



Westside Baptist Church Bulletin

September 14, 2025
14th 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

- ▶ Beginning in Acts 20:13, Paul's ministry shifted from journeys of freedom to a mission carried out in chains. Fully aware that imprisonment and suffering awaited him in Jerusalem, he still chose to follow the Spirit's leading, because he treasured the fulfillment of the Lord's calling above his own safety. Before departing, the elders of Ephesus wept as they sent him off, while Paul urged them to remain faithful in shepherding God's flock.
- ▶ Upon his arrival in Jerusalem, Paul was falsely accused in the temple, sparking a riot, and had to be rescued by Roman soldiers. Yet he boldly continued to testify to the risen Christ before the crowds and stood unafraid before the council's trial. When a plot by the Jews to kill him failed, he was transferred under guard to Caesarea and kept in custody.
- ▶ Whether free or bound, Paul's focus never wavered from Christ and the kingdom of God. The gospel message pierces human hearts and confronts worldly powers, demonstrating that the word of God cannot be hindered.
- ▶ Reading Plan for this week:
 - ▶ September 14 (Sunday): Acts 23:1-22
 - ▶ September 15 (Monday): Acts 23:23-24:9
 - ▶ September 16 (Tuesday): Acts 24:10-27
 - ▶ September 17 (Wednesday): Colossians 1:1-29
 - ▶ September 18 (Thursday): Colossians 2:1-23
 - ▶ September 19 (Friday): Colossians 3:1-25
 - ▶ September 20 (Saturday): Colossians 4:1-18
 - ▶ September 21 (Sunday): Philemon 1:1-25

Co • Mission

42. New Life in Christ

[Colossians 3:1-11]

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. [Colossians 3:1]

Sermon Outline

Introduction

Content

1. Our new life in Christ is a life with hope
2. Our new life in Christ is a life that is holy

My Reflection

- What did God tell me through the message today?

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3. Our new life in Christ is a life that is in unity

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 is a small or simple thing you want to be more grateful for?

Know

2. Please review your sermon notes for this week. What did you learn that you did not know previously?
3. Read together again Colossians 3:1-11. What impression does this passage give you? What is the most intriguing saying in this passage to you? Why?
4. How does Colossians 3 describe the contrast between the “old self” and the “new self”?
5. Why does Paul use the imagery of “taking off” and “putting on” clothes when describing the Christian life?
6. What cultural or social divisions does Paul address, and how does the gospel transform them?
7. How does this passage connect baptism with new life?

Feel

8. How do you feel when you hear Paul’s words that your “old life is dead”? What emotions arise when you picture yourself “clothed” in Christ’s new life?
9. Have you ever felt discouraged by your inability to be holy? How does this passage shift your feelings?
10. When you think of leaving behind anger, lust, or greed, do you feel fear, relief, or resistance? Why?
11. In what ways do you resonate with C. S. Lewis’s image of being “too easily pleased” with lesser desires?
12. What might it look like for you to live “holy” in everyday routines (work, family, relationships)?

Plan

13. What are the hindrances (including internal and external) for you to deliberately replace old habits with new ones that reflect Christ’s resurrected life? What are the effective ways to remove these hindrances? Please ask your group members for advice.

Do

14. Resolve to deliberately replace old habits with new ones that reflect Christ’s resurrected life. 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 deliberately replace old habits with new ones that reflect Christ’s resurrected life. Ask the Holy Spirit to mould you more into the likeness of Jesus.

Announcements

- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **New members** who will be baptized on September 13 and 14 are Candy Mak, Hannah Chan, Ellen Yan, and Emma Yan. Members transferring in are Christopher Chung, Tinnie Chung, Candy Ling, and Priscilla Wong. Their profiles have been posted on the bulletin board near the elevator.
- ▶ **Monthly bulletin** has been posted on the bulletin board and the church website. Please refer to it for important notices.
- ▶ The **Deacon election** will be held on November 23, 2025.
- ▶ The church will organize a **fall cleaning event** and invite help from small groups.
- ▶ The church will recruit a tech team for **website upgrades and maintenance**. Members who have the expertise are welcome to contact Pastor Mark or Deacon Michael Chau.

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 