

For the Record...

Attendance: 284

Weekly Giving: \$ 18,251
Weekly Budget: \$ 13,820
YTD Giving: \$ 233,604
YTD Budget: \$ 234,936

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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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Imani Gaylor

Jayden Vanderheiden



WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Tables: for Flipping or for Sipping?

by Tim Tripp

There is a meme going around on Facebook and perhaps other Social Media sites that has been re-posted several times. It seems well intended and sounds spiritual but it is, in my opinion, a shaky interpretation of an event in the life of Jesus. At best it is an out of context use of the event, at worst it is twisting scripture to fit a personal agenda.

The meme reads something like "May I never sit down at tables that Jesus would have flipped." Sometimes it includes an artist's rendition of Jesus, wielding a whip, clearing the animals and money changers from the courts of the temple. Those who have posted it may have different motivations but I take from it that the sharer (the person posting) hopes to refrain from pleasantly socializing with or taking part with people or groups of people who are on the wrong side (that is: a different view than they) of social justice or morality issues that are energized in our culture. (racial injustice, homosexuality, transgender issues, abortion, etc...).

You may have shared this meme with a different intent in mind and that is understandable. I can only tell you how I received it...and I may be a little odd.

The story of Jesus flipping tables is found in all four gospels (Mt. 21, Mk. 11, Lk. 19, and Jn. 2). Jesus flipped the tables of corrupt money changers and drove out merchants and their animals (for sacrifices) that were being sold at exorbitant prices because of their proximity to the temple. All of them set up in the court of the Gentiles, within plain sight of the temple. Jesus flipped tables because idolatrous and blasphemous acts were being committed in God's very presence and the Jewish authorities allowed it to happen.

Jesus flipped tables one time in his life (possibly two – depending on how to interpret John's placement of the event). Far more often, Jesus used a table for a very different purpose. Jesus often shared tables with people who were wrong, who were sinners and who treated others deplorably. He had a tax collector and a zealot (on very opposite ends of the political spectrum of the day) in his group of disciples. He ate with prostitutes, Pharisees, tax collectors, and Samaritans. **Jesus far more often used a table to make peace and make disciples than he did to make a scene.** He often did not agree with the people with whom he sat around the table but he used his time with them to influence them and to shed his light into their lives.

Granted, that there may be times in our lives when "flipping tables" is an appropriate response. However, far more often, sitting around a table and sharing a meal or a beverage is a better use of a table – sipping not flipping. Flipping tables is offensive, violent and burns bridges. Gathering at a table builds relationships, opens channels of communication and resolves issues. Christians should never let an excitable culture and violent extremes trigger them to flip tables when gathering at tables is an option. Gathering with others and sharing love and light was always Jesus' first choice. It should be ours as well.

Dios Le Bendiga! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

Hello my West Side Family!

We are living in a fast changing way of life. Days, weeks and months are passing faster than we can remember and with that, our life is going too. But, are we taking time for our families? For our loved ones? Are we putting attention to the little things that are important in life? Or is it just happening? In our christian life, we all have hard and difficult moments to face, and some of them are worse than others. But just letting the time pass and not stopping to pray, to talk about it with a mature and spiritual family member or christian brother or sister or that someone that we really trust, makes those burdens harder to handle. We always want to find the right answer for everything but some things in life don't have the right answer on that specific moment when we asked. God is giving us today as an opportunity to realize that we need to depend and trust in him, and to be aware that every day counts to not to let our days go wasting the value of it on things that are not really important.

We have been blessed to have this day my West Side family!

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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



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



Congratulations Seniors!

Dillon Collins Evan Collins
Maranda McLemore Shakey Gomillion
Dalton Parrish Kaylee Ault
Nic Brown Rachel Delashaw
Will Tanner

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

Wednesday Night:
6:30 online class - West Side Church of Christ Facebook page

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Wedding Shower

Remember the

**Wedding Shower in honor of Mallory Harrison
and Miles Tumbelson.
This afternoon!**

**Come and Go
from
1-3pm
Outside the Rock**

**Miles & Mallory are registered at
Millyn's, Target and Amazon.**

Baby Shower

**Please join us for a Baby girl Shower in honor
of Lauren Pipkin
Sunday May 16th in the Rock**

**Come and Go
1-3 pm**

Lauren is registered at Walmart

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

Sarah Smith, sister of Judy Jackson is in Hospice care. Please keep Sarah and Judy and family in your prayers during this time.

Amanda Williams is recovering following a lumpectomy to remove cancer. She will begin radiation treatments soon. Please continue to pray for Amanda and family during her recovery/treatment process.

Joan Clark, mother of Rena Baker, was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. Please keep Joan and Rena and family in your prayers during this time of decision making and treatment planning.

Sonny George, grandfather of Zac George and Lee Henson is currently hospitalized. Please continue to pray for healing for Sonny and strength for the entire family.

National Day of Prayer Community Service Opportunity

Hey West Side! We have an amazing opportunity to serve the community and let our lights shine for Jesus! Thursday, May 6th, is the National Day of Prayer. This year West Side was given the opportunity to serve as one of 6 prayer stations throughout the city!

Our parking lot facing Main street will serve as a Prayer station from 8am to 6pm for anyone who wants to drive through or stop by for a moment of prayer.

To make this successful, and to reach as many people as possible, we need YOU!

We ask that you sign up for a 1 hour time slot (or two)
We need as many people to participate as are willing!

There are opportunities to hold signs as well!

This is a super community outreach opportunity and we hope to have you join us!

To sign up please fill out a form and submit it online. Just click on the National Day of Prayer tab at the top of our webpage! Or, as always, you can call the office to let us know you'd like to participate.

Thank you West Side! Let's do this!!

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

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:

Sr. Recognition Sunday

KFC and Little KFC will meet during worship

Wedding Shower for Mallory Harrison & Miles Tumbelson

May 16- Baby Shower for Lauren Pipkin