

# For the Record...

Attendance: 305

Weekly Giving: \$ 12,800  
Weekly Budget: \$ 13,820  
YTD Giving: \$ 260,706  
YTD Budget: \$ 262,575

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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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Phone: 479-968-1121  
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Jenifer's hours Mon-Thurs 8:30-3, Fri 8:30-12

## BABY SHOWER TODAY!

Please join us for a Baby girl Shower in honor of Lauren Pipkin in the Rock this afternoon!

Come and Go  
1-3 pm  
Lauren is registered at Walmart

Sign up for WS emails at westsidear.org/subscribe  
To give: Text 84321 or go to westsidear.org/give



# WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Marriage is Hard

by Tim Tripp

When I do pre-marital counseling, it is not unusual to see surprise in the faces of young couples when I suggest that marriage is hard. They know that **some** marriages are hard but think, "surely not ours." It is true that some marriages are easier than others. It is also true that choosing wisely and preparing for what is to come can mitigate some of the difficulty. However, every marriage has rough spots. This is not to say that marriage is awful all the time. It's just that married folk must work through the struggle to get to the good stuff. There are almost no exceptions on that.

One verse that usually does not get quoted at weddings is 1 Corinthians 7:28 where the latter half of the verse says, "But those who marry will face many troubles in this life, and I want to spare you this." Paul was not only talking of the difficulties inherent in marriage but also the added difficulty of being married and facing persecution for being a Christian. Yet it acknowledges that Paul, a single man, could see that marriage is challenging.

Marriage is hard because two people with different backgrounds, different interests, different experiences and lots of other differences choose to do life together. Everyone brings peculiarities, woundedness and baggage from the past into the marriage. Some stuff others did to them. Some were choices they made themselves. A significant portion of the early years of a marriage is often engaged in working through the trauma, damage and naivete from the past. Those emotional wounds complicate coping with inevitable conflict. Conflict brings new wounds to add to the old. That is hard. The expectation is to heal in marriage but at least at first, adjusting to marriage adds to the hurt. Reality is different from expectations in many ways, often leading married partners to wonder if their experience is normal or something of an unhappy aberration.

Selfishness plays a huge role in what makes marriage hard. When married people are in a competition to get their own way, it often descends into a passive-aggressive, manipulative stand off until one finally agrees to give in - only to play the martyr card any time the situation is brought up. Conversely with some, differences turn into an angry shouting match that only ends when one is frightened or shaken enough to exit the conversation. Let me say this: I have never known anything to be resolved with a shouting match. There are many levels and coping mechanisms in which the dysfunction is manifested but selfishness is always somewhere in the mix of marriage drama.

Overcoming selfishness is the center of the bullseye of what it takes to make marriage great. When both members of the couple give selflessly to the other, it infuses the relationship with energy. When one sacrifices for another, it elevates the relationship over self and that is a huge win. Most people are just not naturally good at that. Like anything else, getting good takes practice and with practice, one can become great.

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

by Aris Ortiz

Blessings My West Side Family!  
Every week we, as ministers, have the challenge to keep working, looking, developing, doing the call that has been vested on us from God to reach, teach, preach and make disciples for the Kingdom of God. The main purpose of the job is to give the message of salvation to those who are without God. Hope, as well, the commission of teaching the sound doctrine to those who are in Christ, encouraging one another to be faithful every day of their Christian life. A challenging job, made possible through strength from God, and it is His will that will be done even when man opposes or denies the truth. As a body of Christ, our business is to be immersed in reaching souls to be saved, and it's not only the work of the ministers, but from every single christian to reach a person and show the light and the way and the truth. All of us, who are in Christ now, we were taught first and then we decided to obey. Now it is our turn to teach someone, so that someone can be saved too. It is our decision to find the way to reach and teach; and with that, God will be pleased for sure. Let's do our part my West Side Family, and let's keep doing that job using the talents that we have received from the Lord.

May 16th

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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



## Graduating Seniors 2021

Jada Parker  
Seth Stephens  
Kizzy Hutcherson  
Jayden Vanderheiden

Grace Miller  
Kyra Nafe  
Imani Gaylor



## Congratulations Seniors!

Dillon Collins  
Maranda McLemore  
Dalton Parrish  
Nic Brown  
Will Tanner

Evan Collins  
Shakey Gomillion  
Kaylee Ault  
Rachel Delashaw

## Adult Bible Classes

**Sunday Morning:**  
In- Person gathering in the Main Auditorium at 10am

Online Bible Study resources: 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:

### WEST SIDE DELIGHTS COOKBOOK

We have an exciting announcement... the West Side Cookbook (titled West Side Delights) will be making its return this fall. With a facelift and all new recipes (submitted by YOU!), we expect this book to be the hit of the holiday season! For those that don't know about this treasure, a group of ladies created a cookbook for the Lads to Leaders group back in 1994, and it's been a lasting memoir for many of us over the years. Sadly, we have heard that few, if any, copies are left for new members to get their hands on, so we hope to make new memories for years and members to come.

Follow this link: <https://forms.gle/xTq8phtcPHwqtN9d9> to submit your recipes! These recipes should be your favorites, whether they were passed down to you, created by you, or you just found them. We highly encourage ALL AGES to submit recipes - parents, we'd love to have you submit your kids favorite recipes on behalf of them! There is no limit on how many you can submit. If you're not computer savvy and like to handwrite your recipes, no problem - we'll have paper forms to grab starting this Sunday at the Friendship Cafe. We will be accepting recipes until the end of June.

We are shooting for fall publication and around \$20 per book so they will make fantastic Christmas gifts. Stay tuned to hear about what the proceeds will be going towards.

Let Cindy Jones, Dena Moore, or Lauren Stinson know if you have any questions!

## Gathering Times

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|--------------------------|--|
| SUNDAY                   | WEDNESDAY  |
| 9:00 AM Clase en Español | 6:30 PM join us online on the West Side Church of Christ Facebook Page |
| 10:00 AM Adoración       |  |
| In the Family Center     |  |

## Family Illness and Recovery

Linda Harrell is doing well following gallbladder surgery Thursday. Please pray for Larry and Linda as she recovers, and as they make some decisions regarding relocation in the future.

Bill Irving is now on Hospice care at home, and Eloise is having some health issues as well. Please keep them both in your prayers during this time.

Amanda Williams will begin radiation treatments soon. Please continue to pray for her strength, stamina, and complete healing through this treatment process.

Sonny George, grandfather of Zac George and Lee Henson continues to undergo rehab in a NLR facility. Please keep him in your prayers for continued improvement.

Eli Thomas is doing well following his recent surgery. Please pray for rapid recovery and complete healing of his condition, allowing normal activity to resume soon.

## 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.

### 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:

KFC and Little KFC will meet during worship  
Baby Shower for Lauren Pipkin