

For the Record...

Bible Study:	Weekly Giving: \$ 14,121
Sunday Worship:	Weekly Budget: \$14,818
Sunday Evening:	YTD Giving: \$ 250,856
Wednesday:	YTD Budget: \$ 266,686

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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
May 10, 2020

Mary, Mother of the Messiah

by Tim Tripp

Nursery:

Kids For Christ:

2yr. olds -

3 & 4yr olds -

K-2nd grade -

Puppets:

Greeters:
North -

West -

East -

Communion:
Table 1 -

Table 2 -

There are so many things surrounding the cross that are hard to think about. Each gospel tells the story from a little different perspective and each of them is difficult to read. I still feel a knot in my stomach when I come to that part in the life of Christ. John may be the hardest to read. He had a perspective of being there beneath the cross and was there to comfort Jesus' mother. I am sure comfort was not even possible as they stood there watching the agony Jesus experienced knowing there was nothing they could do about it. I have no idea how a parent could wrap their mind around that.

When Mary was told she would have a child while still a virgin, her comments demonstrated that she did not understand but she said simply, "I am the Lord's servant. May it be to me as you have said," (Luke 2:38). She just accepted what was to happen and would deal with questions later.

After Jesus was born there were the shepherds, the prophets, the Magi and we are told that she treasured these things in her heart. Jesus attended a family wedding with her in Cana (John 2) and she was the one who asked him to help the wedding party out by supplying more wine. She somehow knew what he could do.

She responded with concern when people said he was out of his mind. She followed him at points during his ministry. She was there at the crucifixion. She was almost certainly a witness to the post-resurrected Christ. Jesus' life was inseparably mingled with hers. She felt his triumphs and she was crushed by his death and no doubt joyous at his resurrection. Though we are not specifically told, it is safe to say that she was a passionate believer after he ascended.

We can make some assumptions about her because we know what it is to be a mother. Most moms know the experience of having the lives of their children twisted tightly together with their own. Moms feel proud and joyous at their children's successes, even the smallest ones. They grieve their kids' losses. They blame themselves for the mistakes their children make and wonder what they could have done differently. Even when kids are older, they can usually expect mom to have a word of encouragement or a word of rebuke in circumstances she believes demands it.

On Mother's Day, we remember the sacrifices our moms made for us and honor the moms who helped us raise our own. They come in all types but while there are a few notable exceptions, they share one bond in common. They would sacrifice everything for their kids. Something in their basic wiring compels them to do so and to do it that they might propel the next generation to impact the world for the better.

While only one mom can say that her son is the Messiah, Christian moms place a top priority on raising kids who make a difference in the world by living as Jesus lived and being light in darkness. May God bless our moms! May he continue to give them wisdom, courage and dedication to honoring God by raising kids who know him.

Dios Le Bendiga! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

Good morning my West Side family!

It is a new blessing starting a new week. God is giving us one more opportunity in this life, on this earth. We have been blessed to finish another week too and even though life is completely different, for us, God has given us so many blessings if we count everyone in our life. Every time that we learn how life in other places is or how others are living their daily life, it makes us to realize how blessed we are here in the River Valley... and on this first day of the week, let us continue giving thanks to the Lord and to keep praying hard for so many that are going through very hard and painful time. We know that God is in control always no matter what, but all this Universe is in his hands, so it's my prayer to Him for all of my West Side family and our families that he will keep them safe and sound. And to all the Mothers that we have here in our church family: may God bless each of you with many beautiful moments surrounded with those who God has given you as a joy and happiness! Happy Mother Day !!

May God bless you constantly with all heavenly 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



Virtual Youth Group

Wednesdays

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

Congratulations to our college ministry 2020 graduates!



If you would like to encourage or congratulate one or more of our seniors, message Jake or Krysta for their contact information.

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 virtual 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.

Virtual Wedding Shower

Please join us in celebrating the upcoming wedding of

**Gabby Abbott and Dillon Green with our
'West Side Virtual Wedding Shower'!**

Gabby and Dillon are registered at Millyn's, Target, Walmart, and Amazon.

Please send all gifts to
2104 W. 5th Street

Russellville, AR 72801 by May 20th.

*Thank you in advance for helping make this unusal time one still filled
with love and blessings!*

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

Jonah Vanderheiden has been hospitalized at St. Mary's for severe asthma. He has been on a ventilator but is making some improvements. Please pray for his condition to continue to improve allowing the ventilator to be removed soon.

Ross Spurlock, brother of Mike Spurlock, is battling cancer. He is in tremendous pain and the cancer is rapidly growing. Please continue to pray for Ross and his son Ryan as they journey through this battle.

Welcome Baby!

Congratulations to Matt and Brooke Strasser on the arrival of Maren Nicole on Friday May 1st. Mother and baby are doing well!

Welcome to our family Maren!

Ongoing Concerns:

Mary Grice - Please continue to pray for her to have effective treatment and complete healing.

Richard Humphreys- Please continue to pray for his overall health.

Clay Reed is currently undergoing radiation therapy. Please continue to pray for his overall health and strength during this process, as well as total healing.

June Tippit - continued prayers for overall health

A note of Thanks:

Thank you to my West Side family for the calls and cards and flowers following my recent surgery. I miss you all and look forward to getting together again. Linda McMickle

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 101

Glennette Price - Stella Manor 305

Inez Selby - Stella Manor 315

Don Todd - Russellville Nursing Center - 317

Expectant Mothers

Carlee Schmitt

Kaitlin McCormick

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...

At this she bowed down with her face to the ground, she asked him, " Why Have I found such favor in your eyes that you notice me-a foreigner?"

Boaz replied, "I've been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband; how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before."

Ruth 2:10-11