

For the Record...

Bible Study:	Weekly Giving: \$10,609
Sunday Worship:	Weekly Budget: \$14,818
Sunday Evening:	YTD Giving: \$ 170,000
Wednesday:	YTD Budget: \$ 177,791

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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 29, 2020

Nursery:

Kids For Christ:

2yr. olds -

3 & 4yr olds -

K-2nd grade -

Puppets:

Greeters:
North -

West -

East -

Communion:
Table 1 -

Table 2 -

When Service Goes Viral

by Tim Tripp

Sometimes it's just hard to find an upside. There is a lot of reasonable concern going around for the future of our community, our state, our nation and our world. Our schedules have been decimated, our jobs threatened, our routine demolished and getting together with people we love put on hold. Our economy is struggling and anxiety is rising everywhere. To make matters worse, we can't buy toilet paper anywhere!

However, for Christians, I think there are some positives that begin to emerge early in this struggle. The situation itself may not have much of an upside but the opportunities afforded for spiritual impact could be major. Let's look at a few of those.

1. We are invited to imagine the missional impact of the church Jesus founded.

For too long, Christians have had at least a subconscious sense that the church was a building. Since the dark ages, when ornate church buildings became the center of life in urban and rural communities. People living in abject poverty were welcomed into ornate, sometimes lavish structures with stained glass windows and beautiful carvings depicting events from the pages of scripture. Being "in church" meant being together in that building. However, when Jesus envisioned the church that would bear his name, he didn't want it to look like a building. Upon his death when the veil of the temple was torn in two, God officially proclaimed that he was moving out of a man-made structure and into human hearts. It is sad that this crisis has meant that we cannot be together in a building, but we are reminded that the impact of a church on a community was never intended to be a structure. It was to be a people committed to the principles of loving God and loving our neighbors. Those principles can be lived out in our neighborhoods, on our phones and on our computers during this crisis. Therein we have enormous potential for the impact that the church was intended to have.

2. We are challenged to find creative ways to stay connected.

I talked with a preacher friend recently about the current crisis and we both thought it significant to realize how different this crisis would have looked 30 years ago before the internet and cell phones. Without a doubt, we have never had more tools at our fingertips that enable us to stay connected even during this time where 'staying home' and 'social distance' are the expectation. I'm challenged to stay in touch with my church and my community through the phone and through the computer as much as I can. It is my hope that Christians all over our area will do the same.

3. It opens our eyes to see the church in a larger context.

Let's face it, this pandemic is bigger than us all. It forces us to see any coping strategy as an 'all hands on deck' matter. Churches and civic organizations are joining one another in opportunities to serve our community. Think of the possibilities of Christians, living out the message of the gospel and serving our community together. That is the kind of impact Jesus wants of his people. Unity and taking the message Christ to the world by humble service is something that I wouldn't mind going viral!

Dios Le Bendiga! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

"A prudent man sees danger and takes refuge, but the simple keep going and suffer for it." Proverbs 22:3. Wise words from a man that was blessed by God with wisdom as no one else... and, if those words are in the Scriptures, means those are Divine instructions for everyone who reads those words. Lately, around Hispanics, I have heard about those who believe in God, will not be affected by this "virus" that is halting almost the whole world. As we read in that verse in Proverbs, is talking about to be "prudent" and I have expressed to so many, that this Pandemic, is not about faith, but about "prudence" if you don't want to be infected.

OR what we will call sometimes: "common sense" But the beauty of God's wisdom, is that He has left to us to decide! Nobody is being forced to listen. But, everyone.... Let's follow the instructions from God, leaders and government and we will do much good for ourselves and for others! Let's keep ourselves in our "Arks" like Noah and his family in the Ark, for 40 days, plus 150, plus 150 plus 40 plus 7 plus 7... Wow... a bunch of days! May God bless you greatly 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



Virtual Youth Group

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: *When we are able to meet again :*

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: *When we are able to meet again :*

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

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

During this COVID-19 Crisis,

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Physical gatherings at the building will be suspended indefinitely and we will continue with our remote services. Please join us online Sunday mornings at 10am as well as Wednesday evenings at 6:30. Visit the West Side Church of Christ Facebook Page to join in our live stream events.

Congratulations

to

Dillon and Cierra Collins

And to

Mason and Tori Buerer !

Both couples were married this past week!

We love you and wish you many years of love and happiness! Looking forward to celebrating with you in the future!

Congratulations

to

Zach and Brittany Loudon

On the arrival of baby Forest Patrick who was born on March 24th! Proud Grand-parents are Pat and Sheri Crosby, and Don and Linda Loudon, of Pennsylvania.

Gathering Times

These meeting times are currently suspended

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

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.

James Humphrey is self quarantined away from his family at this time as he awaits test results for COVID-19. Please pray for him and for his family during this time of separation and waiting.

Clay Reed received news that cancer is now in the other lung. The type and frequency of treatment is not known at this time. Please continue to pray for strength and endurance for what is to come, and of course for complete healing.

Helen Stephens fell and broke her foot recently. Please pray for a rapid and complete recovery for her.

Sympathy:

Monday March 23rd was a sad day for our West Side family with the loss of Carla Ford, Darwin Price, and Kay Cole (James Cole's mother).

Our hearts are heavy with sympathy for these families and our own grief for loss of those we loved. But our hope is set on things above and the assurance that we will see them in our Heavenly home.

Please remember to keep these families in your prayers for comfort and peace.

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 Manor 315

Expectant Mothers

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...

The wedding shower previously scheduled for Sidney Brandon and Jacob Taylor, as well as the shower for Tori Lantz & Mason Buerer will be rescheduled for later dates. We will update you with that information as we have it.