

For the Record...

Bible Study: 156	Weekly Giving: \$11,563
Sunday Worship: 301	Weekly Budget: \$14,818
Sunday Evening:	YTD Giving: \$159,392
Wednesday:	YTD Budget: \$162,975

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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 22, 2020

Nursery:

Kids For Christ:

2yr. olds -

3 & 4yr olds -

K-2nd grade -

Puppets:

Greeters:
North -

West -

East -

Communion:
Table 1 -

Table 2 -

Faith Not Fear

by Tim Tripp

We are living in historic and challenging times. The agent of this crisis is a small virus but has literally taken over the world. In this crisis we are reminded that we are not in control and that we never were. We like to create the illusion of control but when in crisis, we are humbled and forced to say, God, I can't control this but I know you can. We are forced to open our hands to heaven and release our fears to him praying for God to take control. Yield and surrender are our chief coping mechanisms

What does it look like to give control over to God? We have numerous examples in scripture but the one I want to focus on here is in Paul's letter to the Philippians. The backdrop of that letter is that Paul is in prison, most likely in Rome under house arrest and the Philippians have sent a financial gift to support him in his work. There is no doubt that they are concerned for Paul's safety and welfare. It is just as true that Paul wishes he could be with them and continue to disciple them and help them to be more and more like Christ.

Paul felt a burden for all of the churches he started and left evidence of his anxious spirit for them. There was persecution, ethnic pride, power hungry leaders and false teachers to mention just a few of the things Paul worried over for the groups of Christians he left wherever he visited. One thing we can count on with Paul is that when he worried, he prayed. He left us a record of a few of those prayers which gives us insight on how to lead with faith and not fear in difficult times. Look at his prayer in Philippians 1:9-11

"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ - to the glory and praise of God."

Paul's prescription for coping in difficult times is this:

1. Love - Lean into love. Assess the needs of people around you and try to meet them. Let them know you care by staying in contact with them and helping wherever possible.
2. Gain knowledge and insight - Study scripture to find how people of faith responded to times of trouble and danger and follow their example interpreted for the times.
3. Discern the right way to think - Allow your thoughts to be guided by faith not fear.
4. Act on righteousness - Do the things that are aligned with the "fruit of righteousness?"

Faith has never been synonymous with safe. Safe looks like keeping to ourselves, circling the wagons and waiting things out. In this current crisis, people in certain high-risk groups will need to do just that. Most of us though can avoid close contact with others while continuing to love, share and disciple. Technology has afforded us many opportunities and a variety of ways to stay in touch without risking close physical contact. Let's use the tools we've been given to do the works of righteousness. Let's respond to this crisis with confidence in God's providence. Let's lead with faith and not fear.

Dios Le Bendiga! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

Blessings family of the faith!
Thinking about a message for today all I can say is: Give thanks to the Lord that He is always in control and always has been. He has give us the Scriptures to let us know in so many ways, how he takes care of hi's people. Faith is what makes the Word alive and powerful, so if we keep reading, studying and doing what we read; what God commands, we all be fine, here and after we are gone. We are in an interesting time family, and so, we are stopping our daily routing and spending more time with our loved ones. We have been living in a time that we are super focus on what this world is asking for us, demanding us to do, we really spend more time for the material things than for the spiritual. And as we grow old, more and more we understand what really matters especially if we are spiritual people. God has always been so good, it's his nature, but also his righteousness is been known that always demand justice. He is patient, merciful and loving Father and he is always wanting for his children to come to him and follow his Only Begotten Son: Jesus Christ! And that's where we are my West Side family, we are following Jesus, because he is taking us to the Father on that day! Blessing to all of you family of the faith!

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



Wednesday, March 25th, 6:30pm - 7:30pm

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

Hangout.

Hey Students!!

In accordance with the current plan of action regarding the spread of COVID-19 and in desire to stand with our university,

we are suspending all of our scheduled events (i.e. Noon Meal, Midweek, etc.) from now until April 10 or until an official update is made by the university. As a community committed

to following Jesus together, it is always our mission to love

God, love students, and make disciples of Jesus Christ. To that end, we wish to stay in contact with and continue to serve our

students however we can.

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:

Freedom Prayer Seminar:
has been cancelled for the time being. We will update when it is rescheduled.

Some of the events listed below may be rescheduled and/or relocated. We will inform you of any changes that are made as the dates of these events draw closer.

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.

Celebration Place

We will be starting a Christ-centered "pre-covery" 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

Good Friday Prayer walk

Surrender And Let God Work

April 10th

11-2pm

6-8pm

West Side Church of Christ

Open for all to attend!

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

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

Carla Ford is in St. Mary's hospital with a severe case of Pneumonia. Please keep her in your prayers for a swift and complete recovery.

Wendy Loveland is doing well following eye surgery. Please continue to pray for her as she recovers.

Darwin Price is currently in Stella Manor room 408 for rehab, Recently he received a bad report concerning his health. Please keep him in your prayers for strength and renewed health.

Jerri Tabor had orthoscopic surgery on her knee. 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.

Sympathy:

Several of our family have experienced loss this past week. We extend our deepest sympathy to these families and pray for peace and comfort in this time of loss.

Paula Latham and family in the loss of her mother Pat Yates.

Joel Tippit and family in the loss of his uncle, Roy Tippit Jr.

Marcia Hunter and family in the loss of her brother-in-law Loren Hurst.

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

Darwin Price - Stella Manor 408

Inez Selby - Stella Manor 315

Expectant Mothers

Brittany Loudon

Brooke Strasser

Carlee Schmitt

Missions

James & Abigail Rucker

WBS Students

Paul & Noemi Crites

Military

Ethan Grace

James Cole, Jr

Micah Hunter

Charles Pitney

Joseph Roberds

Carson Curtis

A Look Ahead...

As we navigate through these times of uncertainty, remember to pray.

Pray for our Country, for our leadership, for those in decision making roles. Pray that wisdom will guide them and focus will remain on preparedness and safety without panic. Let us receive the decisions without judgment or angst but with understanding and respect while we remain secure in the knowledge that God is in control and will take care of us. Read scripture and be comforted by passages like Matthew chapter 6 and Luke chapter 12.

Remember to #check1.

Let's send some encouragement through the mail to those who are homebound and in nursing home facilities that are on lock-down. If you need contact information for someone, or know of a need that we can help with, please call the office. 968-1121