

For the Record...

Bible Study:	Weekly Giving: \$ 14,905
Sunday Worship:	Weekly Budget: \$ 14,818
Sunday Evening:	YTD Giving: \$ 415,434
Wednesday:	YTD Budget: \$ 429,661

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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

Discipling in Troubled Times

by Clay Reed

Sunday
July 26, 2020

Nursery:

Kids For Christ:

2yr. olds -

3 & 4yr olds -

K-2nd grade -

Puppets:

Greeters:
North -

West -

East -

Communion:
Table 1 -

Table 2 -

Pandemic, social unrest, hatred, racism, fear, mistrust, isolation. These are troubled times we live in. In many ways, unprecedented for our generation. With all that is going on, how then can I "Go and make disciples of all the nations..."?(Mt. 28:19) I am pretty sure the apostles thought the same thing! What a formidable task to contemplate. Indeed, an impossible task without God's help.

I don't know about you, but I tend to over-think, and over-complicate things. I want to know all possible outcomes, and contingencies if something doesn't go right, etc. I also tend to make the task bigger than it really is. For instance, in the passage above, my mind goes to the phrase, "all the nations" rather than "go and make disciples". As a result I am defeated before I start because the job is just too big for me! In other words, I am relying on myself to get the job done. That's not going to work when it comes to making disciples.

But God has a way of simplifying things for us if we will listen. Jesus took the entire Law of Moses and boiled it down to 2 things. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it, love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these 2 commandments." (MT. 22: 37-40) In other words, if you get these 2 things right, everything else falls into place.

In Luke 10, an expert in religious law was testing Jesus when he asked, "And who is my neighbor?" (In other words, "Who do I have to love?"). Jesus answered him with the parable of the Good Samaritan. The bottom line of the parable is that a neighbor is one who shows mercy to another regardless of religious or ethnic background.

After all these years of reading this passage, it finally dawned on me. This same principle applies to making disciples! Love God and love my neighbor as myself. And my "neighbor" is just the next person God puts in my path. Doesn't matter if they are black, white, brown, yellow, Republican, Democrat, rich or poor. So all the troubles fall by the way.

We just share the love that God has for that person; the love that sent Christ to die for them and then to defeat death for them. We disciple one person at a time with God's love and let God provide the results. An impossible task made possible with God's help.

Dios Le Bendiga! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

Dios le Bendiga West Side Family! Here are word of encouragement and deep message for each of us:
Matthew 5:3-12 NIV

[3] "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. [4] Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. [5] Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. [6] Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. [7] Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. [8] Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. [9] Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. [10] Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. [11] "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. [12] Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. ...

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

It is our mission as a ministry to passionately renew the call for students to follow Jesus on the college campus and into the world. The college campus is one of the most strategic mission fields in the world, and we strive to impact the lives of students and, in turn, the world by inviting college students into a life based on following Jesus and joining into His mission. To stay up-to-date with our ministry visit renewatu.org. Want to join our prayer team? Text @pray4renew to 81010.

Adult Bible Classes

Sunday Morning:

Room 2:

Room 3

FC Classroom:

Rock:

Wednesday Night:

Room 3:

FC Classroom:

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Wedding Shower

There will be a drive-through wedding shower for Sidney (Brandon) Taylor and new husband Jacob, on **Sunday August 2nd** from **1-2pm** at the home of Jamie and Beth Sorrells. Jacob and Sidney are registered at Millyn's. Make plans now to drive through and shower this young couple with blessings and warm wishes for their future together.

1407 Lands End Point South
Russellville, AR 72802

Gift Card Baby Shower

Please help us shower Michael & Savannah (Young) Troub in gifts for baby Nolan.

Michael and Savannah have moved to Greenwood, and in lieu of gifts, are requesting gift cards to help with new baby expenses such as diapers wipes and formula.

Please mail to their new address:
407 Bell Road
Greenwood, AR 72936

Welcome new members!

Karen Jackson
60 Lawson Rd.
Russellville, AR 72802
479-280-2740

David Whitted
88 Hutcherson Rd.
Russellville, AR 72802
479-219-8205

Leah Jones
2900 Bailey Loop Rd
Russellville, AR 72802
479-293-0350

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

Family Illness and Recovery

Quinn Cosgrove, grandson of Jim & Vicki Betterton, remains in very serious condition in an Alabama hospital. He will undergo heart valve replacement surgery as soon as he is able. Please continue to pray for improvement.

Rachel Curry and family have been exposed to Covid, and Elijah has tested positive. At this time others family members are awaiting test results but more positive results are expected. Please pray for this family, for mild symptoms, negative results for others, and rapid recovery.

Mary Grice will be traveling July 29-31 to MD Anderson. Please be praying for safe travel and for positive new developments that will lead to healing.

Sharon Johnson, sister of Carol White, is currently undergoing intense chemo therapy. Continued prayers on her behalf are greatly appreciated.

Lottie Martel of Louisiana, aunt of Tiffanie Walker, has been moved to a rehab facility. Please continue to pray for her progress and overall improved condition.

Charles May is currently struggling with diverticulitis. Please pray for relief of symptoms and quick recovery.

David May, brother of Charles May, is scheduled for an intricate surgery to remove a mass from his neck on July 28th. Please keep him in your prayers for a successful surgery with no complications.

Clay Reed was hospitalized Monday for treatment of Pneumonia. While he has had some improvement, it was not without complications. Please continue to lift up Clay and Candy in your prayers during this trying time.

Sympathy:

We extend our sympathy to Rob and Junella Metz in the loss of their 2 yr. old son, Keith, in a tragic accident last week. May the peace and comfort that only God can provide surround them during this time of such great loss.

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...

As Peter entered the house, Conelius met him and fell at his feet in reverence. But Peter made him get up. "Stand up," he said "I am only a man myself."

Acts 10:25 & 26