

For the Record...

Bible Study: 200
 Sunday Worship: 408
 Sunday Evening: 124
 Wednesday: 248

Weekly Giving: \$13,410
 Weekly Budget: 16,237
 YTD Giving: \$ 531,233
 YTD Budget: \$ 584,532

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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

Sunday,
 Sept. 15, 2019

This week's helpers:

Nursery:

- Carol Lee
- Tami Robinson

KFC:

2 year olds:
 Grace M. & Emma J.

3 & 4 year olds:
 Janelle Miller
 K - 2nd grade:
 Beth Sorrells

Puppets:
 Brent & April Ruple

Greeters:

North:
 Alan & Michele Todd

East:
 Larry & Linda Harrell

West:
 Bill & Susan Lewis

Communion:

Table 1:

- Keith Frazier,
 Larry Harrell, Jon
 Francis, Craig Davis,
 Brandon Hurt

Table 2:

- Don Helm, Garrett
 Crosby, Les Howard,
 Eric Jackson,
 Kenny Freeman

Letting Go

by Tim Tripp

Several of us attended a sad funeral this past week as we said goodbye to Ruby Meyer and sought to offer love and comfort to family and friends in a time of brokenness and sadness. We will remember Ruby for her kindness, her joy, and her smile. There are so many lessons we can and should take from the life of this humble yet profound servant of God. It is always difficult to wish loved ones farewell and figuratively see them off to eternity. Letting go is never easy. Grief always follows.

As the summer winds down and we look toward the fall, schools have started back and some have had to endure days of sadness. It is hard to describe the emotion felt with dropping kids off at college and going through the mental exercise of figuratively having to pry your hands off theirs. Letting go is never easy. Grief always follows.

Moms and Dads of younger ones prepared them for that first day of kindergarten. The little ones are so excited they can hardly stand it. Some ride the bus, while others go with a parent but they are excited to get go to school. Moms and Dads are far less excited. School means transition. Relationships change. Discovery brings new choices for young ones and less control for mom and dad. As that exuberant child walks into the classroom for the first time, the hearts of parents break. Letting go is never easy. Grief always follows.

It is important through times of grief to allow the emotion to flow as needed. It is important to take control of the things you can and give the rest to God. It is important to realize the healing nature of time and know that grieving is best done one day at a time. Talking with others who have gone down the same road is good therapy as is spending valuable time with friends and family. God knows our grief and will help us through.

Letting go is hard. When we have to let go, we don't do ourselves any favors if we think of it as letting them go to a school, or a college or a grave. In each situation we let them go into the arms of a loving God who loves them and cares for them. He will always be that shepherd who leads them beside still waters and finds them green pastures. He walks with them through dark valleys and boldly protects them from enemies. In the end he takes them home to be with him where there is no sickness or sorrow or pain. There to rest in the house of the Lord forever.

It pains us to release them but as we do, we are reminded that they were never ours in the first place. They are born his. They live as his. They return to him. Grief is hard for what seems a long night but in Christ, joy comes in the morning.

DIOS LE BENDIGA! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

My West Side Family, How blessed we are! Our Good Lord has given us another day that He created for us to give thanks, to glorify Him and worship Him. I'm excited to do that; I'm ready to show him how thankful I am. What a blessing is for you and me to come together and be united in spirit to present ourselves as a living sacrifice on this first day of the week. We glorify God when we do that. We please God every time we get together, and to know : if we want to go to heaven; if we are going to be together in heaven, we need to start here in this life to be together! Eternity seems a "lot of time" to be together!! So, the more time we spend together here in this life, the more prepared we will be for the next life. Let us enjoy our time together my West Side family, and let us give thanks to the Lord and rejoice always because our God is good. Every day counts!

And "Every day is a blessing!"-as my brother in Christ, Clay, will express... Blessings to you my west Side Family!



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



Youth Group 6 - 12 grades

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upNEXT/Information

> September 18, 5:30 - 6:25: HARDING UNIVERSITY & PIZZA before class. All student age groups invited.

>September 25, 5:30 - 6:25 Youth Group family meal and Worship Night. This month we are having a Ramen Bar. Check out the WSYM facebook group on Wednesday the 18th to sign up to bring something.

>September 28, West Side Youth's Got Talent: Sign up in Cornerstone: SIGN UP SOON.

>October 4 - 6, Middle School Retreat: Need some adults to help. >October 18 - 20, Girls Retreat/Guys Retreat: Need some adults to help.

> SHARE GROUPS, Families are encouraged to attend a Share Group together.

Wednesday nights the Gym/Cornerstone opens at 5:30, Bring your homework, dinner, and hangout.

Youth Group Study: Sunday's: Gospel of John

Sundays:

9AM | College Bible Study at the Greer house.

10 AM | Worship with our West Side Family

Noon | Share Group - Free lunch! Bring a friend with you!

Wednesdays:

Noon Meal | Free lunch for college students every Wednesday @ the CCSC

7PM | Midweek Worship at the CCSC

This year's theme is.. "Seeing Jesus - A Study of the Gospel of Mark"

Come early for Coffee and Cookies. Stay late and hang out!

Adult Bible Classes

Sunday Morning Adult Classes:

Room 2: Sermon on the Mount: Clem Rotation

Room3 :The Mission of Jesus: Clements Rotation

FC Classroom: Spiritual Formation: Tripp Rotation

Rock: The Minor Prophets: Janelle Rotation

Wednesday Night Adult Class(es):

Room 3: "Ecclesiastes"

FC Classroom: A Joyful Journey Ladies Class
"The Gospel of Mark"

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

New Song Lunch:

Sept. 22nd following Morning Worship, we will gather in the Family Center for a time of fellowship and singing, as we learn some new songs. Bring your own lunch. Singing will begin around noon.

Adopt -A- Student !!

This year our Adopt -A-Student luncheon will be here at West Side immediately following morning services on Sept. 29th. Meat will be provided. Please bring sides and desserts.

For those who plan to participate in the blessing of adopting one of our college students for the school year, please sign up on the list in the foyer.

Upcoming Wedding Showers:

A Shower in honor of Garrett Crosby and Lexi Culwell will be Sept. 29th from 1:30-3:30 in the Rock. Garrett and Lexi are registered at Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond, and Millyn's .

A Shower in honor of Brandon Grice and Lizzy Tripp will be Oct. 13th from 1:30-3:30 in the Rock. Brandon and Lizzy are registered at Millyn's and Amazon or for more registry info go to www.theknot.com/us/lizzytrippandbrandongrice

Friends and Family Day:

Mark your calendars now for our annual Friends and Family Day cookout on Oct. 6th. We will gather in the field behind the office for a day of food, fun and fellowship following our morning worship service.

We are collecting water and soft drinks. Please bring your donations no later than October 2nd. We need 15 cases of water and 25 (12packs) of Soft Drinks.

Tent Meeting:

All are invited to a Tent Meeting hosted by 5th & Greenwich Sept. 15-18th featuring Willie Franklin (former NFL player, now Evangelist) as the speaker. Tent meeting location is at 4th and Hartford Streets in Russellville. 7pm nightly.

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 Share Groups / various times & locations

WEDNESDAY

6:30 PM

6:30 PM Clase en Español

7:00 Midweek at CCSC

Family Illness and Recovery

Jim Betterton will have surgery Sept. 17th to treat an aneurysm. Please pray for a successful surgery.

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 is scheduled for heart valve replacement surgery Sept. 26th at the Arkansas Heart Hospital. Please keep Lydia in your prayers for a successful surgery.

Doug Hart, brother of Brenda Holmes, is in the final stages of cancer. Please keep the Hart and Homes families in your prayers during this difficult time.

Maree Lewis, mother of Billy Lewis, is in St. Mary's Rehab with a fractured pelvis. Please pray for relief and healing.

Clay Reed is currently undergoing chemo and radiation regimen. Please pray for strength and effectiveness of treatment

Don Todd is in Russellville Nursing and Rehab working on regaining strength in his legs. Please continue to pray for his strength to return.

MNFTM Needs:
Ritz Crackers (short stacks),
Individual cans of tuna packed in water,
Fruit cups,
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.

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

Military

Ethan Grace

James Cole, Jr

Micah Hunter

Charles Pitney

Joseph Roberds

Carson Curtis

Missions

James & Abigail Rucker

WBS Students

Paul & Noemi Crites

Expectant Mothers

Melanie Cooke

A Look Ahead...

9/16: MNFTM resumes @ 5:45pm in the Family Center

9/17: Stella Manor Birthdays | Vicki Betterton

9/19: Celebrate Recovery// meal @ 6pm; worship and classes to follow.

9/22: New Song Lunch in the Family Center following morning worship

9/29: Adopt-A-Student luncheon // Crosby Wedding Shower 1:30-3:30 in the Rock

10/6: Friends and Family Day Cookout