

## For the Record...

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| Bible Study:    | Weekly Giving: \$ 12,999 |
| Sunday Worship: | Weekly Budget: \$ 14,818 |
| Sunday Evening: | YTD Giving: \$ 556,437   |
| Wednesday:      | YTD Budget: \$ 592,636   |

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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

## What About False Teachers?

by Tim Tripp

Sunday  
October 11, 2020

Nursery:

Kids For Christ:

2yr. olds -

3 & 4yr olds -

K-2nd grade -

Puppets:

Greeters:  
North -

West -

East -

Communion:  
Table 1 -

Table 2 -

One of the challenges in speaking of unity is what to do with people who disagree on some point of doctrine or practice. The writers of the New Testament warned of false teachers and false prophets and encouraged the faithful to avoid, reject and have nothing to do with such people. However, just the fact that someone disagrees with me does not necessarily mean they are a 'false teacher' or that they teach false doctrine. If I labeled everyone who disagreed with me on some issue of biblical interpretation, doctrine or practice a false teacher, then most everyone would wear that label. In an individualistic culture, not many of us are identical in any way.

The issue presents a dilemma because there is a clear command of Christ that we love other believers as Christ loved his disciples – even though their understanding of his teaching was incomplete. On the other hand, there is no benefit to the Kingdom in encouraging those who teach false doctrine to continue in so doing. It seems important in the discussion to first draw a distinction between a legitimate false teacher and someone who is misinformed or misled on some issue of doctrine or practice.

The first century debate regarding the eating of meat sacrificed to idols is an interesting and illustrative debate on differences in application of commands. In Acts 15 the apostles and elders in Jerusalem came to a consensus agreement on what to require of the Gentile Christians relating to Jewish law. They decided to bind only four things from Jewish law on them. They required Gentile Christians to abstain from sexual immorality, ingesting blood, eating meat from an animal that had been strangled and eating meat (food) that had been used in a sacrifice to pagan idols (Acts 15:20, 29). But then in both Romans (14-15) and in 1 Corinthians (8-10), Paul weighs in on what has apparently devolved into a divisive issue among Christians living in Greco-Roman cultures. In both of these places, Paul leaves the issue to the conscience of each believer saying in essence that there is nothing inherently wrong with eating such meat since idols are nothing but that choosing to eat might wound a brother or sister in Christ which would certainly need to be avoided. He insists that "each one be fully convinced in their own minds" (Romans 14:5) and that they not judge others for making a different choice (Romans 14:4). He makes it clear in these passages that Christians can disagree and still be unified. In other words, another believer can be wrong on some issue and still be your brother or sister in Christ with whom you are to be unified. Not everyone who is wrong is a false teacher.

False teachers mentioned in the New Testament are messengers of Satan, sent to pose as a Christian but with the real agenda of leading Christians away from the faith (2 Peter 2:1). One sure mark of a false teacher is that they teach a false doctrine (more on this later) and intentionally teach it to Christians to draw believers away from the faith. False teachers always point people away from Jesus.

There will always be other believers that I believe are wrong on some things. The fact that they are wrong does not make them a false teacher. If they are humble and passionate about leading people to Jesus, not just to their way of thinking, I believe that I can still claim them as a fellow Christian and a brother or sister in Christ. For me calling them such is not a statement on whether they are lost or saved but just an acknowledgement that we are working together in the Kingdom of God.

### Dios Le Bendiga! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

Bendiciones West Side Family!  
Well, my experiment had an interesting result: only "one" response came back. I don't know if others didn't want to respond or forgot. But I will keep writing knowing that this will be for "few" if not, one.  
I'm glad that salvation doesn't depend on this little article.  
Ok. What matters is that I can write here a small message to remind us how important our souls are to God. The price he paid for one soul, is so big, that it doesn't even compare with anything in this creation, not even eternity! Because The Son of God, The Verb, The Beginning and The End, The Alpha and Omega, don't have a way of measurement, he is from eternity to eternity... and He came to this world and died for you and me!!!! That's what's important to know. And what we need to do is to keep obeying his voice, his commands because our eternity in heaven depends on it. So many scriptures that show us and point us that way. So many scriptures teach us about Jesus Christ and his sacrifice in the cross to pay a ransom for our soul, for our sins, for our salvation from condemnation. That's why it's important to know, to remain and to preach and teach to others. And this segment in this bulletin is one little window that I have been given to share that wonderful news! May God always bless you and keep you well and safe to all the West Side Family and friends... (even though few will read this) DIOS LE BENDIGA!

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!

Join us at our weekly events.

Sundays-10:00am House Church at the student center.

Wednesday's-11:00-1:00 free meal.

Wednesday's-RE-Groups times vary.

## Adult Bible Classes

**Sunday Morning:**

Room 2:

Room 3

FC Classroom:

Rock:

**Wednesday Night:**

Room 3:

FC Classroom:

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

### *Wedding Shower*

*Make your plans to participate in a Drive-By Wedding Shower in honor of Shelby Bryant and fiancé Corey Hottinger this afternoon, Sunday October 11th, from 1-2:30pm at the home of Jamie and Beth Sorrells. Corey and Shelby are registered at Millyn's, Amazon and Target.*

## Gathering Times

*These meeting times are currently suspended*

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

Vicki Betterton is recovering from an accident which resulted in a broken collarbone. Please that she will have a rapid and complete recovery.

Larry Harrell is recovering at home following a heart procedure on Wednesday. He is doing well and will be further treated with medication. Continued prayers are appreciated.

Brenda Holmes traveled back to Mayo Clinic this past week for a doctor visit which included an in-office procedure to attempt to avoid any further surgeries. Please pray that no further action will be required and complete healing will be in place.

Remember to continue to pray for our friends who are homebound and nursing home residents.

### **Sympathy:**

We extend our sympathy to Paul and Lisa Rentfro and family in the loss of Paul's mother, Nancy Rentfro, last week. Please keep the Rentfro family in your prayers during this time of grief.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Betty Hancock who passed away early Friday morning. Please especially keep Brooke and Tim Yeaman in your prayers in the days and weeks ahead.

## 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](http://www.westsidear.org/rvcc) for more information.

### Homebound / Nursing Homes

Wanda Bailey - Home

Wayne Nordin - Brookdale 101

Glennette Price - Stella Manor 305

Inez Selby - Stella Manor 315

Don Todd - Russellville Nursing Center - 317

### Expectant Mothers

Carlee Schmitt

Kaitlin McCormick

Lacey Hines

### Missions

James & Abigail Rucker

WBS Students

Paul & Noemi Crites

### Military

Ethan Grace

James Cole, Jr

Micah Hunter

Charles Pitney

Carson Curtis

## A Look Ahead...

**10/11:** Worship at 10am - in person and online including virtual KFC

--Drive -By Wedding Shower for Shelby Bryant and Corey Hottinger

*(See details in the What you need to know section)*

**10/14:** WSYM will meet at the fire pit for class and breakout groups

**10/15:** CR @ 6pm in the Family Center - bring your own food