

FOR THE RECORD

Services ~ week of June 26

Bible Study	197
Morning Worship	413
Evening Services	46
Wednesday	190
Contribution	\$12,526
Online Contribution	\$ 2,571
Weekly Budget	\$18,165

Nursery Attendants:

July 3

(AM) Stephanie Taylor & Michele Todd
(PM) Paula Tarte & Beth Donnell

July 10

(AM) Ginger Tippit & Lenore Tripp
(PM) Tiffanie Walker & Donna Frick

Preparing Communion:

July—Josh Harris family

Greeters:

July 3

Richard Loveland (E. entrance)
Bill & Susan Lewis (W. entrance)
Ralph Harrell (North entrance)

July 10

Richard Loveland (E. entrance)
Bill & Susan Lewis (W. entrance)
Ralph Harrell (North entrance)

MEN SERVING JULY 3

Lord's Supper:

Table 1

Larry Duvall, Reggie Blackwell,
Kenny Freeman, David Davenport,
Michael Grant

Table 2

Danny Davis, Patrick Crosby,
Rick Butler, Jimmy Brandon,
Lynn Donnell

(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)

You are making a great difference, and a great impact in someone's life! So many of you have done that in my life, in my family's life. And for that: Thank You!! Thank You for your support, for those kind words and for those hugs of care that we have felt from you.

WEST SIDE is a place that pulls people, brings people and then welcomes them with warm Christian love! We feel blessed to come and worship Our God and Lord in this place. We feel blessed to know that we have so many brothers and sisters in Christ that care with a genuine heart and always want to do and go "the extra mile" to serve one another. Thank You, West Side for sharing not only a place for us, but also sharing your heart! May God bless you richly with more love, peace and health so you can keep blessing so many others!

Our phrase for the week:

**Te amo en el amor del Señor ...!
(I love you in the love of the Lord!)**

(The Hispanic group is in Houston for the weekend attending a Bible Conference) Prayers for us. **Aris.**



Friday nights in the Cornerstone

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

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JULY 3, 2016

Paul's Take on Divorce

By Tim Tripp

"To the married I give this command (not I, but the Lord): A wife must not separate from her husband. But if she does, she must remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband. And a husband must not divorce his wife." (1 Corinthians 7:10-11) (NIV)

Divorce is a tough topic and especially tough to talk about at church. It is hard to hear the Bible speak strongly about the topic when friends, loved ones and even some of us have had to endure the painful experience of a divorce. It doesn't help that some well intentioned quasi-theologians want to get judgmental and inflexible on their views as they try to force some to stay in marriages that are irrevocably and even dangerously dysfunctional. I prefer to focus on what the Bible says and not read into it what it does not say.

The text is a part of Paul's answer to a specific question from the Corinthian church. They were likely asking something like, 'if a person is married to an unbeliever should they stay in that relationship or seek a divorce.' Paul's answer is really clear on one point: **married people should stay married.** Getting a divorce in order to marry someone more desirable is a sure fire, no doubt about it, don't you dare, **sin** (see also Mt. 19:3-9 and Mk 10:2-10) and yet in one form or another it is still a leading cause of Christians getting divorced. Even so, God's grace and forgiveness through the precious, shed blood of Jesus, likely covers that sin (1 Jn 1:7). The text also says that a Christian who leaves his wife or her husband to go after another and does not marry them should remain single (v.11). A Christian who so mistreats their family, their spouse and God himself can only do so by yielding to a selfish, hardened heart, leaning on cheap grace. May God have mercy on those who do this too, but, they are treading on dangerous ground.

I know it sounds harsh to our culturally attuned ears. But God clearly takes marriage seriously. He does so because of family. Family is God's primary plan for passing faith from one generation to the next. He designed marriage to be the kind of relationship whereby a godly father and a godly mother could raise children together, teaching them about God, laying a strong foundation of faith and discipling them to follow Jesus. The best possibility for that lies in a loving, intact, God-honoring home. That is true because that is how God made it to be. Here is the sobering truth about marriage. God did not create marriage to make us *happy*. He created it to make our family *holy* and to pass faith from one generation to another.

Married people, Paul's take is this in a nutshell. Stay married. Don't chase after others (they have issues too). Get help when needed (and we all need it sometimes). Teach your children to love God and follow Jesus. Make marriage and family less about dreams of romance and perfection and more about accomplishing God's design and purpose.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Bill and Susan Lewis announce the marriage of their son, William Scott Lewis to Nicole Camille Pearson on June 4, 2016. They were married in an outdoor wedding in their home in Fishers, Indiana. Scott is employed with Lewis Municipalities and Nicole is an RN at St. Vincent's in Carmel, IN.

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.

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Interested in using your gifts during our Sunday morning gathering? We are seeking to involve those from the congregation who want to participate in Sunday morning worship. James Clements has volunteered to assist us by developing a pool of those interested in leading prayer and/or directing our communion thought time.

If you feel this is an area where you are gifted to serve, please contact the church office (Kereigh or Josh) or contact James directly.

PRAYER LIST

Updated June 30

Bill Lewis - stomach lining biopsy
Thursday, June 30.

Alton Beck (Don Beck's father) at St. Vincent's. Had surgery for a brain bleed
Thursday, June 30.

Gaylia Fleming (Judy Clements' aunt) at St. Vincent's; not doing well.

Myra Belle Williams (Randall Williams' grandmother) in Washington County Med Center after bowel obstruction surgery.

Rudy Hickman (Jim & Vicki Betterton's friend) Stella Manor under hospice care.

Expectant Mothers: Britney Austin, 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

Additional: Atheleen Wade, Jennifer Wortham, Carol White, Kelly Owens, Christine Leding, 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 16-22

GENERATIONS

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

Tonight: "Community Cook Out"
In the field by the church office. Please bring desserts, lawn chairs and lawn games.

Next Week: "Faith is Blind"

OFFICE NEWS

The office is closed Monday, July 4 for the holiday.

WSYM NEWS

Turnt Up Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m.
July 5: Skating
July 10-16: Camp Caudle Teen Week

SUMMER SERIES

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., auditorium
July 6: Leon Barnes, "Called to Freedom"
July 13: Brian Baker, "Transformed"

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, in the foyer.

HELP NEEDED

Would you (or you and a friend? or maybe your small group?) like to support our Celebrate Recovery ministry by cooking dinner for participants once every 6-8 weeks? Please contact Amy Jones or Rena Baker for more information.