

For the Record...

Bible Study:	Weekly Giving: \$ 9,914
Sunday Worship:	Weekly Budget: \$ 14,818
Sunday Evening:	YTD Giving: \$ 435,396
Wednesday:	YTD Budget: \$ 459,293

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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

Overcome Evil with Good

by Tim Tripp

Sunday
August 9, 2020

Nursery:

Kids For Christ:

2yr. olds -

3 & 4yr olds -

K-2nd grade -

Puppets:

Greeters:
North -

West -

East -

Communion:
Table 1 -

Table 2 -

“Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord.

On the contrary; “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” (Romans 12:17-21 NIV)

There are many challenging passages in the New Testament. Some are challenging in terms of theology. Some are difficult to interpret. Many are challenging in application. The above scripture is among the latter. Many have undertaken to memorize part or all of this passage. Memorizing it is a piece of cake compared to applying it to life.

When someone hurts me or others for whom I care, I want to hurt them, period. It is the fleshly side of me and opposed to everything to which God calls me but the desire is still there. I doubt that I am alone.

When Saul of Tarsus went on his campaign of terror against Christians, people, understandably, scattered in fear. Even after his conversion, Jesus followers were afraid to be around him. I get it, fear is a powerful motivator but if fear had won the day, people would have missed the movement of God in Saul’s life.

Later in Paul’s life, he and Barnabas had a falling out over John Mark. Both men were pillars in the early church and specifically the church at Antioch. Yet later, Paul speaks of both men glowingly. Apparently In the first century, they put unity with other Christians before differences in opinion. Their differences would not be a cause for division.

Several times we see this scripture applied at heartbreaking times. When Jesus asked that God not hold his murder against those who had perpetrated it because they “did not know what they were doing.” Stephen prayed the same over his murderers as the stones were pummeling his body.

Do not repay evil for evil.
Live at peace with everyone (as far as it depends on you).
If your enemy is hungry or thirsty, feed him and give him a drink.
Overcome evil with good.

Be kind to people; even the people who hurt you. You never know what God is doing in someone’s life. Do not let bitterness and resentment cause you to miss the amazing glory of God. Let God have the final say. Someone who has been cruel to you may have a “Road to Damascus” experience waiting just ahead and turn your persecutor in to an important and gifted ally.

Dios Le Bendiga! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

DIOS LE BENDIGA!

Life has changed from one day to the other (literally). Today we live our lives with a “cloud” always on top of us, following us wherever we go. It’s a “dark” presence that is surrounding us making us think and be vigilant always, from everyone that comes to be in front of us. We know it’s there, but we don’t see it, all we see is in others that have been affected by that “cloud” and the impact that has made already to them. We know of the consequences if that “darkness” will touch you, will make you feel bad, hurt and sad. Pain will come and make you feel misery and worse, can kill you. Plus not only will affect you, but all others around you, your family, your friends and even those who you don’t know. Now, we are talking about the “virus” or are talking about “sin”.... Good questions or us to go deep... Blessings 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:

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

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*

Continued prayer requests:

Herb and Berta Taylor both tested positive for Coronavirus, and currently Herb is hospitalized in Conway. He is improving and Berta is not having symptoms at this time. Please keep them both in your prayers.

Bill Lewis has also tested positive for Covid -19. Susan's test came back negative but she is having symptoms. They are both doing ok right now, but are quarantining and would appreciate your prayers.

Ron Hudson, friend of Keith Frazier, has several brain tumors that will be removed in separate surgeries next week. Please keep Ron in your prayers for successful surgeries, strength to endure all that those entail, and full recovery.

Braden Page, grandson of Bert and Patti Page is stationed in California and was part of the Marine group that was involved in the tragic accident recently. Braden was on another ship, but was part of the search party for those lost at sea. Please keep him in your prayers as he processes the loss of friends and fellow Marines, as well as the trauma from the tragedy of such magnitude.

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 home following recent hospitalization to treat a kidney infection and blood pressure issues. Please continue to pray for her recovery.

Quinn Cosgrove, grandson of Jim and Vicki Betterton has made some improvement and heart surgery is now scheduled. Please keep him in your prayers for continued improvement and successful 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 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.

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 had his final brain treatment on Thursday. He will begin chemo on the 12th. 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

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...

“But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you”. Luke 6: 27-31