

## For the Record...

Bible Study:	Weekly Giving: \$ 11,354
Sunday Worship:	Weekly Budget: \$ 13,820
Sunday Evening:	YTD Giving: \$ 68,442
Wednesday:	YTD Budget: \$ 69,099

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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

## Worship, A Way of Life

by Tim Tripp

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Today (if you are reading this on Sunday) is a big day for those who enjoy professional football. It is Superbowl Sunday. This afternoon the Tampa Bay Buccaneers will take on the Kansas City Chiefs in a showdown to determine who will be remembered as the NFL champion for the year 2020. The Bucs have Tom Brady, a legendary quarterback, who brought them from being one of the worst teams in the league last year to within one game of being crowned the best team this year. The Chiefs have Patrick Mahomes, who is a younger quarterback but is already breaking records set by elite QB's when they were his age. Both teams have potent offenses and good defenses. It should be a great game with a lot of passing and high scores on both sides. It could be one of those games where the winner will be the team who scores as the time runs out.

If you are not into football and do not care about the Superbowl, you were bored with the preceding paragraph and hope I move on from football. I will but first let me ask you this question. What do you think the players who will be playing in this game did this past week? Do you think they spent a lot of time going to movies or parties? Did they hang out with the family a lot and drive kids to band practice? I'm going to guess no. I'm guessing the players are all focused on preparation for the game. For them, football isn't just a fun game to play. It is their passion not to mention their livelihood. They have been attending team meetings, working out, staying in top physical condition, practicing with their team and reviewing films of their upcoming opponent. For the last several months and especially for the last two weeks they have been eating, sleeping and breathing football. You might say that football has been their life.

In Romans chapter 12:1, The apostle Paul says something interesting about worship. He says, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship." The Greek word the apostle chose to use for worship referred to the kind of worship that the priests did as they offered sacrifices and did their work in the temple. It is a worship of service. It is performing spiritual acts in the presence of God. Paul is using the human body as a metaphor for both the temple of God and the sacrifice offered in the temple. He is telling his audience that their service before God was to take the sacrifice of their own bodies (lives) and offer it to God as worship.

Back in those days, a sacrifice did not just give some of themselves. The lamb could not just offer a leg or an ear. It was everything. In Paul's worship metaphor then, a Christian cannot just offer a part of him or herself to God. He wants everything laid on the altar before him as a sacrifice to be used for his purposes. That is worship.

This does not sound like something we might do in just an hour on Sunday. You cannot make your body a sacrifice to God that way any more than a football player can just show up for the game and expect to play. Christians need to shift the paradigm of Sunday morning "worship" to worship both in and out of the building. Everything we do is filled with service to God and intent on pleasing him. Worship as a sacrifice of service is much more than an hour on Sunday morning. It is a way of life.

### Dios Le Bendiga! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

Hello my West Side Family!  
We are in a new week, and we don't have any idea of what is coming to us this week. Most of the time, I think to myself: life can change in a blink of an eye, from a moment to another, from one day to another, everything can turn either for good or for the bad. As believers, we know that God is always in control and nothing happens without his knowledge, approval or disapproval. He is in control. Our faith makes us firm when tribulations are present and according to our standing and relationship with him, we will feel strong or weak to confront what is now, no idea what is coming in front of us... Let us keep that faith as big as the mustard seed that the Lord was talking about, and we will move mountains! May God bless you richly 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

College students! Find a place to belong! Join us for any and all of our regular events this semester!

House Church - 10A Sundays at the Student Center  
Free Meal - 11A-1P Wednesdays at the Student Center  
Midweek Multiplied - Jan 27, various times  
Midweek - Feb 3, 7P at the Student Center

For more info visit [renewatu.org](http://renewatu.org)

## Adult Bible Classes

### Sunday Morning:

Room 2:

Room 3

FC Classroom:

Rock:

### Wednesday Night:

Room 3:

FC Classroom:

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

We are scheduled to return to In- person Worship Next Sunday, February 14th at 10am. Please take a moment to register online if you plan to attend. If you prefer to attend virtually, please join our livestream at 10am on West Side Church of Christ Facebook page, or on YouTube.

We look forward to worshipping with you!

## 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

John Gossett is home and doing well following a brief hospitalization for a heart procedure. Please continue to pray for his overall health and strength.

Helen Stephens is battling pneumonia. Currently she is in St. Mary's. Please continue to pray for her overall condition to improve so she can return to rehab.

Maynette Stroud, sister - in - law of Ginger Tippit, is once again undergoing chemo treatments for the return of ovarian cancer. Please keep her in your prayers for successful treatment and complete healing.

James Strother is home and doing well following colon surgery. Please continue to pray for his recovery.

Ongoing concerns:

Pam Tyree - covid related complications

Sharon Johnson -cancer

Chris Johnson -cancer

Niles Raines- cancer

### Sympathy:

We extend our sympathy to the family of Bruce Dickey who passed away last Wednesday. Bruce was Son - in - law to Gladys Norwood, and nephew to Lydia Franklin, cousin to Keith Frazier. Please remember Kay, her boys, and the entire family in your prayers during this time of significant 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. 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](mailto:rvccounseling@gmail.com).

You may also visit [www.westsidear.org/rvcc](http://www.westsidear.org/rvcc) for more information.

### Those in Nursing Homes / Retirement Centers

Wayne Nordin - Brookdale - Rm 101

Glennette Price - Stella Manor - Rm 305

Joe Pitney - The Arbors - Apt. 308

### Missions

James & Abigail Rucker

WBS Students

Paul & Noemi Crites

### Expectant Mothers

Shelby Burke

Jolynda Bullard

### Military

Ethan Grace

James Cole, Jr

Micah Hunter

Charles Pitney

Carson Curtis

## A Look Ahead...

*Due to the effects of Covid 19 and love for our neighbor, we will be having Virtual Only services through Feb. 7th. Please join us each Sunday at 10 am on our Facebook or YouTube pages.*

*Remember Sunday evenings at 6:30 class opportunity via Zoom with Tim Tripp and others. Contact Tim if you need info on how to join.*

*Wednesdays at 6:30 pm - West Side Church of Christ Facebook page.*

*WSYM - Wednesdays 6:30 pm Zoom*