

For the Record...

Bible Study:	Weekly Giving: \$12,677
Sunday Worship:	Weekly Budget: \$ 14,818
Sunday Evening:	YTD Giving: \$ 458,774
Wednesday:	YTD Budget:\$ 488,925

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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

This article was written by Clay Reed. It was in the bulletin a few weeks ago but we are running it again in his honor. Precious words from a precious brother.

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

Usually we will say: "life is short" but the reality is that, we don't know! All we know is about where we have been and where we are right now. In our life all we know is: the past and the present. About the future? Well, we don't know anything, we guess or think or plan but nothing secure; nothing concrete. Today we can be here, do this or that, but in the next minute, hour, day, week or year, everything can change completely or worse, everything can be gone... But in spiritual life, that's a completely different way of doing life, faith makes us able to see the unseen; faith makes what for us is impossible, possible. Faith has the power to affect the past, the present and the future. Faith changes the past to an opposite direction in the present for a better future and for eternity. So, by faith, we can proclaim: "life is eternal" But, is for us to define that eternity: In heaven or in condemnation! That is our decision. The Scriptures teach us about living our life full of "Joy" ,,,,,, "Rejoice always" Blessings to all of you my West Side Family!

Sunday
August 23, 2020

Nursery:

Kids For Christ:

2yr. olds -

3 & 4yr olds -

K-2nd grade -

Puppets:

Greeters:
North -

West -

East -

Communion:
Table 1 -

Table 2 -

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:

Upcoming Drive - By Baby Showers

You are invited to participate in a

Drive -By Baby Shower Parade

honoring Carlee Schmitt

& baby Ava Kate!

Next Sunday August 30th, 2020

1-3pm

9912 Camp St. Dover, AR 72837

Registered at Target

Please join Marcus and Kaitlin McCormick

for a

Drive- By Baby Shower honoring

Eliana Grace

Saturday Sept. 12th, 2020

10am-12pm

520 Bowen Estates Rd.

Russellville, AR 72802

Registered at:

babylist.com/baby-kaitlin-mccormick

gift cards are also appreciated

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

Mary Grice is undergoing a new chemo therapy regimen and is not feeling well. Please pray that this treatment will completely destroy the cancer and continue to pray for healing.

Danny Jarra screened for a new clinical trial last Thursday. Please pray that he will be accepted and can begin a new treatment soon.

Krista Magness, great niece of Trish Bailey, received some good news that tumors are shrinking. However, the aggressive chemo treatment is making her very ill. She is currently hospitalized with pneumonia and severe depression. Please continue to keep her in your prayers as she valiently fights this disease.

Dawn Whiting, daughter of Barbara Dunn and mother of Lacey Hines, is scheduled for hip replacement surgery Sept. 4th at the Arkansas Surgery Center in Maumelle. Please pray for a successful surgery with no complications as well as a rapid recovery.

Sympathy:

We extend our sympathy to Mike and Linda Oliver in the recent passing of Mike's sister Annette Eastwood of DeQueen.

Please pray for comfort and peace for Annette's family and friends during this time of 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

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...

8/23: 10am worship at the building. Please register online if you plan to attend. *If you need assistance or have a question, feel free to call the office.*

8/26: Tune in for our last Wednesday Night Online Summer Series at 6:30 on the West Side Church of Christ facebook page.

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
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