

FOR THE RECORD

Services ~ week of July 24

Bible Study	197
Morning Worship	401
Evening Services	81
Wednesday	180
Contribution	\$ 14, 573
Online Contribution	\$ 2, 260
Weekly Budget	\$18, 165

Nursery Attendants:

July 31

(AM) Tara Young & Tara Horton
(PM) Stephanie Duvall & Carol Harrison

August 7

(AM) Sue Ann Jernigan & Alyssa Johnson
(PM) Pat Kee & Lynda Lamberson

Preparing Communion:

July—Josh Harris family

August—Kevin & Beverly Mason

Greeters:

July 31

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

August 7

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

MEN SERVING JULY 31

Lord's Supper:

Table 1

Rocky Clancy, 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: Kindness

August 7:

Charli Horton (2 years)
Sarah Janelle (3 & 4 years)
Tee Nesbitt (K-2nd grade)
Wesley Lamberson & Reagan Mitchell (Puppets)

August 14:

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

August Helpers:

Jada Parker, Courtney Nesbitt
& Sara Beth Francis

DIOS LE BENDIGA

(God Bless you)

What a blessing has been this past week! Every day was a wonderful opportunity to share the Love of God with our brothers and sisters in Camalu, Baja California Mexico. And West Side was there. Your prayers have been answered because God has been taking care of Tim, Alan and me and the rest of the group. We are back! And even though we are so tired (the body), our spirit wanted to do more!

Thank you for all your prayers West Side family!!!! Pictures and videos will be soon ... May God keep blessing West Side congregation!

Our phrase for the week:

Predicando el Evangelio!
(Preaching the Gospel!)

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 30, 2016

Real Freedom

By Tim Tripp

"I'm nineteen and I can do what I want."

Many a teen has uttered those words or something like them only to regret them years later. They want the freedom that comes with adulthood but often don't fully grasp the responsibility. They feel that with emancipation will come the opportunity to make choices without the oppressive rules of their parents' household. Rather, they begin to understand why their parents had the rules they did. The reality of being limited by income, by rules in the workplace and pain of conscience help them understand the harsh reality of freedom. It doesn't mean what you think it does.

Our country has twisted the meaning of freedom handed down to us by our forefathers. They understood freedom as being free from the oppressive governance of a despotic ruler. They lived during a time when rulers determined where you could live, where you could work, how much of your income was taken by taxes, where you went to church and so on. To them freedom meant the ability to make their own decisions as to who would make the rules, where they work and how much they pay in taxes (that was added much later). They also felt strongly that people should choose which church to go to and make decisions for themselves about what to believe about God or to not believe in Him at all if they so choose. Freedom to them was a freedom that was for the good of the country, for the good of the community of people.

It seems now that freedom means we can live however we want to live. Americans now want a freedom to do whatever they want to do regardless of the impact on the greater community. Limits on morality are seen as limiting freedom when it is clear that our crumbling sense of morality is killing us as a nation. Again, the Bible has the wisdom to guide us. Paul tells the Corinthians "Nobody should seek his own good but the good of others," (1 Corinthians 10:24). What would it look like if that were the foundation of morality in our country? Rape and murder would all but cease to exist. Divorce would rarely take place. Political candidates would be endorsing their opponents and the media would be full of good news. I know that seems farfetched and maybe it is on a worldly platform but in the church?

I think it is possible with a disciple-making mindset to begin making that a reality in the church. I believe we can use our freedom in Christ to give others the benefit of the doubt in light of forgiveness and see them through the lens of doing such things as lead them in a closer walk with Jesus. As we look out for the best interests of others and move them closer to Jesus, we begin to understand real freedom. Real freedom is being free from the burden of sin and death, clinging to the hope of a life in heaven with God. What a privilege we have of being a part of a body that helps people realize this freedom, a real freedom, one that will last for eternity.

BACK TO SCHOOL GIVEAWAY

We need your help! Our back to school giveaway is Sunday, August 14. 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, Kleenex, disinfectant wipes, wooden pencils, pocket folders with brads, wide rule loose leaf paper, spiral notebooks, 1 inch 3 ring binders & tab dividers.

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.

THANK YOU!

Dear West Side church of Christ,

Thank you so much for your generous donation for my Let's Start Talking trip to Japan! It was an amazing experience, and I was able to talk to and build relationships with many people in Tomobe, Japan. Thank you so much, again, for helping to make that happen!

Sincerely, Mallory Harrison

PRAYER LIST

Updated July 28

Burnis Shay - recuperating at home.

Maria Jolaoso - recuperating at home.

Laura Francis - recuperating at home.

Carla Ford - had tests Thursday, July 28.

Ashlie Robertson (Chad Crain's cousin) doing better, at UAMS, after some heart attacks.

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 Luttrell, 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, Ali Winters, Kirk Benson, F.E. Cook, Bob Baker, Jim Valentine, Debbie Gann, Hobart Summers, Debra Leaming, Ruth Kelley, Hazel Anderson, Lorri Petty, Steven Watson, Johnetta Hunter, Dianne Skipper, Rudy Hickman, Linda Elkins

Additional: Jack Cline, 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



SYMPATHY

We offer condolences to Chad Crain in the loss of his grandfather, Wayne Wiley, who passed away Friday, July 23.

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 a Journey"

SUMMER SERIES

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., auditorium
August 3: Chris Altrock,
"Living the Good News of
Christmas Day Every Day"
August 10: Scott Sager, "Operation
Athens: Equip, Evangelize & Engage"

KIDS FOR CHRIST

Begins Sunday, August 7
2 Years-2nd Grade
Parents, please fill out a registration form.
Forms are on table in the foyer.

WSYM NEWS

Cook-out & Pool Party
Sunday, August 7, 6:30 p.m.:
Luke & Janelle Miller's home
Please bring sides.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Ladies' Bible Class
begins Thursday, August 18.
9:30 a.m. - Noon