

For the Record...

Bible Study: 223	Weekly Giving: \$13,762
Sunday Worship: 442	Weekly Budget: \$14,818
Sunday Evening: 104	YTD Giving: \$60,734
Wednesday: 204	YTD Budget: \$59,264

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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
February 2, 2020

Nursery:
Kaitlin McCormick
Jenifer Hurt

Kids For Christ:

2yr olds -
Elizabeth Martin
Holly Williams

3&4 yr olds -
Kristen Davis

K-2nd grade -
Susan Bratton

Puppets -
Sam & Claire Davis

Greeters:
North -
Larry Duvall
West -
Richard Loveland
East -
James & Judy Clements

Communion:
Table 1 - Rocky Jones,
David Rentfro, Marcus
McCormick, Jack Reed,
Bill Lewis

Table 2- Luke Miller,
Zach Loudon, Mike
Preuit, John Lee, Kevin
Mason

Jesus' Prayer for Unity: An Impossible Dream?

by Tim Tripp

Early in the fourth century AD, the Christian church had just emerged from a time of intense persecution and in a few short years was first given reprieve, then recognition, then power in Rome. For those who lived through the transition, it must have been as surreal as it gets.

With new found freedom, the leaders of the Christian church began to establish communication among the groups of Christians that had scattered all over the empire. What they found Christians, still passionate for God's mission but in some cases, without guidance from more mature believers had embraced doctrinal elements that were not supported by early apostolic writers. They called it false doctrine and heresy.

The church leaders went about trying to correct the false doctrine that had been propagated during the time of persecution. They attempted to standardize a doctrine for the whole church so that churches and their leaders would be unified around a core of doctrine that reflected the core of first century apostolic and second century church father writings.

One of the dubious teachers that had gained a lot of followers in that time was a man named Arius. Arius held a less traditional view of the trinity. He believed that God was a supreme deity and Jesus was separate from and subordinate to Him. Church tradition as well as many of the leading experts in the church at that time believed that Jesus and God were equal, one and the same. They felt suggesting that Jesus was a lesser deity or figure was both blasphemy and heresy. They called church leaders from all over the civilized world at the time to gather in Nicaea to a church council where they would discuss and settle controversial issues and standardize doctrine and beliefs of the church. Arius and his followers defended their teachings before the council but were eventually voted down by decree of the emperor and banished from Christian fellowship. Arius died shortly thereafter.

For roughly 1200 years after the Council of Nicaea, Christianity was held together by edict of the church leadership. The highest levels of church leadership set the standards for doctrine and practice and everyone who called themselves Christian were forced to comply. Sanctions, punishment and even death rained down upon any who dared challenge the authority of the Pope. It was a kind of unity to be sure but doesn't seem to be the kind Jesus asked for in his prayer in John 17, "that they may be one as we (Jesus and God) are one" (v. 22).

After the Lutheran Reformation, the church was fragmented once the force that held them together was taken away. It remains horribly fragmented today.

Doesn't it strike you as odd that most Christians today seem fine with the fact that Jesus' followers remain in a state of disunity? From his words in John 17, it doesn't feel like Jesus considers unity optional or "only if it's convenient," yet here we are looking awkwardly around, waiting for someone to do something.

I personally believe that the unity for which our Lord prayed is possible. It's going to require facing fears, changing attitudes and tearing down walls. It can be done but it has to start with us. It starts with prayer; prayer that God will move in a big way to bring us together and that hearts will be open when he does. I hope my eyes see the days when God moves to bring his people together again to be one.

DIOS LE BENDIGA! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take him into your house or welcome him. Anyone who welcomes him shares in his wicked work" 2 John 9-11. If ALL Scriptures are inspired, and IS the word of God, does this apply just back then or does it apply today too? In Jesus' teaching, we read: "Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven" What is the Will of the Father? If we have obeyed the gospel and we have been born again, then we understand very well what the will of God is: You and me in eternity in heaven! But for that, we need to comply with the Testament of Jesus Christ, and we all know what a testament is, so, it's not if we want, or if we feel, or if we think or we wish, "but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven".

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



WSYM- Super Bowl Hangout 4:45PM today in the Cornerstone.

Guys bring snacks, girls bring drinks. And anything else you would like to have and share!

Christeens Meetings in February (TBD)

February 26: WSYM will meet at the Center for the Arts

February 28 - March 1: CHRIS TEENS

It's Christeens month, things get a bit crazy as we prepare to host around 1000 guests to our Russellville community. Please be prayerful for minds to be adjusted to the Kingdom thinking.

Welcome Back Students!

Midweek service has started back!
Wednesdays @ 7pm.

College Age Share Group Lunch at the Davis house will resume TODAY, January 26th! Bring a friend!

Super Bowl Party Feb. 2nd!!

Want to receive text updates?
Text@ccscatu to 81010

Adult Bible Classes

Sunday Morning:

Room 2: Tripp Rotation | Spiritual Formation
Room 3: Clem Rotation | Sermon on the Mount
FC Classroom: Janelle Rotation | Minor Prophets
Rock: Clements Rotation | The Mission of Jesus

Wednesday Night:

Room 3: A Life of Covenant
FC Classroom: A Joyful Journey Ladies Class

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Camp Caudle Pie Auction is today immediately following services this morning. Please join us in the Family Center.

CHRISTeens 2020 - Feb 28 - Mar 1

Housing sign ups are in the lobby today!! Please consider opening your heart and your home to help house some teens this year.

IF: Gathering - Feb 7 & 8

Ladies, please mark your calendars to join us at the CCSC on Friday night Feb. 7th and Saturday Feb. 8th for IF: Gathering. This will be a live streaming event with inspirational speakers as well as a time of worship and fellowship. Friday 6-9pm and Saturday 9-5pm, Lunch will be provided Saturday. Please register online if you plan to attend. <https://local.ifgathering.com/russellville/>
For more information, pick up a flyer at Starting Point.

Congratulations!!

Jada Jenkins, one of our CCSC students was baptized Wednesday night. Welcome to the family, Jada! We are excited to walk alongside you in your journey.

Stella Manor Birthdays - a note from Margaret Grant

For over 35 years West Side ladies have been involved in the Stella Manor Birthday Party every month. We furnish the angel food cake and give each resident with a birthday a gift in a hand-decorated bag made by our West Side children. I am stepping aside, and Beverly Mason will take over as coordinator of this event. Thanks to all the ladies that have helped with the parties, and please continue to be involved.

-Margaret

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to family of Mirl Helms who passed away early Thursday morning. Ms. Mirl touched many, many lives in her 103 years on this earth. Please remember all of the Helms family in your prayers for peace and comfort.

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 PM Midweek @ CCSC

Family Illness and Recovery

Carla Ford is recovering from surgery to correct an aneurysm Friday. Please keep Carla in your prayers for a complete and rapid recovery.

Bill Freeman, brother-in-law of Kendall Tabor, has been placed on dialysis due to kidney failure. Please keep him in your prayers during this time of adjustment.

Mary Grice began a new chemo regimen. Please continue to keep her in your prayers for effective treatment and complete healing.

Truman Hill is in St. Mary's Rehab after suffering a fall. Please keep Truman in your prayers as well as Jan as she cares for him.

Brends Holmes will be going to Mayo Clinic Feb. 10 for evaluation. Please keep her in your prayers as well as the Doctors who consult with her.

Richard Humphreys is recovering from leg amputation surgery last Wednesday at Baptist Hospital in Conway. Please continue to pray for Richard as well as the rest of his family as they journey with him through this life altering time of adjustment.

Jim Bob Humphrey continues to recover at home from his operation. Please keep him in your prayers for complete healing.

Mike Loibner is recovering at home following a return visit to UAMS last week. Please continue to keep him in your prayers for a full and rapid recovery.

David May, brother of Charles May, is having complications due to esophageal cancer. Please continue to keep David and his family in your prayers.

Patsy Parnell is still having severe neck issues and heart issues. Please pray for relief and healing.

Jimmy Parnell will have an outpatient procedure on Feb. 6th. Please keep him in your prayers for good outcome.

Inez Selby is in Stella Manor rehab room 402. Please pray for her strength to return.

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.westsidearg.org/rvcc for more information.

Military

Ethan Grace
James Cole, Jr
Micah Hunter
Charles Pitney
Joseph Roberds
Carson Curtis

Missions

James & Abigail Rucker
WBS Students
Paul & Noemi Crites

Expectant Mothers

Brittany Loudon
Brooke Strasser

Homebound / Nursing Homes

Madge Alverson - Atkins 311
Wanda Bailey - home
Truman Hill - home
Wayne Nordin - Brookdale 219
Glennette Price - Stella Manor 305

A Look Ahead...

2/3 MNFTM at 5:45 in the Family Center

2/6: Celebrate Recovery meal at 6pm in the Family Center followed by worship & break out sessions @ 6:45

2/7&8: IF:Gathering @ CCSC

2/28-3/1 - CHRIS TEENS WEEKEND