

For the Record...

Bible Study:	217	Weekly Giving: \$	15,549
Sunday Worship:	401	Weekly Budget:	16,237
Sunday Evening:	55	YTD Giving: \$	685,991
Wednesday:	n/a	YTD Budget: \$	763,139

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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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WEST SIDE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Final Journey

by Tim Tripp

Sunday,
Dec. 1, 2019

This week's helpers:

Nursery:

- Laura Francis
- Jen Rentfro

KFC:

2 year olds:

Grace M. & Emma J.

3 & 4 year olds:

Susan Taylor

K - 2nd grade:

Destiny Carroccio

Puppets:

Sam & Claire Davis

Greeters:

North:

George & Wanda Reed

East:

Charles & Shirley May

West:

Larry & Judy Holman

Communion:

Table 1:

-Mark Bryant, Cody
Dare, Craig Davis, Jim
Betterson, Rex Chambers

Table 2:

-Lloyd Cawyer, Steve
Bates, Patrick Crosby, Lynn
Donnell, Terry Bonds

This past week as I thought of the many things for which I am thankful it was impossible not to see the autumn leaves making their way to the ground forming a beautiful array of color in my yard. There is something peaceful about the leaves as they seem to float on the breeze while making their way to the ground. They appear to do a dance in the air swaying first one way and then another in celebration of their life and in the joy of making their final journey. As they scatter about the ground, they make a magical looking carpet mixing with leaves from other trees to create a patchwork of yellows and reds and oranges and browns. I am in awe as I walk along a forest path in the fall, honored by the chance to see such uncommon beauty. Each one lived to its purpose and even when fallen gives glory to the one who gave it life.

As life goes (as you imagine a leaf falling through the air from atop a majestic oak) the time that leaf has to spend on earth is relatively tiny. From its inception as the warmth of spring chases away the winter frost, the leaf sees one summer waving to the sun each morning, dancing on the breezes, frolicking in the rain and surviving the storms. Day after day it does what it was put here to do. It absorbs the light of the sun and converts it to energy for the tree that birthed it. Every minute of every day of its short time on earth is committed to that tree determined as much as it has within its power to lift up and grow its gracious host. As the fall approaches and the sap of the tree retreats to its roots the leaf loses its vitality. The chlorophyll rich green color gives way to red, yellow, brown and orange. Its grip on the tree branch weakens until a breeze one day launches it away and it begins that journey. It lands at the base of the tree, decomposes and its essence is again absorbed by the plants in the area. From its first day to its final it lives out its purpose and its destiny, faithfully serving the one who gave it life.

It has no choice. The leaf cannot help but do the task it is uniquely created to perform. Choice is a dangerous thing. If able, some among the family of leaves would surely choose to strike out early wrenching themselves from the grip of their host to take that storied ride on the breeze to wherever it would carry.

God in his wisdom left that choice only to humans. Like the leaves their lives are 'but a mist that appears for a time and then vanishes.' Their legacy defined by the extent to which they lived out their purpose. Like the leaves, those who live true to their purpose and courageously cling to the task assigned by their creator when fallen lie also in a beautiful patchwork that glorifies the one who gave them life.

We only have one life to live. We are called to live to glorify the one who gave us life. We should take great care to do just that. Every day is a blessing.

DIOS LE BENDIGA! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

Thank you God, for your Love for us.
Thank you Father, for not forsaking us.
Thank you Lord, for sending Your only begotten Son to save us.
Thank you Oh Merciful, for guiding us with Your Holy Spirit.
Thank you All Powerful, for providing for us all of our needs.
Thank you The One and Only, for our family.
Thank you All Almighty, for giving us hope for eternal life.
Thank you Divine Trinity, for my West Side Family!

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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



>December 8: Middle School 6th - 8th Grade Christmas party Lunch in Cornerstone.

>December 15: 9th - 12th Grade Christmas Party Lunch in the Cornerstone.

>December 18: FAMILY NIGHT_ Meal and Worship together in the Cornerstone 5:30pm - 7:30pm. Parents and Students encouraged to be together.

CHRISTEENS: A variety of planning and work meetings are taking place from now till the event. Please let Mark know how you can be of assistance.

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!



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

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: A Life of Covenant

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. **Today** is the last day to order!!

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

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 **today** if you plan to attend. There is a list at Starting Point in the Lobby.

Anniversary Celebration:

In celebration of their 25th anniversary for a couple well known to all of us....

Jim Bob & Betty Humphrey would like to invite you to a reception for Aris and Carina Ortiz Sunday, December 15th at 6pm in the Family Center.

Let's come and celebrate this couple's accomplishment.

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 got a great pathology report following his recent lung surgery. Please continue to pray for his recovery and for the remainder of his treatment process.

Sympathy:

We extend our sympathy to Carolee Hamilton in the loss of her husband Johnnie Hamilton who passed away last week. Please keep Carolee and her family in your prayers during this difficult time of loss.

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...

12/2: MNFTM @ 5:45 pm in the Family Center

12/3: Prime Timers Christmas Party @ 5:30pm in the Family Center.

12/5: Celebrate Recovery @ 6pm in the Family Center