

For the Record...

Bible Study:	Weekly Giving: \$ 13,968
Sunday Worship:	Weekly Budget: \$14,818
Sunday Evening:	YTD Giving: \$ 290,191
Wednesday:	YTD Budget: \$ 296,318

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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 24, 2020

Nursery:

Kids For Christ:

2yr. olds -

3 & 4yr olds -

K-2nd grade -

Puppets:

Greeters:
North -

West -

East -

Communion:
Table 1 -

Table 2 -

What Does the Lord Require?

by Tim Tripp

There are a great number of rules, commands and instructions in scripture that indicate things we can do and ways we can live to be in compliance with God's wishes. It is often difficult to wade through the long list and determine elements that are essential to living a life pleasing to God.

First, there are some commands that are obviously either cultural or intended for a specific time and place. For example, the rules about marrying a woman that you take captive from a conquered enemy would rarely if ever apply in our modern-day setting (Deuteronomy 21:10-14). However, the larger principle of treating people of all socio-economic positions with fairness and respect would certainly remain. We have little need for the cleanliness rules in military encampments that are listed in (Deuteronomy 23:12-14). However, it is interesting to know that God "turned away" from moving among an unclean camp (Parents of teenagers may attempt an unauthorized application here **that was a joke**).

There are also laws that apply beyond any one culture and serve as boundaries to people groups of all times and places. God's hatred of idolatry, his structure for sexuality, his insistence on honesty and integrity and his clearly stated desires for his people to treat others with love and respect have always been, are and will always be fixed as expectations for people to follow if they want to please God.

Then there are others (these are the troublemakers) that seem to fit in the middle of the two. To which category would gender roles or worship directives be added? Those answers are complicated and that is reflected in the fact that we are often inconsistent in both interpretation and application of these directives.

Is there a way of boiling all of the legalese/original languages/creative interpretations down into a few "most important" items that we all can keep before us as we live and try to be disciples in this mixed up world? Thankfully, the answer is yes.

I want to point to two scriptures, one Old Testament and one New Testament passage where the text does just that for us. The first is in Micah 6:8. The prophet asks the rhetorical question of God as to how his people who have strayed from him can make it up to him. Can they offer great sacrifices and offerings to express their regret? "No," he says in verse eight. If you want to straighten the path, it begins with how you live. To please God, you must "act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God." Sacrifices mean little. Changed lives are especially important.

Later, Jesus himself would be asked what he thought was the greatest command. He replied with two commands. One is to love God and the second is to love others (to see the actual conversation, read Mark 12:29-31). Jesus said that all the law and prophets hang on those two commands.

There you have it. God's law reduced to its essential elements can be covered in five phrases – act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with God, love God and love others. If you do those things, what follows will be natural and will be pleasing to God. Doing those will compel you each day to be doing everything the Lord requires.

Dios Le Bendiga! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

Muchas Bendiciones familias de West Side!! (Many blessings to you West Side family)
God is so good because we are in another new first day of the week; another week to start. Every day, when we start the day, we have the feeling, the sense, the assurance or the hope, that it will be a good day. We always begin the day thinking and planning our day like everything will happen the way we wanted or needed to be. We never start the day thinking "well, today everything will be bad, wrong and against me" or something like that, especially for us as believers, as a Christians. It's our faith that keeps us looking for the better and for the possible. It's about how much we trust in the Lord that makes everything in our life to be unique, different and make an impact on others, as well as ourselves. We are God's people, God's family, and every day, we receive what we have previously planted in our life and from others. We do all things in Christ, because the way we do it, is because we are trusting God that he is in control and that he always wants the best for us. Trust is the key, that translates into "faith" and that's why we are a family of faith! Trust in the Lord... and everything will be fine, will be ok.
May God bless you more and more 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

West Side Friends & Family,

I want to say a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to you! However big or small, you all have supported our college ministry with your love, prayers, sweat, and tears. Even though this school year ended unexpectedly, I know God worked in mighty ways and will always continue to do so. West Side has such a rich tradition of loving college students! Since the early 1980s, our college ministry has been impacting student's lives at Arkansas Tech University, and it is our prayer for that impact to go on for years to come. Our elders, deacons, and volunteers (many of whom are ministry alumni) do an amazing job empowering and equipping our ministry for the work of the Kingdom. For that I am extremely thankful! I thank God for you and for this church, and it is my privilege to be part of this rich and significant ministry.

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.

Please be sure to visit the Senior web page

westsideyouthministry.org

to congratulate our

WSYM 2020 graduates!

Alex Cawyer

Jon Francis

Michael Hutcherson

Elizabeth Martin

Chiane Nesbitt

Grant Smith

Kris Smith

Eli Thomas

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

WEDNESDAY

- 6:30 PM
- 6:30 PM Clase en Español
- 7:00 PM Midweek @ CCSC

Family Illness and Recovery

Jonah Vanderheiden is home and undergoing physical therapy to help strengthen his legs. Please keep Jonah in your prayers for a rapid recovery.

Richard Humphreys is home and awaiting instruction regarding continued therapy. Please continue to pray for his overall health and strength and for Ann as his caregiver as well.

Ross Spurlock is having some complications which interfere with his necessary radiation treatments resulting in tremendous and at times uncontrollable pain. Please continue to pray for his healing and relief.

Dee Lin Jones, father of Tami Robinson and Rocky and Calvin Jones, is recovering at home following a brief hospitalization as a result of an accident. Please pray for a rapid and complete recovery.

Olan Hanes, father of Amy Jones, is recovering following surgery to remove cancer from his neck. Please keep him in your prayers for his healing to be swift and complete and for strength of body and mind.

Clay Reed is scheduled for a brain scan June 10th and CT scan July 15th. Please pray that these test results prove clear, and continue to pray for strength and renewal.

June Tippit - continued prayers for overall health

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

Linda McMickle - prayers for strength both physically and emotionally.

Sympathy:

We extend our deepest sympathy to Jim Setters in the loss of his wife Dana last week. Please keep Jim and his family in your prayers during this time of grief that is intensified by the circumstances of our current health crisis.

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...

“Love the Lord your God with your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this; Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.”

Matthew 12: 30-31