

**For the Record...**

Bible Study: 197  
 Sunday Worship: 414  
 Sunday Evening: 57  
 Wednesday: 206

Weekly Giving: \$18,793  
 Weekly Budget: 16,237  
 YTD Giving: \$ 463,112  
 YTD Budget: \$ 503,347

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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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**Love. Share. Disciple.**



# WEST SIDE

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

**The Weight of Sin**

by Tim Tripp

I have had the opportunity on a number of occasions to speak with those who were struggling with hidden sin. A husband who cheated on his wife. A wife who carried on an emotional affair with an old flame on social media. A teen struggling with sexual purity. An elder who stole money from his congregation. An elder's wife who had a baby out of wedlock decades ago. The sins were different but the struggle was the same. The burden was heavy but letting it go was unthinkable due to the devastation it would cause others.

Sin is heavy. When someone carries the weight of sin around, they are not OK. They may smile and say they are OK but that is not the case. It is a burden that gets heavier and heavier. It is a burden they try to hide. They put on a happy face and stand up straight as if to say, "All is good here." They may pass off their burden as nothing or deny it all together. But it weighs on them. Like an uncomfortable, overstuffed backpack, it gets heavier with every step. The longer you bear it, the more difficult it becomes. It invades their thoughts and demeans their worth. It erodes their self-esteem. It decays their faith. It changes their identity.

Sin when carried around will eventually define the carrier. They will work hard to maintain a different definition publicly but in their own minds they know better. In their own minds, they are weak when they look strong. They are flawed when they look to possess integrity. They are sinners when they look righteous.

There is a proven method for overcoming the burden of sin. It is painful to be sure but it works and often heals the relationships or mitigates the resulting damage.

1. Confess your sin to God. Let him know that you recognize what you did as wrong in his sight and be thankful for his forgiveness.
2. Confess your sin to someone else. Not necessarily the person you sinned against but someone who can be supportive and helpful.
3. Make amends with the person or persons you sinned against. Tell them of the wrong. Expect painful emotion and perhaps hurtful words. Contriteness and your broken spirit before them actually begins the healing process.
4. Healing takes time. You may have to give others time before reconciliation can begin. Some relationships may remain damaged or even broken forever. Such is the nature of sin. Your healing is what you attend to first. You heal by doing the above and then giving your sin burden over to God. You never have to carry it again.
5. Pray, worship and praise often thanking God for his grace and asking him to walk with you on the journey of peace and healing. He will see you through it.

The weight of sin is heavy to be sure but the grace of God is greater.

**DIOS LE BENDIGA! (God Bless You!)**

by Aris Ortiz

Continuing with the Hispanic Ministry update...

At the present, our numbers are: 29 members, about 15 visitors, about 12 children, 7 teenagers(2 are members). Plus few more prospect families who are interested in visiting us for Sunday's worship services— One main interest in visiting us, is they see here that we DO, study the Bible, and what is preached here is Christ; that we follow the Apostle's doctrines only. Almost all visitors bring the question about our acapella singing and why? (Some of the visitors have mentioned "hey, you will have "more" people if you have a group-meaning the whole instrumental equipment- here!!) from which I respond: we don't want to bring people here because of the instrument, we want them here because the message of salvation... Romans 10:17-18 NIV [17] Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ. ... more to come...

Blessings my West Side Family!



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Children's Ministry Grades K - 5 Meets Sunday at 9 AM and Wednesday at 6:30 PM.



Teaching Team Leaders:  
Holy Word Studios: Lee and Andrea Henson  
Noah's Arcade: Dale and Christina Brooks  
Museum: Brent and April Ruple  
Creator's Canvas: Hensons



## Real teens discovering life through Jesus.

### Informational Session Parents and Students

Aug. 21. 5:30PM - 6:15PM

-more info:  
[westsideyouthministry.org](http://westsideyouthministry.org)

Hello West Side!!  
Our 2019/2020 School year is upon us!

Welcome Worship and Taco Bar Lunch at the CCSC on August 18th.

Coffee and Donuts at 9AM at the Greer House followed by Welcome Worship at West Side on August 25th.

### Adult Bible Classes

Sunday Morning Adult Classes:  
Room 2: Galatians: Clements Rotation  
Room3 : Nehemiah: Janelle Rotation  
FC Classroom: Old Testament Characters: Reed Rotation  
Rock: Church on Mission: Tripp Rotation

Wednesday Night Adult Class(es):  
Summer Series in the Auditorium 6:30pm

8/14: Simon Everett | Outreaching

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

*The Teacher Appreciation Banquet is this morning following services in the Family Center. Child care and meal will be provided here in the main building - Parents drop off children in the Kids for Christ room.*

Share Group Sign-ups Next Sunday

Sign-up lists for Share Groups will be posted in the lobby next Sunday, August 18th. There is still time to volunteer to lead a group. See Josh (josh@westsidear.org) if you are able to be a group leader or a host family.

Welcome Back College Students!!  
The West Side Welcome Worship for our CCSC students will be Sunday August 25th. Please make your plans now to stay after service for a potluck lunch to meet these students and welcome them to our family. Chicken and Ham will be provided, please bring side dishes and desserts to share.

Current MNFTM needs are: *Little Debbies*.  
Donations may be left in the MNFTM box in the hallway.

### Gathering Times

SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
9:00 AM Bible Class	6:30 PM
9:00 AM Clase en Español	6:30 PM Clase en Español
10:00 AM Worship	7:00 Midweek at CCSC
10:00 AM Adoración	
5:00 PM Summer Sunday Night Series	

### Family Illness and Recovery

Jennifer Almond, daughter of Herb Taylor, got a good report following her surgery for Thyroid cancer! She will have a follow up visit in November to see if any further treatment is needed.

David Bailey will be having cancer surgery August 14th at St. Vincent Hospital in Little Rock. Please pray for a successful surgery and rapid recovery.

Jerry Barton, friend of David and Trish Bailey, is battling addictions. Please pray for spiritual strength.

James Clements is doing well following back surgery. Please continue to pray for a complete and speedy recovery.

Tanner Freeman will be returning to Mayo Clinic August 19th for inpatient neurological testing. Please continue to pray for correct diagnosis and healing.

David Pipin, a former member who now attends Bentonville Church of Christ, has lung cancer. Please pray for healing and strength during treatment.

Clay Reed was recently diagnosed with lung cancer. Please pray for healing and effective treatment.

Don Todd was released from rehab Thursday and continues to improve.

### Mark your Calendars!!

All are invited to a come - and - go birthday celebration in honor of Frank Foster's 80th birthday! Please join us in the Family Center on Saturday August 31st, from 2-4 pm for cake and ice- cream. No gifts, please; cards appreciated.

### 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 to the River Valley. 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](http://www.westsidear.org/rvcc) for more information.

### Military

Ethan Grace  
James Cole, Jr  
Micah Hunter  
Charles Pitney  
Joseph Roberds  
Mikailah Carr  
Carson Curtis

### Missions

James & Abigail Rucker  
WBS Students  
Paul & Noemi Crites

### Expectant Mothers

Melanie Cooke

### Shut-in & Nursing Homes

Madge Alverson - Atkins 311  
Wanda Bailey - home  
Mirl Helms - Stella Manor 221  
Kirby Larson - Brookdale 209  
Linda Mullinax - Rsv. Nursing Center 319A  
Wayne Nordin - Brookdale 219  
Glennette Price - Stella Manor 305

### A Look Ahead...

Tonight: 5pm in the Auditorium - Building the Relationship  
8/12: Brown Bag Mondays : Sheri Crosby  
8/14: Summer Series - Simon Everett | Outreaching  
8/15: Celebrate Recovery meal @ 6pm; worship and classes to follow  
8/19: Brown Bag Mondays: Deanna Cole  
8/20: Stella Manor Birthdays : Margaret Grant - cake