

For the Record...

Bible Study:	Weekly Giving: \$ 14,889
Sunday Worship:	Weekly Budget: \$13,820
Sunday Evening:	YTD Giving: \$ 48,418
Wednesday:	YTD Budget:\$ 41,459

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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

Pray for Our Leaders

by Tim Tripp

This week has been epic and historic in many ways. Numbers of infections of Covid-19 are alarmingly high and many hospitals and funeral services in Arkansas are being overwhelmed by the numbers of those needing care or services. This has prompted our elders to make the decision to continue to do "virtual only" services through February 7th. While it is discouraging and frustrating to continue not meeting in person for a time, the decision was made with the safety of our members, supporters and guests in mind.

Also, we had an historic inauguration take place in Washington DC this past Wednesday as Joe Biden and Kamala Harris took their respective oaths of office to become president and vice president of our country.

While many celebrate and support the now President and his VP, there are also many who do not support them. This past election took a different direction than many had hoped. Some hoped the former president might remain in office. Some hoped that a third party candidate might be launched by the political division of our country. Some just hoped Jesus would come again and save us from all of this. What do we do when the leaders we get are not the leaders we want?

In the book of 1 Timothy, Paul tells Timothy to instruct the brethren to pray for their leaders. He says, "I urge then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." (1 Tim. 2:1-2). It is interesting to note who was in charge when Paul wrote these words. It was most likely Nero who was emperor at this time. Nero was in no way a supporter of Christianity. Persecution that happened under his reign was intense and violent. He insisted on worshipping the emperor as god and punished those who refused. He was known to have impaled Christians on poles in his garden and lit their bodies on fire to light his garden. He was in no way a supporter or even a sympathizer of Christianity yet Paul insisted on praying for him with intercession and thanksgiving!

While some may feel that the Christian way of life will be challenged in the current political climate, none of us need to fear that the next knock on the door may mean facing execution. If Paul recommends all kinds of prayer for a leader like Nero, it would seem that prayer and intercession on the behalf of our current leaders would be in order as well. Perhaps Christians should pray for President Biden and his administration. Pray both for wisdom and insight from God and pray that he would listen to godly advisors in the important decisions he will be making.

I encourage us to pray for our elders as well. Pray that they lean on the Holy Spirit to guide them through these unprecedented and difficult times. Pray for wisdom on their behalf. Pray that they draw on skills of discernment for the decisions they make. Pray that they hear and follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit through these times.

Before we complain about the decisions and policies of our leaders, we should ask ourselves first, "Have I prayed for them? Have I asked God to guide them on this (these) issue(s)?" Know that as servants of Christ, we are in a position to be active in our leadership and that activity is prayer.

Dios Le Bendiga! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

Hello West Side Family!

May God vest upon you the greatest gift of life: HEALTH. As we continue this life that our Creator has given us the opportunity to live, let's ask for the greatest blessing that he can give: Our health! Because with good health, we can do everything that our strength, determination and faith permits us to do, and beyond... So, my question to you is: what are we doing with that blessing? Are we wasting time?, Energy?, Relationships? Opportunities that we have in our way? Are we making treasures in heaven? Are we building up the Lord church? Are we walking on the narrow path? Are we building our life upon the Rock? Remember, if we possess the greatest gift of life, let us use our good health to heal others with our blessing that we have received from our Good Lord. God Bless you my West Side Family!

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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



College students! Find a place to belong! Join us for any and all of regular events this semester!

House Church - 10A Sundays at the Student Center
Free Meal - 11A-1P Wednesdays at the Student Center
Midweek Multiplied - Jan 27, various times
Midweek - Feb 3, 7P at the Student Center

For more info visit renewatu.org

Adult Bible Classes

Sunday Morning:

Room 2:

Room 3

FC Classroom:

Rock:

Wednesday Night:

Room 3:

FC Classroom:

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Our Virtual Only Services have been extended through Feb 7th.

Please join us each Sunday at 10am on our Facebook or YouTube pages, for a time of worship, prayer, teaching, and encouragement.

Note of Thanks

Dear West Side Family, Thank you for taking care of us recently when mom passed from this life to the one that is better than anything we can imagine. It means more to me than I can express. Your love and generosity is overwhelming.
Tondra Taylor

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Billy Lewis and family in the loss of his mother Maree Lewis. Please keep Billy and Susan and the rest of the Lewis family in your prayers during this difficult time of loss.

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

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.

James Strother's colon resection surgery is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 29th. at Baptist hospital in LR. Please pray for this upcoming surgery to be successful.

Helen Stephens is recovering from hip surgery following a recent fall. Please keep her in your prayers for a full recovery.

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
Landon Humphrey
Robyn Richardson
Janis Murphy
Phyllis Copeland

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 / Retirement Centers

Wayne Nordin - Brookdale - Rm 101

Glennette Price - Stella Manor - Rm 305

Joe Pitney - The Arbors - Apt. 308

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...

Due to the effects of Covid 19 and love for our neighbor, we will be having Virtual Only services through Feb. 7th. Please join us each Sunday at 10 am on our Facebook or YouTube pages.

Remember Sunday evenings at 6:30 class opportunity via Zoom with Tim Tripp and others. Contact Tim if you need info on how to join.

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm - West Side Church of Christ Facebook page.

WSYM - Wednesdays 6:30 pm Zoom