

For the Record...

Bible Study:	211	Weekly Giving: \$	15,145
Sunday Worship:	381	Weekly Budget:	16,237
Sunday Evening:	122	YTD Giving: \$	670,443
Wednesday:	219	YTD Budget: \$	746,902

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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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Sunday,
Nov. 24, 2019

This week's helpers:

Nursery:

- Christina George
- Janelle Miller

KFC:

2 year olds:

Elizabeth M. & Holly W.

3 & 4 year olds:

Judy Holman

K - 2nd grade:

Catherine Brashear

Puppets:

Brooks Family

Greeters:

North:

Larry & Judy Holman

East:

George & Wanda Reed

West:

Charles & Shirley May

Communion:

Table 1:

-Herb Taylor, Jerry Yates,
Ronnie Russell, Jackson
Schmitt, Matt Strasser

Table 2:

-Phil Sims, Randall
Williams, Bobby Wortham,
Paul Senn, Joel Tippit

Thankful for Diversity

by Tim Tripp

In this season of thanksgiving, one of the things for which I am thankful is diversity. I am thankful to live in a community where people of different backgrounds, different race and different ethnicity can live and work together. I'm also thankful to be a part of a church that has some diversity though I believe we could do better. Diversity in the church seemed to be a primary goal for churches in the first century where Greeks, Romans and Jews were called to work together for the Kingdom. One would think that black, brown and white could and should do the same.

It was a problem in Rome in the first century as evidenced by the apostle Paul as he wrote to a diverse church there, "Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves," (Romans 12:9-10). In Rome, these three main ethnic groups combined into one church and tried to live take the Kingdom to the world together but that would only happen if they could do so as a unified church. Loving one group and not another simply would not do. Paul enlightened them to the point that ethnic friction was not a history problem or a race problem, it was a love problem.

The problems of race in America are complex to be sure. The history goes back hundreds of years and has some horrible narratives that accompany it. We live today with the consequences of choices made long before us and they at times seem impossible to bear. Yet the problem is still not a race problem as much as it is a love problem. According the teachings of Paul and Jesus, we should love those who are different and act only in loving ways toward them. We should "be devoted to one another in brotherly love," (Romans 12:9) and "live in harmony with one another," (Romans 12:16). Since we know that the church in Rome was an ethnically diverse and racially complex situation, we know that these admonitions apply to racial strife in our time as well.

In the famous Martin Luther King Jr. quote he says, "Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that." He was so right. Christians are known for saying that they love everyone but they don't always act like it. No where is that more evident that with those of differing races. We may never say to someone of another race, "I love you but I would never invite you to my house." But do we invite people of other races into our homes? The single among us would never say, "I will be your friend but (because of race) I would never date you." But would you consider a relationship with those of other races or allow your children to? We might say that we would love to have diversity in our church but do we ever invite people of another race to attend with us?

Saying, "I love you." But not acting like it is a clear violation of scripture. Saying, "I'm not a racist," but failing to act in loving ways may suggest otherwise. Christians should take the lead in overcoming racial tension with love but we still have a long way to go. We need to be intentional. We need to build relationships with those who are of different races and we need to show them incredible love.

Thank God for diversity! May we always seek to honor and love one another in His name. As we do that, the specter of racism will fade into the pages of history and we can march on, arm in arm, and take the Kingdom of God into a diverse world bringing them all together around the cross of Jesus.

DIOS LE BENDIGA! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

If we are Christians, all of our business is about the Kingdom of God. If we are in the church of Christ it's because we have faith and that faith came by hearing the word, the word of God... after we understood the plan of salvation by obeying and receiving Christ and confessing His name repenting of sins and by being baptized, the Lord added us to his church and after that, IF, -IF- we are faithful to him every day (or if we fail but we look for reconciliation and ask God for forgiveness in repentance) and keep faithful until death, then we will receive the crown of salvation and by then we will be in a complete different life, for ever and ever. So, today, our business is to keep busy working and doing God's work, loving, showing, sharing, teaching, making disciples, visiting, donating time or money, praying, doing friendly evangelism, inviting, supporting, encouraging, guiding, fostering, adopting, studying and reading the Scriptures. We have so many ways to keep busy, and this is not to do it "just once" but every day of our christian life. Only doing constantly without stopping, we will be tired and when the Good Lord will may call us "Home" to rest, THEN, we will be ready to REST.... I want to be that tired.... What about you my friend? God bless you more my West Side family that you will have more to give!! Blessings!



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



upNEXT/Information

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

> November 27, NO YOUTH GROUP CLASSES

Share Groups, Families are encouraged to attend a Share Group together.

Wednesday nights the Gym/Cornerstone opens at 5:30, Bring your homework, dinner, and hangout.

HOMEWORK FOR SUNDAY CLASS:

1. READ JOHN CHAPTERS 1-10
2. Write some thoughts or questions about the reading
3. Bring your bible to class!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING from the CCSC!!

College students mark your calendars - you won't want to miss these upcoming events!

Friendsgiving - Nov. 25th @ 6pm

Christmas Party - Dec. 3 @ 7pm

All-Day Pancakes - Dec. 4

Come join us!

Adult Bible Classes

Sunday Morning Adult Classes:

Room 2: Sermon on the Mount: Clem Rotation

Room3: The Mission of Jesus: Clements Rotation

FC Classroom: Spiritual Formation : Tripp Rotation

Rock: The Minor Prophets: Janelle Rotation

Wednesday Night Adult Class(es):

Room 3: "Ecclesiastes"

FC Classroom: A Joyful Journey Ladies Class : "Mark"

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

West Side T-Shirts

If you are interested in purchasing a T-Shirt with our Love-Share-Disciple mission statement, order forms are available on the table in the lobby next to Friendship Cafe. Price of shirt is \$18 due at time of order. See Cindy Jones for more details.

SCCH Announcement:

In 2020 Southern Christian Children's Home is implementing a new system to streamline donations. There will no longer be a West Side pick-up point. Rather, SCCH will have an online registry with local stores (Wal-mart, etc) wherein you can order items from a needs list and SCCH can pick them up locally in Morrilton. Be sure to watch for more information coming soon!

Visit www.schome.org

Holiday Notice:

Classes will *not* meet on Wednesday Nov. 27th.

The office will close at noon Wednesday Nov. 27th and will reopen Monday Dec. 2nd

Prime Timers Christmas Party:

Prime Timers will meet on Tuesday Dec. 3rd at 5:30 in the Family Center for a catered meal and "Dirty Santa" gift exchange. Please bring a gift under \$10 and join us for a fun, festive time! Please sign up by next Sunday Dec. 1st if you plan to attend. There is a list at Starting Point in the Lobby.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Brandon Grice who were married yesterday afternoon. May the Lord bless you with many years of happiness together!

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

Share Groups/ various times and locations

WEDNESDAY

6:30 PM

6:30 PM Clase en Español

7:00 Midweek @ CCSC

Family Illness and Recovery

Jennifer Fister, niece of Deanna Cole, has metastatic cancer that has spread to her brain. Please pray for Jennifer and her family as they support her during a time of difficult decision making and uncertainty.

Richard Humphreys is at Russellville Nursing and Rehab center recovering from a broken hip and femur. Please continue to pray for his strength to return.

Pat Kee is doing well following hip replacement surgery. Please keep her in your prayers for a full and rapid recovery.

Shea Montgomery, aunt of Latasha Lewis, is in ICU at Baptist after suffering a stroke. She continues to have difficulty breathing on her own when not on a ventilator. Please continue to pray for her breathing to improve and recovery to progress.

Gladys Norwood is home recovering from a broken pelvis. Please continue to pray for her healing.

Clay Reed is at home now recovering from his recent lung surgery. Please continue to keep Clay and Candy in your prayers as he recovers.

Sympathy:

We extend our sympathy to Kim Cooper & her mother Shirley Stafford, in the loss of her father Dawson Stafford. Please keep Kim and Shirley and the rest of the family in your prayers during this difficult time of loss.

Happy Thanksgiving!
We hope you all have a wonderful week!

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.westsidear.org/rvcc for more information.

Shut-in & Nursing Homes

Madge Alverson - Atkins 311

Wanda Bailey - home

Mirl Helms - Stella Manor 221

Wayne Nordin - Brookdale 219

Glennette Price - Stella Manor 305

Missions

James & Abigail Rucker

WBS Students

Paul & Noemi Crites

Military

Ethan Grace

James Cole, Jr

Micah Hunter

Charles Pitney

Joseph Roberds

Carson Curtis

Expectant Mothers

Brittany Loudon

A Look Ahead...

11/25: MNFTM @ 5:45 pm in the Family Center

11/27: NO CLASSES at the building

11/28: Celebrate Recovery will not meet due to Thanksgiving holiday, but will resume next week at the regularly scheduled time.