

For the Record...

Bible Study:	Weekly Giving: \$ 15,530
Sunday Worship: 80	Weekly Budget: \$ 14,818
Sunday Evening:	YTD Giving: \$ 386,549
Wednesday:	YTD Budget: \$ 400,030

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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

Boldly Bringing People Together

by Tim Tripp

Sunday
July 12, 2020

Nursery:

Kids For Christ:

2yr. olds -

3 & 4yr olds -

K-2nd grade -

Puppets:

Greeters:
North -

West -

East -

Communion:
Table 1 -

Table 2 -

Extremism divides. Explosive discussions around race, politics, sexual preference/ identity issues and virtually any other hot button issue of the day are often lit by the fuse of extremism. When emotions are high around (what may be) a legitimate social issue, is often when extremist statements from both sides of the issue are unleashed for public consumption. Those who take the bait and enter to debate are unwittingly moved in the direction of extremism on one side or the other. Extremism can have the appearance of wisdom and social responsibility but actually work to further divide an already divided people group. When people move toward extremes, they move away from the middle. As they do, so they broaden the chasm between them.

The kind of extremism I am talking about is the kind that takes the far side of an issue or an ideology and quickly escalates the debate around it. Extremists represent their view of the issue as the only way the issue can be viewed and that those who view it differently are not only wrong but are stupid and inherently evil for holding to the wrong view.

Social Media is as ripe a platform for extremism as there ever was. Statements intended to shock, belittle and ignite explosive exchange can be easily spread around the world in seconds. The impact of words can be devastating and polarizing. People espousing extremism tend to characterize those with an opposing viewpoint as unintelligent or archaic and are often overtly offensive and disrespectful. I think I can safely say that extremism, as described above, is incompatible with Christianity.

Some might correctly say that Christians hold extremist views when compared to cultural standards. I would agree that some Christian views might be considered extreme in our culture (a biblical view on sexuality, loving enemies, and a biblical parenting model to name a few) but while we do and should hold those views, we do not act in hostility, disrespect or violence toward those who hold an opposing or dissenting view – or at least we should not.

Just because one holds a view that might be extreme, does not mean that one must side with extremists. We may cling to an unpopular view of an issue passionately but tolerate those who see it differently. As Christians we may stay on the extreme fringe of an issue regarding our stance but wade in the middle of people with different views, build relationships with them and let the change come through loving relationships and not through bombastic rhetoric.

Christians should strive to be people who are peacemakers in troubled times. Rather than joining their voices to the raucous extremists, they should mingle with the masses in the middle. They should reach out to the other side and take the hands of those who lean the other way but are willing to listen. Listen to the story of the other; share their own. Each will likely learn and change and grow. Then reach for another and another. Build relationships based in love and respect. Tolerate different views not capitulating to them but understanding how someone might get there. Let love build the bridge between.

Christianity has never been about leading people to the right viewpoint but is about leading people to the right Lord. Christians can boldly bring people together around the foot of the cross disagreeing on many things but trusting Jesus to unite them in love and allow him to lead in relationship and in unity them to the right answers.

Dios Le Bendiga! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

Blessings my West Side Family!

An opportunity is in front of us as we continue our daily life in this new "normal" pandemic way of doing everything. Sometimes I wonder about "the sound of the last trumpet". We are seeing all kinds of "apocalyptic" things... and now it's confirmed that "this Gospel is being preached to all nations in the world" So, all that makes me wonder about the "end of times". Well, it is just a wonder that I have. But for sure, all that is going on everywhere, is making me realize how important it is to be prepared, to be ready and do my part to be able to receive "the crown of life". Time is running out however we see it, or this world, or our time on this earth... and we have a new week to work, one more opportunity that God is giving to each of us to shine his light, to make the difference in our life and in the life of that person that God has sent or put in front of us.... One opportunity in front of us...

Blessings 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:

Room 2:

Room 3

FC Classroom:

Rock:

Wednesday Night:

Room 3:

FC Classroom:

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Jim setters has moved to Colorado to be closer to family. Please pray for a smooth and uplifting transition.

Jim's new address:

745E South Boulder Rd. #113

Louisville, Co 80027

Phone 1-303-817-5297

Sympathy:

We extend our sympathy to Mike Spurlock and family in the recent passing of his younger brother Ross. Please remember Ryan Spurlock, Ross's son, in your prayers in the coming weeks and months ahead.

Welcome Baby!

Congratulations to Greg and Aurora on the birth of their daughter Blakeley Elyse Wooten, Friday July 3rd. Proud grand-parents are Brad and Tammy Wooten.

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

Rick Butler is scheduled for heart stent procedure Thursday July 16th. Please pray that his current health will continue until that time, and that his condition can be corrected without the need for more extensive surgery.

Quinn Cosgrove, grandson of Jim & Vicki Betterton, is currently in ICU with sepsis in an Alabama hospital. Please pray for his health to return and a full recovery.

Mary Grice will be traveling July 26-28 to MD Anderson to consult a cancer specialist. Please be praying for safe travel and for positive new developments that will lead to healing.

David Elkins, uncle of Mattie Martin, is hospitalized with complications related to cancer treatment. Please pray for his condition to improve.

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

Lottie Martel of Louisiana, aunt of Tiffanie Walker, is currently in ICU in very critical condition. Please pray for her condition to improve and a complete recovery.

Lindsey Spurlock is recovering from bariatric surgery. Please keep her in your prayers for swift healing.

Clay Reed continues to recover from surgery and is undergoing another series of radiation treatments. He will begin chemo treatments soon. Please keep Clay in your prayers for strength and healing.

Susan Taylor continues to recover at home following an outpatient surgery. Please keep her in your prayers for a swift recovery.

Keith Thomas is recovering from shoulder surgery. Please pray for a complete and rapid recovery.

Others/Ongoing:

Krysta Magness

Sharon Johnson

Bryce Tritt

Richard Humphreys

Danny Jarra

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...

So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 7:12