

For the Record...

Bible Study: 219
 Sunday Worship: 467
 Sunday Evening: 72
 Wednesday: 194

Weekly Giving: \$13,470
 Weekly Budget: 16,237
 YTD Giving: \$ 476,582
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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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WEST SIDE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Whose Rules Do You Live By?

by Tim Tripp

When I lived in Cincinnati, I volunteered for a mentoring program in the public schools there. We went after school where the adults and children participating in the program had a little assembly and then were released to spend some one on one time with our assigned student. I had several students over the years but one little guy was a fourth grader named Justin. Justin was a good kid but due to a difficult upbringing had trouble focusing. That made mentoring difficult because one of our assignments was to work through a workbook created especially for the program and to help with any homework assignments he had from his day. Anything that required focus was difficult for poor Justin, so I had to come up with creative ways to get him to do any portion of his assignments. He loved to play games, so I used that as leverage. We did a little work then we played a game. We played card games or checkers or if it was nice outside, we might grab a ball and go out to play. One thing became obvious very early on about Justin. When he played a game - any game - he loved to win and he HATED to lose. He hated losing so badly in fact that he would often change the rules of the game to work in his favor. When we played the card game "War," he tried to convince me that an eight was higher than or "beat" a jack. I said, "No Justin, I think the jack is higher." He would come right back and say, "No it is not, an eight is higher than a jack."

In fact, in all of the games he played he would 'adjust' or out right make up the rules to favor himself. When we played basketball, his shots counted for many points (3, 4, 5, etc...) while anytime my shot went in it "didn't count" and he would come up with some very funny but absurd reason as to why they didn't count. He simply could not lose and would do anything to prevent being beaten. By the end of the year I was very tired of the rules changing in the middle of the game. I didn't always let him get away with it but when it meant admitting defeat, he had a melt down nearly every time.

It makes me wonder if God doesn't tire of us doing virtually the same thing. All of us do it to an extent but some make it a way of life to live as a child of God as long as it is convenient. They know the rules and can read them in scripture but if the rule is inconvenient or stands between them and something they want, it becomes negotiable, mysteriously changed or disregarded as irrelevant.

"I know the Bible teaches us to tithe but I just can't do that."
 "I know we are supposed to live at peace and turn the other cheek and all but you should have heard what she said to me."

"The Bible says it is OK for people in a committed relationship to have sex. It's practically the same as marriage."

When we choose to follow Jesus and live in the kingdom there is only one set of rules to follow and that is God's rules. It doesn't really matter how we feel about them or whether they are convenient for us. It doesn't matter if his rules are counter cultural or deemed 'insensitive' by the dominant culture.

His rules with our editing and stipulations are really our rules. We can live by our rules but not in HIS Kingdom.

So, whose rules do you live by?

DIOS LE BENDIGA! (God Bless You!)

Blessings to you my West Side Family! by Aris Ortiz

...continuation...

In our Hispanic group we have families from El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico, Texas and lately, from Colombia. In the past, we had visitors from Venezuela too. It is interesting to learn about the different cultures and traditions about other Latin America countries. The best, is about food!

Another reality is about people, that it doesn't matter from where you are from, the same things in life will happen to others; everyone has feelings, emotions, hopes as frustrations and disappointments too. But one common thing about people is that every single person has a soul and that's what makes us to be here and get together one day a week because the soul is looking to be in peace with He's creator. Children, young and adult people from everywhere, need to have a right relationship with God; need Christ in their lives for the salvation of the soul. And that's our main purpose here, to show Christ, to teach Christ and to obey Christ to be like Christ and that is why any person will come to be "Christ-ian"

More to come...

More blessings to you 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.

RAISING ARROWS

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



Informational Session Parents and Students

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

-more info:

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

8/21; Lee Henson | Faith Plus

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Share Group Sign-ups:

Share Groups begin again on Sept. 8th. Sign - up lists are in the foyer. We encourage everyone to find a group to join. For more information see Josh Clem.

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.

Labor Day Potluck:

We will gather at 5pm in the Family Center on Sunday Sept. 1st for a potluck meal and fellowship. Please bring enough food to share! Home-made Ice Cream is encouraged as well!

Prime Timers:

Prime Timers will resume on Sept. 3rd at 5:30pm in the Family Center. Chicken will be provided. Please bring side dishes and desserts. Kids will provide Entertainment.

Note of Thanks:

Thank you for the beautiful flower, food & prayers. It means so much to know that other people care in a time such as this. Mary Reid & family

Gathering Times

SUNDAY

9:00 AM Bible Class

9:00 AM Clase en Español

10:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Adoración

5:00 PM Summer Sunday Night Series

WEDNESDAY

6:30 PM

6:30 PM Clase en Español

7:00 Midweek at CCSC

Family Illness and Recovery

David Bailey is recovering from cancer surgery last Wednesday. Please continue to pray for a complete and rapid recovery.

Tonya Bloodworth, niece of John Lee, was recently diagnosed with breast cancer and has just begun chemotherapy. Please pray for strength and healing.

Lydia Franklin will be meeting with a heart surgeon Monday to determine course of action. Please keep her in your prayers .

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

Maree Lewis, mother of Bill Lewis, is in St. Mary's recovering from surgery. Please pray for a speedy recovery.

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 will be traveling to LR for further testing Monday. Please continue to pray for healing as well as correct diagnosis and an effective treatment plan.

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.

MNFTM Needs: Ritz Crackers (short stacks), Individual cans of tuna packed in water, and Little Debbie Snacks.

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 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

Linda Mullinax - Rsv. Nursing Center 319A

Wayne Nordin - Brookdale 219

Glennette Price - Stella Manor 305

A Look Ahead...

Tonight: 5pm in the Auditorium - Devo

8/19: Brown Bag Mondays: Deanna Cole

8/20: Stella Manor Birthdays : Margaret Grant - cake

8/21: Summer Series- Lee Henson | Faith Plus

8/22: Celebrate Recovery meal @ 6pm; worship and classes to follow

8/26: Brown Bag Mondays : Kim Walters