

Week of  
**For the Record...**

May 19, 2019

Bible Study: 190  
Sunday Worship: 388  
Sunday Evening: 183  
Wednesday: 185  
Weekly Giving: \$15,191  
Weekly Budget: \$16,237  
YTD Giving: \$305,158  
YTD Budget: \$324,740

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## Sermon notes from today:



# WEST SIDE

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### For our visitors:

If you have any questions, if you want to get involved in our church, or if you just want to meet some of our leaders, please stop by the Starting Point room in the back of the auditorium at the end of service. We'd love to meet you and answer your questions!

### 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 to the River Valley. 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](mailto:rvccounseling@gmail.com). You may also visit [www.westsidear.org/rvcc](http://www.westsidear.org/rvcc) for more information.

### Our Deacons

Dale Brooks	Mark Bryant	Craig Davis
Danny Davis	Lee Henson	Les Howard
Jim Bob Humphrey	Richard Humphreys	Ben Janelle
Richard Loveland	Chad Mitchell	Keith Moore
Chance Nesbitt	Brent Ruple	Ronnie Russell
Phil Sims	Keith Thomas	

### A Look Ahead...

Today: Summer Sunday Kick-off Potluck Lunch / no 5 pm service

5/27: Brown Bag Mondays - Paulette Cooper

5/29: Classes 6:30 // WSYM worship with Zac George

5/30: Celebrate Recovery at 6 pm

6/2: Jones Baby Shower in 1:30-3:30 in the Rock// Summer Sunday Nights | "Love Your Neighbor" - in the law @ 5pm in the Auditorium

6/3: Brown Bag Mondays - Jenifer Hurt

6/5: Summer Series - Chris Buxton | Coming Alongside: The power of Mentoring

Sunday,

May 26, 2019

This week's helpers:

Nursery:

- Charlotte French
- Calleigh Whitford

KFC:

2 year olds:

- Elizabeth Martin

3 & 4 year olds:

- Destiny Corrocio

K - 2nd grade:

- Christina Brooks

Puppets:

- Danny & Kristen Davis

Greeters:

North:

- Roy & Becky Reaves

East:

- Larry & Judy Holman

West:

- George & Wanda Reed

Communion:

Table 1:

- Larry Duvall, Steve Bates, Logan Freeman, Patrick Crosby, Danny Davis

Table 2:

- Dale Brooks, David Davenport, Lynn Donnell, Rick Butler, Rex Chambers

### Characterizations

by Tim Tripp

What do we do when we differ with someone? How should I treat others when their theology or worldview is very different from mine? This is an essential question in churches right now. Divided churches are dead or dying churches. We have a plethora of examples from which to choose. Nobody wins when division and disunity remain.

There are a few examples of churches with a focus on unity and a healthy process for resolving conflict but those seem far too few. Between churches and Christians of different denominations there is even less of a movement to achieve true unity even while admitting that Jesus himself stated that the unity of all believers was the way the world would know that Jesus had been sent by God and that God loves them (John 17:23). That really doesn't seem optional does it?

One of the biggest threats to unity in my experience is how we tend to characterize those with whom we disagree. We tend to speak in terms of us and them. When "they" are wrong and attempts to correct their position have failed, we begin the process of dehumanization. We tend to characterize them as either "unintelligent" or "corrupt." Either they are too stupid to come up with the right view (perspective, version, answer etc.) or they intentionally twist the truth deceptively for their own gain.

Something that should be painfully obvious but apparently is not is that it is difficult to be gentle, kind and loving to someone you consider to be either stupid, evil or both. In a Christian context, the reason for the disagreement is rarely found in either of those two options. Intelligent, well informed and sincere people can come to different conclusions on an issue and still be intelligent, well informed and sincere.

There are two principles I would like to share for how to characterize others in a context of differences. The first principle is that we should always assume the best of someone until they prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that they should be considered otherwise. We should always assume that the motives, positions, beliefs and values of others have been arrived at through an honest and sincere effort to find truth. Even if they failed to find what we see as truth or arrive at the same position we have, they have done so sincerely wanting to do the right thing. Whether you consider someone a friend or an enemy, the scriptural mandate to love and honor that person is exactly the same. Respond in love. Give the benefit of the doubt. Forgive offenses caused by others. Assume the best of them and give them honor above yourself even if you believe strongly that they are in error.

The second principle is to remember that you could be wrong on some things as well. In Romans 12:3, the apostle Paul reminds Christians in Rome to "not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment." Simply put, 'you make mistakes too.' On issues where we differ it is important to have and demonstrate an attitude of humility. We respect and honor someone when we confess to them, "I could be wrong." That one phrase often takes the fight out of the discussion.

Any group of Christians that comes together will likely not agree on everything. Unity never meant agreeing on everything. However, changing how we characterize one another in our own minds is a great way to start.

DIOS LE BENDIGA! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

I'm thankful to be alive. I'm thankful to be able to see. I'm thankful to be able to breathe. I'm thankful that I'm able to walk. I'm thankful to be able to eat on my own. I'm thankful to have a roof over my head. I'm thankful to have food on my table. I'm thankful to be healthy. I'm thankful to have my family, to have my wife, to have my children. I'm thankful to know that they (my family) have been blessed also. I'm thankful that I belong to the Lord's Church. I'm thankful that I have a Christian family. I'm thankful to have the hope of eternal life. I'm thankful to be part of West Side church here. I'm thankful to be working in this Ministry!

I'm thankful that God has given me all of this! Blessings to you my West Side Family.



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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

#### upNext:

It has been a wonderful school year with new challenges and new changes. Wednesday night ( May 29th) will be our last Wednesday Youth Group class of the school year. You won't want to miss Zac George lead us in a time of worship.

During June, July and some of August, the youth will join in with the Summer Series held in the auditorium.

Stay close to the Remind app as we post our summer activities.

\*\*Also, please consider supporting our intern Dillon Collins, you can pass the money along to the office, give online, or to Dillon or Mark.

## CCSC Students! Staying around for the summer?

Be sure you are signed up to receive text updates about fun summer events!

Text @ccscatu to 81010.

College Class @ the Greer's will continue on Sundays at 9am!

Hope to see you there!

## Adult Bible Classes

### Sunday Morning Adult Classes:

Room 2: Nehemiah: Janelle Rotation  
Room 3: Church on Mission: Tripp Rotation  
FC Classroom: Galatians: Clements Rotation  
Rock: Old Testament Characters: Reed Rotation

### Wednesday Night Adult Class(es):

Room 2: Gospel of John (Part 3)  
Room 3: Denominations  
Room 34: Hispanic  
FC Classroom: Joyful Journey ladies class

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Join us after services this morning for a potluck meal in the Family Center as we kick off the Summer. The full Wednesday & Summer Sunday Night meeting schedules are available for pick up at the Starting Point kiosk.

### Baby Shower:

A Baby shower in honor of Seth and Abby Jones will take place in the Rock Sunday, June 2nd from 1:30-3:30 pm. They are registered at Amazon. Wal-mart or Amazon gift cards would be appreciated.

### Emergency Breakfast - Joe Russell

West Side held the 21st annual Emergency Breakfast for the Pope county emergency personnel last Friday, May 17th. 155 emergency personnel from the Police Dept., Sheriff Dept., Fire Dept., Ambulance service and 911 were served a huge country breakfast!

We would like to thank Bert Page, Ed Lewis, Ronnie Russell, Thom Robinson, Rex Chambers, Herb Taylor and Frank Foster for coming early to cook, and staying late to clean up.



## Southern Christian CHILDREN'S HOME

SCCH's foster care ministry is seeking Christ-centered families who will provide a safe home for children currently in the state's custody in need of temporary care. Our vision is for everyone involved in each child's life to come to the table – biological parents, foster parents, SCCH, DCFS and the child. Jesus spent a lot of time building relationships around tables, and we believe that this is where the kingdom work takes place. We have a holy opportunity to impact local families tremendously by enveloping them in the love of Christ. This is the gospel beautifully displayed. Join SCCH June 9th following morning service in the Rock to learn more about how to get involved.

## Gathering Times

### 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

### WEDNESDAY

6:30 PM Classes  
6:30 PM Clase en Español  
7:00 Midweek at CCSC

## Family Illness and Recovery

Tanner Freeman is still having health complications and will be returning to Mayo Clinic on June 27th. Please pray for a correct diagnosis and treatment and healing.

Richard Humphreys is doing well following hip replacement surgery on Wednesday. Please pray for a complete and rapid recovery.

Billy Hunter is now at home following recent hospitalization for infection. Please continue to pray for his recovery.

Judy Jackson is undergoing rehab at Stella Manor following knee replacement surgery last week. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.

Maree Lewis is at St. Mary's Rehab following surgery. Please keep her in your prayers for complete healing and for her health to return.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Mary Barnett (step-sister of Deanna Cole) who has been undergoing cancer treatment, learned in her last report that the cancer is gone!

### Kingdom Parenting - The Lab

Join us for a seminar centered around Four Spiritual Attributes of Kingdom Parenting presented by Tim Tripp and Mark Hixson. Friday May 31st and Saturday June 1st. Child care will be provided.

Cost: Free with suggested donation for child care.

Please be sure to sign up in the foyer at the Starting Point kiosk by May 29th if you plan to attend.

## Opportunity to Serve!!

West Side Family, there is a need for a teacher in the 3 year old class on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights beginning in June. Please consider helping fill this need for the sake of our little ones. If you are willing to serve in this capacity, please call the office as soon as possible.

## Prayer List

Names will be printed on this list for up to 4 weeks at a time unless further updates are received in the church office.

Linda Mullinax is in Russellville Nursing and Rehab recovering from surgery and will soon begin cancer treatment.

Mike Loibner has been placed on a waiting list for a kidney transplant.

Dennis Hicklin is currently in the hospital with very serious health complications. Please pray for healing and recovery.

Marilyn Frazier, daughter-in-law of Lydia Franklin, is recovering from pancreatic surgery.

Patsy Parnell is in St. Mary's with a very painful back injury. Please pray for relief and healing. Visitors would be appreciated.

## Homebound/ Nursing Homes

Madge Alverson - Atkins 311  
Mirl Helms - Stella Manor 221  
Kirby Larsen - Brookdale 209  
Wayne Nordin - Brookdale 219  
Glennette Price - Stella Manor 305

## Military

Ethan Grace - Navy

James Cole, Jr - Navy

Micah Hunter - Navy

Charles Pitney - Air Force

Joseph Roberds - Air Force

Mikailah Carr - Air Guard

## Expectant Mothers

Christina George

Melanie Cooke

## Missions

James and Abigail Rucker

WBS Students

Paul & Noemi Crites

## Ongoing Concerns

## Battling Cancer

Ridge Austin - Overall health

Bill Davis - Health

Darwin Price

Betty Humphrey - Back pain

Patti Page - overall health

Patsy Parnell - Health

Ron Reid - overall health

Charlie Richards - Back pain

Mary Grice

Truman Hill

Helen Stephens

Fred Taylor