

For the Record...

Bible Study:	Weekly Giving: \$ 9,683
Sunday Worship:	Weekly Budget: \$ 14,818
Sunday Evening:	YTD Giving: \$ 579,858
Wednesday:	YTD Budget: \$ 622,268

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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

How Big Is the Grace of God?

by Tim Tripp

Sunday
October 25, 2020

Nursery:

Kids For Christ:

2yr. olds -

3 & 4yr olds -

K-2nd grade -

Puppets:

Greeters:
North -

West -

East -

Communion:
Table 1 -

Table 2 -

It is impossible to adequately describe the grace of God. That grace offered through the sacrifice of Jesus is immense beyond description. It enters the life of every believer who puts faith in Jesus Christ and receives his Spirit in baptism and turns their guilt to innocence, their unrighteousness made righteous through the blood of the lamb. Any sinner with whatever moral stain and rotten deed done can come to the altar of grace and have those sins washed away. The writer of Hebrews says that because of God's grace, the Christian can "approach the throne of grace with confidence and receive mercy and grace to help in the time of need" (see Hebrews 4:16).

You may have heard it said that you cannot out-sin the grace of God. It is true as long as you are not trying to do that. Paul asked, "Shall we go on sinning that grace might increase?" He answers his own question by continuing, "By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?" (Romans 6:1-2). The idea is that genuine faith in Christ comes with a built-in desire to want to be like Jesus with continual improvement. A faith that does not desire to improve is really no faith at all.

If we receive grace then, it is important that we give it. I think that when it comes to behavioral sin, I tend to struggle to believe that God forgives the things I've done. Most of us have had to intentionally hand our guilt over to God and gratefully accept his offer of grace. We are more likely to believe that he has forgiven others for their sins than that he forgives us of our own.

I find it interesting however, that the opposite is often true when it comes to error in doctrine. Few of us would say that our doctrine and understanding of scripture is perfect. Most of us have no problem believing that God's grace will cover our errors and misunderstandings but unlike behavioral sin, we tend to be stingy with believing that God's grace will cover the doctrinal error and misunderstandings of others.

Why is it that God's grace is big enough to cover the behavioral sins of others but not their doctrinal sins? Is it not certain, that if God forgives the greedy who don't know they are greedy he will also forgive the error of those who think differently than us when they believe and practice as best they know how? Surely if God offers grace to a struggling addict who is trying to do better, he will also work with an erring brother in a different church who is open to improvement in their understanding of scripture. Can we accept that the blood of Christ cleanses not only from behavioral sin but from sin of belief and understanding as well?

Just as God's grace is big enough to cover the sinner who is improving his or her life before God, it is big enough to cover the person of sincere faith in Jesus who is mis-informed or lacks understanding while they continue to be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit to discover more perfectly the teachings of scripture.

For the sake of unity, we must believe that God's grace is big enough. If it is big enough to cover my sins and my misunderstanding of scripture, it is big enough to cover that of others as well. God's grace is that big.

Dios Le Bendiga! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

Good morning West Side Family!
But for many, it has not been a "good morning." For so many, it has been a bad, sad, painful, hurtful, difficult, lonely and hopeless morning. We will have all of this in our life, but when God is in the equation, the results will make a difference. "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all those things will be given to you as well." All those things: what to eat, what to drink and what to wear. In life, according to the Lord, those three things are the basic and fundamental things for us to live, the next most important part in our life is: "Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness" and if we are focused on that, then, when those life moments of sad, difficulties, hurtful times will come, we will be strong and standing because "it's foundation is on the rock"
The question is: How is our foundation now? How will our new day, our week, our month, be? I believe that will depend on if we are looking at his kingdom and his righteousness first!
Blessings to you 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



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:

Join us this afternoon at 3pm on the lawn behind the church office for a time of outdoor praise and worship! Bring a lawn chair, face mask and a friend and come prepared to be uplifted. Hope to see you there!

Baby Girl Basket Shower for Morgan and Lacy Hines!

Baby Audra is due Dec. 30th, Most needed baby items are:

Bath time supplies, wet wipes, books and gift cards to

Walmart and Target. The family uses cloth diapers from

greenmountaindiapers.com where gift cards are available for

purchase. You may drop your gifts off at the church office.

Note of Thanks:

Thank you so much for the beautiful mum, the prayers, calls and food provided. I love and appreciate my church family.

Vicki Betterton

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

Krysta Allen's grandfather, John, is in hospice care in Atlanta, GA. Please keep Krysta and her family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Kristen Davis's father, Niles Raines, was recently diagnosed with acute leukemia. Please pray for the Raines and Davis families as they wait for answers and options.

Judy Jackson's sisters, Betty Smart of Searcy and Sarah Smith of Beebe, are both in nursing homes with multiple health issues. Betty has had multiple broken bones in addition to her already existing health challenges, and Sarah is recovering from Covid-19. Please keep both of these ladies in your prayers as well as Judy since she cannot be with them at this time.

Ming and Rhonda Kwok, In-laws to Melody (Tabor) Kwok, have both tested positive for Covid. Please pray for light to no symptoms and quick recovery.

Robyn Richardson's sister-in-law, Judy Richardson, has Covid related pneumonia. Please pray for her condition to improve quickly and healing to begin.

Sympathy:

We extend our sympathy to Tiffany Lutrell in the recent passing of her father, Phillip Almond. Please keep Tiffany and her family in your prayers for peace and comfort at this time of such difficult loss.

We extend our sympathy also to Jim & Vicki Betterton, Christina George and family in the loss of Jim's grandson Quinn Cosgrove. Please keep the entire family in your prayers as they deal with this loss.

We extend our sympathy as well to the family of Charles Session who passed away recently. Please keep Suzy and their children and grandchildren in your prayers for peace and comfort.

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.

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

Kaitlin McCormick

Lacey Hines

Military

Ethan Grace

James Cole, Jr

Micah Hunter

Charles Pitney

Carson Curtis

Missions

James & Abigail Rucker

WBS Students

Paul & Noemi Crites

A Look Ahead...

10/25: 10am in-person and livestream service, 3pm outdoor praise and worship

10/28: WSYM Packing food boxes for River Valley Food 4 Kids @ 6:30pm in the cornerstone

10/29: CR @ 6pm in the Family Center - bring your own food