



Westside Baptist Church Bulletin

August 17, 2025
10th 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

- ▶ 2 Corinthians ch.9 continues Paul's call to the Corinthian church to give generously in support of the believers in Jerusalem. In chapters 10–13, he defends his apostleship, warns against false apostles, and humbly shares his hardships and weaknesses, urging Corinthians to find true strength in Christ. Paul's deep love for the Corinthians is evident—he grieves and weeps for them, longing for their repentance and obedience to Christ, which would fill him with joy.
- ▶ Romans was written by Paul during his stay in Corinth, addressed to the believers in Rome. Romans Ch.1–2 lay the theological foundation of the letter, proclaiming the gospel as God's power for the

salvation of all who believe. Paul makes clear that all people, Jew and Gentile alike, are under sin and without excuse, and that justification comes only through faith.

- ▶ Reading Plan for this week:
 - ▶ August 17 (Sunday): 2 Corinthians 9:1-15
 - ▶ August 18 (Monday): 2 Corinthians 10:1-18
 - ▶ August 19 (Tuesday): 2 Corinthians 11:1-33
 - ▶ August 20 (Wednesday): 2 Corinthians 12:1-21
 - ▶ August 21 (Thursday): 2 Corinthians 13:1-14
 - ▶ August 22 (Friday): Romans 1:1-17
 - ▶ August 23 (Saturday): Romans 1:18-2:11
 - ▶ August 24 (Sunday): Romans 2:12-29

Co · Mission

38. Harvest Enlarged

[2 Corinthians 9:6-15]

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.
[2 Corinthians 9:10]

Sermon Outline

Introduction

Content

1. Generosity is not based on _____ but _____

2. Generosity does not lead to _____ but _____

My Reflection

► What did God tell me through the message today?

My Reflection

- What did God tell me through the message today?

3. Generosity is not for _____ but _____

Conclusion

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. What has recently changed in your life for the better?

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 9:6-15. What impression does this passage give you? What is the most intriguing saying in this passage to you? Why?
4. What does the widow of Zarephath's story in 1 Kings 17 teach us about generosity in scarcity?
5. How does the preacher contrast the "economy of scarcity" with the "order of the Kingdom of Heaven"?
6. What does it mean that generosity is "not based on abundance but faith"?
7. How does generosity "enlarge the harvest of righteousness" according to 2 Corinthians 9:10?

Feel

8. When you think about giving in times of scarcity, what emotions arise in you—fear, joy, anxiety, or trust? Why?
9. What feelings surface when you realize that hoarding resources can lead to anxiety rather than security?
10. How does imagining God's abundant provision affect your feelings toward sharing what you have?
11. Have you ever experienced a moment when generosity brought you unexpected joy or blessings?
12. What is one area of your life—other than finances—where God might be calling you to be more generous?

Plan

13. What are the hindrances (including internal and external) for you to intentionally resist the "economy of scarcity" mindset in your daily decisions? What are the effective ways to remove these hindrances? Please ask your group members for advice.

Do

14. Resolve to intentionally resist the "economy of scarcity" mindset in your daily decisions. 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 intentionally resist the "economy of scarcity" mindset in your daily decisions. 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/>.
- ▶ **WBC 101** will begin at the end of September. Those who wish to be baptized or transfer membership during this Christmas season and become members of Westside are welcome to join. The course dates are September 28, October 12, October 19, November 30, and December 7, held on Sunday afternoons. Please register at universe.com/westside.
- ▶ 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.

