

Week of **For the Record...** [November 18, 2018](#)

Bible Study: 198
 Sunday Worship: 414
 Sunday Evening: 69
 Wednesday: NA

Weekly Giving: \$ 14,644
 Weekly Budget: \$17,914
 YTD Giving: \$715,374
 YTD Budget: \$824,044

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For our visitors:

If you have any questions, if you want to get involved in our church, or if you just want to meet some of our leaders, please stop by the Starting Point room in the back of the auditorium at the end of service. We'd love to meet you and answer your questions!

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Sermon notes from today:


Our Deacons

Dale Brooks	Mark Bryant	Craig Davis
Danny Davis	Lee Henson	Les Howard
Jim Bob Humphrey	Richard Humphreys	Ben Janelle
Richard Loveland	Chad Mitchell	Keith Moore
Chance Nesbitt	Brent Ruple	Ronnie Russell
Phil Sims	Keith Thomas	

A Look Ahead...

Nov. 25th: Class at 9, Worship at 10! // Bible Bowl will not meet this Sunday. // Share groups at various times and locations.
Nov. 26th: CR Ladies Step Study at 8:30. // MNFTM will meet at 5:45 in the FC.
Nov. 28th: Bible class at 6:30. // Midweek at 7 at CCSC. // CCSC Basketball at 8:45.
Nov. 29th: Ladies Bible Study at 9:30 in Room 2. // CR will meet tonight: meal at 6 with worship to follow!
Dec. 2nd: Class at 9, Worship at 10! // Bible Bowl will meet at 3 in the FC. // Share groups at various times and locations.

Now through **Dec. 2nd** there is a basket shower for Simon Everett, the new CCSC apprentice, and his fiance, Bridget Muse, for their wedding.

 **Love. Share. Disciple.**

 **WEST SIDE**
 CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday,
 November 25, 2018

This week's helpers:

Nursery:
 - Laura Francis
 - Wanda Reed

KFC:

2 year olds:
 - Elizabeth Martin

3 & 4 year olds:
 - Sue Ann Jernigan

K - 2nd grade:
 - Beth Donnell

Puppets:
 - Danny & Kristen Davis

Greeters:

North:
 - Joe Russell

East:
 - Charles & Shirley May

West:
 - Larry & Judy Holman

Communion:

Table 1:
 - John Lee, Brandon Hurt
 Gary Jernigan, Darwin Price, Les Howard

Table 2:
 - Rick Butler, Luke Miller,
 Glenn Holmes, Bill Lewis,
 Richard Humphries

A Deeper Dimension by Tim Tripp

I recently read another article on how the decline in Churches of Christ is accelerating in both numbers of adherents and numbers of churches. As a life-long member and career long minister in the Churches of Christ, those statistics continue to disturb me. Personally, I think they should disturb everyone who belongs to a church family in the Churches of Christ. I have opinions on what led to our current crisis and believe that we need to address these things as a fellowship of believers. Our churches are autonomous and because of that there is no hierarchy established to deal with such issues. This crisis must be met in the leadership and in the pews of each congregation, and the sooner, the better.

So far, many churches in the Bible belt, like Arkansas churches, have largely been spared the awful choice between making sweeping, radical changes or simply ceasing to exist. There really is no third option. To do nothing or to decide to do the same things with more passion is just a choice that at its best might delay the inevitable for a few years.

West Side is one of those churches that is holding its own. Our statistics show that we have lost a few and gained a few over the past several years. Our attendance numbers at our main Sunday morning gathering has changed little over the past decade. However, there is an encouraging upward attendance trend recently. Our contribution has changed little over the past six years. However, expenses have gone up demanding either that income increase or expenses (missions support, staff, support for camps and children's homes, etc..) must be cut for our church to continue to be financially viable. Nationwide, statistics demonstrate that average and same-ness won't beat the downward trend.

So what sweeping changes are recommended? Again, I have opinions on that. I do not believe it necessarily has to focus on looking at the typical "hot button" issues that often confront our fellowship. I don't believe it means a surge to the right or to the left of the theological spectrum. I believe it means going deeper.

Our most pressing problem might be a spiritual shallowness that we have allowed and even enabled in our fellowship. The prescribed 'radical' change may just be for you and I to get more serious about walking like Jesus walked. Perhaps we should strive even more to build a culture of discipleship here and develop a process, an engine, for the maturation of the faithful to help them to become disciples who make disciples.

Mature disciples focus on what really matters. Mature disciples reach out and impact the community around them by living out the gospel. Mature disciples tithe and even go beyond to support the work of the local church.


In my view, changes to the right or left have impact and effect in a shallow spiritual context. Spiritual maturity has impact in the community and the world beyond.

DIOS LE BENDIGA! (God Bless You!)
 by Aris Ortiz

As I'm writing this segment, I'm thankful to the Lord for those 25 years of life with my wife and my three boys. Yes, we are celebrating our 25th Anniversary! When I stop and think about what God's blessings in my life are, this is what comes to my mind: The laughter of my boys, the smiles of my wife, the cozy of our home and to be surrounded with brothers and sisters who love the Lord, and a good number of friends. That's what I now know "truly" blessings are. Having a good health and a work that I do love working for, makes a complete gift in my life.

Serving the Lord in every day of my life, is what is bringing so many blessings to me and my family. I so am thankful to the Lord!

Let's always be thankful to the Lord my West Side family!

 **Love. Share. Disciple.**

Children's Ministry Grades K - 5. Meets Sunday at 9 AM and Wednesday at 6:30 PM.

RAISING ARROWS

Teachers for RA rotation beginning Nov 21st are...

Creator's Canvas: McCormicks

Museum: Janelle Miller

Holy Word Studios: Hensons

Noah's Arcade: Austins

November Kids For Christ

Word of the Month: Light of the World

Topic: Jesus' Example

Scripture: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of eternal life"

Helpers: Chiane Nesbitt, Courtney Nesbitt, Emma Jernigan

Check-In: Keith Moore

Upcoming Events:

WSYM Classes: Sunday AM at 9, Wednesday PM at 6:30

December 2: Middle School (6th - 8th)
Christmas Party in the Cornerstone

December 9: High School (9th - 12th)
Christmas Party - More details to come.

The end of the year is closing in. Stay tuned for more details on upcoming events for the Winter Quarter (Dec 2018 - Feb 2019).

CCSC Upcoming events:

Midweek | Flannel Night! - November 28 @ 7 PM

ATU Campus Ministries Prayer
Gathering - November 29 @ 9 PM

CCSC Christmas Party - December 4

All Day Pancakes! - December 5

Gulf Coast Getaway - a Christian conference for college students - is coming up Jan. 18-29. For more info on how to register, visit ccscatu.org/gcg.

You don't want to miss this!

Want to receive text updates?

Text @ccscatu to 81010

Adult Bible Classes

Sunday Morning Adult Classes:

Room 2: Old Testament Characters, Reed Rotation

Room 3: Galatians, Clements Rotation

FC Classroom: Church on Mission, Tripp Rotation

Rock: Nehemiah, Janelle Rotation

Wednesday Night Adult Class(es):

Room 2: Gospel of John (pt 1)

Room 3: Making the Most out of Reading the Bible

FC Classroom: A joyful journey Ladie's class | "Befriend"

Rock: The Search for Significance

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Bible Bowl

Bible Bowl will not practice today, Sunday, the 25th. We will meet again on Dec. 2nd. See Chad Mitchell if you have any questions.

MNFTM

MNFTM will meet at 5:45 for a meal, followed by service projects. Please join us! MNFTM will not meet December 24 or December 31 during the holidays.

Celebrate Recovery

CR will meet Thursday night in the Family Center at 6 pm. There will be a meal at 6, followed by worship. If you are finding a way to serve and be a part of this ministry, see Zac George.

Southern Christian Children's Home

SCCH is in need of several items such as Cream of Chicken and Cream of Mushroom, Gatorade, Cough Drops, Dishwasher AND Laundry Pods. For a more detailed list, see the needs list at schome.org.

KFC Christmas Program

There will be a KFC Christmas Program on Sunday, December 16. You won't want to miss this! If you have children ages 2 - 2nd grade, we encourage you to bring them to KFC to participate in rehearsals.

Prime Timers

The Prime Timers group will meet December 4 at 5:30 in the Family Center. Bring a dirty Santa gift (\$10 limit.) Meal will be provided. Stay tuned for more details. If you plan to attend, see Vicki Betterton so she can get an estimate of those attending.

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

WEDNESDAY

6:30 PM Classes

6:30 PM Clase en Español

7:00 Midweek at CCSC

Family Illness and Recovery

Ridge Austin: Please continue to pray for his healing as he continues with therapies and illnesses.

Betty Chambers: Had knee replacment surgery. Please keep Betty in your prayers for a complete and speedy recovery.

Carla Ford: She is still not feeling well after having a stent placed. She is home from the hospital. Continue praying for improved health and recovery for her. She will have a follow up on Nov. 28th.

Tasha Greer: Had surgery November 9th to remove her gallbladder. Please pray for a quick recovery.

Mary Grice: Continued prayers for effective treatment.

Luke Helms: Had surgery on November 12th to remove a tumor from his spine. He is home now and doing well.

Marcia Hunter: Has a ruptured disc in her back. She will be having further tests to determine the next step in treatment. Please continue to pray for healing and relief.

Connie Koerner: Had surgery this past Monday in Ft. Smith and her husband, Tim, had surgery this past Thursday at St. Mary's. Please pray for their overall health.

Herb Taylor: Had a procedure done to have a defibrillator placed. He is home and doing well now.

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.

Southern Christian Children's Home items especially needed:
Paper Towels, Advil, Pecans, Shaving Cream, Ziploc Bags

Prayer List

Names will be printed on this list for up to 4 weeks at a time unless further updates are received in the church office.

Vavra Allison: Sister of Jim Betterton with stage 4 lung cancer that has spread to her brain and spine.

Mary Barrett: Deanna Cole's step-sister, undergoing chemo treatments.

Fred Taylor: Tracy Taylor's father, Fred, is in Baptist with complications from his chemotherapy.

Charles: Brother of Vicki Betterton and Margaret Grant, is suffering from Congestive Heart Failure in Midland, Texas. The family has a lot of concerns right now.

Missions

James and Abigail Rucker

WBS Students

Paul & Noemi Crites

Ongoing Concerns

Ridge Austin - Overall health
Bill Davis- Health
Betty Humphrey - Back pain
Marcia Hunter - Back and leg pain.
Patti Page - Achilles tendon
Patsy Parnell - Health
Charlie Richards - Back pain
Fred Taylor - (Father of Tracy Taylor) - colon surgery

Homebound/ Nursing Homes

Madge Alverson - Atkins 311
Mirl Helms - Stella Manor 221
Kirby Larsen - Brookdale 209
Wayne Nordin - Brookdale 219
Glennette Price - Stella Manor 305
Betty Spears-Brookdale 316

Military

Ethan Grace - Navy

James Cole, Jr - Navy

Micah Hunter - Navy

Charles Pitney - Air Force

Joseph Roberds - Air Force

Expectant Mothers

Sarah Beth Amack

Lauren Pipkin

Battling Cancer

Cindy Beck

Mary Grice

Mark Helms

Truman Hill

Gladys Norwood

Darwin Price

Helen Stephens