

For the Record...

Bible Study:	220	Weekly Giving: \$	15,155
Sunday Worship:	380	Weekly Budget:	14,816
Sunday Evening:	107	YTD Giving: \$	46,972
Wednesday:	168	YTD Budget: \$	44,448

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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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A Little Faith Goes a Long Way

by Tim Tripp

I recently read the story of Gideon again. I really love the story because it reminds me that a little faith, goes a long way. In Judges chapter 6 we find Gideon hiding out in his wine press, threshing his wheat. That was not what a wine press was used for. A winepress was a hole in the ground carved out of rock. Grapes would be poured into the hole and trampled by a barefooted person to squeeze the juice from them. The juice was siphoned off and the pulp was shoveled out for other uses. Threshing was done out in the open where the breeze could separate the dry, light chaff from the grain that could then be scooped up from the ground. However, in Gideon's day, the Israelites were regularly and mercilessly raided by the Midianites (descendants of Ismael who lived on the east side of the Jordan). The Midianites loved the harvest time where they could watch for Hebrews harvesting in their fields. They would watch and wait until the crop was harvested and processed before riding in and taking it all. Resistance was met with violence and lethal force.

Gideon was hiding his wheat or barley from them. He was in a hole in the ground where the threshing was much more difficult but if Midianite raiders were spotted, he could simply get down. Israel suffered so much under the oppression of the Midianites and their allies that they cried out to the Lord. The Lord reminded them that they were in this mess because they had done what was forbidden. They worshipped idols and served the gods of the Canaanites. Therefore, God had allowed them to be overrun by their enemies. This is the cycle of the judges.

An angel appeared to Gideon as he worked in secret calling him 'mighty warrior.' Gideon was shocked by the title and reminded the angel that he was from the weakest family in the weakest tribe in Manasseh. Translation: I am to opposite of a mighty warrior. Whatever the farthest thing from a mighty warrior is, that is me. Still, the angel told him, he was the one chosen to deliver Israel. He was tasked to tear down the idols of Baal in his hometown and cut down the Asherah pole beside it. He was to build an altar to God in their place and use the wood from the idols to fuel a fire to offer the sacrifice of a young bull to God. Gideon went at night with some help and carried out what God had asked of him. It caused quite a stir in town but the people got the message. Later he would call an army of Israelites to face the Midianites but not before the fleece test. Twice he tested God by putting out a fleece and asking God to make it wet then dry the next morning while the ground around it was just the opposite. God then whittled the 32,000 strong army he brought together down to 300 so that they would know that when they faced the much larger Midianite army it was not they who claimed the victory but God. They were obedient and God delivered them the next day.

When Jesus first spoke of the church that would take his message to the world, he said he would build it on the rock of faith in Christ. It has been that rock of Peter's confession that Jesus is the son of God upon which the church has stood since then. Today it still stands on your faith and mine. Thank God it doesn't have to be a great faith. Faith the size of a mustard seed can move mountains. If you only have a little faith right now that is fine. It will grow as you put it to work. God does great things through weaklings like you and me. Just a little faith goes a long way.

DIOS LE BENDIGA! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

What was Jesus' agenda? Did he have an agenda? What is an agenda? -None- he did not have any personal intention of changing anything his way. He came to this earth to do His Father's Will, his Father's business. Jesus came to teach and show the way to the Father. His mission was to preach the truth, the way and the life. His life was the example in love, mercy, patience, suffering and sacrifice for all humans to be saved from eternal condemnation. Sin makes separation of man from God, and God's righteousness demands punishment for sin. Jesus paid with his life for human sins to please God's wrath, so Jesus mission was one, to save the world! Now, what is our mission? If we have been saved by Jesus blood, by his sacrifice, our mission is to teach others about Jesus and the salvation he offers to everyone. If we belong to Jesus, then our business is the same as Jesus was: the salvation of everyone we came in contact with. The way he showed with his own life is the way we need to do it. All of us are servants and we serve the Master: Jesus Christ our savior. And that is our business. Let's continue spreading the good news, my West Side Family!

Sunday,
January 26, 2020

This week's helpers:

Nursery:

- Tami Robinson
- Lisa Reed

KFC:

2 year olds:

Sadie B. & Jada P.

3 & 4 year olds:

Sarah Janelle

K - 2nd grade:

Jon Francis

Puppets:

Clem Family

Greeters:

North:

Richard Loveland

East:

Larry Duvall

West:

James & Judy Clements

Communion:

Table 1:

- Aaron Horton, Gary Jernigan, Bill Grant, Larry Harrell, Calvin Jones

Table 2:

- Larry Holman, Kenny Freeman, Cecil Johnson, Mark Helms, Richard French

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



Teaching Team Leaders:
Holy Word Studios: Lee and Andrea Henson
Noah's Arcade: Dale and Christina Brooks
Museum: Brent and April Ruple
Creator's Canvas: Hensons



YOUTH PARENT MEETING TODAY!!

Parents please join us for a potluck lunch and informational meeting in the Family Center this morning immediately following Worship Service.

>January 29 WSYM-Family Meal and Worship night

>February 28 - Mar 1 CHRIS TEENS

Welcome Back Students!

Midweek service has started back!
Wednesdays @ 7pm.

College Age Share Group Lunch at the Davis house will resume TODAY, January 26th ! Bring a friend!

Super Bowl Party Feb. 2nd!!

Want to receive text updates?
Text@ccscatu to 81010

Adult Bible Classes

Sunday Morning Adult Classes:

Room 2: Tripp Rotation | Spiritual Formation
Room3: Clem Rotation | Sermon on the Mount
FC Classroom: Janelle Rotation | Minor Prophets
Rock: Clements Rotation | The Mission of Jesus

Wednesday Night Adult Class(es):

Room 3: A Life of Covenant

FC Classroom: A Joyful Journey Ladies Class

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Please join us in the Rock today from 1:30-3pm as we celebrate the upcoming wedding of Cierra Gregory and Dillon Collins!

CHRIS TEENS 2020 - Feb 28 - Mar 1

Housing sign ups are in the lobby today!! Please consider opening your heart and your home to help house some teens this year.

Camp Caudle Pie Auction

Our annual Pie Auction Fundraiser for Camp Caudle will be Sunday Feb. 2nd immediately following morning worship. This year we will combine with the Hispanic group for lunch followed by the auction. You won't want to miss this! Please see Lee Henson or visit www.campcaudle.org to sign up to bring a pie or dessert for auction.

IF: Gathering - Feb 7 & 8

Ladies please mark your calendars to join us at the CCSC on Friday night Feb. 7th and Saturday Feb. 8th for IF: Gathering. This will be a live streaming event with inspirational speakers as well as a time of worship and fellowship. Friday 6-9pm and Saturday 9-5pm, Lunch will be provided Saturday. Please register online if you plan to attend. <https://local.ifgathering.com/russellville/> For more information, pick up a flyer at Starting Point.

Congratulations!!

Congratulations to Sam Davis who was baptized Sunday Jan 12th by his father Danny Davis. Sam, we are proud of you and look forward to walking with you on your spiritual journey!

Happy Anniversary!!

George and Wanda Reed have been blessed with 60 years of marriage! Congratulations George and Wanda! We love you and hope you have many more years together!

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Glenn and Brenda Holmes and their nephew Chris, in the loss of his wife, Storm Holmes. Please pray for Storm's family in this time of loss. May God's love and comfort surround them.

We extend our sympathy to Pete and Kay Fureigh and Amanda Williams and family in the loss of Joe Fureigh last Wednesday. Please remember these families in your prayers during this difficult time.

Gathering Times

SUNDAY

9:00 AM Bible Class

9:00 AM Clase en Español

10:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Adoración

5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

6:30 PM

6:30 PM Clase en Español

Share Groups/ various times and locations

Family Illness and Recovery

Nick Cater, 29 yr old husband of Trish and David Bailey's niece, is recovering from surgery for esophageal cancer. Please pray for his recovery to go well and that his surgery will have accomplished all that is needed.

Carla Ford's aneurysm surgery has been rescheduled for Jan. 31st. Please keep her in your prayers for protection until she can have the surgery.

Frank Foster is doing well following retina repair surgery. Please keep him in your prayers during his recovery period.

Bill Freeman, brother-in-law of Kendall Tabor, has been placed on dialysis due to kidney failure. Please keep him in your prayers during this time of adjustment.

Mary Grice has begun a new chemo regimen. Please continue to keep her in your prayers for effective treatment and complete healing.

Truman Hill is in St. Mary's Rehab after suffering a fall. Please keep Truman in your prayers as well as Jan as she cares for him.

Richard Humphreys is currently at Conway Regional Medical Center awaiting treatment plans concerning his pending leg surgery. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

Jim Bob Humphrey continues to recover at home from his operation. Please keep him in your prayers for complete healing.

Mike Loibner is recovering at home following a return visit to UAMS last week. Please continue to keep him in your prayers for a full and rapid recovery.

David May, brother of Charles May, is having complications due to esophageal cancer. Please continue to keep David and his family in your prayers.

Patsy Parnell is still having severe neck issues. Please pray for relief and healing.

Jimmy Parnell is facing possible lung surgery as well as hip replacement surgery. Please remember him in your prayers as he works with doctors to determine the next course of action.

Clay Reed is currently undergoing chemo treatments. Continued prayers for strength and endurance are appreciated.

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 to the River Valley. 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.westsidearg.org/rvcc for more information.

Welcome to our Family!!

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A Look Ahead...

1/27: MNFTM at 5:45 in the Family Center

1/30: Celebrate Recovery meal at 6pm in the Family Center followed by worship & break out sessions @ 6:45

Feb 2: Camp Caudle Pie Auction
Super Bowl Party - Youth - Cornerstone
Super Bowl Party - CCSC

Feb 7&8: IF:Gathering @ CCSC