



# WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## Messiah in the Minors

by Tim Tripp

The last twelve books of the Old Testament probably get the least attention of all the books in the Bible. Some might say Revelation gets less attention but I say Revelation gets a lot of attention, it just doesn't get a lot of reading. Many could tell you something about Revelation but I would guess that most could not think of anything from any of the minor prophets save one – Jonah and possibly the narrative part of Hosea. Can you think of the theme from Joel? Do you know the point of Haggai? Which minor prophet was a member of Israel's royal family? Which name sort of rhymes with abacus? I'm just saying that if you have not read them recently, you are missing some great reading in them. Best of all is that there are several references to the hope of Israel – Jesus, our Savior.

Some of the minor prophets wrote before the people of Israel and Judah were exiled, uprooted from their homes and country and relocated to a new place, scattered among other relocated peoples (ex. Joel and Amos). Some wrote just before the exile happened (ex. Habakkuk and Obadiah). Others wrote after the exiles returned to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple, the walls of the city and their homes (ex. Haggai and Zechariah).

Most of these books have some reference to God's coming salvation for Israel in them. Their writings covered a span of hundreds of years. Experts believe that Jonah wrote around 760BC and Malachi was written just before 400BC. For nearly four centuries, the minor prophets had been adding their voices to the major prophets telling the people of Israel and Judah to expect God to send a king-priest who would save them.

Some four hundred years after the last of the minor prophets wrote, God fulfilled his promise. He sent Jesus into the world to save the children of God. He did not do it in the way they expected. It was thought that he would assemble a military force and defeat the enemies of Israel. They thought he would then restore the throne of David and rule over them. They found however that his kingdom was not an earthly kingdom and the enemy he had in his sights was not an enemy of flesh. This king came to defeat the real enemy of mankind, sin and the spiritual forces of darkness.

In the next few weeks, we will be looking at selected minor prophets and see how their vision of the coming king came to fruition when Jesus came into the world as the Savior of mankind. Hopefully, in the minor prophets we will find new reasons to believe that what the Bible says is true and that following the truth will indeed set us free.

*"Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." Zechariah 9:9*

## DIOS LE BENDIGA! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

Hello my West Side Family!

Writing this segment every Sunday is for the purpose of encouragement, inspiration and motivation. But today, I need to tell you that I need inspiration, motivation and encouragement! As a minister, I'm constantly doing the same for many, and not only that, I'm helping others in many ways during the week. I will tell you that I do it because it's A CALL from the Lord to do that. I'm not complaining right now, but just expressing that this minister is like everyone else, a human who always will be encouraged to know that I'm doing my best to help and reach souls for the Lord. It's so good when as a family, we get together to encourage, motivate and support each other. Fellowship is very important for the family of the faith. Celebrating with each other the triumphs and crying with each other when sadness comes, is one of the greatest blessings that we have for being part of the family of the faith! That's why I'm sharing this with you my family, that you will keep praying for this servant, that I will continue serving the Lord and his people in his kingdom. And let us continue encouraging, motivating and inspiring each other to live for the Lord and to serve each other with love. Blessings to you my West Side Family!

## Gathering Times

Sunday Morning 10 Am Worship  
& Kids for Christ  
ages 1yr-3rd grade

In- Person Adult/Teen Bible Study  
Wednesdays 6:30pm - Room 3 & Cornerstone

Friendship Cafe and Conversational Christianity  
Sunday Mornings at 8:45

In- person Bible Study for all ages  
Sunday Mornings at 9am

## West Side News

*Join us today*

*for a Drive-thru baby Shower*

in honor of Melanie, David and Baby Cooke

West Side Main Building

1-2:30 PM

The baby's gender is a surprise!

Diapers, wipes, and gift cards

to Walmart and Amazon

are appreciated!

## Attention Ladies!!

December 18th we will have a painting class with Lenore and Anna Tripp In the Family Center from 2-4 pm. All are welcome to come - \$10 to cover cost of canvas.

AND

at 4 pm the fun will switch over to a Christmas cookie exchange! Bring your tried and true favorite or a new inspiration recipe and Cookies to share!

Come at 2 and stay for both activities or just come for one.

Please sign up in the lobby this Sunday if you wish to participate to allow for adequate supplies.

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## Week of: 12-5-2021

**Weekly Giving:** \$ 16,275

Attendance

**Weekly Budget:** \$ 13,820

Sunday AM - 258

**YTD Giving:** \$ 646,051

Wednesday PM - 81

**YTD Budget:** \$ 677,168

## Family Illness and Recovery

Tami Robinson is currently undergoing chemo treatments. She will be traveling to MD Anderson for an appointment on Dec. 17th. Please keep her in your prayers for strength, both physical and emotional. Continue to also pray for complete healing.

Joel Delgado, infant great-grandson of Kay Larson, is home following recent surgery. He continues to have some complications. Please keep him in your prayers for improved health and strength. Pray for his parents as well to be strengthened and comforted in all areas.

Helen Stephens has been moved to Brookdale assisted living and is continuing physical therapy. Please keep her in your prayers as she continues to adjust and recover.

Patsy Parnell has blood clots in her legs. Please pray that this can be corrected without major surgery.

Sympathy:

We extend our sympathy to Jennifer Helms and family in the loss of her father Gary Gifford recently. Please keep Jennifer and Luke and the rest of the family in your prayers for peace and comfort during this time of significant loss.

We extend our sympathy also to Linda Oliver and family in the recent loss of her cousin Ronald Lynn Taylor. Please keep the family in your prayers in their time of grief.

Ongoing prayer requests:

Jesse Boshears - cousin of Chad Crain

Sofia Juarez

Sid Womack

Love. Share. Disciple.