

For the Record...

Bible Study:	Weekly Giving: \$ 10,048
Sunday Worship:	Weekly Budget: \$ 14,818
Sunday Evening:	YTD Giving: \$ 425,482
Wednesday:	YTD Budget: \$ 444,477

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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

Still a Believer

by Tim Tripp

Sunday
August 2, 2020

Nursery:

Kids For Christ:

2yr. olds -

3 & 4yr olds -

K-2nd grade -

Puppets:

Greeters:
North -

West -

East -

Communion:
Table 1 -

Table 2 -

I remember the hot summer in Philadelphia in 1987 when my wife and I spoke our vows and exchanged the rings and along with many witnesses heard her father pronounce us husband and wife. That day thirty-three years ago, changed our lives forever. After that came graduate degrees, children, jobs, moves, kids' graduations, a couple of weddings, and the beat goes on. There have been ups and downs, victories and defeats, good decisions and bad, some of the best people in the world and a few real stinkers. However, I would not trade married and family life for anything.

In the eyes of modern culture, the traditional concept of marriage seems to be continually losing support. The divorce rate has held steady for a while but that statistic is skewed by the fact that more and more people are just not bothering to get married at all. Let me step out amid all that noise to say that I still believe in marriage. I believe a phrase I use in most of my wedding ceremonies that marriage, when entered by people of like faith who love each other unselfishly, brings out the best and most noble of human virtues.

Marriage by any measure is hard - and harder for some than for others. I have no judgment for people who tried for years and could not make it work. I understand. I have no judgement for those who believe in alternatives to traditional marriage. God is the judge. We may differ but I will love you even if we disagree. I am not asking people to stay with an abusive spouse. In fact, I would encourage those in abusive relationships to have the courage to call someone to help to get you somewhere safe. I understand that things like addictions may do irreparable damage to a relationship. I know that stuff happens and often beyond your control.

I have a special place in my heart however, for those who stay with potentially functional relationships even in times of trouble and challenge. I know couples who have stayed together through affairs, through the loss of children, through addictions struggles, through financial collapses and a myriad of other things. I do not mean to say that those who stay married through those things are qualitatively better than those who do not. I am saying however that there is something special when folks hang on when a lot of others would have given up.

I still believe that God's intent when he created marriage was for one man and one woman to be together for life. Husbands and wives were tasked to demonstrate God's love and love each other even when it feels hard to like each other sometimes; to demonstrate a love that is patient and kind and does not envy or boast... Husbands and wives that become fathers and mothers are to imitate God in raising another being that they love like crazy but one who has rebellion bound up in their hearts and sometimes choose to go their own way. And also like God, to be patient and help them to find their way back. As a family we seek not only to pass our faith to the next generation but also to be like God and love others despite the 'mess' they cause.

Marriage was God's idea. It was intended to be the foundation of a society and place high value on love, faith and integrity. Those things in their godly form are counter-intuitive and must be intentional. They happen best in family and family is the best and most intentional way to pass it down. The foundation of a good family is a strong marriage. I'm still a believer.

Dios Le Bendiga! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

Bendiciones West Side Family!

I'm so happy to announce wonderful news to you: Last Sunday a new sister in Christ was born! Julieta Vergara made the wonderful decision to obey the Gospel of Christ! She and her husband has been faithfully attending to our Spanish services, and understood what decision she needed to make. Now, as a new baby in Christ, she needs our prayers, support and encouragement. Please pray for her and her husband that both will be serving the Lord in his kingdom. Pray for he Hispanic Ministry, that we can continue working, sharing the good news even in the middle of this pandemic! We can have down moments but God will bring us up with blessings that we don't expect. May God bless each of one of us in ways that he only knows we need it. Blessings be with all of 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:

Wedding Shower Today!!

Remember the drive-through wedding shower for Sidney (Brandon) Taylor and new husband Jacob, This afternoon, **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

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Julieta Vergara-Garcia who is our newest sister in Christ. Julieta was baptized last Sunday morning! She and her husband Omar worship with our Hispanic ministry.

Note of Thanks

Dear West Side Family, We are so blessed to be a part of this family that loves and cares for each other. We are so grateful for the calls, texts, cards prayers and love you have shown us over these past months of my brother Ross's illness and death. Thank you for the beautiful plant that reminds us daily that we don't do life alone, but have a church family that helps us through the difficult times in life. We love you all. Mike and Lindsey Spurlock

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

Phyllis Copeland is in St. Mary's with a kidney infection and blood pressure issues. Please pray for her condition to quickly improve so that she can return home.

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.

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 not going to MD Anderson at this time, but is undergoing a new chemo therapy regimen. Please pray for this chemo to not have too many ill effects but that it will eradicate the cancer.

Richard Humphreys is scheduled to return home soon. Please continue to pray for his progress and that he will continue to regain strength.

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.

Clay Reed is home after being hospitalized for pneumonia. Please continue to pray for his overall strength and well being as he continues through this battle.

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...

"When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house'. If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. "

Luke 10: 5-6