

For the Record...

Bible Study:	Weekly Giving: \$ 8,670
Sunday Worship:	Weekly Budget: \$ 13,820
Sunday Evening:	YTD Giving: \$ 57,088
Wednesday:	YTD Budget: \$ 55,279

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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

Worship Is Not Just a Private Matter

by Tim Tripp

I am sure many of you have been in a similar situation. My daughter brought friends home to visit and meet her mother and I. They were a very nice couple but they were spiritual wanderers. Both claimed to be believers but neither were raised in a faith first kind of family and they have not found a church family where they live now. Neither do they see it as much of a priority. It was a wonderful visit but the struggle of 'to pray or not to pray' which is always a little awkward around new guests was certainly so with them around mealtime. We usually pray before we eat. They do not. When we sat down to eat with them with all of us having our food in front of us, the two of them began to dig in. My daughter and Lenore looked awkwardly at me. Their eyes were saying, "So are we going to pray and make it weird for them or just dig in ourselves?" I spoke up and said, "We usually pray before we eat so if its OK with you, I'm going to do that now." They agreed, we prayed and went on with a nice meal together. We never spoke of it again but at subsequent meals, they paused for the prayer before beginning.

The tension that we felt before I prayed is an important one to note. There is usually a little anxiety for most of us when it comes to asking for permission to pray. What if they say no or feel offended? While those might be legitimate fears, our faith will usually dictate that we pray either with them or in front of them, but we pray. In prayer we praise the God who created us and loved us enough to give his son on our behalf. Praising God in public is one way of spreading the gospel. It gives us an opportunity to share openly and before others our adoration of our creator.

I had a neighbor in Cincinnati who upon hearing that I was a minister, made it very clear that he did not believe in God. He respected me and my beliefs but did not share them. I was working in my yard one day and saw him walking across the street my way. He stopped and told me that his grandfather was sick and his condition was worsening. I asked him if I could pray with him. He said no, he did not believe in that. I told him that was fine and I would pray for him. He said, "If that is what works for you." It was an interesting response and not exactly affirming. However, it was not long before he and I talked again and he told me of another family situation that concerned him. I told him I would pray for him and he said, "If that is what works for you." Again, I thought it an odd response. Several more times before they moved from the house across the street, he came to me with family concerns. Each time I told him I would pray for the situation. Each time he responded the same way.

It was not until later that it dawned on me that it was not a random event that he continued to tell me about his concerns. He *wanted* me to pray for them. His atheism would not let him pray but he told me knowing I would pray just in case it worked. Many atheists are not as confident as they let on.

Public worship, praise and prayer has impact. It spreads God's love and mercy to the unsuspecting. It causes the wandering to question their lack of faith. It leads the searching to answers. You may never know the impact of what you do in public. God knows. Private worship is great but we should not keep it there. Worship is not just a private matter. Let the world see you put your worship on!

Dios Le Bendiga! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

Hello my West Side Family!
Happy birthday!!, Happy anniversary!! For everyone who has had and will have those celebrations. It's very sad that those celebrations are not the same anymore because of the Pandemic. But we have other ways to let each other know and celebrate too. And one day, we will be free!! "When we all get to heaven, what a joy that will be, when we all see Jesus and we all we sing: Victory!" That day, there will be no more pain; no more sadness, no more sickness, no more suffering, no more CORONAVIRUS or any other virus! We will all have "perfect bodies", perfect health, perfect eternal life, including those moments that we will not be sleeping, eating or having to do some exercises at all to be healthy or to look good or feel happy. No more of such things that we have to deal with now and to be concerned about almost every day of our life, to keep ourselves well. So, if you are celebrating something, I will say: Happy celebration to you, even though the celebrations are limited, it's a blessing that you and I can celebrate, because there are so many that, instead of celebrating, are mourning. Instead of happiness, many are going through sad and difficult times. And for those who are going through that, our prayers are with you. May the Good Lord bless you with his presence holding you with his arms of love and care. Let us continue to be thankful to God for each day, especially for the first day of the week: The Lord's Day! Blessings to 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



CHURCH OF CHRIST STUDENT CENTER - ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY

College students! Find a place to belong! Join us for any and all of our 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:

Thank you for the calls, texts, plant, and especially the prayers on our behalf with the recent loss of Kenny's dad. We love you all!

Kenny and Nancy Freeman & family

The family of Don Todd invites you to join them at a memorial service in his honor.

The service will be held at 11:00AM, Monday, February 1, 2021, at the Arkansas River Valley Veterans Park on Lake Front Drive in Russellville under the direction of Humphrey Funeral Service. Tim Tripp, Jim Bob Humphrey, and Alan Todd will officiate.

Full military honors will be provided by the Rogers-Rye Post #2283 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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

Helen Stephens is recovering from hip surgery while also being treated for pneumonia. Please pray for continued improvement so she can begin rehab soon.

Maynette Stroud, sister - in - law of Ginger Tippit, is once again undergoing chemo treatments for the return of ovarian cancer. Please keep her in your prayers for successful treatment and complete healing.

James Strother is recovering from colon surgery Friday. Please continue to pray for him during his recovery process.

Ongoing concerns:

Pam Tyree - covid related complications

Sharon Johnson -cancer

Chris Johnson -cancer

Sympathy:

We have several families who have lost loved ones in the past week. Please hold these families close in heart and remember them in your prayers that they may have peace and comfort.

The family of Don Todd

Tara Young and family in the loss of her Step-father, Scott Eveland

Kenny Freeman and family in the loss of Kenny's father, Loyd Freeman

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

Military

Ethan Grace

James Cole, Jr

Micah Hunter

Charles Pitney

Carson Curtis

Expectant Mothers

Shelby Burke

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