

For the Record...

Bible Study:	Weekly Giving: \$16,361
Sunday Worship:	Weekly Budget: \$ 13,820
Sunday Evening:	YTD Giving: \$ 128,610
Wednesday:	YTD Budget:\$ 124,378

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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

I Am with You Always

by Tim Tripp

My whole life I have loved being in the woods. My dad used to take me hunting and walking with him out there was just great. He always knew the areas we hunted because he grew up there and had walked those hills since he was a boy. If I strayed too far from our farm by myself, I got lost pretty easily. I always managed to find my way back but it was more than a little scary a few times. When I was with dad, I felt secure no matter where we walked. I never had to wonder if he was turned around. He always knew right where we were and which way to go.

I used to dread when we were hunting and dad would want to split up. He would say something like, "You go over this hill and all the way to the top of the next hill then go to the right. You'll walk a little way along the top of the hill until you come to a stand of oak trees. Sit down in that stand of oak trees and wait. I'm going to walk around and see if I can move something your way."

It was a beautiful plan until I tried to execute it. I climbed the hill, went right and never found the stand of oak trees. Then I was scared because I knew dad would try to find me in the place he wanted me to be and I would not be there. He always found me and asked how I got to where I was. We would try to figure out what I did wrong. I am sure he thought I was bad at following directions. I know that I thought his directions impossible to follow. The bottom line is that I always liked it better when he stayed with me. His presence gave me confidence for the journey.

It must have been a similar struggle for Jesus' disciples when he left to be with his father. Though they spent a great deal of time with him, navigating without him was never their plan. Time and again Jesus assured them that he would always be with them no matter what. At the end of Matthew, Jesus, just before his ascension, assured them that he would be with them always. The disciples rejoiced when the Holy Spirit came upon them, the very Spirit of God living within them. God is true to his promises.

In my experience however, even though I know that God is always with me, I feel his presence more sometimes than I do at others. When I am feeling down or amid struggle, I have a hard time feeling him. When I am grieving or hurt, God feels far away. When I am angry and want to lash out, God seldom feels close.

There are a few activities that I have found that draw me closer to God. When I pray alone and leave my mind open for him to guide. He usually shows up. When I worship either alone or with brothers and sisters in Christ, God is there in our praise.

God's presence is the one thing I hope for most when I worship and I have found it true that God inhabits our praise. When I lift him up from my heart, he moves. When he moves, I know he is there just as he promised.

God wants to be with us. All of creation and the story of the Bible testifies of God's longing to dwell with his creation in love and in holiness. We are invited into the very throne room of God to worship and praise.

I suppose there will always be times when we feel that God is not there. There will always be times when we might feel alone in the woods and unsure if we are in the right place but God has promised that he is there. He is just a prayer away. Anytime we want to feel his presence, we should worship. He inhabits our praise. His presence gives us confidence for the journey.

Dios Le Bendiga! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

Hello my West Side Family!

My mother would always tell me the following, when things were not right, or looked conflictive, or even unjust: "Aris, give it time, because time will bring the answer" (she would say), and how right she was, because I have learned myself how true those words are. Many times I find myself saying "Aris, be patient, with time, all will be clear or revealed". Time will bring the truth and truth will show who was right or wrong. Jesus declared that when you will know the truth, the truth will set you free! But that Truth, most of the time, takes time to get there or to be revealed. He has told us what, how and when we will see the complete truth. Faith is the foundation of what will live and be, according to his message, but time will bring the answer if we are doing everything right or wrong. All we need to do is to make sure that we are following God's instructions and be faithful to him and everything will be right! Blessings to you my West Side Family!

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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) or by calling the student center.

For more info visit 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:

Annual Pie Auction and Chili Lunch benefiting

Camp Caudle 2021 Summer Camp Scholarships

Mark your Calendars!!

Although we are a little later than usual we will have our Pie Auction and Chili Lunch on **Sunday March 28th**. It's going to look a bit different than in the past due to social distancing and covid restrictions but it is sure to be a great time!

More details coming soon!!

What we need from you!!

We need pies, cakes and cookies & Chili!!

If you can supply a dessert please contact Cindy Jones at 479-264-5390 (call or text) or on Facebook Messenger.

If you want to supply a pot of Chili please contact Jamie Bates at 479-747-1433 (call or text) or on Facebook Messenger.

(Due to covid, we really must know in advance who is supplying food)

For monetary donations please contact Jenifer Hurt at 501-425-5208 (call or text) or through the church office at 479-968-1121.

Camp Caudle Christian Camp needs this extra boost so those who cannot afford to go to camp still have an opportunity to attend.

Please be thinking and praying about how you can support this event. We are counting on 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

Britney Austin is recovering following a hysterectomy. Please keep her in your prayers for a complete and rapid recovery.

Paulette Cooper is recovering at home from recent eye surgery. Please pray for complete and rapid healing with no complications.

Helen Stephens is home now and will have physical therapy at home. Please continue to pray for her strength to increase allowing her to fully recover soon.

Pam Tyree has been moved to a rehab facility and continues to make slow improvements. Please pray for her improvement to rapidly increase.

Sympathy:

We extend our sympathy to Cheri Russell and family in the recent loss of Cheri's mother Barbara Stewart. Please pray for comfort and peace in the days and weeks ahead.

Ongoing concerns:

Sharon Johnson - terminal cancer

Chris Johnson -cancer

Niles Raines- cancer

Maynette Stroud - cancer

Mary Powell - Parkinson's disease

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.

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

Lauren Pipkin

Shelby Burke

Jolynda Bullard

Military

Ethan Grace

James Cole, Jr

Micah Hunter

Charles Pitney

Carson Curtis

A Look Ahead...

Sunday evenings - 6:30 class on Zoom

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

WSYM - Wednesdays 6:30 pm