

For the Record...

Bible Study:	Weekly Giving: \$ 14,354
Sunday Worship:	Weekly Budget: \$ 14,818
Sunday Evening:	YTD Giving: \$ 517,080
Wednesday:	YTD Budget: \$ 548,189

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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

The Measure of a True Christian

by Tim Tripp

Sunday
Sept. 20, 2020

Nursery:

Kids For Christ:

2yr. olds -

3 & 4yr olds -

K-2nd grade -

Puppets:

Greeters:
North -

West -

East -

Communion:
Table 1 -

Table 2 -

If you were assigned to find out whether or not someone is a true Christian, how would you go about it? I have known of churches that ask visitors to fill out a doctrinal questionnaire before the service to determine whether or not they will be served communion. Only "real Christians" get to take communion there apparently. Is that it? One is a real Christian if he or she believes the right things? Whose list of essential beliefs and doctrines do we use? Should we use mine? Maybe one of the elders should write it. Maybe they should all get together and agree on a list and we will use that one. What if I do not like their list? What if I have an item that I feel needs added? What if I insist an item be removed from their list?

Here is the problem as I see it. There is not much in the Bible about lists of beliefs and doctrines. The lists came after the 4th century AD and they were called creeds. The people who started the Restoration Movement did not like creeds. They just wanted to go back to the Bible and "speak where the Bible speaks and allow freedom where it doesn't." About 200 years have passed since the early days of that movement and we are still not able to agree about where the Bible speaks, let alone have a plan of action for when it doesn't. Basically, we've adopted more lists and just don't call them creeds.

In Acts 10, when Peter went to meet Cornelius, he didn't know what he would find. Had the Lord not prompted him to go, he probably would not have bothered. However, on God's leading, he went and told Cornelius and his family and friends about Jesus. The Bible says that while Peter was still talking, the Holy Spirit came on the Gentiles and they began to speak in tongues and praise God," (Acts 10:46). The Jews were amazed. Later, Peter would relate the events to other Jews telling them that the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles just as he was on Jesus' disciples on the day of Pentecost (Acts 11:15). For Peter, the mark of a true Christian was the obvious signs of the Holy Spirit.

John would later say in his writings, "if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus, his son, purifies us from all sin." (1 John 1:7). Earlier in the chapter he said that "God is light and in him is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him but walk in darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth." Walking in the light means walking with Jesus, doing the things he did. When we walk in the light, people see the light of Jesus reflected by us. Someone might say that they walk with him but if their lives don't show it, it becomes fairly obvious.

I do not mean to diminish the importance of study and careful discernment to try to believe and practice exactly what the Bible tells us. However, the best measure of a true Christian might not be beliefs and doctrines listed on a piece of paper but might be a life that bears the obvious fruit of the Spirit in ever increasing measure. When you see Jesus in someone, you do not really have to see their "creed". You just know that it's likely that they belong to Him.

Dios Le Bendiga! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

Jesus is coming soon, maybe today, maybe tomorrow or next month or next year. Well, we don't know when he will be back. No date, but yes, there is mention about when: "at night" and how: In the "clouds" ' that's for sure. But the date, nobody knows, only the Father in heaven. For us can be so long or has been so long for that moment to come, but for God, one thousand years can be gone, and is like a "second" for him. God doesn't know time like us, he is not subject to time. He created time, but he is not under time at all. So for him, time doesn't exist and that's why he is not in a hurry but the opposite, he is "patient" with us, because he don't want anybody to be condemned in eternal suffering but to be save and go to heaven to that house that his son's Jesus Christ went to prepare for us. The question is, "are we ready for his coming? Because Jesus is coming soon!
Blessings to you 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:

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*

**Please join us
on West Side Church of Christ facebook page
for a new class series
"The Letters of John"
Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm.**

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

Ludy Campbell is having some health complications. Please pray for overall strength and her current condition to improve.

Sissy Duvall, sister of Patsy Parnell, will begin chemo and radiation therapy soon. Continued prayers are appreciated.

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

Don Via, Father of Jlm Via, is battling cancer. Prayers for spiritual health as well as physical health are appreciated.

Matt Cox, 46 yr. old cousin of Jerri Tabor, was recently hospitalized with health complications, including osteoporosis and seizures. He has had several falls over the last year due to seizures and resulting in broken bones. Please keep him in your prayers for healing and for medication to regulate his condition.

Sympathy:

We extend our sympathy to Johnny Fields in the loss of his wife Annette Fields recently. Many of you knew Annette from her time as a member of the West Side Chorale. May God's peace and comfort surround this family 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...

We are planning to start our Share Groups meeting again on Oct. 4th!

Some groups will gather in person while others will meet online.

Be watching for more information coming soon!