

## For the Record...

Bible Study:	Weekly Giving: \$12,938
Sunday Worship:	Weekly Budget: \$ 13,820
Sunday Evening:	YTD Giving: \$ 166,035
Wednesday:	YTD Budget:\$ 165,837

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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

## A Moment of Emmaus

by Tim Tripp

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I remember that feeling of my heart sinking as Mom and Dad's car drove off of Harding University's campus and turned towards the road that led to the highway heading back home. I knew no one at Harding and had just met my roommate for the first time. My nightmare scenario for a roommate was a free-spirited rocker who liked loud music, late nights and had little interest in studying. My fears were realized when my new roommate walked in carrying two large stereo speakers wearing a T-shirt with the rock band "Scorpions" logo on it. I had an urge to change my mind and go back home. I felt alone.

Two men traveled on the road heading northwest from Jerusalem. As they walked their hearts were heavy as well. What a week it had been. Jesus had been hailed by the crowds as he entered Jerusalem early in the week. The feeling of triumph had been intoxicating. Joy turned to concern when word came that Jesus had been arrested by the temple guard giving them a cold hard slap in the face to the reality of the political landscape in Jerusalem. Concern turned to nightmarish horror as the crowd who had welcomed him as king later shouted, "Crucify Him," condemning him to die as a common criminal. Then the crucifixion, horrid and violent beyond description, left them with the kind of emptiness only the grieving can know. As they walked, they talked of Jesus and of their shock and anger at how he was taken from them. Their spirits were lifted only slightly when a stranger who seemed to have little knowledge of the week's events joined them on the way. They told him all that had happened expecting him to share their shock and revulsion but he seemed all the more cheery and explained his theory that the Old Testament prophets actually foretold that the Messiah would be put to death but then would be raised again in glory. Skeptical, they listened politely and even invited him to stay with them before he continued his journey. As he broke the bread they put before him suddenly memories of great miracles and meals shared with the Master came to mind. His face changed suddenly actually transforming before their eyes and to their great surprise there sat before them none other than Jesus himself. At the time they felt the darkest and most alone, he had been there all along.

My first year at Harding turned out to be a great one and my roommate was not at all what he seemed at first. I made friends there that have lasted a lifetime and eventually met the woman I would marry. As I look back at that time, I realize that though the day seemed dark and I felt alone, he was with me all the while: a moment of Emmaus.

If you are a member of West Side Friends and Family group on Facebook, I would love to hear your Emmaus moments. Just make a post on the group site that begins with "My Emmaus Moment" and tell your story. I can't wait to see them.

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

by Aris Ortiz

Anything that we do in the name of the Lord, will have a recompense from the Lord, and understanding how powerful and rich our God is, we will be well paid my friend. His justice will take care in a microscopic way about all our effort and work with dedication to fulfill his plans and according to our obedience, one day he will tell us: "This is my Son (or daughter), whom I love; with (them) I am well pleased." Very often we forget that we are here on this earth, for a little while, and then, we are gone. Constantly we are so focused on things about this life, that we lose sight of the real price that waits for us. We even enter a zone of losing our salvation by getting distracted by the material, flesh and vanity of this life, or better understood, by Satan and all his lies that he uses to make us get distracted and lose sight of our salvation. But we are not alone in our Christian life, Jesus is our way and he has promised that he will be with us until the end of our time on this earth. Meanwhile, Satan will try every single day, to make us lose if we let him, but, knowing that the power of God is unlimited and that if He is for us, who will be against us?" That's why we are assured that "I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me." We don't have excuses not to be doing good deeds for the Lord. We don't have excuses for not helping others that we know that we can help so they can know the Lord and be saved. No excuse not to be working in the Kingdom of God. Never stop seeking the kingdom of God first, because everything else will be added to us, with no exception! Blessings to you 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.*



### HEY TEENS!!

Bring a friend and join us on Wednesday nights for WSYM at 6:30 in the Cornerstone!  
Masks required. Safe social distance.

Fireside devos outside at the firepit as weather permits.

Hangout and talk | What's going on  
Devotional | Prayer requests



CHURCH OF CHRIST STUDENT CENTER - ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY

### Pork Butt Fundraiser!!

For \$35 you receive a smoked 8+ lb pork butt ready to eat or freeze.  
Ready for pickup the afternoon of April 18 @ the Student Center!  
(more info about pickup closer to time)

Order on our website ([renewatu.org/porkbutt](http://renewatu.org/porkbutt)) or by calling the student center.  
For more info visit [renewatu.org](http://renewatu.org)

## Adult Bible Classes

### Sunday Morning:

In- Person gathering in the Main Auditorium at 10am  
Look for our online Bible Study resources such as the Spiritual Formation series, and study on the Gospel of John, on our Facebook page and website.

### Wednesday Night:

6:30 online class - West Side Church of Christ Facebook page

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Don't forget our Annual Pie Auction - Chili Lunch Fundraiser for Camp Caudle following Worship Service today!

## KFC is coming back!

We are so excited to announce that our Kids For Christ program will return Sunday, April 11th and include children ages 1yr. through 5th grade! We will dismiss during the service as before, and 1-2 year olds will meet in the nursery for a special class, while 3yrs - 5th grade will be in the KFC room.  
Can't wait to see you there!

## Gathering Times

### SUNDAY

9:00 AM Clase en Español  
10:00 AM Adoración

In the Family Center

### WEDNESDAY

6:30 PM join us online on the West Side Church of Christ Facebook Page

## Family Illness and Recovery

Eli Thomas will have surgery again toward the end of April, in St. Louis. Prayers for a successful surgery which will bring about complete healing are appreciated.

Richard Humphreys remains hospitalized at St. Vincent in LR. Please continue to pray for his overall health.

Henry Kelley, brother-in-law of George Reed, was recently diagnosed with a lung tumor. More will be determined with additional testing, but please keep him in your prayers as he waits on answers.

Sharon Johnson, sister of Carol White, will be making some big decisions in the near future regarding the progression of her disease and how to proceed going forward. Please keep this family in your prayers for guidance and peace of mind, for strength and comfort as they journey through this process.

### Ongoing:

Sharon Johnson - terminal cancer  
Chris Johnson - cancer  
Maynette Stroud - cancer  
Niles Raines - Cancer  
Pam Tyree - Covid related complications  
Mary Powell - Parkinson's disease

### Sympathy:

We extend our sympathy to Shirley May and family in the recent loss of her sister Kathy Peel of Texas. Please keep the family in your prayers during this time of loss.

We extend our sympathy to the Gossett family in the sudden loss of John's father, Larry Gentry of Mississippi. Please keep the Gossett family in your prayers in the upcoming days ahead.

## 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

### Military

Ethan Grace

James Cole, Jr

Micah Hunter

Charles Pitney

Carson Curtis

### Expectant Mothers

Lauren Pipkin

Brooke Strasser

Shelby Burke

Jolynda Bullard

## A Look Ahead...

March 28th Camp Caudle Pie Auction Fundraiser - following morning services on the parking lot adjacent to the Family Center.

April 4th - Easter Service - (Easter Egg hunt following morning service)

April 11th - Kids For Christ returns

April 18th - RENEW Fundraiser - Pork Butt Pick-up