

For the Record...

Bible Study:	Weekly Giving: \$ 11,038
Sunday Worship:	Weekly Budget: \$ 14,818
Sunday Evening:	YTD Giving: \$ 469,811
Wednesday:	YTD Budget: \$ 503,741

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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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Office Information:
Phone: 479-968-1121
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Jenifer's hours Mon-Thurs 8:30-3, Fri 8:30-12

Job Opportunity

River Valley Christian Clinic

The administrator of River Valley Christian Clinic is retiring at the end of the year and we are looking for an energetic, skilled communicator and organizer proficient in Excel and Word to succeed her. Grant writing experience would be beneficial. Office hours will be Monday -Thursday 9-3. Attendance at two night clinics per month will be a requirement. Interested applicants

should send their resumes to:

*River Valley Christian Clinic,
1714 State Hwy 22
Dardanelle, AR 72834*



WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday
August 30, 2020

Nursery:

Kids For Christ:

2yr. olds -

3 & 4yr olds -

K-2nd grade -

Puppets:

Greeters:
North -

West -

East -

Communion:
Table 1 -

Table 2 -

Republicans, Democrats or Something Else

by Tim Tripp

It is the time of year that we are all herded into one of two polarized categories. The cultural pressure in America is either to be Republican or Democrat in terms of your politics. Especially in a presidential election year, the polarization between the groups results in an ever-widening gap, one that is emotionally charged to the point of being dangerous in places.

Both groups want to claim ownership of anything good that happens while both blame each other for anything bad. One candidate claims that if the other is elected the racial unrest will deepen in our country. Whether it is true or not the very suggestion sets up the likelihood of unrest after the election should that candidate win. The other candidate claims that the only way his side could lose is if the election is rigged. That claim also, whether true or not, sets up the likelihood of unrest should his opponent win. Dedicated proponents of both parties engage in angry, insult laced, tirades against the positions of the other side and their candidates. Their tirades on social media and in interviews only raises the level of vitriol and increases the levels of emotion around the election to critical levels. We have witnessed this happening in other countries but now it is happening here.

Is it possible that Christians can be part of the solution to an ever-broadening gap between people in our country? Could it be that the two-part mandate to love God and love others could turn the tide of hatred and violence we see happening in our country on the nightly news? I believe it is possible but only with godly wisdom and a commitment to rise above the fray.

In his letter to the Galatians, Paul addressed the divide between Jews and Greeks in the first century. The two ethnic groups both claimed superiority over the other. Hatred for those in the opposite group was the cultural norm. At the end of chapter three in his letter (verses 26-28) he says this.

"You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

Paul insisted that they view one another through a different lens. They were to extricate themselves from the cultural angst and rise above it. When they became followers of Jesus, they became Christians first (ie. 'clothed themselves with Christ') and not Jew or Greek or any of the other labels that separated people. They were one in Christ. Jesus was their identity not their gender, not their position in life, not their ethnicity, only Jesus. With that common identity, they were one in Christ and their devotion to Christ forced them to be devoted to one another. When they were devoted to one another, the way they thought about things moved closer and closer together.

Frankly, I wish that all believers would drop the political labels and just be Christians. I would love to see us forgo the arrogance of political rightness and center ourselves on the message of the cross and the mission of the Kingdom. America will go as God allows. Only His Kingdom will affect the needed changes of heart that will take the people of this country in the right direction. I wish that all believers would take off the garb of political affiliation and put on Christ only. Let him be the change our world needs; the change that brings people together around the cross.

Dios Le Bendiga! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

Before "In the beginning" there was nothing, but Eternity ONLY. The Way, the Truth, and the Life. That was before "in the beginning." No darkness, No creation, No hades, No hell, just Eternity! Then, was Lucifer talking in secrecy(?) with multitudes of good angels that they turned in "spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms" after "ONE" (it takes only one to change others or even multitudes from good, to bad, from right to wrong) but this "ONE" had something dark in his soul, that made him use deceit to attract others to join him. He used lies and twisted information to convince multitude of angels to go against the Way, the Truth, the Life; against God. That's when God "created" Darkness! And he sent Lucifer and all his followers there, to darkness. Then, apart from heaven and darkness, God "created" hell, because he had a Divine Plan, and on his plans, he was sending Lucifer and all his followers there! (Hell was made specifically for them) -but they don't want to go by themselves- But God on his Will, wanted something more (and that is his Will) he decided to "create" creation! And he put his creation in the middle of Darkness. (His Will) and on his creation, he made one man and one woman (his Will) from which you and I came from! But Lucifer and all of his followers had access to that creation, then Lucifer, used the same tactics of lies and deceives twisting information to make it so attractive that man and woman will be convinced to go on the wrong way, and they did. And then...SIN.

.... Will continue next week...

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!

This Afternoon

1-2pm

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

Cathryn Cates is in rehab at St. Mary's following recent surgery. Please keep her in your prayers for a rapid and complete recovery.

Sissy Duvall, sister of Patsy Parnell is doing well following surgery and will be in rehab for the next two weeks. Please continue to pray for her 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.

Amy Hutchison, daughter of Trish Bailey, has been undergoing testing that seems to point to Lupus. She has more tests scheduled, but at this time physicians no longer think cancer is present. Praise God for the good news, and continue to pray for more.

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 valiantly fights this disease.

Jimmy Parnell will undergo another colonoscopy soon to clarify diagnosis and determine a treatment plan. Please keep him in your prayers.

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.

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:

-In person worship at 10AM - please remember to register online if you plan to attend.

-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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