

For the Record...

Bible Study 167	Weekly Giving: \$17,174
Sunday Worship: 377	Weekly Budget: \$14,818
Sunday Evening: 112	YTD Giving: \$147,828
Wednesday: 193	YTD Budget: \$148,159

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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
March 15, 2020

Nursery:

Nancy Freeman
Tami Robinson

Kids For Christ:

2yr. olds -
Grace Miller
Emma Jernigan

3 & 4yr olds -
Janelle Miller

K-2nd grade -
Beth sorrells

Puppets:
Brent & April Ruple

Greeters:
North -
Rex & Betty Chambers

West -
Lloyd & Kristin Cawyer

East -
Bill & Margaret Grant

Communion:
Table 1 -
Herb Taylor, Ashley Young, Mike Spurlock, Wesley Tucker, James Strother

Table 2 -
Bobby Wortham, Matt Strasser, Jerry Yates, Zach Taylor, Joel Tippit

Saint Patrick

by Tim Tripp

Despite much disparaging about the Christian church as it moved into the dark ages, there are some fantastic stories, some embellished no doubt, but representative of the fact that God worked through a church led by fallible men. One such man is known as Saint Patrick. A day in his honor will be held on Tuesday, March 17th so remember to wear green that day if you participate in such things. He is also thought of as the patron Saint of Ireland even though, according to my research, he was not actually Irish.

Patrick's story begins in Britain. Historians place his birth in the late 4th to early 5th centuries. His father was a deacon in a church but while his parents were Christian, Patrick did not ascend to his parents' beliefs as a young man. Legend has it that when he was sixteen, he was kidnapped by Irish pirates and taken by force to Ireland where he was forced into slavery on a pig farm. He was enslaved for six years.

During his time as a slave he began to pray and his faith in God deepened. He claims to have received a vision that told him a boat was ready to take him back home. He escaped from his masters fleeing 200 miles to the coast. There he found a boat that was heading back to Britain and convinced the captain to take him aboard. Once back on his home island he made his way back to his family.

After reuniting with his family, he decided to pursue ministry. He studied theology in Europe, mostly France and was ordained as a priest and later a monk in the Western Church. While seeing to his studies, Patrick speaks of another vision he received of a man from Ireland bringing him letters from the people of Ireland. In his vision he read the letters. They all were written by people asking him to come to Ireland and share the gospel with the people there.

While there was a Christian presence in Ireland at the time, the people largely adhered to an ancient, pagan, Celtic religion. Patrick believed the vision was from God and obediently traveled back to Ireland to work among the people who had at one time enslaved him. The numbers given for his success there are incredible, albeit hard to believe. In his 30 years as a missionary to Ireland, he is said to have been responsible for the baptism of over 120,000 people (that's 4,000 per year). He also planted more than 300 Christian churches all over Ireland! Now that's getting it done!

Working as a foreigner in Ireland was difficult. Patrick faced persecution many times and was nearly killed several times. Yet some of the stories told about his time there are miraculous. Among other things, he is believed by some to have ordered the snakes to leave the Island. Supposedly, there are still no snakes that call Ireland home.

Whether you believe the amazing stories that swirl around the legend of Saint Patrick or not, a man who goes back to the people who made him a slave and converts many of them to Christianity is a story worth repeating. As I've said before, when you love people that the world believes you should hate, you change the world. Apparently Patrick did just that.

Dios Le Bendiga! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

"Corona-virus" in Spanish means "crown virus" and wow, how a microscopic creature has made an impact around the world in such a short period of time!! Everybody is preparing, taking steps to prevent being affected by it, because to all those who have already been affected, it has caused even death. All I can think of is "pestilence in the last days" when I read the words of Jesus about those things that will happen by the end of time... "Matthew 24:13-14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come". And yes, the gospel of Jesus Christ is being preached in all the nations of the world... but, reality is that "only the Father who is in heaven, knows when the end will be"... but for me and my house, this coronavirus is making us to continue to be vigilant in the faith and keep doing the Lord's work. We are praying for so many that have been affected too. May God keep blessing all my West Side Family.

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 had an excellent Christeens weekend!
We are excited to say WSYM had 6 baptisms recently!

Jineen Cruse
Rachel Gossett
Faith Martin
Kevin Nochez
Jaden Preuit
Nina Qualls

Thank you to all who helped execute Christeens 2020.

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

Wednesday Night:

Room 3: Covenants
FC Classroom: A Joyful Journey Ladies Class

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Don't forget the baby shower in honor of Matt and Brooke Strasser today from 1:30-3pm in the Rock!

Baja Mission Trip

There will be a brief informational meeting *this morning* immediately following Worship service in Room 3 for anyone interested in going on the Bajaa mission trip.

Freedom Prayer Seminar:

West Side will be hosting a Freedom Prayer seminar April 3rd & 4th. For any questions, or if you would be willing to help with childcare for this event, please see Shannon Walters. To register to attend, visit our website www.westsidear.org and select "Freedom Prayer" under the Ministries tab.

Wedding Shower:

A wedding shower will be given in honor of Sidney Brandon and Jacob Taylor on Sunday April 5th from 1-3pm in the Rock. Sidney and Jacob are registered at Target, Amazon, and Millyn's.

Combined Adult Classes

All adult classes will combine in the Auditorium on Sunday April 5th for a presentaton from Gary Gregg and John 3:17 Ministry.

Celebration Place

We will be starting a Christ-centered "pre-covey" program for children in the next few weeks. We are seeking individuals with a heart for children and recovery to pray if God is calling them to be a part of this ministry. We'd also like to invite you to bring your kids as well. With structure, love, discipline and guidance, we hope to help children develop life skills that will be vital in their times of struggle and daily life. Celebration Place is designed to equip kids with practical coping techniques, strategies and values to prevent the development of unhealthy coping mechanisms. If you have any questions, you can get in touch with Christina George at 479-264-7418

Gathering Times

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

Kay Cole is hospitalized in Fort Smith and is currently in ICU with double pneumonia. Please continue to pray for a full recovery and for her health to be restored.

Jerri Tabor had orthoscopic surgery on her knee Friday. Please keep her in your prayers for a full and speedy recovery.

June Tippit is having daily radiation treatments and has had to have a feeding tube placed. She is currently living with Joel and Ginger. Please keep June in your prayers as she fights this disease.

Joel Tippit continues to have severe back pain and is having some injections. Please keep Joel in your prayers for pain relief and healing.

Please continue to keep Jim Bob and Betty Humphrey in your prayers as they faithfully endure the process of Jim Bob's extended recovery. Please continue to pray for pain relief and expedient healing from this point forward.

*You are invited to the wedding
of*

*Dillon
Collins
&
Cierra
Gregory*

Saturday March 21, 2020

2pm at the

CCSC

Reception immediately following

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.

Homebound / Nursing Homes

Wanda Bailey - Home
Wayne Nordin - Brookdale 219
Glennette Price - Stella Manor 305
Inez Selby - Stella Maonor 315

Expectant Mothers

Brittany Loudon
Brooke Strasser
Carlee Schmitt

Military

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

Missions

James & Abigail Rucker
WBS Students
Paul & Noemi Crites

A Look Ahead...

3/16: MNFTM at 5:45 in the Family Center

3/19 Celebrate Recovery meal at 6pm in the Family Center followed by worship & break out sessions @ 6:45 // Ladies Bible study 9:30 am

3/15: Informational meeting for those interested in going on the Baja mission trip immediately following service today// Strasser Baby Shower 1:30-3pm in the Rock