

For the Record...

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| Bible Study: | Weekly Giving: \$ 13,426 |
| Sunday Worship: | Weekly Budget: \$ 13,820 |
| Sunday Evening: | YTD Giving: \$ 179,462 |
| Wednesday: | YTD Budget: \$ 179,657 |

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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

Rabboni!

by Tim Tripp

One of the most touching narratives in the resurrection story is the one John told about Mary Magdalene. One can only imagine how traumatic it must have been in those days to see someone crucified. It was a horrible, suffering, cruel, and bloody death. How much worse would it have been watching someone for whom you love and care go through it? That was exactly what Jesus' closest friends had done. They had entered Jerusalem to the adoration of the masses. The crowds greeted him as they would a king, as *they would the Messiah*. It had not taken long however for the celebration to take a sinister turn. The Jewish leadership feared Jesus and his ability to draw a passionate crowd. Fearing trouble, they had arrested him, made up charges against him and sent him to Pilate requesting that Jesus be put to death. Pilate resisted but finally relented as the Jews began to stir it up.

Jesus was crucified. He hung from the cross between two criminals. His horrified family and the disciples who dared be anywhere near him could only watch and weep. They had heard the voice of God declare Jesus to be his only son. How could it possibly be that the son of God would die? Yet he did exactly that. With a loud cry he breathed his last breath and his lifeless body went limp. Their dreams of all they thought Jesus would become were shattered and they were left with only broken hearts and endless tears.

After the Passover on Saturday, Mary and some other women went to the tomb to finish the work of treating the body of Jesus for his burial. They found that the stone that had been placed over the mouth of the cave had been removed and that Jesus' body was not there. They hurried back and told Jesus' disciples. Peter and John ran to the tomb to confirm the story. They found everything to be as the women had said it was. Jesus' body was gone and the burial cloth had been removed and neatly set aside. Peter and John then hurried back to tell the others but Mary stayed behind.

Understandably distraught, she remained outside the tomb weeping. John chapter twenty says that she looked into the tomb and saw two angels in the tomb seated where Jesus' body had been. They asked her why she was crying. She, not knowing what had happened, told them that she believed the body had been stolen and she did not know where it had been taken. She turned to see a figure behind her and asked him if he knew where the body was taken.

Jesus said, "Mary." She recognized him. She exclaimed "Rabboni" which means "teacher" in Aramaic. Apparently, she also must have either embraced him or fallen to her knees and wrapped her arms around his lower legs. I'm guessing she squeezed tight and held on because Jesus said, "Let me go!" (paraphrased). He encouraged her to go tell the other disciples that he was alive.

She had come with a broken heart but left full. She came to the tomb filled with sadness and left bursting with joy.

Stories of resurrection still do that today - life from death, joy from sadness, healing from brokenness. *That tomb is still empty.*

Dios Le Bendiga! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

Good morning my West Side Family!
Time to pray: Our Father in Heaven, we praise you and honor you and recognize you as the Only God who has created the heavens and earth. We are so humble to know about your mercy, love and patience to us. We thank you for every blessing that we have even when we don't see it or understand it. We thank you for life, Health, families, jobs and all what you provide for us to keep us safe and alive. We thank you for the eternal love showed on the sacrifice of your Son at the cross for our sins. We thank you for the mercy upon us for giving us the opportunity to come to you and hear and open our heart to your voice and obey the gospel of your Son. We are so thankful to you for bringing your Kingdom to us and to be part of your eternal family. Thank you oh Lord, for guiding us to be and make the difference and the light in this world. Help us every day to walk your Son's path way to you and to see your signs along that way to keep us straight and safe. Thank you for your Holy Spirit that helps us to go and do your Will. Thank you oh Lord, for loving us so much and for being with us on the difficult times in our life. We ask and pray to you in your Son's name Jesus Christ.

April 4th

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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:

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:

KFC is coming back!

We are so excited to announce that our Kids For Christ program will return next 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 at St. Vincent Hospital Rehab 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.

Sarah Allen, daughter of Glenn and Brenda Holmes is currently hospitalized with Covid related pneumonia and other complications. Please pray for healing and keep her family in your prayers as well.

Dena Moore is having more health complications involving her heart and related to lymphedema. Please pray for her overall condition to improve, for complete healing. Pray also for upcoming life changes with relocation and adjustment.

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 the family and friends of Glennette Price who passed away recently. Please keep her family in your prayers at this time.

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

Expectant Mothers

Lauren Pipkin

Brooke Strasser

Shelby Burke

Jolynda Bullard

Military

Ethan Grace

James Cole, Jr

Micah Hunter

Charles Pitney

Carson Curtis

A Look Ahead...

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

April 11th - Kids For Christ returns

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