

FOR THE RECORD

Week of January 29, 2017

Bible Study.....	287
Sunday Worship.....	514
Share Groups.....	190
Wednesday.....	294
Weekly Giving.....	\$18,088.55
Year-to-Date Giving.....	\$87,195.05

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

February 5

Beverly Mason & Teri Mitchell

February 12

Stephanie Duvall & Carol Harrison

FEBRUARY COMMUNION PREP

Beverly Mason

GREETERS

February 5

Darol & Carol HarrisonNorth
James & Judy Clements.....West
Lloyd & Kristen Cawyer.....East

February 5

Darol & Carol HarrisonWest
James & Judy ClementsEast
Lloyd & Kristen Cawyer.....North

LUNCH & PIE AUCTION TODAY!

Kids for Christ

Kids for Christ is for ages 2 – 2nd grade, in rooms #17-20 during the sermon time.

FEBRUARY

Word / Scripture of the Month

Quiet / James 1:19

Everyone should be quick to listen and slow to speak.

FEBRUARY 5

2 Year Olds: Kayli & Alyssa Johnson

3-4 Year Olds: Susan Taylor

K-2nd Grade: Kim Walters

Puppets: Wesley Lamberson
& Reagan Mitchell

FEBRUARY 12

2 Year Olds: Kayli & Alyssa Johnson

3-4 Year Olds: Jamie & Beth Sorrells

K-2nd Grade: Kelli Lamberson

Puppets: Wesley Lamberson
& Reagan Mitchell

FEBRUARY HELPERS

Jada Parker, Courtney Nesbitt,
& Sara Beth Francis

Raising Arrows

Raising Arrows is the children's education ministry for grades K-5. Teachers beginning *February 1, 2017* are...

NOAH'S ARCADE

Dale & Christina Brooks

MUSEUM

Brian & Amy Tindell

CREATOR'S CANVAS

Carrie Lohse

HOLY WORD STUDIOS

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DIFFICULT TRUTHS

February 5, 2017

by Tim Tripp

I was a police chaplain for the Sharonville Police Department for seven years when I lived in the Cincinnati, Ohio area. One of the main functions of a police chaplain is to deliver death notifications. Most police officers dread nothing like they dread delivering a death notification. It is a difficult and emotionally wrenching task. You go up do someone's door and when they answer it you have to give them devastating news. "Mrs. (name) I'm sorry to have to tell you that your son (name inserted here) was killed in a car accident this afternoon." It's like taking a wrecking ball to someone's life. The outflow of emotion is epic. The typical denial response sometimes makes them angry and even aggressive (rare in my experience) with the giver of the news. Hearing that someone you love and cherish has been taken from you is the worst kind of news. It must be heard but it is a difficult truth.

In training to become a chaplain, one of the primary training points was how to give a death notification. We had several active and former chaplains tell of times when they had to do it and how they handled the situations that came about as a result. I still remember the salient point that they drove home again and again.

"Be gentle and respectful but be clear."

The gentle part goes without saying but it is harder than you think. It has more to do with body language and environment sculpting than it does with word choice. Being respectful is also assumed but sometimes more difficult than you think when someone curses you for bringing them bad news. The "be clear" part surprised me a bit. They recommended using the word "dead" or "killed" over culturally parallel phrases like "passed away" or "went home to be with the Lord." The reason is that you want those receiving the news to understand right away what happened. You don't want the natural course of denial to allow them to misunderstand what was said. You don't want a difficult truth to be subject to misinterpretation.

As Christians living in a broken world, we are called upon at times to be the bearers of difficult truths. Everybody wants to hear of God's legendary love and mercy. Messages about Jesus and his sacrifice for sins always go over well. What people don't want to hear at times are the difficult truths in the Bible. God has expectations of us as well. "Treat others better than they treat you." "Forgive whether they deserve it or not." "Love whether they've earned it or not." No one can call themselves a follower of Christ and regularly ignore those difficult truths. Our culture struggles when Christians teach that Jesus followers must strive to be honest, to be sexually pure, to save sex for marriage and that between a man and a woman. Women are to be submissive and by the way, so are men.

We learn something from the chaplains when we have to speak these difficult truths. We also need to "be gentle and respectful but be clear." I'll add "showing Christ's love" in there as well. It does us no good to shout our moral absolutes from the roof top. Difficult truths are hard enough to hear. We must consider those receiving the message when discussing how it is to be given.

YOUTH MINISTRY westsideyouthministry.org

WSYM Midweek: On Wednesdays at 5:30 we meet for pizza (\$3) and hang time followed by Bible study at 6:30.

February 5: Super Bowl Watch Party. 5:00PM in the Cornerstone. Guys bring drinks. Girls bring desserts. Parents provide a side.

Young Christians Weekend: Silver Dollar City. March 31-April 2. More info soon!

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM is in need of donations such as Little Debbie snack cakes or peanut butter/cheese crackers for homeless meals. They meet every Monday night in the Family Center at 5:45 for a free meal followed by service projects.

ELDERS, MINISTERS, DEACONS MEETING

There will be an Elders, Ministers, and Deacons meeting on Monday, February 13 from 6:30-8:00PM in the Cornerstone.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

CR meets on Friday nights in the Cornerstone. Dinner is at 5:45PM. Worship is at 6:30PM. Free childcare. If you have questions please email CR@westsidear.org.

RIGHTNOW MEDIA

We are excited to share that our church now has access to an extensive, new video library called RightNow Media! If you have not received an invite via email yet, please contact the office.

BIBLE CLASS ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to the CHRISTEens Sunday morning session at the Center for the Arts on February 26, all adult and children Bible classes at West Side will be dismissed.

CAMP CAUDLE PIE AUCTION

Everyone is invited to the Camp Caudle Pie Auction and Pasta Lunch today after morning worship. Lunch is \$5 a person or any donation is great! You won't want to miss this because our favorite auctioneer from the last auction will be back again to help us! All proceeds go to Camp Caudle!

STARTING POINT

Interested in learning more about West Side? Be sure to visit the Starting Point room in the back of the auditorium after each Sunday service.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

All ladies are invited to a study based on Crazy Love, by Francis Chan. This is a 10 week, workbook and video based study on Thursdays at 9:00AM. Please contact Mattie Martin for more info or to request a workbook.

LADS TO LEADERS

Bible Bowl practice is on Sundays at 3:00 in the Family Center.

PRIME TIMERS

Prime Timers will meet February 7th, Tuesday at 5:30. Pork Loin will be provided, please bring sides and desserts. Cindy Jones will be giving a presentation of Poisoning. See the Bettertons for questions.

RUSS BUS FUNDRAISER

You are invited to help the Russ Bus at the same time. On Friday, February 17, from 7-8:30 p.m., the Russ Bus will present a "Preachers Got Talent" show and silent auction at the Russellville Center for the Arts at Russellville High School.

Tim and Zac have agreed to participate in the show. Tickets are \$10 for adults; they will be on sale before and after service today. You can find Merlin Mann for tickets in the foyer at the west table.

CHRISTEENS

CHRISTEens 2017 is coming up on Feb 24-26 & **WE NEED YOU!!!** Here is a list of ways you can help. Sign up sheets are in the foyer. If you have questions, please contact Jake Greer or Deanna Cole.

1. **Pray!** The most important way to help that EVERYONE can do!!!
2. **Host** visiting groups in our home.
3. **Volunteer** to help organize food for the groups that stay in the Family Center.
4. **Work** the CT merchandise table.
5. Be an **usher**.
6. Help **assemble** and **build** the stage.
7. **Help** in the hospitality room.
8. **Be there!** We want all of West Side to join us at the Center for the Arts for CHRISTEens 2017!!!

DIOS LE BENDIGA *(God Bless you)*

by Aris Ortiz

Thank you Lord for a new day, for a new week, for a new worship time to You Lord; Thank You for Your presence; Thank You Lord for my Westside family that You are making me be part of. Thank You Lord for giving us this freedom to worship You without fears and threats and that we have the blessings to get together in one place, as one body. Thank You Lord for Your Word that teaches us to love You and to love each other by showing each other that love from You. Thank You for Your blessings, Thank You for you care and Thank You for Your Love! In Jesus, Your Son.... AMEN

Phrase of the week:Oracion a Dios (Praying to God)

PRAYER LIST

Nursing Homes

Madge Alverson (Atkins #312), Mirl Helms (Stella Manor #221), Imogene Taylor (Brookdale #211), Wayne Nordin (Brookdale #219), Glennette Price (Stella Manor #305), Margaret Bell (Rsvl. Nursing Ctr #312), 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, Kelly Owens, Don Martin, Lavada Gordon, Tami Lemley, Ray Fullerton, Amy Baker, Delba Parrish, Kirk Benson, Bob Baker, Jim Valentine, Ali Winters, Debbie Gann, Hobart Summers, Debra Leaming, Lorri Petty, Joyce Gage, Ruth Kelley, Steven Watson, Linda Elkins, Hazel Anderson, Johnetta Hunter, Dianne Skipper, Suzanne Gatewood, Kim Kersh, Richie Schilling, Greg Standridge, Ella Allison, Rex Roberts, Mike Reeves

Military

Dale Nelson, Justin Dollins, Steven Renfrow, Nicholas Randel, James Cole, Jr., Micah Hunter, Steven Cawyer, Charles Pitney, Joseph Roberds

Additional

Aris Ortiz, Jr., Patsy Parnell, Nora Smith, Jeremiah Martinez, Matt Francis

Missions

James & Abigail Rucker-Haiti, WBS Students

Bulletin Announcements

To submit an announcement for the bulletin, please contact the office using the email: info@westsidear.org.