

## For the Record...

Bible Study:	Weekly Giving: \$ 11,941
Sunday Worship:	Weekly Budget: \$ 14,818
Sunday Evening:	YTD Giving: \$ 634,508
Wednesday:	YTD Budget: \$ 681,532

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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

Sunday  
November 22,  
2020

Nursery:

Kids For Christ:

2yr. olds -

3 & 4yr olds -

K-2nd grade -

Puppets:

Greeters:  
North -

West -

East -

Communion:  
Table 1 -

Table 2 -

*Hang In There*

by Mark Hixson

Don't you agree that this season is unpredictable? It is so difficult to plan for the future because we are so unsure what tomorrow might bring. In the New Testament book James 4, we are encouraged to add this phrasing "If it is the Lord's will.." to our planning frame word. Let's be encouraged to allow God to guide our feet as we plan during this time. Attach below is an article written by my dad, encouraging us to stand our ground when temptation is pushing us around.

**RESPONDING TO TEMPTATION BY STANDING YOUR GROUND** by Dennis R Hixson | 11/11/2020

Have you handled challenges in life just as you had planned? For most of us, we have not always responded to life events as we thought we should or could.

Many times, we plan to handle a situation in life one way, but when reality sets in, we respond in a different manner than we originally thought.

Parenting is a great example. Although we may have believed we were prepared to deal with parenting, the first time our child did one of those cute, cruel or simply unbelievable things that kids do...our response was probably different than originally planned. When I was younger, I had all the right answers related to parenting, until I was a parent! God decided to provide a parenting educational opportunity by giving me four children, two stepchildren and now eight grandchildren. Now I realize how unprepared I was for the challenges of being a parent.

A quote from a famous heavyweight boxer with life applications far beyond the boxing ring, "Everybody has a plan until they get punched in the mouth."

We may have a plan or an idea how to manage through surprises in life or "punches in the mouth", only to discover we were not as prepared as we originally thought. Our "punch in the mouth" can result from health issues, financial challenges, divorce...or maybe, a virus particle named COVID-19.

If life seemly has pushed and shoved you around, or you feel as though you've been "punched in the mouth" and now questioning your response to those challenges, it's time to reach into the pages of God's Word for answers. Catching us off guard in dealing with life challenges is a popular tactic from Satan. Paul's instruction related to resisting Satan's schemes in Ephesians applies to us in 2020 as much or more than his writing in AD 60.

Ephesians 6:11 says "Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." This stand against Satan's schemes is not a passive role. We must work at taking our stand against Satan's schemes, knowing good and well, the temptation will look very different than we imaged. In fact, once the temptation is realized, we may feel as though we were "punched in the mouth"!

Taking our stand against Satan's schemes starts with developing an attitude of total and complete defiance against our diabolical enemy. This attitude of total and complete defiance seems appropriate as Satan's goal is to destroy us.

Most of us have been dealt some tough situations in life. Sometimes these situations are a surprise, and we realize we were just "punched in the mouth" by Satan executing his scheme to destroy our life physically, our faith spiritually and relationships with those we love.

This is an encouragement to stand your ground, stand firm in your faith in Jesus Christ. Make Jesus Christ your reference point in every single decision from this day forward. And yes, you will be surprised by Satan's scheme to throw you off your stand.

*Psalms 27 offers us inspiration in fighting the daily battle with Satan as he attempts to "punch us in the mouth".*  
*"The Lord is our salvation and the stronghold of our life, so whom shall we fear?"*

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

by Aris Ortiz

Happy new day of life to you!!

Yes, today is another day of life that God has given us! Another week to start, another year to live, because every day, starts a new year since we were born. That means, another opportunity has been given us from the Lord to glorify his name. How to do that? Well, that's our decision on how. But we need to do it and we have to do it. If we want to receive the "Crown" of life, we need to and have to keep doing it all the time, because that is our business as Christians. The day we decided to obey the Lord, we made a promise to him, that every day we will take our cross and follow him, and that we will do that because we understood that was our part. So, every day, I look for a way to glorify him, even though I will fall short so many times, I know his love will enrich my soul. I will not let Satan take away the joy of every day God gives me to show his mercy by providing exactly what I need to go and do what he wants. My encouragement to you my West Side Family, is to always look for opportunities to rejoice every day doing God's Will!!! Blessings !!

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

We are soon closing out a unique semester here at the student center. To say that this Fall has been tough to navigate for our students and our ministry would be an understatement. Even with all of the uncertainty and difficulties, there have been many good things happening in the college ministry. Regardless of the twists and turns, knowing the heart of this church and the love you have for college students is such a blessing! Thank you to those that have helped out— either in-person or at a distance. Your love and service is greatly appreciated! We thank God for you! To the Pandemic Pals, please continue to find ways to bless your college student. If you have any questions, please let us know!

The Student Center will be closed for Winter Break beginning November 23rd.

## Adult Bible Classes

### Sunday Morning:

Room 2:

Room 3

FC Classroom:

Rock:

### Wednesday Night:

Room 3:

FC Classroom:

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Community Thanksgiving Service!

I wanted to ask you to join me in an opportunity to practice Christian unity in our community. The Russellville Area Ministerial Association sponsors a Community Thanksgiving service every year on the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

This year they asked West Side to lead the worship for this community service. This will be an opportunity to display the blessing of acappella worship to many who have never experienced it.

The service is planned to take place at 2:00pm on Sunday November 22nd at the depot amphitheater in downtown Russellville.

If the weather doesn't cooperate with an outside service, the backup plan is to have the service at West Side. The forecast for Sunday does not look good. I need to ask you for a couple of things.

I need help with people to attend and help sing. Zac is not available so I will be leading the worship and I would love to have many West Side/ Church of Christ folks come because of your familiarity with acappella worship and with the songs we typically sing. The experience will be better for everyone with a larger crowd. Please try to attend and help me out.

I will also need help doing a wipe down after our Sunday Morning service. We will need to wipe down pews, door handles, tables, bathrooms and etc...

We don't expect a large crowd from the community and especially if it is held indoors but we would love for those who come to receive a warm and loving welcome. Thank you for your help. Also, they plan to take up a collection for The Help Network during the service. The Help Network works with churches of all flavors in our area to help the poor and needy in our community. We often refer people there and they do a tremendous work. If you are able, it would be great for you to contribute.

Thank you again!

-Tim

## 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, remains in hospice care in Atlanta. Please continue to pray for this family.

Paul Crites' father has multiple serious health issues and is in poor condition at this time. Please pray for overall improvement and restoration.

Ann Humphreys is having inpatient rehab and evaluation following a recent car wreck. Please pray for answers and overall improvement.

Niles Raines, father of Kristen Davis, is undergoing chemo therapy for leukemia. Please pray effective treatment and successful results.

Eli Thomas is scheduled for surgery to treat blood clots in his arm. Please keep him in your prayers for successful surgery with no complications and safety in the meantime.

### Sympathy:

We extend our sympathy to the family of Lee Roy Parker who passed away recently. Please keep Tracy, Celeste, Jada, Christian and Owen and the rest of the family in your prayers for peace and comfort.

We also extend sympathy to the family of Peggy Simpson who passed away recently. Peggy was a former West Side member and loved by many.

*Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!*

## 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

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...

11/22: 10am in-person and livestream service

2pm - Community Thanksgiving Worship Service

11/25-27: Office will be closed Wednesday afternoon - Friday for Thanksgiving Holiday.