

For the Record...

Bible Study:	Weekly Giving: 12,473
Sunday Worship: 92	Weekly Budget: \$14,818
Sunday Evening:	YTD Giving: \$ 359,572
Wednesday:	YTD Budget: \$ 370,398

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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 28, 2020

Nursery:

Kids For Christ:

2yr. olds -

3 & 4yr olds -

K-2nd grade -

Puppets:

Greeters:
North -

West -

East -

Communion:
Table 1 -

Table 2 -

Imagine If...

by Tim Tripp

In studying my family history, I have learned that my family came to the United States early in the 1700's to experience religious freedom. They started out in Rhode Island but over the next century moved west with my branch of the family settling in southeastern Ohio. They fought in the Revolutionary War, they struggled with Indians, and they fought in the Civil War. They have always (to my knowledge) been known as independent, gritty, rural and self-sufficient. In light of current events and increased racial awareness, I am more and more aware that these facts are the case only because they could be. My family had the choice to move to the New World. They could freely move west when they felt the spirit of adventure. They had the resources to settle, acquire land, and hunt and farm to support the family. But imagine if that hadn't been the case? Where would I be now if those choices had not been available?

Imagine if my ancestors had been plucked from their homes against their will and sold to slave traders. Imagine if they had been packed beneath the decks of a ship in unspeakable conditions for transport to the new world. What if, assuming they had survived that journey, they had been sold again to slave owners and forced to work in fields regardless of conditions for no pay. What if my ancestors had lived in shanties, slept on dirt floors and eaten the leftovers from their owners' kitchen? What if my ancestors had children that were taken from them and sold at the whim of the owners? What if my grandparents had told me stories of being forced to go to inferior schools or use public pit toilets or uncleaned water fountains intended for people of my skin color, while being forbidden from using the nicer facilities reserved for those of another race?

Imagine if I, through no fault of my own, were to be immediately under suspicion at school or at work when something came up missing; if I were to be pulled over randomly because anyone of my skin color driving a nicer car was considered suspicious. Imagine if I, without a record or reason, had memories of randomly being frisked outside the grocery store on numerous occasions because someone reported that they "saw" me acting suspiciously.

I don't know exactly how that would change my perspective of people of other race or ethnic groups. I don't know how that would affect my view of current events but I'm certain that it would. I'm confident that if that had been my history, "Black Lives Matter" would resonate with me as in harmony with my history. I'm sure I would be angrier with injustice. I would grieve every person of my race who died without justice and I would hurt for those who share my story.

Empathy can be a wonderful tool in times like we are experiencing today. I don't have to share the background of another human being to "imagine if." In my mind I can imagine slipping on the worn through shoes of a person of color and working fields to the shouts of foremen. I can imagine being told to sit in the back of the bus. I can imagine the stares of the convenience store manager watching me carefully as I peruse the items on his shelf. Empathy doesn't just mean to see through the eyes of another but means to also step into the shoes of another and feel what they feel without judgement as to whether or not they should feel that way.

Empathy allows me to sing the old spirituals and feel heart behind those who sang them long ago believing in faith that if I just "wade in the water," God will send me healing by "troubling the water." Or "This world is not my home; I'm just passing through."

Scripture tells me to "mourn with those who mourn" (Romans 12:15). I don't have to have the history or experience others do. I can just "imagine if."

Dios Le Bendiga! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

Blessings to you my West Side family!

I have been wondering about how many are reading these articles now that we are in the middle of this COVID 19 pandemic? And I would like to find out from all of you who read these bulletins every week. So, I want to ask everyone to post on our Facebook West Side Family and Friends that you do read this bulletin, (like: "I do read the bulletin" or something like that) and if you can share thoughts about it (if you want to) that will help and encourage me so much my West Side Family. It's been hard these past months to not be able to visit or have that special time of fellowship with most of you. All the Hispanic families here at West Side are missing you and have been praying to have our fellowship time back! And for everyone to be safe and blessed all the time. We miss you all.

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUMMER SERIES IS HERE!

This year our Summer Series is in digital format and available for viewing on our West Side Church of Christ YouTube page and on West Side Church of Christ facebook page. Be sure to tune in at

6:30 Wednesday evenings!!

Congratulations

to Savannah and Michael Troub on the arrival of Nolan Anthony Troub. Proud Grandparents are

Ashley and Tara Young!

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

Bob Baker, brother of Margaret Grant and Vicki Betterton, is doing well following quadruple heart bypass surgery last week. Please continue to pray for his recovery.

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.

Clay Reed is doing well following surgery. He is currently undergoing radiation therapy, and will begin chemo again soon. Please continue to pray for successful treatment and complete healing.

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 is recovering from outpatient surgery. Please keep her in your prayers for a full and rapid recovery.

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...

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.

Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

Romans 12: 14-16