

## For the Record...

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| Bible Study:    | Weekly Giving: \$9,536  |
| Sunday Worship: | Weekly Budget: \$14,818 |
| Sunday Evening: | YTD Giving: \$179,536   |
| Wednesday:      | YTD Budget: \$192,607   |

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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  
April 5, 2020

Nursery:

Kids For Christ:

2yr. olds -

3 & 4yr olds -

K-2nd grade -

Puppets:

Greeters:  
North -

West -

East -

Communion:  
Table 1 -

Table 2 -

## Contagious

by Tim Tripp

We have been on "social distance" measures for a couple of weeks now. I asked my son how he was doing with the government guidelines for social distancing and he, being a little more private than I am, said, "I am good with social distancing. In fact, I prefer it!"

I'm sure that some of us are more comfortable than others. Personally, being from an affectionate family, I require little personal space and love to give and receive handshakes and hugs. For me, social distancing is slow torture!

I think I understand the "why" of it all. I listened to a history podcast recently on the 1918 "Spanish flu" pandemic in which upwards of 50-100 million died worldwide just after the close of World War One adding misery to misery. The primary cause of the rapid spread of the disease was due to an incomplete understanding of how the virus spread from person to person. Since that knowledge is more complete today, we can further mitigate the spread and thus the infection and mortality rate by taking the measures we are being asked to take.

I understand that this particular virus (Covid-19) has spread so rapidly because of how easy it is to spread. Someone who is infected may not even know they are infected and can spread the disease by merely breathing and touching things. That makes it highly contagious. Infection has a broad range of reaction. Some folks don't even know they have it whereas others can die from it. One person who is infected may experience minimal impact, while they could give it to others with much more significant even life-threatening results. So, social distance it is...for now.

Contagious can be a positive thing however, if what others are "catching" is something beneficial. In Matthew chapter five, Jesus said that his followers are both salt and light. Salt and light have impact on those around them. It could be said that disciples of Jesus are 'contagious.' People who lived in the time that Jesus was on earth might have witnessed that those who spent time around Jesus 'caught' things like compassion for the sinner, kindness for the underprivileged, love for all mankind and indignation for those who were self-righteous.

Likewise, there are some things that might be contagious from those who follow Jesus today. For example, discipleship should be in the air around Jesus' disciples. The fruits of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, etc. - see Galatians 5:22-23) are a contagious lot. Acts of service might be catching. Generosity spreads easily. All of these things and more should be 'caught' from being around disciples, breathing the same air and touching the same things they do.

What is contagious around you? I hope it is not a virus of any kind though it seems there is a lot of that around these days. If you are exuding the essence of the Spirit of God, that will be contagious. Unfortunately, evil and ungodly things can be contagious too. The most ungodly contagion of all might be 'doing nothing.'

I encourage you all to do as Jesus said and let his teaching be contagious as you, "let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven," (Matthew 5:16).

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

by Aris Ortiz

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come" Mathew 24:14. Well, I have been watching live streams from all over the world about preaching the gospel... and because of the internet, literally the gospel is being preached in all the world.... This "coronavirus" is not only spreading the virus but the gospel too!!! But there is something else that I can see too ( and I'm just thinking about it, not coming to conclusions ) after Jesus said about the gospel to be preached.... Makes me "think" (not doing interpretations) about verse 22... "If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened." So I just want to share what I was thinking with my West Side Family! Let's keep being faithful and serving the Lord,, because his second coming is near, that is for sure! Blessings 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



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.

Let's keep in mind those of our family who reside in retirement communities or nursing facilities during this time. While the facilities are on lockdown and visits are prohibited, an encouraging card in the mail could have a profound positive impact on someone's day!

Here are some address of the local facilities where some friends and family are currently residing.

### Brookdale Assisted Living Center

240 S. Inglewood Ave  
Russellville, AR 72801

### Stella Manor

400 N. Vancouver Ave.  
Russellville, AR 72801

### Russellville Nursing Center

215 S. Portland ave.  
Russellville, AR 72801

## 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

Clay Reed will begin a radiation treatment regimen soon. Please continue to pray for his healing and for strength and endurance during this next phase.

Olan Hanes, father of Amy Jones has an aggressive form of skin cancer. He is awaiting scan results to determine if it has spread. Continued prayers on his behalf are appreciated.

Adalee Derrick, infant step sister to Braden Derrick, was born prematurely earlier this week. Her twin sister did not survive. Please pray for the Derrick family during this time of great loss and uncertainty.

Krista Magness, 29 year old great niece of Trish Bailey, has stage 4 metastatic breast cancer. Please keep Krista and her family in your prayers for effective treatment and complete healing.

Trish Bailey's sister Nora has been exposed to COVID -19 and is at great risk due to suppressant medication she has to take for an autoimmune disease. Please pray for her protection and her health.

Blake Shirron, nephew of Susan Lewis had an emergency appendectomy on Thursday. Because of the coronavirus, family cannot be with him. Please pray for a complete and rapid recovery for him.

Brenda Gist, friend of Jan Harrell, is scheduled for radical surgery for breast cancer on April 9th. Please keep Barbara and her family in your prayers for successful surgery and complete healing.

Richard Humphreys has an open wound on his non-prosthetic leg and will be seeing a wound specialist 3 days a week in Conway for treatment. He is also undergoing kidney dialysis here locally 3 other days a week. Continued prayers on their behalf are appreciated.

## 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](http://www.westsidear.org/rvcc) for more information.

### Homebound / Nursing Homes

Wanda Bailey - Home

Wayne Nordin - Brookdale 101

Glennette Price - Stella Manor 305

Inez Selby - Stella Manor 315

Don Todd - Russellville Nursing Center - 317

### 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...

***“Be Strong and Courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged because of the king of Assyria and the vast army with him, for there is a greater power with us than with him. With him is only the arm of flesh, but with us is the Lord our God to help us and to fight our battles.”***

**And the people gained confidence from what Hezekiah the king of Judah said.**

**2 Chronicles 32:7-8**