

For the Record...

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| Bible Study: 214 | Weekly Giving: \$15,746 |
| Sunday Worship: 455 | Weekly Budget: \$14,818 |
| Sunday Evening: N/a | YTD Giving: \$ 104,939 |
| Wednesday: 222 | YTD Budget: \$ 103,711 |

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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 23, 2020

Nursery:

April & Grace Ruple

Kids For Christ:

2yr olds -
Elizabeth Martin
Holly Williams

3&4 yr olds -
Judy Holman

K-2nd grade -
Catherine Brashear

Puppets -
Clem Family

Greeters:
North -
Lisa Reed

West -
Keith & Velda Frazier

East -
Richard & Charlotte
French

Communion:

Table 1 -
Dale Lamberson,
Charles May, Mike
Oliver, Ed Lewis,
George Reed

Table 2 -
Thom Robinson,
Richard Loveland,
Joe McKinney, Josh
Leavell, Charlie
Richards

A Spiritual Fit Bit

by Tim Tripp

I have a friend who received one of those "Fit Bit" smart watches for a Christmas present. Along with keeping the time, these watches also help you keep up with your fitness goals. It follows and encourages work out routines, like running and walking and even helps keep track of dietary goals. It is a very useful gadget for the health conscious. Except, my friend really isn't that. She talks a good game but... well let's just say evidence seems to run to the contrary.

One day I witnessed her sitting at her desk, shaking her arm up and down. It seemed an odd ritual, so I asked, "What are you doing?" She grinned at me sheepishly and said, "I'm in a competition with a friend to see who can get the most steps in each week. I found that I can fool my Fit Bit into thinking I am exercising by doing this."

That is interesting isn't it? She buys technology to help measure fitness goals. Then she devises ways to deceive the technology into recording more exercise than she actually does. She boasts about meeting exercise goals that she really did not meet and goes forward with the outward appearance of striving for fitness while bearing the inward burden that the outward appearance is a false front.

Eventually, her deception will come clear as the obvious evidence of a long term, intentional fitness program (weight loss, increased stamina, increased strength, etc..) fails to materialize. People will suspect that something is amiss because evidence doesn't match up with the rhetoric.

Spirituality is that way as well. Christians are known to sometimes talk the talk about being like Jesus, being transformed by his presence, being convicted to becoming more holy and growing spiritually. However, when their lives fail to bear the obvious evidence of the fruit of the Spirit, something is up. When one claims to be a passionate follower of Jesus but in his or her life there is no evidence of becoming more loving, more joyful, more at peace, more patient, kinder, a better person, more faithful, more gentle, and more self-controlled, their claims of passion are not validated in the crucible of life. If someone can sit in church services for years and day to day, week to week still be the selfish husband, cranky mom, grumpy boss, or self-focused college student that they always have been then something is wrong. They may look good on the outside but when by themselves they are shaking their spiritual Fit Bit while refusing to allow the Spirit to do any real transformation in their lives.

Jesus' disciples were transformed from being culturally religious people to being passionate followers of the Lamb of God. They were ordinary men who became extraordinary because they allowed their time with Jesus to affect everything about them. They began with the hope that being around Jesus would elevate them to living in the palace of a king. By the end, they sacrificed themselves to bring his Kingdom to earth as it is in heaven. That is spiritual fervor. That is purpose and meaning. That is something to live and die for.

In Romans chapter twelve, Paul, one of the apostles, and a passionate follower of Jesus, encouraged his readers to "never lack in zeal but keep their spiritual fervor," (v. 11). Being passionate for self will never produce the kind of person God wants. Only passion for the Kingdom in abandon of self will produce within us the evidence that we are truly followers of the King.

Dios Le Bendiga! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

If we believe in God, The Son and The Holy Spirit, we also need to believe also that Satan exists and all his demons. How do the demons work? Well, those are the ones who possess a person's mind and make that person "think, act or say" in a negative way. Anything that's negative, will never come from God or The Son or The Spirit -IMPOSSIBLE- so, we all agree that the negative thinking, doing or saying, is not coming from God but from those "demons"... "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." "To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. In fact, both their minds and consciences are corrupted." Titus 1:15 Every day, I'm in a "fight" with all those "demons" because all they want is to make me lose control of my mind and to lose my relationship with the Good Lord. A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him." Mt. 12:35 Satan exists, and all those demons too... don't let those to overcome you and me and destroy our relationship with our Lord and God. God bless you my West Side Family! And let us keep fighting the good fight...

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



Baptisms:

This year we have had the blessings of three WSYM students take on Jesus through baptism. Please congratulate and be prayerful over Allyson Whitaker, Sam Davis, and Noah Wooten.

It's CHRISTEENS week!

Please be prayerful about our teens and groups that are joining us this year.

More information will be posted on Social Media and/or remind. Dates:

2.26: 6:30pm - Wednesday Class and Youth Group @ the Center For the Arts, Parents please be part of the experience. We should be finished by 7:45ish for the majority of tasks.
2.28 - 3.1: Christeens weekend - see CT schedule at Christeens.org/schedule

Hey Students!

Join us for
Midweek service
Wednesdays @ 7pm.

College Age Share Group Lunch at the Davis house on Sundays! Free food! Bring a friend!

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:

Baby Shower:

Don't forget the baby boy shower for Brittany Loudon *this afternoon* in the Rock from 1:00--3pm. The Loudons are registered at Target, Amazon, Babylist.com/brittany-loudon, and Millyn's.

CHRISTeens 2020 - Feb 28 - Mar 1

It is time to gather together the snack items and drinks that we provide for the Hospitality Room at Christeens. Needed items include water, sodas, and snacks such as cookies etc. (Please wrap any baked goods tightly to preserve freshness). A drop off location has been provided for your convenience near the North door entry (steps and red awning). Please drop off your items by noon on Friday Feb 28th to have them delivered from West Side to the Center for the Arts. Otherwise, you may bring your items directly to the Center for the Arts between 4:30-6pm Friday afternoon. Monetary donations are also welcome and can be given to Wendy Loveland or church office. Thanks in advance for your support!

For those of you who signed up to help with housing teens this year, the housing assignments are posted in the foyer today! If you are not able to house teens but would like to help with a monetary donation, please see James or Deanna Cole, or stop by the church office. Thank you for your hospitality!

Harding Watch Party:

Harding University invites all High School students to a Harding Watch Party at the home of Roy and Becky Reaves on Monday, February 24 from 7:30 -8:30 p.m. There will be refreshments and a special presentation by Dr. Bruce McClarty live streaming from the campus of Harding University. Also, several drawings for 2020 scholarships will be awarded to High School seniors. Please RSVP to 479-857-6435 or with any questions. Parents are welcome.

Gathering Times

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| SUNDAY | WEDNESDAY |
| 9:00 AM Bible Class | 6:30 PM |
| 9:00 AM Clase en Español | 6:30 PM Clase en Español |
| 10:00 AM Worship | 7:00 PM Midweek @ CCSC |
| 10:00 AM Adoración | |
| 5:00 PM Share Groups/ various times and locations | |

Family Illness and Recovery

Carla Ford was admitted to St. Mary's on Wednesday with severe pain. Please continue to keep her in your prayers for a full recovery.

Brenda Holmes is scheduled for throat surgery at Mayo Clinic on March 2nd. Please pray for a successful surgery and rapid recovery.

Cathey Hughes is scheduled to have surgery to remove an abdominal mass on Thursday 2-27 in Ft. Worth, TX. Please pray for a successful surgery and good outcome..

Richard Humphreys was released from the hospital on Tuesday and is now at home. Continued prayers on his behalf are appreciated.

Ross Spurlock, brother of Mike Spurlock, is battling stage 4 metastatic melanoma. Please pray for healing and strength during his treatment, for treatment to be effective, and for his family as they support him in this battle.

Sympathy:

We extend our sympathy to Kay Larson and family in the death of her husband Kirby Larson.

A Memorial Service for Kirby will be held this afternoon from 2-4pm at the home of Kay Larson. Kay's address is 380 Walleye Dr., Russellville, AR 72802

Please keep Kay and her family in your prayers for peace and comfort.

Ongoing concerns:

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| Mary Grice | David May |
| Jim Bob Humphrey | Patsy Parnell |
| Mike Loibner | Jimmy Parnell |
| Inez Selby | Joe Russell |
| Jennifer Fister | |

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

Homebound / Nursing Homes

Wanda Bailey - Home
Wayne Nordin - Brookdale 219
Glennette Price - Stella Manor 305

Expectant Mothers

Brittany Loudon
Brooke Strasser

A Look Ahead...

2/24 MNFTM at 5:45 in the Family Center

2/27: Celebrate Recovery meal at 6pm in the Family Center followed by worship & break out sessions @ 6:45 // Ladies Bible study 9:30 am

2/28-3/1 - CHRISTEENS WEEKEND