

FOR THE RECORD

Services ~ week of September 11	
Bible Study	290
Morning Worship	449
Evening Services	225
Wednesday	221
Contribution	\$ 15, 294
Online Contribution	\$ 2, 788
Weekly Budget	\$18, 165

Nursery Attendants:

September 18

(AM) Linda Oliver & Pat Kee
(PM) Share Groups

September 25

(AM) Beverly Mason & Teri Mitchell
(PM) Share Groups

Preparing Communion:

September—Ginger Tippit
& Molly Turner

Greeters:

September 18

Larry Duvall (East entrance)
Gordon & Barbara Dunn (W. entrance)
Bob Clark (North entrance)

September 25

Larry Duvall (East entrance)
Gordon & Barbara Dunn (W. entrance)
Bob Clark (North entrance)

MEN SERVING SEPTEMBER 18

Lord's Supper:

Table 1

Robyn Richardson, Ronnie Russell,
Charlie Richards, Mike Spurlock,
Jackson Sorrells

Table 2

Clay Reed, Brandon Tabor, Charles
Session, Brent Ruple, Phil Sims
(PM) Share Groups

KIDS FOR CHRIST CORNER

Kids For Christ is for ages 2 through 2nd grade, in rooms #17-20.

September word of the month: Loyalty

September 18:

Joy Brandon (2 years)
Charli Horton (3 & 4 years)
Judy Holman (K-2nd grade)
Brent Ruple (Puppets)

September 25:

Joy Brandon (2 years)
Jennifer Wortham (3 & 4 years)
Kim & Shannon Walters (K-2nd grade)

Brian Tindell (Puppets) September Helpers:

Lorelai Harris, Chiane Nesbitt
& Reagan Mitchell

DIOS LE BENDIGA

(God Bless you)

My West Side family: A new day has come and God is shining on us. Aris Jr. is doing better by the day, thanks to your prayers. This past week has been a time of "T"s: Tests, Tribulation, Tensions, Testimony, Trust, Touch, Takes, Time, Therapy, Traffic, Texts, Teach, Transport, Transform, Tolerance, Toughness, and the best one—Thanksgiving!

And that's the one the Ortiz family feels most, in deep gratitude to you, our West Side family. Your prayers, visits, calls, texts, gifts and cards have transformed a week of anguish into a week of blessings!

Thank you and we love you!

Our phrase for the week:

Estuve enfermo y me visitaste
(I was sick and you visited me)

Please keep praying for us and the Hispanic Ministry.

~Aris



CELEBRATE
RECOVERY

WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Friday nights in the Cornerstone

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

CR@Westsidear.org

(479) 308-8530

SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

The Retaliation Circle

By Tim Tripp

Do you remember practical jokes at church camp? I remember one year at camp when the guys scared the girls. Then the girls used their charm to convince the camp caretaker to cut the power to the hot water heater for the guys' showers. So the guys threw a dead snake into one of the girls' cabins (OK, I might have had something to do with that). The camp director said that the guys pushed it too far and we had to do clean-up after meals for a while. He was no fun.

As an adult I am even less fun when I am in charge of such events. I have a zero prank policy. While that is usually disappointing to a group of mischievous and imaginative teens, I think it usually works for the best. What I have found is that if left to their own pranking devices, their pranks usually start out innocently; someone pours salt in the sugar container and sugar in the salt. It's all a bunch of harmless laughs until the person who drinks the heavily salted coffee has the irresistible urge to retaliate. They restore the sugar and salt to appropriate containers but leave the lid to the salt very loose so that when the next person uses it, she ends up with french fries that look like a model of the Breckenridge Ski Resort. The owner of the inedible fries then has to do one better so she brings the next victim a dish of ice cream with whipped cream, sprinkles and a maraschino cherry on it except that the ice cream is actually cold mashed potatoes. After fighting off waves of nausea, the victim of the unexpected savory and sweet experience gets on board the retaliation train too, except his ability to empathize with the suffering of others is sorely lacking and he's just not that bright. At the next meal he nearly empties a bottle of ghost pepper sauce between the cheese and crust of a piece of pizza and then replaces it carefully back in its spot looking like every other piece of cheese pizza in the pie. The young girl who takes the tainted wedge does so because it is cheese pizza and she can only eat cheese pizza because of a number of food sensitivities that cause her to become nauseated at the slightest hint of spicy. (Yep, the table is set for disaster.) The ghost pepper is one of the hottest of the hot peppers, so hot in fact that the receptors in the mouth that usually detect spicy in food are shocked at first and briefly deadened. She swallows the first bite and is chewing the second when her mouth and tongue awaken to the excruciating pain. With a scream of agony, she spits out the offending bite but it is too late. Her throat and esophagus begin to inflame from the first bite which triggers her gag reflex. What happens after that is predictable and too disgusting to describe here. Her suffering lasts for hours after dinner, and is revisited in the middle of the night which prompts the camp staff to call her parents to come and get her. When her sleepy, uptight and angry mother arrives she demands to know what happened. Suddenly the salty coffee isn't so funny and my "no prank policy" rocks.

So remember the retaliation cycle the next time you feel the urge to prank some unsuspecting soul or when you reply to a social media post that you find offensive or someone speaks disparagingly of you at work. When you think about it, retaliation rarely makes anything better and can make things much worse. It is often best to get a fresh cup of coffee, keep your "mouth" shut, swallow your pride and let it go.

NEW ADDRESS

Chance, Tee, Chiane, Courtney and Chance, Jr., Nesbitt are moving to 1512 Neptune St., Rsvl 72801.

BABY BASKET SHOWER

West Side is having a baby basket shower for David and Nancy Rodriguez, who are having a baby in October. We are collecting diapers and baby wipes. They can be left in the chapel. David is the brother of Carina Ortiz.

FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY

Mark your calendars!

Friends & Family Day is Sunday, October 2.

We need canned drinks and bottled water by Sunday, September 25. Bring them to the office. Contact Deanna Cole, 479-857-0558 if you have questions.

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME

The truck from Southern Christian Children's Home will be at West Side Tuesday, October 20 to pick up groceries and supplies. Listed are some of the items needed:

Chili-no beans, Cascade, Velveeta, Ibuprofen, Alfredo sauce, flour, applesauce, cookies, Clorox wipes, juice, peanuts, peanut butter, trail mix, Kleenex, batteries, highlighters, construction paper, men's & women's deodorant, head bands & bows

Super Seniors are collecting toothpaste, toothbrushes and men's deodorant. Complete lists are on the bulletin boards in the foyer and hallway.



Keith and Robin Thomas
announce the engagement and
upcoming marriage of their son
Micah Thomas
to Kami Volden
Friday, September 30
in Sioux Falls, South Dakota

PRAYER LIST

Updated September 15

Aris Ortiz, Jr. - Baptist Health Rehab #228B.

Kirby Larsen - had surgery September 14, at St. Mary's.

Shirley Stafford - shoulder surgery Monday, September 19.

Patsy Parnell - knee surgery Friday, September 23 in Clarksville.

Carina Ortiz - diagnosed with uterine fibroids.

Bob Terry (Phyllis Houser's brother-in-law) had heart surgery Wednesday, September 14, in Mt. Home.

Richie Schilling & family – has stage 4 colon cancer; surgery in 4-6 weeks. They are expecting a baby soon.

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, Tiffany Lutrell, Carla Ford, 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, Joyce Gage, Richie Schilling

Additional: Bob Terry, Nora Smith, Jean Smith, Jeremiah Martinez

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

SHARE GROUPS

Sundays

Contact Josh (josh@westsidear.org) if you want to be in a share group.

WSYM

Area Wide Youth Worship

this afternoon, 4:30 p.m., WestArk Church of Christ, Ft. Smith

Midweek

5:30 p.m. for pizza, 6:30 p.m., Bible study, Cornerstone

Ignite Tween Rally

6th & 7th Graders, Saturday, October 1

Deadline to sign up is September 28

MNFTM

Mondays, 5:45 p.m. for a meal and service projects, Family Center

STELLA MANOR BIRTHDAY PARTY

Tuesday, September 20, 2:00 p.m.

Anna Mann - angel food cake

LADIES' BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, September 20, 7:00 p.m., Rock

We will discuss "She Walks These Hills" by Sharyn McCrumb.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.

"Human & Holy" by Michelle J. Goff

CHILDREN'S HOME CHANGE CANS

The Children's Home change cans need to returned to the office, at the church building by Sunday, September 25.