

For the Record...

Bible Study: 189
 Sunday Worship: 392
 Sunday Evening: 76
 Wednesday: 255

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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

The Thought Box

by Tim Tripp

Sunday,
 Sept. 8, 2019

This week's helpers:

Nursery:
 - Calleigh Whitford
 - Charlotte French

KFC:
 2 year olds:
 Grace M. & Emma J.

3 & 4 year olds:
 Beth Donnell

K - 2nd grade:
 Marissa Roberts

Puppets:
 Addison & Avery Hixson

Greeters:
 North:
 Lisa Reed

East:
 Keith & Velda Frazier

West:
 Carol White

Communion:

Table 1:
 - Aaron Horton, Pat Crosby, Brandon Grice, David Davenport, Glenn Holmes

Table 2:
 - Michael Grant, Lee Henson, Larry Duvall, Josh Harrell, Lynn Donnell

Let's say you have a son in college. His college is a couple of hours away and he seems to be doing fine there. You're in church on a Sunday morning and you get a text from him. You read the text against your better judgement and in it he says, "Hey, just wanted to let you know that I have dropped all of my classes. I'm planning to go with a group of friends on a three month walking tour of South America. It's fine! Don't freak out. I just need to find myself. I'm sure I can still get a job when I get back. Anyway, I'm going to need your help with the finances. I'm going to need about \$5,000 and right now I only have \$50. I'm sure I can depend on you. Thank you."

What do you do with that? Different people handle it differently. Some might leave immediately, drive to the university and try to talk some sense into him. Some might get into a text fight that would likely not end well. Others might text back, "You're on your own with the finances but have fun!"

Regardless of how you might inevitably handle the situation, you will likely get there through your thought box. What is a thought box? I was hoping you would ask. Think of the thought box as the imaginary place you go to process life. It is where we go when we "think about" things. As you will see in upcoming sermons that is a gross oversimplification. As you consider the question, problem, decision, etc. at hand, you go to a place mentally where a plethora of influences act upon you to move you to an eventual output. Those influences may include but are not limited to, spiritual (both sides, God and Satan, have input), emotion, life experiences, advice from friends and mentors, criticism from those you respect or those who want to hurt you, woundedness from the past, successes, wisdom, voices from your parents or others whose opinions you value. All of those influences and more are inputs rummaging around in your thought box. They all have impact on what comes out of the thought box.

The output of your thought box is varied depending on the nature of what is being considered. Out of the thought box comes decisions, attitudes, beliefs, actions, behaviors and the like. Output that aligns with your purpose and direction is good output. Output that does not align with your purpose and direction causes cognitive dissonance. That is resolved either by changing your direction and purpose or by changing how you process (i.e. changing what happens in your thought box).

In Romans 12 when Paul sets the direction and purpose by challenging his readers to "offer your bodies as living sacrifices for that is holy and pleasing to God," (v. 1). As a Christian, your purpose and direction is to please God. Then he says how to do that. "be transformed by the renewing of your mind," (v. 2). Transformation begins by changing and attending how you process things, meaning what happens in your thought box. You change what happens in your thought box by changing which inputs you value. Let that marinate a little. We will spend some time talking about it in the sermon series, "Kingdom Mind," starting today.

DIOS LE BENDIGA! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

When I think about the knowledge of Jesus, my mind wonders about his personality. His self-control, patient and humbleness of his-everyday dealing with people. But most, his LOVE for the people. For those of you that have been in another country in a mission trip (or vacation) and when you witnessed those who lack of so much in their life; the poor conditions and maybe bad or danger in which they live, you think of yourself "I will be gone soon back to my home, where I HAVE everything that I need (or that I want)" you have that feeling about "you don't belong there", that you belong to a place where your life is "almost" perfect? That you don't lack of the basics and where you have happiness!

I think something like that about Jesus coming to this earth... knowing that he left the PERFECT place to go in a "mission" trip... just for few days to share good news and hope... that he was inviting everybody to his home, his city, his country but he had to stay for a little while and experience the same as everybody. Knowing how everything works since the beginning of time because all was created in him and by him, his self-control, patient and humbleness is what amaze me! More and more we study the Word of God, more knowledge we have about "our home" and we do realize that we are here just for "a little while," for few days and then, we are going HOME!!! To the perfect place where no worries, no suffering, no sickness, no sorrows... Are we ready my West Side Family? Blessings to You!



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
>*TODAY>September 8 LUNCH AND MOVIE, COST: Wendy's lunch, movie ticket and snacks.
> September 8 @4:00pm Student Drivers are invited to join Mark in his office for a D-Connect time. We will discuss our Discipleship Study.
>*September 14, 8:30am - 3:30pm: Youth Forum with 5th & G (come and go on your own) Speaker: Willie Franklin
>September 28, West Side Youth's Got Talent: Sign up in Cornerstone
>October 4 - 6, Middle School Retreat
>October 18 - 20, Girls Retreat/Guys Retreat
> SHARE GROUPS, Families are encouraged to attend a Share Group together.
Youth Group Study:
Sunday's: Gospel of John
Wednesday's: Proverbs (8th - 12th), A Big Picture workbook (6th & 7th)

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:

Share Groups Begin Today! If you were not able to sign up and would like to participate, see Josh Clem or contact one of the group leaders.

*Fall Quarter classes
New Children's classes are as follows:*

Cradle Roll (Nursery)
Sunday Mornings - Stephanie Taylor & Donna Evans
Wednesday Nights - Tara Young & Lisa Rentfro

1year olds (room 8)
Sunday Mornings - Beth Sorrells & Lacey Butler
Wednesday Nights - Jenifer Hurt & Barbara Dunn

2's -3's "Turtles" (room 16)
Sunday Mornings - Jamie Bates & Susan Lewis
Wednesday Nights - Susan Taylor

4's-pre- k 5 "Tigers" (room 12)
Sunday Mornings - Betty Grinder & Lindsey Spurlock
Wednesday Nights - Judy Holman

Raising Arrows rotations will stay the same for ages K-5th grade.

6th & 7th grade will meet in the cornerstone and then go to Room 11 Sunday Morning and Wednesday nights.

8-12 WSYM Cornerstone

Adult Class Schedules are available for pick up at Starting Point

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, there will be a sign up list in the foyer.

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 Share Groups / various times & locations	

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.

Margaret Grant is doing well following knee replacement surgery. Please continue to pray for her recovery.

Clay Reed has begun his chemo and radiation regimen. Please pray for strength and effectiveness of treatment

Wedding Shower:

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

MNFTM Returns on Sept 9th!!

Join us on Monday evenings at 5:45 for a meal followed by service projects. We hope to see you there!

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.

ATTENTION LADIES!!

Mark you calendars for our fall
Ladies Day
Saturday morning November 16th.

Make your plans now to attend and
'Seize the Day'!
Be watching for more information in
upcoming weeks ahead.

If you would like to help with this event,
please see Susan Taylor.

A Look Ahead...

Share Groups begin today // Various times and locations

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

9/12: Celebrate Recovery// meal @ 6pm; worship and classes to follow.

9/17: Stella Manor Birthdays | Vicki Betterton