WEST SIDE
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sept.26th

SUNDAY

2021

"Belong. Believe. Become." by Jake Greer

Hello, West Side! We've been having a great semester over at Renew and I cannot thank you enough for the prayers and support for our college ministry! We're seeing great community and friendships being built, and we are excited for what God is doing in the lives of students on the Arkansas Tech campus. I wanted to share briefly about our ministry and about what it is we aim for at Renew.

I bet you've heard it said that if you aim at nothing, you'll hit it every time. Also, if you are like me, you have probably learned that important principle the hard way. Maybe you've had great seeds of ideas that have sat unwatered and untended, only for you to look back and kick yourself for not following through. Maybe you've had something about your life or your job that you've wanted to change or improve, but have never seen growth or change take place. What's worse is maybe that lack of growth and absence of change has only caused grumbling and anger? Ouch, right?! That hits a little too close to home for me too. Having a goal to reach for is so important. Having a plan to get there is crucial. Having accountability in the process is so helpful as well!

Goals and gauges can be a powerful tool in many ways! They can help in life, in work, in church, and in ministry. This is something we have leaned into at Renew and are seeing God given fruit in the process. Our goal as a campus ministry is to continually and passionately — year after year, semester after semester — renew the call for college students to follow Jesus on the campus and into the world. "How do we do that," you ask? "What do we aim for in achieving that goal," you say? I'm glad you asked!

To help achieve our goal we focus our ministry on these three values — helping students belong, believe, and become. We want students to meet Jesus by belonging to a family of friends and mentors that accept them and love them. We want students to come to believe and get to know Jesus by studying His Word and living in community with His people. We want students to follow Jesus through a life of spiritual habits and discipleship, becoming who God designed them to be.

Having guides like these for our ministry has been so helpful in us reaching students here at Arkansas Tech. If you didn't know it, West Side plays such an important role in helping us achieve that mission. You have for decades! As we strive to help our students belong, believe, and become, we continue to ask for your prayers, encouragement, and support. But I want to leave you with this challenge. What kind of goals do you have for your family? You work? Your faith? What kind of changes do you want to make? What kind of guides do you have in place to help you get there? Who are you leaning on? What is your aim?

Find your belonging and acceptance in the love and family of Jesus.

Grow in your belief and come to know Jesus through His Word and His people.

Mature and become who God has designed you to be.

DIOS LE BENDIGA! (God Bless You!) by Aris Ortiz

Greetings My West Side Family!

Praying is the only way that we can go to our Father in heaven. Prayers are so powerful when our heart is right with God. God is Almighty, and there is nothing impossible for Him because He is the one who created everything and He is the only one who knows how everything is, and works. Anything that we will ask Him in prayer, He has an answer to, because He understands every little part of our lives and there is not one situation that He will not understand. For men, it looks impossible, or we will have no answer, but for God, everything has not only an answer, but a purpose. It takes time for men to see or understand God's plan, but in God's time, everything will be done and will bring the answer. Faith is the key in order to see God's plan, and trust, completement of that beauty of God's perfection. Pray. Praying is the best way to secure the good from God, and waiting on Him, trusting Him that He knows and He is in control always in the lives of those who love the Lord. Pray, my West Side Family!

Gathering Times

Sunday Morning 10 Am Worship
& Kids for Christ

ages 1yr-5th grade

In- Person Adult/Teen Bible Study
Wednesdays 6:30pm - Room 3 & Cornerstone

Friendship Cafe and Conversational Christianity
Sunday Mornings at 8:45

In- person Adult Bible Study
Sunday Mornings at 9am

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Remember on Sunday Mornings at 8:45 Friendship Café offers a time of coffee and "conversational Christianity" for those interested in a casually structured time of spiritual conversation guided by discussion cards.

An adult class meets in Room 3 of the main building for those who prefer a more structured time of Bible Study.

KFC Classes for ages 1yr-5th grade
meet during the worship hour.

Wednesday night currently offers 1 adult class and Youth Group for ages 6th grade – 12th grade at 6:30 pm , and Midweek Worship at the Student Center for college students at 7pm.

Baby Shower

Mark your calendars for October 17th!

There will be a baby girl shower in honor of Erin Grice Putman at 2pm at Old Post Park. Erin and Cory are registered at babylist.com

www.babylist.com/baby-erin-putman

Save the Date!

Friends & Family Day 2021

will be at Old Post Park Pavilion # 8

Oct. 10th, 4-6pm

Pulled pork will be provided. Please bring side dishes, desserts and drinks.

Sign up for WS emails at westsidear.org/subscribe

Week of: 9-19-2021

Weekly Giving: $ 9,927

Weekly Budget:$ 13,820

YTD Giving: $ 515,344

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Attendance

Sunday AM - 301

Wednesday PM - 82

Family Illness and Recovery

Continue to remember Lauren Reed's brother, Wes Honnell, in your prayers as he makes strides in his recovery process. He will have a long journey ahead. Please continue to lift up his wife Jessica as well as their children as they journey with him on this road to recovery.

Amy Vanderheiden is scheduled for a partial hysterectomy on Tuesday the 28th. Please keep her in your prayers for a successful surgery with no complications, and a rapid recovery.

Jonah Vanderheiden has been hospitalized and is being treated for bacterial pneumonia among other things. Please pray for effective treatment and rapid recovery.

Sympathy:

We extend our sympathy to Zac George and Lee Henson and families in the loss of their grandmother Betty Jo George.

Please remember also George Reed in the loss of his sister, Carol White in the loss of her sister and Dick French in the loss of his mother, all within the last week.

May the peace that passes understanding and the spiritual comfort that only God can provide surround all of these families.

OTHER NEWS

Transportation Assistance

Randy Powell has offered to provided transportation to anyone needing assistance in that area, especially for doctor's appointments. He has experience loading wheelchairs and would love to help out if needed. Feel free to reach out to him directly at 479-567-4235, or if you prefer, you can call the office and let your need be known.

Love. Share. Disciple.