

For the Record...

Attendance: 276

Weekly Giving: \$ 10,610
Weekly Budget: \$ 13,820
YTD Giving: \$ 215,352
YTD Budget: \$ 221,116

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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

The Leadership of Love

by Tim Tripp

In our world today we seem to have a shortage of leadership formed on a Jesus model. Some politicians in Washington DC are largely responsible for the disease of power politics that begins with the highest power positions in Washington and filters all the way down to our local councils, boards, businesses and churches. Power leadership has been a problem in our country for many decades and is now characterized by partisanship, demonizing those who oppose, spinning the narrative to the advantage of whoever is telling the story, and competing for control to impose a majority's will upon the other side or upon those with opposing viewpoints. Power politics tend to paint the extremes on an issue as the most relevant and important voices while those in the middle are characterized as irrelevant or lacking in passion for the issue.

Jesus loved the middle people. He adored those who wrestled with the issue. His heart was for those who struggled with the sin and were honest enough to admit it. He appreciated those who did not have it all figured out. He waded among them and became their leader. **Rather than to play the power game, Jesus led by love.** "If you love me, keep my commands," (John 14:15). Jesus led from the front. He did not ask his followers to appeal to a higher standard than did he. He was willing to go through first what he asked his followers to endure. Though he could have imposed his will upon whomever he pleased, he released control, loved people and asked for their cooperation. He did not micromanage everything his followers did. He allowed them to make mistakes and held them accountable but his correction was always out of love and they always knew it. He did not expel anyone. If they parted ways with him, it was their decision to walk away.

If only more of our national, state and community leaders would follow the Jesus leadership model! What if they would love their subordinates to the point where they made personal sacrifices for them? What if they took responsibility when mistakes were made rather than blaming opponents or subordinates? What if they held on to struggling subordinates and walked with them through difficulty? What if they made clear their expectations for their followers and then rather than controlling them, they offered guidance, took the blame for mistakes on themselves and encouraged subordinates to continue to improve? That is seldom what we see these days but what a positive difference it would make if the culture of leadership in our nation were to change.

It only takes one or two in a community like ours to step out and make a difference. Most of us occupy a place of leadership on some level. Whether in the community, at home, in business, in church or school, most of us lead someone or several. It is easy to look around and cast stones at others, but change comes down to me. What does it look like in my circle of influence to change the culture of leadership? What does it look like to lead from love rather than from power and control? Only you and I can begin to form the habit of loving those we lead, taking the blame for their mistakes, and setting them on a course to improve. Here is the challenge: Release control, serve rather than command, embrace and guide rather than threaten and criticize. Lead in the style of Jesus. Lead with the leadership of love.

Dios Le Bendiga! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

Blessings to you my West Side Family!

God designed everything with a purpose. You and I are here because of that design so we have a purpose to be here and everyday that we live, it's supposed for us to keep fulfilling that design even when we are so busy in our daily life working from 8 to 5. We need to see the opportunity, we need to look for the opportunity, we need to be read when the door will open. That door, that moment will be unique for you and me and sometimes we don't know that in that "conversation" on that "location" is when we are being used by God as the instrument to fulfill the purpose. It's all about being ready or prepared for the "occasion" because that is the design for us since the beginning of time.

It depends on us if we will respond accordingly to God's design and each of us will need to find our purpose that God has kept us alive until today.

May God bless you always!

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Kids For Christ

Meets weekly during worship
Ages 1 yr - 5th Grade

Little KFC - (1's & 2's) meet in the nursery area

3yrs-5th grade meet in the KFC room



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



Hey Students!
Start Finals Week with
ALL - DAY- PANCAKES on
Monday! Come by the Student
Center to eat! Stay & Study!!

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

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

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Wedding Shower

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming
Wedding Shower in honor of Mallory Harrison
and Miles Tumbelson.

Come and Go
Sunday May 2, 2021
from
1-3pm
Outside the Rock

Miles & Mallory are registered at
Millyn's, Target and Amazon.

Baby Shower

Please join us for a Baby girl Shower in honor
of Lauren Pipkin
Sunday May 16th in the Rock

Come and Go
1-3 pm

Lauren is registered at Walmart

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

Sarah Smith, sister of Judy Jackson is in Hospice care. Please keep Sarah and Judy and family in your prayers during this time.

Amanda Williams is recovering following a lumpectomy to remove cancer. She will begin radiation treatments soon. Please continue to pray for Amanda and family during her recovery/treatment process.

Glenn Holmes is currently in Arkansas Heart Hospital after having some evaluation and medicine changes. Please keep him in your prayers as his body adjusts.

Chris Johnson, nephew of Carol White, got a good report following his most recent PET scan which showed No Cancer!

Sharon Johnson, sister of Carol White, has recently had some good days. Palliative care has been postponed due to tumor shrinkage! Please keep the prayers going!

Pam Tyree is home after almost 6 months! Please continue to pray for her strength to increase and her overall condition to continue to improve.

LOCAL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

The Friendship Cafe in the foyer may appear to be just a place to get a cup of coffee but it is much more than that! Many visitors to West Side stop by the cafe. That may be the first impression they have of West Side and our friendliness. The mantra of the cafe is "where we meet as strangers and leave as friends". Serving a cup of coffee is a great way to open a conversation and to make someone smile.

That being said we need another friendly face or two to get their hands and their hearts into this ministry. Our cafe 'manager' Cindy Jones is occasionally out of town. On those weekends we have no one else to take care of the coffee bar and it won't succeed if it doesn't have someone there every week.

If you feel a pull (by the Holy Spirit) to be a part of this ministry please stop by the cafe on Sunday morning and visit with Cindy about what is required to help (besides a great smile).

--Cindy Jones

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

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

Tasha Greer

A Look Ahead...

TODAY: -RENEW Fundraiser - Pork Butt Pick-up
KFC and Little KFC will meet during worship

May 2nd - Wedding Shower for Mallory Harrison & Miles Tumbelson

May 18 - Baby Shower for Lauren Pipkin