

FOR THE RECORD

Services ~ week of May 22

Bible Study	236
Morning Worship	414
Evening Services	169
Wednesday	177
Contribution	\$16,240
Online Contribution	\$ 2,754
Special contribution	\$ 2,509
Weekly Budget	\$18,068

Nursery Attendants:

May 29

(AM) Cindy Beck & Sarah Abbott
(PM) Chapel or Small Groups

June 5

(AM) Lindsey Spurlock & Carol Sober
(PM) Volunteers needed

Preparing Communion:

May 29—Miranda Harris

June—Linda McMickle & Karren Jackson

Greeters:

May 29

Mark Bryant (E. entrance)
Gordon & Barbara Dunn (W. entrance)
James Cole (North entrance)

June 5

Kenny Freeman (E. entrance)
Darol & Carol Harrison (W. entrance)
Larry Duvall (North entrance)

MEN SERVING MAY 29

Lord's Supper:

Table 1

Randall Williams, Charlie Richards,
Bobby Wortham, Kendall Tabor,
Charles Sessions

Table 2

Chandler Russell, Jackson Sorrells,
Brian Tindell, James Strother,
Greg Wooten

(PM) Chapel or Small Groups

KIDS FOR CHRIST CORNER

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

May word of the month: Imaginative

May 29:

CCSC/ WSYM (2 years)
Jamie & Beth Sorrells (3 & 4 years)
Michele Todd (K-2nd grade)

June 5:

CCSC/ WSYM (2 years)
Susan Taylor (3 & 4 years)
Kelli Lamberson (K-2nd grade)

May Helpers:

Lorelei Harris, Reagan Mitchell,
Chiane Nesbitt & Gracie Miller

DIOS LE BENDIGA

(God Bless you)

A little bit of "culture"
LA FAMILIA

Education is a strong issue in the city, but not so in the rural places (farms, villages). Boys need to work in the fields helping Dad, and girls help Mom in the house and take care of the siblings. The school system provides teachers and buildings most of the time, but parents must provide all types of supplies including uniforms for the school year.

Our phrase for the week:

La Maestra, EL Maestro!
(The Teacher/Female, The Teacher/Male!)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Our brother Pedro De La Cruz is in Mexico waiting for his green card. We have a family, from Venezuela, visiting West Side, on Sundays, who request prayers for their families and their country. Food is a big concern – families are having just one meal per day. From the Hispanic Ministry: God Bless you! ~Aris Ortiz



Friday nights in the Cornerstone

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

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MAY 29, 2016

IT BEGINS WITH PRAYER

By Tim Tripp

So we've had a lot of talk about this whole 'discipling' thing. I hope you, like me, are both convicted that it largely has not been what we are about and convinced that it needs to **be** what we are about. And, like me, I hope you are ready to get started. So, where do we start? Hmm..... good question.

It seems to me that anything meaningful must start with prayer. Jesus prayed before he began His ministry. He prayed before His trial and crucifixion. The first church was committed to frequent prayer (Acts 2:42), the Antioch church prayed over Paul and Barnabas before sending them on their first missionary journey (Acts 13:3) and the list could go on. In a book called "Contagious Disciple Making," authors David and Paul Watson agree that no successful disciple making venture begins without a great deal of prayer. They recommend recruiting a prayer network of hundreds to pray for any new disciple making venture. They recommend that the network be asked to pray daily for a specific period of time and to keep an updated prayer request list before them. That seems like something we can do, right? I am asking all who read this to pray daily for our disciple making plans at West Side. I ask that you pray daily for 10-15 minutes a day (at least) for the success of our disciple making plans. Here is a list of specific things to pray for.

Pray for the leaders (elders, deacons, ministers) of the church as they plan for what an effective disciple making strategy might look like. Pray that they be guided to good resources and information on how to be intentional about disciple making. Pray that they find other churches who have planned and begun successful disciple making efforts from whom they might learn. Pray that they have the courage to step out and set an example for others to follow.

Pray for the members of this church. Pray that they might step out in faith to support and engage in this disciple making strategy once it gets put into motion. Pray that they are able to accept the transition to a disciple making body for the good of the kingdom. Pray that each member commit to using his or her strength and spiritual gifts to the effort of making disciples for Jesus. Pray that they are all unified on the mission of the church and that they encourage each other as they carry out this mission.

Lastly, at least for now, pray that the Holy Spirit lead each of us to people with whom we might have opportunity to disciple. Pray that we have the courage to initiate spiritual conversations and find people of peace. Pray for open and receptive hearts in our community. Pray that we hear the voice of the Spirit as he prompts us to extend the offer of God's love and mercy to those who seek it.

I thank you already for your prayers and can't wait to begin this journey with this church family. I thank God that Lenore and I are here to go on this journey with you.

SYMPATHY

We offer condolences to ...

... the family and friends of Mackenzie Hess who passed away Monday, May 23.

... Donna Evans and family in the loss of her father, Harold Metz, who passed away Wednesday, May 25.

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 graciously 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 our church office (Kereigh or Josh) or contact James directly.

DEEDS FOR NEEDS

Lynn Donnell offers a free service for savings and convenience to you. Deeds For Needs has successfully repaired minor plumbing and electrical problems, resolved transportation issues, run errands, cleaned clogged gutters, removed brush and repaired autos. Lynn and his helpers don't want you to take chances that may jeopardize your health, overtax your physical abilities, or over strain your budget. Our business as Christians is to be what someone needs and if you have a need, call or text 479-970-4447.

PRAYER LIST

Updated May 26

Betty Armstrong - at home recovering from shingles.

Kendall Tabor - had surgery Thursday, May 26, at St. Bernard's Hospital, in Jonesboro, after a vehicle accident.

Bob Clark - recuperating at home. He was diagnosed with Lyme disease.

Jennifer Wortham - thyroid surgery Tuesday, June 21, at UAMS.

Bill Lewis - stomach lining biopsy Thursday, June 30.

Mason Jones (Rocky & Cindy Jones' grandson) at UAMS NICU.

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. Assisted Living #115), Randall Adaire (Legacy Lodge), Elizabeth Wyatt (Legacy Heights #43).

Cancer patients: Gladys Norwood, Helen Stephens, Mary Grice, Mary King, Carla Ford, Jeri Shay, Jerry Thompson, Doug Hart, Dianna Jennen, Julie Session, Don Martin, Tami Lemley, Sherilyn Russell, Mary Crosby, Ray Fullerton, Amy Baker, Delba Parrish, Kenny Coates, Terrie Collins, Kirk Benson, Debbie Gann, Lavada Gordon, Ali Winters, Ruby Kite, Lorri Petty, Bob Baker, Jim Valentine, Debra Leaming, F. E. Cook, Hobart Sumers, Hazel Anderson, Steven Watson, Steven Watson, Johnetta Hunter, Dianne Skipper

Additional: Kay Larsen, Orla Golay, Kelly Owens, 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: David Rentfro - AIM in CA
WBS Students

MEMORIAL DAY COOKOUT

This afternoon, we will host a community cookout in the field by the church office, at 5:00 p.m.

West Side is providing food and drinks. Please bring a dessert to share as well as lawn chairs and outdoor games.

If you are able to help with set-up before the cookout, please contact Jessica Davis or Michele Todd.

In case of rain, we will meet in the Family Center.

WSYM NEWS

Impact - June 20-25.

Cost is \$110.00 + 3 meals

Teen Week @ Camp Caudle, July 10-16

Registration:

www.westsidemyouthministry.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Camp Caudle Fund Raiser Dinner

Hosted by the Tripp Small Group
Saturday, June 25, Family Center

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

West Side's Vacation Bible School is July 25-29, 2016. This year's theme is The Promise VBS Voyage of the Alpha and the Omega.

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

SUMMER SCHEDULES

Generations schedules (Sunday night) & Summer Series schedules (Wednesday night) are available on the tables in the foyer.

Sunday morning Bible class schedules will be available in the Information Center Wednesday, June 1.