

For the Record...

Bible Study:	Weekly Giving: \$18,067
Sunday Worship:	Weekly Budget: \$13,820
Sunday Evening:	YTD Giving: \$ 18,067
Wednesday:	YTD Budget:\$ 13,820

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WELCOME TO WEST SIDE!

For our visitors:
If you have any questions, if you want to get involved with our church, or if you just want to meet some of our leaders, please stop by the Starting Point kiosk in the lobby. We'd love to meet you and answer your questions. Thank you for worshipping with us today!

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Sermon Notes



WEST SIDE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Authentic

by Tim Tripp

Jan. 10th

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Is that real? I said those words to my friend as he showed me his official looking police badge. "Yep," he said proudly as he tucked it away in the pocket of his jeans. "I just got it Saturday," he added. "So, do you carry a real gun and ride around in a police car?" I asked. "Sure do!" he replied. "In fact, I arrested a bank robber just last week." "Wow! That is so cool," I observed.

It seemed so real but when I got home and told my mom about my fourth grade classmate being a real cop, she filled me in on the disappointing truth. Just because someone tells you something is true, does not make it so.

Since then, I have found her words to be very accurate. The world is filled with exaggeration and falsehood. There is counterfeit money, fake hair, fake autographs, fake grass and false eyelashes. There is so much pretense in the world right now that it is difficult to tell the fakes from the genuine article.

Unfortunately, it can also be said that there are fake Christians. I'm not talking about fake in terms of different beliefs, I'm talking about fake in terms of those who proclaim their Christian faith but don't live it. They might go to church and know the right answers in Bible class but in terms of how they live, it's just not real.

Jesus called them hypocrites; people who looked pious and got the ceremony and religious works right but their everyday lives told a different story. They were greedy, arrogant and mean. They treated people with contempt and dared pronounce judgement on those who did not follow their rules. In Matthew 15:8, regarding these fake religious people, Jesus quoted Isaiah the prophet saying, "These people honor me with their lips but their hearts are far from me." He pointed out that while they looked good on the outside, on the inside they were anything but clean.

I think it should concern me more than it does that we can still see fake Christians in the church today. There are still many who have been baptized and are on the church membership list but are no closer to being like Jesus today than they were years ago. I think that is partly because we have tolerated that for the purpose of higher attendance numbers and more in the collection plate. I think it is also because we have all but abandoned the Biblical principle of discipleship with a focus on leading believers into a mature Christian faith. I could blame a lot of folks but it does no good to blame anyone but myself. I can do better.

This year, I am embarking on a journey to authenticity. What does it look like to have not only my lips but all my heart, soul and being following Jesus? What does it look like to lead others on the path of a missional faith? What does it look like to have a fellowship that when outsiders visit, they cannot help but realize that "God is really among you?"

Authentic means to be real, to be genuine, without pretense or falsehood. In the Christian walk, it means to live out loud. It means that others know your shortcomings as well as your strengths. It means that you are who you say you are.

Join me in a goal of being more real this year than I ever have. May it never be said that I serve God with my lips but keep my heart from Him.

Dios Le Bendiga! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

Happy New Year my West Side Family!
God has been merciful with you and me to allow us to be here. That's a blessing and for sure we need to be thankful for another day, another year to begin. This year, I will be 56 years old! Wow, that much? I Don't even believe it! Then, I think: What matters most about those years? And my quick answer is: the years in Christ! Because after the day that I was born again, hope and blessings has made my days better; having a purpose and a goal to finish the race that will give me the crown of life! But I'm not there yet, but here. For now with my family and my West Side family, working together encouraging us to love and share by making disciples for the Lord Jesus Christ. And we have a new year to do more. Thank you my West side family for making me a part of this great work to reach souls for Christ. May God multiply blessing to all of you in this new year and give us better opportunities to fulfill his Will in us!
Blessings to you my West Side Family.

Children's Ministry Grades K - 5 Meets Sunday at 9 AM and Wednesday at 6:30 PM.

Our Raising Arrows Children's program is currently suspended until further notice in an effort to keep everyone safe and healthy.



Virtual Youth Group

Wednesdays

YOUTH GROUP - ONLINE

Download Zoom app for your device

Link to the meeting will be sent out on Social Media and Remind text.

Hangout and talk

What's going on

Devotional

Prayer requests

Games and Giveaways



CHURCH OF CHRIST STUDENT CENTER · ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Please keep our college students in your prayers while they are on break. If you can also reach out to any of them and encourage them it would be even better! After a challenging semester in an uncertain time, I'm sure many of our students are enjoying a break and looking forward to normalcy in the future. At Renew we're also looking forward to the future and looking forward to seeing God work in students lives during the Spring semester. Please keep us in our prayers as well! The Spring semester begins January 11.

Adult Bible Classes

Sunday Morning:

Room 2:

Room 3

FC Classroom:

Rock:

Wednesday Night:

Room 3:

FC Classroom:

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

In - Person Service This Sunday!

We will meet In-person at 10am this week, Sunday January 10th. Live stream will continue. Please take a moment to register online if you plan to attend our in-person gathering.

Join Tim online Wednesday evenings at 6:30 for class, this week begins the study of Jude.

There will be a Zoom meeting discussion class on Sunday evenings at 6:30 pm for all who are interested. For more information, please contact Tim.

Gathering Times

Please see the website for updated service times

SUNDAY

9:00 AM Bible Class

9:00 AM Clase en Español

10:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Adoración

WEDNESDAY

6:30 PM

6:30 PM Clase en Español

7:00 PM

Family Illness and Recovery

Krysta Allen's grandfather, John, remains in hospice care and is declining. Please continue prayers on his behalf, and for his family to feel God's presence during this difficult time.

Keith Frazier is recovering from knee replacement surgery. Please keep Keith & Velda in your prayers as he recovers.

Ann Humphreys is doing much better. Please continue to pray for Richard and Ann's overall health.

Sharon Johnson, sister of Carol White, recently had a scan that determined she has a brain tumor. Please pray for the doctors as they work with her and continue to pray for Sharon and her family as they navigate this process.

Niles Raines, father of Kristen Davis, has had a setback during his chemo treatment. He is very weak and not able to take treatments at this time. Please continue to pray for his strength to return and for complete healing.

James Strother is scheduled for colon resection surgery Thursday, Jan. 14th at Baptist hospital in LR. Please pray for a successful surgery and rapid and complete recovery.

Pam Tyree, daughter -in-law of Norma Tyree, is still struggling with serious complications from Covid. Please continue to pray for her complete recovery.

David Elkins, uncle of Mattie Martin, is recovering from hip surgery following a fall. Please keep him in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

Welcome Baby!

Congratulations to Morgan and Lacey Hines and big brothers Abram and Uriah on the arrival of Audra Jo on Christmas Eve! Welcome to the family sweet girl!

RIVER VALLEY CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

West Side Church of Christ has partnered with Paul Senn of River Valley Christian Counseling to provide high quality, affordable, Christian counseling. Hourly fees are based on the client's income and services will be provided regardless of the income/insurance situation of the client.

If you would like more information, please contact Paul Senn at 479-219-3019 or rvccounseling@gmail.com.

You may also visit www.westsidear.org/rvcc for more information.

Those in Nursing Homes

Wayne Nordin - Brookdale 101

Glennette Price - Stella Manor 305

Missions

James & Abigail Rucker

WBS Students

Paul & Noemi Crites

Military

Ethan Grace

James Cole, Jr

Micah Hunter

Charles Pitney

Carson Curtis

A Look Ahead...

1/10: In person service & Live Stream at 10 am

1/13 Wednesday night online class at 6:30

1/13: wsym - tba