

For the Record...

Bible Study:	Weekly Giving: \$ 25,367
Sunday Worship:	Weekly Budget: \$14,818
Sunday Evening:	YTD Giving: \$ 276,224
Wednesday:	YTD Budget:\$ 281,502

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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 17, 2020

Nursery:

Kids For Christ:

2yr. olds -

3 & 4yr olds -

K-2nd grade -

Puppets:

Greeters:
North -

West -

East -

Communion:
Table 1 -

Table 2 -

Emergence

by Tim Tripp

I know that many have been wondering lately about what things will look like once we emerge from this health crisis. It certainly was not something we asked for or wanted. Against our will it changed us all in some ways. While we look forward to the end of "social distancing," face masks and frequent hand sanitizing, there is little doubt that the atmosphere of stores, restaurants and gathering places will be more sterile and a little less cozy moving forward.

Hopefully, we will be like the butterfly in the days ahead that emerges from the cocoon seeing that things have changed but mostly for the better. And we hope not to be like the salmon who is compelled by nature to swim upstream to discover the point of his mandatory journey only to find that his best days were behind him.

I think the difference between whether our emergence is like the butterfly or the salmon is intentionality. Like the butterfly to the cocoon and the salmon to the stream, we had no choice but to go through an unpleasant journey but unlike them, we can choose the attitude by which we emerge from these circumstances. Will our attitude be about discovering the beauty that we find in the newness of our surroundings or will we be focused on all that has changed, all that we miss and the way things were before? If a high value is placed on getting back to what was, we could very easily miss the beauty and the gain of what is.

The Israelites emerged from captivity after 70 years to begin rebuilding their city and their culture. Nehemiah and Ezra led groups from Babylon back to Jerusalem to restore their city, their religion and their way of life. There were a few among them who were children when they left the old Jerusalem and older adults when they returned. When these saw the temple that was rebuilt they wept because they remembered the old one and how glorious was the temple Solomon had built. The new one could not compare. However, those who had grown up only knowing captivity rejoiced because they, for the first time, could worship God in a place they called their own. To them, this new temple was the most beautiful thing they had ever seen because in it, they were free to worship God and experience his presence, (Ezra 3:7-13).

There we see both attitudes. Those who only focused on what was lost, seeing a more meager, bleaker picture versus those who saw the beauty in the new and rejoiced in what stood before them.

While it is normal to grieve what has been lost, it is not healthy to long dwell in it. Grief heals the emotional wounds caused by loss allowing perspectives to evolve from a bleak colorless world to one filled again with color and beauty.

Perhaps the attitude to strive for is one that is intentional about seeing beauty in what is new. Think butterfly not fish. Be determined to grieve what is gone but look for the good in what has replaced it. Embrace the opportunities God gives us to grow in soil that is renewed and look for opportunities to serve him in it.

Remember that while some things might have changed when we emerge, the mission of the church has not and will not change. We still have as our objective to take God's kingdom to the world no matter what that world we emerge into looks like.

Pray that God helps us find the beauty in the new.

Dios Le Bendiga! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

Blessings to you my West Side family!
Our "new" normal continues and little by little we have accepted doing things the way we were not so used to doing them and even sometimes, we will be called "exaggerated" but now, we feel we need to do it.
This reminds me of my "before and after" of being a Christian. So many things that I used to do and say, that when I became a Christian, my way of life changed a lot. I needed to watch my mouth, on what to say and how. I was more aware of how others were conducting themselves and always looking to avoid and not to do something that will "contaminate" my soul in order not to get sick (spiritually); not going to those places where I will expose myself and be at risk of getting a habit that will affect me and take me to death for eternity. But finding the shot and the medicine for my salvation in Christ, I have survived and I'm still fighting the good battle keeping the faith until I reach that crown that has been prepared for me and for all those who love the Lord and keep his commandments but I need to keep myself faithful every day. Let's keep fighting the good fight my West Side family and the Lord will fight for us!!! More blessings to you family of the faith !!!

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

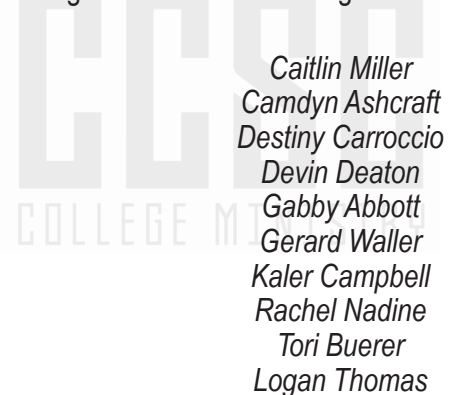
What's going on

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	WEDNESDAY
9:00 AM Bible Class	6:30 PM
9:00 AM Clase en Español	6:30 PM Clase en Español
10:00 AM Worship	7:00 PM Midweek @ CCSC
10:00 AM Adoración	
5:00 PM Share Groups/ various times and locations	

Family Illness and Recovery

Jennifer Cates, daughter-in-law of Cathryn Cates, was recently hospitalized for placement of a pacemaker. She is home now and recovering. Please pray for her strength to return and her recovery to be swift.

Jonah Vanderheiden is recovering at home following recent hospitalization for his asthma. Please continue to pray for his asthma to be controlled and his strength to return.

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.

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

Sympathy:

We extend our deepest sympathy to Burnis Shay on the loss of her last living sibling, Caroline Jarman of Florida. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Please keep Norman and Burnis as well as the Jones and Robinson families in your prayers during this time of loss.

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...

**Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
"Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"
And I said,
"Here am I. Send me!"**

Isaiah 6:8