

For the Record...

Bible Study:	Weekly Giving: \$ 15,379
Sunday Worship:	Weekly Budget: \$ 14,818
Sunday Evening:	YTD Giving: \$ 684,552
Wednesday:	YTD Budget: \$ 740,796

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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
December 20,
2020

Nursery:

Kids For Christ:

2yr. olds -

3 & 4yr olds -

K-2nd grade -

Puppets:

Greeters:
North -

West -

East -

Communion:
Table 1 -

Table 2 -

“Magnificat”

by Tim Tripp

God is a champion of the humble. Over and over in scripture when God had a big job to do, he called on humble servants to do it. Saul and David were both men of humble means living pedestrian lives before the call of God came to them to become Kings of Israel. Rather than choosing from among the leaders of the people who had already proven themselves or from among the priests and prophets, he searched the ranks of the common man to find his servant. As Samuel went to anoint David as king, he saw one of David's brothers and thought that he was surely the one. God passed him over and told Samuel that God does not look at the things man does. God reminded him that man looks on the outward appearance but God looks at the heart.

The heart is surely what God attended to as he chose Mary and Joseph to be the earthly parents of his son Jesus. Both were humble servants of God who when asked to do incredible things, simply did them. When the arch angel Gabriel told Mary that she would have a son, she asked how that could happen since she was not married. The explanation she received was vague and frightening. She simply replied, "I am the Lord's servant. May it be to me as you have said."

When Joseph learned of his fiancée's pregnancy, he knew he was not the father. Matthew tells us that he was thinking of "divorcing her quietly rather than exposing her to public disgrace," (Matthew 1:19). When he was told in a dream however, that Mary was pregnant by the Holy Spirit, he simply accepted that explanation, married her and brought her into his home. **Simple obedience is the outward sign of a humble heart set on pleasing God.**

When Mary visited Elizabeth and received her blessing, she said a prayer of thanks that has been preserved for us as a hymn called the Magnificat. It goes as follows:

*"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
For he has seen the humble state of his servant.*

From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me – holy is his name.

His mercy extends to those who fear him from generation to generation.

He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.

He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, even as he has said to our fathers." (Luke 1:46-55)

God chose two humble young people to be the ones through whom he brought the Savior of the world. They had no special training, were not wealthy or unusually smart. They were very good at hearing God's will and obeying.

That was enough.

Dios Le Bendiga! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

Blessings to you my West Side Family!!

My prayers for each one of you is that you will be blessed with special time with all your love ones and happy times will happen to create wonderful memories together to be share in later times. May God bless you richly every day. I give thanks to the Lord for my West Side family!!

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

Please keep our college students in your prayers while they are on break. If you can also reach out to any of them and encourage them it would be even better! After a challenging semester in an uncertain time, I'm sure many of our students are enjoying a break and looking forward to normalcy in the future. At Renew we're also looking forward to the future and looking forward to seeing God work in students lives during the Spring semester. Please keep us in our prayers as well! The Spring semester begins January 11.

Adult Bible Classes

Sunday Morning:

Room 2:

Room 3

FC Classroom:

Rock:

Wednesday Night:

Room 3:

FC Classroom:

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

In - Person Service This Sunday!

We will meet In-person gathering at 10am this week, Sunday Dec. 20th.

Please watch for updates as we to work to keep you informed with the latest information.

As of now, our next scheduled upcoming virtual Sundays are:

Sunday Dec. 27th, and Sunday January 3rd.

Luke Allen, grandson of Glenn and Brenda Holmes, has been found!

Thank you for the prayers on his behalf and that of his family.

Please continue to keep him in your prayers for a healthy recovery and future.

Merry Christmas !

Gathering Times

Please see the website for updated service times

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. Please continue prayers on his behalf, and for his family to feel God's presence during this difficult time.

Ann Humphreys is home but continuing to have health challenges. Continued prayers on behalf of Richard and Ann are appreciated.

Chris Johnson, nephew of Carol White, had surgery Thursday to remove his appendix and malignancy from his colon. Please keep him in your prayers for a quick recovery and complete healing.

Eli Thomas is recovering from rib resection surgery to help improve/restore blood flow to his arm. Please continue to pray for complete restoration and healing.

Pam Tyree, daughter -in-law of Norma Tyree, is still struggling with serious complications from Covid. Please continue to pray for her complete recovery.

Ernie Hodges, brother of Linda Oliver, is in hospice care. Please keep Ernie and his family in your prayers for peace and comfort.

Patsy Parnell has several injuries after a fall. Please pray for her recovery to be swift and complete.

Niles Raines, father of Kristen Davis, has had a setback during his chemo treatment. He is very weak and not able to take treatments at this time. Please continue to pray for his strength to return and for complete healing.

Connie Trent, grandmother of Zac George, is not doing well at this time. Please keep Connie and her family in your prayers during this time of uncertainty.

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 for more information.

Those in Nursing Homes

Wayne Nordin - Brookdale 101

Glennette Price - Stella Manor 305

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...

12/13 & 12/20: In person worship at 10am with Livestream

12/27 & 1/3: Virtual Service only