilt they gave me. Also, thank you, Lynn, for mowing our yard.

All of you are a special group of Christians. May God bless you all.

In Christian Love, Norman & Burnis Shay

Dear West Side church of Christ,

Thank you so much for all that you have done for camp. Thank you for letting us use your 15 passenger van for a few weeks this summer and for allowing us to use the Family Center for Day Camp pick-up and check-in.

It is so awesome that we have churches in our community that love camp and children. We cannot thank you enough for all that you do for camp!

Thank you, Camp Caudle

PRAYER LIST

Updated August 11

June Tippit (Joel Tippit's mother) St. Mary's Rehab #271.

JR Crain (Chad Crain's father) diagnosed with partial kidney failure.

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, Tiffany Lutrell, Jeri Shay, Doug Hart, Jerry Thompson, Julie Session, Ruby Kite, Sherilyn Russell, Kenny Coates, Kelly Owens, Lavada Gordon, Don Martin, Tami Lemley, Mary Crosby, Ray Fullerton, Amy Baker, Delba Parrish, Kirk Benson, Bob Baker, Jim Valentine, Debbie Gann, Hobart Summers, Debra Leaming, Lorri Petty, Ruth Kelley, Ali Winters, Steven Watson, Hazel Anderson, Johnetta Hunter, Dianne Skipper, Linda Elkins, Suzanne Gatewood

Additional: Burnis Shay, Nora Smith, Jean Smith, Ashlie Robertson, 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

NEW ADDRESSES

Amanda Lamb has moved to 350 Cottonwood Ln., Rsvl 72802.

Neil, Katie, Eden and Graceann Reynolds' new address is 1506 West 3rd St., Rsvl 72801.

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION MEETING

After this morning's service, we will have an informational meeting in the chapel about the new K-5th grade classes beginning this fall. Everyone interested is welcome to attend.

GENERATIONS

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

Tonight: School Supply Giveaway
5:00 p.m., at the Family Center.
Hotdogs, chips and cookies will be served.

STELLA MANOR BIRTHDAY PARTY

Tuesday, August 16, 2:00 p.m.
Lynda Lamberson - angel food cake.

LADIES' BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, August 16, 7:00 p.m., Rock.
We will discuss "Backpacked: A Reluctant Trip Across Central America" by Catherine Ryan Howard

SUMMER SERIES

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., auditorium
August 17: Marshall Brown, "Hearing God's Voice"
August 24: Stan Granberg, "Sharing Faith in Today's Culture"

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

begins Thursday, August 18, 9:30 a.m.
"Human & Holy" by Michelle J. Goff