

Week of: April 26 2020

For the Record...

Bible Study: Weekly Giving: \$13,578
 Sunday Worship: Weekly Budget: \$14,818
 Sunday Evening: YTD Giving: \$ 236,735
 Wednesday: YTD Budget: \$ 251,870

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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



Sunday
 May 3, 2020

Nursery:

Kids For Christ:

2yr. olds -

3 & 4yr olds -

K-2nd grade -

Puppets:

Greeters:

North -

West -

East -

Communion:
 Table 1 -

Table 2 -

The Church Is Not a Building

by Tim Tripp

It has been an interesting month so far. April 2020 will go down as a month like no other, at least not in recent memory. I think I speak for many when I say that this quarantine stuff is getting old!

We all miss our favorite restaurants. We miss our favorite stores. We miss traveling. We miss getting together with friends and family. Perhaps most of all, we miss our church family. We miss gathering together on Sunday and Wednesday. We miss small groups and classes. We miss potlucks and celebrations. We miss hanging out. As with many other things, we tend to take our church family for granted and only fully realize the value of our gathering when we are refused that option.

For me, it has been painful and I've heard others give similar sentiments. I don't like having to stay away from people I love. I am looking forward to seeing this end. The sooner the better.

However, one of the nuggets I'll keep from this is being reminded that even during this shut down, Jesus' church goes on. In other words, even though the church building is closed, the church remains strong and is working in our community and in our world. Any church that loses their impact in the community by closing the doors of their building may not be functioning as the hands and feet of Jesus anyway. We can't stop being the church just because we aren't meeting right now. If the church isn't feeding the hungry, helping the less fortunate and making disciples, it falls short of being the church Jesus died for.

As much as we love it, the church is not defined by its meetings and services. It should be defined by its impact in its community. Meetings and services are for us, service to the underprivileged and making disciples is what we do for God. Sure, the Bible commands that we "not give up meeting together" but that is for the important function of "encouraging each other" to live holy lives and to do the work of the church (Hebrews 10:25). Jesus' church is not only about gathering, it is much more about teaching, making disciples and sending disciples into the world.

I've said it before and continue to believe it to be true. One of the greatest disservices ever done to the church was to build grand buildings in which to house the congregational meetings. Over time the building became the church - only it is not and it never was.

In a recent presentation to the National Disciple Making Forum, Dr. David Young, Senior Minister for the North Boulevard Church of Christ in Murfreesboro, Tennessee offered a paradigm shift for churches. He said rather than using people to build churches, we should be spending churches to build followers of Jesus. I interpret that as saying rather than focus on filling our buildings with people, lets send people from our buildings to make more followers of Jesus.

That shift may hurt our attendance numbers and our contribution, but it helps put our focus on the mission. The church is not a building.

Dios Le Bendiga! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

Another first day of the Lord!

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Words of encouragement for every christian from the Apostle Paul to the Philippians (4:4) and for a Christian, even today, we need to find the reasons to do that in the middle of this Pandemic life where everyone has been affected one way or another. Some worse than others. When we count our blessings we realize how blessed we are and when we learn about how other places are doing, here where we are, we are surrounded by grace and mercy a lot! Let us be always thankful for where we are, what we have and what we do. I'm thankful, graceful and content every day that the Lord gives me as a present, especially to know that I'm part of his family here at West Side! Blessings to all of you 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



YOUTH GROUP
6th - 12th grades

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

Hey Students!!

In accordance with the current plan of action regarding the spread of COVID-19 and in a desire to stand with our university, we have suspended all physical gatherings and have closed the facility to the public until further notice.

Please be sure to join us on Wednesdays at 7PM for our MidweekLIVE Zoom meetings!

Be sure to stay connected and follow us on Social Media!

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 unusual time one still filled with love and blessings!

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
5:00 PM Share Groups/ various times and locations

WEDNESDAY

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

Family Illness and Recovery

Krista Magness, great niece of Trish Bailey, is scheduled to have surgery on her leg Friday to stabilize the bone that has been compromised by cancer. Please continue to pray for this young lady in her battle against this disease.

Sympathy:

We extend our sympathy to Lee Henson in the loss of his grandmother Betty Lou Henson. Please remember the Lee and his family in your prayers during this time of loss.

As of Friday morning at the time of print, Brooke and Matt Strasser are awaiting the arrival of Maren Nicole. Please pray that the childbirth goes well with no complications.

Ongoing Concerns:

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

Jim Bob Humphrey- continued prayers for full recovery are appreciated.

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.

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 he said to them all:

"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it."

Luke 9: 23-24