

For the Record...

Bible Study:	Weekly Giving: 23,606
Sunday Worship: 107	Weekly Budget: \$14,818
Sunday Evening:	YTD Giving: \$ 347,099
Wednesday:	YTD Budget: \$ 355,582

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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
June 21, 2020

Nursery:

Kids For Christ:

2yr. olds -

3 & 4yr olds -

K-2nd grade -

Puppets:

Greeters:
North -

West -

East -

Communion:
Table 1 -

Table 2 -

Racial Reconciliation – One Relationship at a Time

by Tim Tripp

Rarely is any good accomplished by an angry rant. In my view, the most harmful impact of social media is when it is used as a platform to express anger and vitriol toward another group in times of civil unrest. In those times social media can be Satan's tool for stirring a cauldron filled with discontent and let it boil over into hatred and violence. It is incumbent upon Christians on either side of the issue, who know that "the struggle is not against flesh and blood" (see Ephesians 6:12), but that it is a spiritual battle raging, to take the high ground. Satan revels in our slogans that are thrown back and forth on social media as well as the polarizing comments that follow each post. Emotions escalate. Arguments turn sparks into open flames. Extremist voices become louder. Polarized groups become more defined. Their members justify dehumanizing the other side and that sets the stage for all manner of evil.

I believe most everybody wants racial reconciliation. However, few are willing to temper the expression of their feelings and opinions in the hopes of achieving it. The problem is that if they are determined to express their feelings and opinions in angry rants, sarcastic memes and broad brushed accusations, no reconciliation of any kind will ever happen. Opposing groups will grant extremists the power to lead them and coalesce around extremist positions leaving an ever-widening chasm between. That scenario has been observed in history repeatedly. In fact, it is happening in our country right now.

Christians may be the only hope for racial reconciliation in our country right now. Christians should know to be "quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry," (James 1:19). Listening to the hurt and pain of others and empathizing with them is something a disciple of Jesus regularly should do.

Speaking against injustice and giving a voice to those whose voices are underheard is something we see often repeated in the teachings of Jesus (see Mark 7:9-13 as an example). Christians should be quick to give voice to those who are mistreated by the powerful and by those in authority.

Christians know to forgive those who sin against them (see Matthew 6:14-15). Christians know that change comes through submission, humility and washing the feet of others and not through imposing their will on others just because they can (see John 13:1-17).

We are going through a time now when Christians must be the arms of Jesus embracing those who are hurting, just because they are hurting - not telling them how they should feel. For reconciliation to happen, Christians from both groups will need to show a willingness to block out the voices of the extremists and "submit to one another out of reverence for Christ," (Ephesians 5:21), loving and forgiving despite faults and past injury. That requires mutual submission and a willingness to give on both sides.

That will never happen if we listen to voices of the extremes on either side. To the extremist, no amount of give will ever be enough. It is the people in the middle who will bring change if change is ever to come. The people in the middle will need to reach across the divide and take the hand of someone on the other side. Listen to their story and hear their heart. They can offer one another love and forgiveness and allow the healing to begin.

Reconciliation is possible but it will never happen on social media. It will only happen if we follow the example of Jesus, putting ourselves aside, lifting up the other and making a difference one relationship at a time.

Dios Le Bendiga! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

Happy Father's Day!!!

And today, we celebrate the best father not only in the world, but in the universe and in the Heavens!! When we learn about how our Father in Heaven is so good to us, and how he cares and blesses us in so many ways, we feel peace and security in our lives. Every time that we read the Bible, and understand his love for us, that he is concerned not only for our life, but for our eternity, we feel blessed. Yes, we celebrate the male person that has been there with us guiding, teaching and providing all what we need for our life (and sometimes, that person is not the biological one) the one that has been there always is what usually we celebrate; but also, we need to celebrate to the One who does more than what we can see, to the One who really give life to our soul and to our body: To the Almighty, Powerful and Divine Father!! And with our sincere obedient behavior and submissive attitude, He will be pleased and glorified always (plus very happy too) So, today we celebrate every father, especially to those who still are around, and for those of us that we don't have it anymore around us; we too celebrate in memory and also those who has been there for us as a "father figure" that we want to say: Happy Father Day! And be thankful to our Father in Heaven each day. Blessings to you my West Side Family!

Children's Ministry Grades K - 5 Meets Sunday at 9 AM and Wednesday at 6:30 PM.

Our Raising Arrows Children's program is currently suspended until further notice in an effort to keep everyone safe and healthy.



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



CHURCH OF CHRIST STUDENT CENTER · ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Hello West Side! Thank you all so much for your support and encouragement as we launch our new missional name -- Renew College Ministry! I've heard a lot of great feedback!!! Every year we renew the call for students to follow Christ on the campus and in the world. With a new missional name, we will make sure we are driven by that mission and that we're "all in" with our purpose. As this church knows, the college campus is one of the most strategic mission fields in the world, and we are grateful for the vision West Side has had for college ministry for the past 40 years!

For more information about Renew visit: renewatu.org

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:

Welcome Back West Side!!

We are excited to welcome you back today, though our safety procedures will definitely be different for a while. Please come with your best attitude and planned cooperation in our efforts to keep you safe.

We will continue to live stream our service and encourage you to participate in Home Church

(Small group gatherings to watch our Livestream service)

For more information and to register for our In-person gatherings visit our website:

www.westsidear.org

Your safety and well-being is top priority. Please make a choice of one of the worship options that best suits your family at this time.

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Happy Father's Day!!

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

Britney Austin is recovering from reconstructive finger surgery due to an injury. Please keep her in your prayers for a swift and complete recovery.

Bob Baker, brother of Margaret Grant and Vicki Betterton, will undergo triple bypass heart surgery on June 24th. Please keep him in your prayers for a successful surgery free from complications.

Tyler Fryar, 14 year old nephew of Paula Tarte, has recently been diagnosed with stage 4 Hodgkins Lymphoma. He is currently undergoing chemo. Please pray for effective treatment and healing.

Mary Grice will be traveling soon to MD Anderson to consult a cancer specialist. Please be praying for safe travel and for positive new developments that will lead to healing.

Jennifer Helms is recovering at home following surgery to repair a hiatal hernia. Please continue to pray for swift healing as she recovers.

Richard Humphreys is currently at Russellville Nursing Center undergoing rehab. Please continue to pray for his overall health and strength.

Billy Hunter is scheduled for hip replacement surgery on July 13th. Please keep him in your prayers for successful surgery and complete recovery.

Krista Magness, niece of Trish Bailey, is still battling stage 4 metastatic breast cancer and currently has shingles and improper kidney function. Please pray for this young lady and the tremendous battle she continues to fight.

Daysi Mejia recently tested positive for Caronavirus. Please keep her family in your prayers for no symptoms or spread of the virus to other family members.

Clay Reed had surgery Thursday to remove a tumor from his brain. Please continue to pray for his recovery and treatment to follow.

Ross Spurlock, younger brother of Mike Spurlock, is now at home with hospice care. Please pray for Ross and his son Ryan, as well as the rest of the family as they wait with him through this difficult time.

Susan Taylor will be having outpatient surgery Tuesday June 23rd in Little Rock. Please keep her in your prayers for all to go well with that procedure.

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

Missions

James & Abigail Rucker

WBS Students

Paul & Noemi Crites

Military

Ethan Grace

James Cole, Jr

Micah Hunter

Charles Pitney

Joseph Roberds

Carson Curtis

A Look Ahead...

"What comes out of a person is what defiles them. For it is from within, out of a person's heart that evil thoughts come - sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and defile a person."

Mark 7: 20-23