

For the Record...

Bible Study: 239
 Sunday Worship: 435
 Sunday Evening: 216
 Wednesday: 254

Weekly Giving: \$15,085
 Weekly Budget: 16,237
 YTD Giving: \$ 546,318
 YTD Budget: \$ 600,769

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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. 22, 2019

This week's helpers:

Nursery:

- Lenore Tripp
- Jenifer Hurt

KFC:

2 year olds:
 Grace M. & Emma J.

3 & 4 year olds:
 CCSC Student
 K - 2nd grade:
 CCSC Student

Puppets:

Brooks family

Greeters:

North:
 Larry & Linda Harrell

East:
 Bill & Susan Lewis

West:
 Alan & Michele Todd

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

"Churchianity"

by Tim Tripp

I saw an interesting term used in the recent issue of the Christian Chronicle. It was used in the context of describing the "New Day" conference held in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. The term is "churchianity." It is contrasted with Christianity. The pretext for the term is a consideration of the possibility that one can be dedicated to a church and its members, its beliefs and its programs but not be committed to the mission of Jesus.

Is that a thing? Is it possible to be committed to a church as an organization and an entity, to buy into its doctrine and theology, and even to engage in its programs and education but still not be dedicated to the mission of Jesus? I think it is definitely possible. We have evidence of it happening in both the old and new testaments in the Bible.

The prophets in the Old Testament wrote to Israelites proclaiming God's displeasure with them because while they observed a form of their religion, it didn't seem to do much in terms of changing how they lived. They offered sacrifices, observed feasting and fasting days and visited the temple regularly. There was only one problem, they didn't live the way God wanted them to live. They adhered to the forms of their religion but neglected that which was central to their faith - godliness. They checked the boxes on the "do and don't do" lists but in their hearts pursued their own will, not God's. Of them God said through the prophet, Isaiah, "The Lord says: "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is based on merely human rules they have been taught." (Isaiah 29:13)

In the New Testament Jesus said much the same of the Pharisees. The Pharisees were a sect of Judaism that believed in and taught a strict observance of the Mosaic law. They took it upon themselves to interpret and expand the law to be sure they were doing it the right way and the "right way" meant "their way." They used their interpretation of the law to absolve themselves of any responsibility for the poor and the sick. They dismissed their obligation to take care of aging parents and bullied the populace into compliance by threats of ostracizing them from the community. They made huge donations for the upkeep of the temple while letting people starve at the gates of the temple. Of these people, Jesus made a strikingly similar statement. "He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules." You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions." (Mark 7:6-8)

I'm a big believer in loving the church to which you go. I hope everyone looks forward to being in church every Sunday and as many times as they go however, if they are dedicated to their church more than the mission of Jesus, then they may be guilty as well of following the church more than following the Lord. "These people honor me with their lips but their hearts are far from me." Disciples follow the teacher and are molded to the mission of the teacher. The church offers wonderful support for the journey but is not the destination. "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.." (Hebrews 12:2).

DIOS LE BENDIGA! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

We are living in dangerous times. We are in the middle of evil times. We are surrounded by bad influences. It doesn't matter if you are older, adult, young or a child, those negatives are here today, more than yesterday. A comment in the past has been: "There has always been evil and bad times" but we all can agree that today's world is darker than ever. The way I'm describing this about how We ARE in the middle and surrounded by evil makes a difference, because we are NOT part of that; we are not the ones doing bad things, evil things to others, because we have been pulled out, called out from there. We are light, we represent peace, love and we do care for others and their souls. It will not matter how dangerous, how evil or how bad the influence can be, WE as a Christians are here to be different, and be examples that others can follow the One that we are following: Jesus Christ! Let's keep doing our part that God wants us to do my West Side Family! DIOS LES BENDIGA!



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

upNEXT/Information

>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 NOW - Deadline the 28th.

>October 4 - 6, Middle School Retreat: Need some adults to help. (Sign up @ westsideyouthministry.org)

>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

Wednesday's: Proverbs (8- 12), A Big Picture workbook (6 & 7)

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: This morning following worship in the Family Center. 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. 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.

Ladies remember to mark your calendar now for our Ladies Day Nov. 16th. We are collecting fabric scraps in prints or plaids in fall colors. Donations can be left in the basket provided next to the KFC room.

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 is recovering from aneurysm surgery last week. Please continue to pray for a speedy recovery.

Cathryn Cates is hospitalized at St. Mary's and undergoing testing after suffering a possible stroke. Please keep Cathryn and Randy and June Gray and family in your prayers.

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.

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

Maynette Stroud, sister-in-law- of Ginger Tippit, is recovering from surgery following a recent ovarian cancer diagnosis. Please pray for Maynette and her family as she begins a treatment regimen.

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

Sympathy:

We extend our deepest sympathy to several of our family who have experienced loss recently.

Jamie Bates family in the loss of her aunt Ruby Meyer.

Brenda Holmes family in the loss of her brother Doug Hart of Missouri.

Bethany Jones & family in the loss of her mother Lis Jones of Searcy.

Dale Lamberson family in the loss of his sister Linda Mullinax.

May the peace and comfort that only God can provide surround you all in this time of significant loss.

Visitation for Linda Mullinax will be this afternoon from 2-4pm at Humphrey Funeral Home. Funeral Service will be at 10AM Monday also at the Humphrey Chapel.

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

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

Brittany Loudon

A Look Ahead...

9/22: New Song Lunch // Share Groups various times and locations

9/23: MNFTM @ 5:45pm in the Family Center

9/26: Ladies Bible Study 9:30 am// Celebrate Recovery// meal @ 6pm; worship and classes to follow.

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

10/6: Friends and Family Day Cookout

10/13: Grice Wedding Shower 1:30-3:30 in the Rock