

For the Record...

Bible Study:	Weekly Giving: \$ 15,462
Sunday Worship:	Weekly Budget: \$13,820
Sunday Evening:	YTD Giving: \$ 33,528
Wednesday:	YTD Budget:\$ 27,639

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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

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Pandemic Fatigue

by Tim Tripp

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Time for a check in. How are you doing? Feel free to give me the real answer, not the polite, "what you say in casual conversation" answer. For me, the real answer is, "I'm tired."

I'm tired of the ups and downs. I'm tired of canceled or delayed plans. I'm tired of the 'I can't meet because I am quarantined' calls. I'm tired of the daily numbers briefings. I'm tired of the 'virtual versus in person' church services merry-go-round. I'm tired of conversations from a distance or online. I'm tired of no hugs. I'm tired of Netflix. I'm tired of Facebook. I'm tired of not getting together with friends. I'm just tired.

It has been almost a year of this circus and I am ready to move on. I don't even know if I'll buy the "I survived the Pandemic of 2020" T shirt. I just don't want to wear that reminder. I'm not going to want to see face masks or hand sanitizer for a long time. I'll hug everyone I see even if it gets me slapped or punched. I'll hang out with friends, friends of friends and complete strangers just to be with people. Some may grow tired of seeing me. I'll sit in your house and say nothing until it gets awkward just to be around as many people as I can. People will turn off the porch lights and lights in the house to make it look like no one is at home when they see me coming. I'm kidding (mostly) but that is how ready I am to get this over with!

I read through James chapter one today and was reminded of how to deal with the "I am so done with this" attitude. He says, regarding trials (of which this qualifies), to consider them with pure joy.

His audience was Jewish Christians who had left Jerusalem after the death of Stephen at the hands of the Jewish leaders. Christians had fled to many of the regions controlled by the Roman empire. Many had left their homes and livelihoods and were having to start over in a foreign land. It was hard. They were tired. James told them that while trials may test them, the testing of their faith would produce perseverance and perseverance would lead to a mature faith. He's not suggesting that they try to find joy in the experience of the trial. The joy comes from knowing that as they hold to their faith and discipline their behavior to be Christ-like even when they are "done," they become more mature believers in Jesus.

This pandemic has been hard but when it is over, those who have kept their faith in Jesus and have continued to walk as he walked will be even better followers of his. The implication is that some will lose their faith through this. An untested faith is usually a shallow faith. As we persevere, we improve. We become more godly, more righteous, more in tune with the needs of those around us and more compassionate to those who may differ from us.

This has been hard for sure. I encourage all to listen to the wisdom of James and hold on to our faith as we endure. Through this we become better servants of the king. That is something to be joyful about.

Dios Le Bendiga! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

Bendiciones West Side Family! Life is changing by the minute. Yesterday was completely different from how today has been. Last week was so different from this one. For many, yesterday was laughing and joy; today is crying and sorrow. For others, yesterday was sadness and pain but now, is wonderful and peaceful. Every day is a new day for hope, love and for a new beginning. Today is a gift, a blessing, an opportunity. Are we blessed? Let's count our blessings: Are we breathing on our own? Are we able to see, to smell, to taste? Are we able to walk on our own? Are we able to think and speak in a coherent manner? We can add family, friends, work and more... Even when life is changing by the moment, let us be glad, thankful and happy that we are blessed more than we think. "This is the day that the Lord has made... I will rejoice and be glad in it". Blessings 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:

Virtual Service!

Our Worship services will again be Virtual only on Sunday Jan. 17th and Sunday Jan. 24th. Unless circumstances change, we will plan to resume our in-person gathering on January 31st.

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.

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

Sympathy

Several of our family have lost loved ones this past week. We extend our deepest sympathy to each of these families and pray that they will be surrounded by God's presence and will feel His love and peaceful comfort.

Krysta Allen and family in the loss of her grandfather John Allen.

Thom Robinson and family in the loss of his aunt Edith Bomar.

Tondra Taylor and family in the loss of her mother Pat Miller.

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

Keith Frazier is doing well following knee replacement surgery. Please continue to keep him in your prayers for a complete and rapid recovery.

Sharon Johnson, sister of Carol White, recently had a scan that determined progression of her lung cancer with addition of a brain tumor. She will begin a chemo and radiation combination therapy soon. Please keep her in your prayers for effective treatment and complete healing.

Chris Johnson, Carol White's nephew (and Sharon's son) is recovering from surgery to remove cancer from his colon. He is scheduled to begin chemo on the 25th, and is facing surgery to remove affected lymph nodes. Please keep him in your prayers for effective treatment and healing.

Maree Lewis, mother of Billy Lewis, is currently hospitalized. Please pray for her overall health and strength to improve so she can be released soon.

Janis Murphy is home and recovering from her recent hospitalization due to Covid. Please pray for her health to continue to improve.

James Strother's colon resection surgery has been rescheduled tentatively for Jan. 28th. at Baptist hospital in LR. Please pray for this upcoming surgery to be successful.

Pam Tyree, daughter-in-law of Norma Tyree, has shown some hopeful signs of improvement. Please continue to pray for her complete recovery.

Several of our family currently have covid. Please pray for little to no symptoms and complete recovery for all of them.

John and Angela Gossett
Jim Bob and Betty Humphrey's grandson Landon
James Strother
Robyn Richardson
Janis Murphy

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

Expectant Mothers

Shelby Burke

Military

Ethan Grace

James Cole, Jr

Micah Hunter

Charles Pitney

Carson Curtis

A Look Ahead...

1/17 Virtual Worship 10 am
6:30 pm Zoom meeting class online (see Tim for details)

1/20 Wednesday adult class online at 6:30

1/24 Virtual Worship at 10 am