Westside Baptist Church
Bulletin

August 10, 2025
9th Sunday after Pentecost

Speaker: Pastor Alan Yu

During Worship

- Be still and prepare your heart for worship.
- Please close the main hall doors gently during worship services.
- Please take care of your personal belongings to avoid theft.

Offering

- Welcome to donate via E-transfer, email: westsidebaptistoffering@gmail.com
- To donate by cash or cheque, please use an offering envelope and put it into the offering bag during worship.
- When making a donation, please indicate your donation envelope number and your full legal name. The offering envelope number can be obtained from the church office.

Notes to CitRUs parents:

- The enrollment age for CitRUs Children's Ministry starts from age 3; one parent can accompany children under 3 to participate in worship in Room B.
- Classes are held on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am at Room E & F.
- Please supervise your children after you have picked them up from the classroom.

Parking

- The upstairs parking lot (Parking Lot 1) is designated for new comers, people with reduced mobility, the elderly and families with young children.
- The indoor parking lot downstairs (Parking Lot 2) will be closed at 1:00 pm on Sundays. Afterwards, you will have to wait until 10:00 am on Tuesday morning to collect your vehicle.
- Additional parking spaces are available at 8508 Ash Street (Parking Lot 3) on Saturdays from 4:00 - 7:00pm and Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Maps are available in the foyer.
- To be considerate of our neighbors, please do not park in the residential area.
- When parking in the outdoor parking lot downstairs (Parking Lot 2), please be careful not to block the emergency exits and keep a distance of 3 feet from the building's exterior wall so that the emergency exit doors can be fully opened.
- Please park and lock your bike/e-bike outside. Do not park the bike inside the building.
- Congregants are required to register online annually to park at the church or 8508 Ash during worship services. Registration link: https://forms.gle/TDSft5sAJgk5QMeN8

Scripture Reading Plan

- In Chapters 1-7, it reflects Paul's vulnerable defence of his apostleship through suffering, humility, and Christlike love. The Corinthians had been swayed by more impressive leaders and grew ashamed of Paul's weakness and poverty. Paul counters by reframing weakness through the paradox of the cross: true glory is revealed in self-giving love and sacrificial service. He invites them into a "new covenant" relationship empowered by the Spirit, not written on tablets but on transformed hearts. Read these chapters as Paul models forgiveness, authenticity, and the power of suffering to reflect Christ's glory. Let his words challenge your views of success and leadership.
- Reading Plan for this week:
  - August 10 (Sunday): 2 Corinthians 2:1-17
  - August 11 (Monday): 2 Corinthians 3:1-18
  - August 12 (Tuesday): 2 Corinthians 4:1-18
  - August 13 (Wednesday): 2 Corinthians 5:1-21
  - August 14 (Thursday): 2 Corinthians 6:1-18
  - August 15 (Friday): 2 Corinthians 7:1-16
  - August 16 (Saturday): 2 Corinthians 8:1-24
  - August 17 (Sunday): 2 Corinthians 9:1-15

Co·Mission

37. Renewed Day by Day

[2 Corinthians 4:1-18]

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.
[2 Corinthians 4:7]

Sermon Outline

Introduction

Content

1. Reasons for Discouragement

2. A Picture of Reality

My Reflection

- What did God tell me through the message today?

3. Our Real Goal

Conclusion

My Reflection

- What did God tell me through the message today?

My Prayer Response

- Write down your responsive prayer for God's word today.

My Action Response

- What changes will you make in response to God's word today?

Small Group Discussions

Icebreaking

1. If you knew you were living your last day, what would you lower in importance that you currently hold as important?

Know

2. Please review your sermon notes for this week. What did you learn that you did not know previously?
3. Read together again 2Corinthians 4:1-18. What impression does this passage give you? What is the most intriguing saying in this passage to you? Why?
4. What does Paul mean when he says “we do not lose heart” (vv.1, 16)? Why does he repeat it?
5. What is the significance of Paul calling himself a “jar of clay” in verse 7?
6. Why does Paul reject worldly definitions of success in ministry?
7. How is God’s power revealed through human weakness, according to this passage?
8. What does Paul contrast between “seen” and “unseen,” “temporary” and “eternal” (v.18)?

Feel

9. When have you felt like “a jar of clay”—fragile, plain, or inadequate? How did God meet you there?
10. What specific discouragement are you carrying now? How does this passage speak into it?
11. How does knowing that even death cannot stop God’s mission affect your fears or anxieties?
12. How do you feel about being “not the treasure,” but a vessel carrying the treasure of Christ?

Plan

13. What are the hindrances (including internal and external) for you to prioritize “revealing Christ” over success? What are the effective ways to remove these hindrances? Please ask your group members for advice.

Do

14. Resolve to prioritize “revealing Christ” over success?. Share how practically you’ll do this with your group members.
15. Invite a group member to be your accountability partner, and give him/her permission to rebuke you when you have not followed through on your resolution.
16. Commit to prioritize “revealing Christ” over success?. Ask the Holy Spirit to mould you more into the likeness of Jesus.

Announcements

- The **short-term mission team** to Bolivia is from August 21 to September 1. Their fundraising goal has been reached. For more information and updates about this mission trip, please visit: https://bolivia.causevox.com/.
- Registration for **CitRUs and GZone** for the 2025-2026 school year has begun! Make sure you understand about the new programs before you register:
  - Registration for CitRUs: https://forms.gle/UYYWHEbsJq3NuB4eA
  - Registration for GZone: https://forms.gle/BXTBwubMWkbGR7tL8
- **CitRUs Friday Stage Time** production team is currently recruiting church members who are interested in serving in this ministry. If you are interested in participating, please contact Pastor Alan Yu.
- The church is joining Canadian Baptist Ministries (CBM) to participate the **Active In Mission**, supporting food aid programs in 14 countries, including Canada. This year’s national fundraising goal is CAD $100,000. There are 20 fundraisers from WBC this year. Please donate on the individual participant’s page: https://www.activeinmission.ca/t/wbc Donations are eligible for a tax receipt issued by CBM. **The last day for donations will be on August 31, 2025**.
- Monthly bulletin has already published. Please refer to it for important notices.

Fellowship Life

- **Westside 101** is a course designed for anyone who wishes to join us as a member through baptism or transfer of membership. It consists of approximately five 90-minute classes. Please register at universe.com/westside
- **Small groups** are the heart of our fellowship life and an essential part of our holistic Christian living. We invite you to join our small groups if you are willing to commit. To register, please visit universe.com/westside