

For the Record...

Bible Study:	Weekly Giving: \$ 10,701
Sunday Worship:	Weekly Budget: \$ 14,818
Sunday Evening:	YTD Giving: \$ 446,097
Wednesday:	YTD Budget: \$ 474,109

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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

Unity

by Tim Tripp

Sunday
August 16, 2020

Nursery:

Kids For Christ:

2yr. olds -

3 & 4yr olds -

K-2nd grade -

Puppets:

Greeters:
North -

West -

East -

Communion:
Table 1 -

Table 2 -

Churches of Christ have traditionally existed on an island in terms of relationships with other kinds of churches in their area. There was little to no cooperation with other churches in even really good, godly ministry opportunities. Basically, if it was not our idea and our people, we did not participate. We were uncomfortable participating with other Jesus followers if we disagreed with their basic teachings. We were concerned that participation in their activities might send the message that we approved of what they believed and we did not want to risk that.

The Bible instructs us to not associate with people who claim to be Christians but are openly engaged in sinful behavior. Those who are living a sinful lifestyle and are unrepentant are not to be our partners in ministry (1 Corinthians 5:11). We are also instructed not to associate with false teachers. By that does he mean people with whom we disagree on all doctrinal issues? Not likely, in fact, in Romans 14-15 and 1 Corinthians 8 he instructs people who disagree on doctrine and practice to work together, defer to each other, love each other deeply and not to judge one another. So, is there a false teaching that is so heinous that it causes writers of the New Testament to encourage Christians to stay away from those who teach such things? Yes there is.

Paul deals harshly with Judaizing teachers in Galatians. They deny the sufficiency of the work of Christ for salvation encouraging Christians to be circumcised to secure their salvation (6:12). The Judaizing teachers insisted that the Gentile Christians become Jews first and follow the law of Moses to be accepted by God. Paul urges the Galatian Christians to reject those teachers (1:6-9).

Also, Paul and John both deal with the emergence of pre-Gnosticism. Paul warned the Colossians about Judaizing teachers (2:20-23) who combined their teachings with some pre-gnostic teachings involving "new moon festivals" and the "worship of angels." (2:16-18). John cautions his readers about teachers who claimed that Jesus was not the son of God (1 John 2:21-23). He forbids his readers to give shelter or food to such divisive teachers lest they 'share in their wicked work' (2 John 10-11).

From these examples, we may gather that reducing the Lordship of Christ or questioning his deity are distant from the truth and are heinous enough to require that Christians dissociate with anyone teaching such things. There may be a few Christian organizations in existence today with such heretical teachings but they are few indeed.

With everyone else then, it is safe to say that we must love them as Christ has loved us - warts and all! We must seek to honor his wishes and look for ways to be one with them as Jesus and the Father are one (John 17:21). As far as it depends on us, we must seek to be at peace (Romans 12:18) and work with them for the good of God's precious kingdom.

It does not mean we have to believe what they believe or agree with every interpretation of scripture that they bring. Figuring out doctrine and practice is a growth issue and one for which we must give each other lots of grace (Ephesians 4:2-3). Unity does not mean we change buildings or names. It means that we are with one mind working together toward one goal: taking God's Kingdom to the world.

Dios Le Bendiga! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

Blessings to you my West Side family!

Another week is gone, a new week is here. A new challenge is in front of us when God is giving us a new week to go the extra mile, to do unto others what we will want to be done with us; to give to others what belongs to us. But to do it, the same way as Jesus will do it. Knowing that better rewards awaits in heaven because we are making treasures in heaven, not in this earth, because nothing we have brought to this life, and for sure, nothing we will take out when we are gone. A new challenge, a new opportunity to do something that will glorify God! We have the choice, the decision to make. "If God is with us, who will be against us?" "I can do all this through him who gives me strength" May God bring rich blessings to 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

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:

Baby Shower

You are invited to participate in a Drive -By Baby Shower Parade honoring Carlee Schmitt & baby Ava Kate!

*Sunday August 30th, 2020 1-3pm
9912 Camp St. Dover, AR 72837*

Registered at Target

Congratulations to Selby (Bailey) and Alec Yates who were married on August 10th! Alec is from Brentwood, TN, and he and Selby are both Seniors at Harding! We wish you both many years of love and happiness together!

Happy Birthday

Inez Selby will be turning 89 years young on Tuesday August 18th. As you know, she is now a resident of Stella Manor. Let's help make her birthday a special celebration by showering her with cards. Please send to:

Stella Manor 400 N. Vancouver, Russellville, AR 72801

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 and Vicki Betterton, is doing well following his recent heart surgery.

Sissy Duvall, sister of Patsy Parnell has oral cancer and will be having extensive surgery on August 17th. Please keep her in your prayers for successful surgery and complete healing.

Mary Grice is undergoing a new chemo therapy regimen. Please pray for this chemo not to have many ill effects but that it will eradicate the cancer.

Ron Hudson, friend of Keith Frazier, is recovering from surgery to remove tumors from his brain and is expected to come home soon. Please continue to pray for his recovery and upcoming chemotherapy treatments.

Amy Hutchison, daughter of Trish Bailey, is having some serious health concerns and diagnosis is pending. Please pray for her condition to improve and her health to be fully restored.

Danny Jarra is trying to get into a new clinical trial. Please pray that he will be accepted and can begin a new treatment soon.

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

David May, brother of Charles May, is recovering at home following surgery to remove a mass from his neck. Please continue to pray for his recovery.

Jimmy Parnell was just diagnosed with cancer. He will be having surgery soon. Please keep him in your prayers.

Patsy Parnell has a deep cut on her leg that has become infected. Please pray for rapid healing and no further complications.

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Candy, Trey and Barry Reed and family in the loss of husband and father Clay Reed. We will miss Clay greatly and grieve with this family, but have peace in the knowledge that Clay has his reward and suffers no more. May God wrap his arms around you so that you feel the peace and comfort that only He can provide. *Arrangements are pending at this time.*

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

Lacey Hines

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...

8/30: Drive - By Baby Shower Parade for Carlee Schmitt 1-3pm
**see details in the What You Need To Know section*

9/12: Drive - By Baby Shower for Kaitlin McCormick 10am-12pm
**more details coming soon*