



Westside Baptist Church Bulletin

February 2, 2025
4th Sunday
after Epiphany

Speaker: Rev. 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.
- ▶ Please do not double park.
- ▶ 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

- ▶ During this coming week, we will temporarily conclude our reading of Luke and transition to Matthew. You may notice that Matthew presents the story of Jesus in a significantly different manner compared to Luke. While Luke offers a straightforward narration of the events, Matthew employs more editorial techniques to convey the story of Jesus through metaphorical lenses. There are more inherent designs in Matthew's structure that help us understand the essence of Jesus.
- ▶ Reading Plan for this week:
 - ▶ Feb 2 (Sunday) Luke 18:1-17
 - ▶ Feb 3 (Monday) Luke 18:18-43
 - ▶ Feb 4 (Tuesday) Luke 19:1-27
 - ▶ Feb 5 (Wednesday) Matthew 3:1-17
 - ▶ Feb 6 (Thursday) Matthew 4:1-25
 - ▶ Feb 7 (Friday) Matthew 5:1-48
 - ▶ Feb 8 (Saturday) Matthew 6:1-34
 - ▶ Feb 9 (Sunday) Matthew 7:1-29

Co·Mission

10. Ministry of Deliverance

[Luke 8:26-39]

“Return home and tell how much God has done for you.” So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him. [Luke 8:39]

Sermon Outline

Introduction

Content

Observation 1: Demons are real

Observation 2: Jesus is infinitely more powerful

My Reflection

- ▶ What did God tell me through the message today?

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Observation 3: Deliverance is for the restoration of humanity

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

Testimony

1. Please share about your scripture reading this week. What do you find rewarding? What do you find frustration?

Know

2. Please review your sermon notes for this week. What did you learn that you did not know previously?
3. Read together again Luke 8:26-39. What impression does this passage give you? What is the most intriguing saying in this passage to you? Why?
4. How do you understand the concept of deliverance? How has this sermon changed or deepened your understanding?
5. Why do you think the demons immediately recognized Jesus' authority in Luke 8:28? What does this tell us about His power?
6. In what ways does the metaphor of "demon infestation" help explain the spiritual impacts of sin?
7. Do you think modern Christians dismiss the existence of demons too easily? Why or why not?
8. How does regular confession and repentance free us from the control of evil?

Feel

9. What areas of your life do you feel might still be influenced by sin or "demonic footholds"?
10. Why do you think the Gerasenes were afraid of Jesus' deliverance ministry? Do you have similar fear?
11. What does it mean to you personally to be "fully human" as God created us to be?
12. How can we cultivate a healthy understanding of demons and spiritual warfare without becoming obsessed or fearful?

Plan

13. 13. What are the hindrances (including internal and external) for you to resist the influence of evil? What are the effective ways to remove these hindrances? Please ask your group members for advice.

Do

14. Resolve to resist the influence of evil. 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 resist the influence of evil. Ask the Holy Spirit to mould you more into the likeness of Jesus.

Announcements

- ▶ Christian Education is at Room E between 10:45 - 11:45am. Topic: **Emotionally Healthy Spirituality** (8 lessons).
- ▶ The **Annual General Meeting** had been held via Zoom on January 26, 2025. The attendance of the Zoom Meeting was 159. The voting attendance was 149. Legal Quorum was 52. The voting results is on page 5 of this bulletin.
- ▶ **2024 Tax Receipts** will be distributed via email in February 2025. Please update your personal information before January 31, 2025 if there is any change over the past year. <https://forms.gle/iYS78wonyHxD14bQA>
- ▶ We've made all the recordings of the Christian Education program "**Spirituality in Time**" publicly available so that more members of our congregation can grasp our annual theme. You can access through the QR code.



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



2025 Annual General Meeting Voting Results

Date: January 26, 2025

Time: 4:00-5:00pm

Voting through ElectionBuddy.com

Attendees of Zoom Meeting: 159

Voted on ElectionBuddy.com: 149

Legal Quorum: 20% of 261 Active Members = 52

2. 2024 AGM Minutes

- MOTION: Accept the minutes of 2024 AGM
- In Favour = 148 (100%)
- Reject = 0 (0%)
- Abstain = 1
- Motion carried.

3. 2024 Financial Report

- MOTION: Accept the financial report of 2024
- In Favour = 144 (98.6%)
- Reject = 2 (0.4%)
- Abstain = 3
- Motion carried.

4. 2025 Budget

- MOTION: Approve the budget of 2025
- In Favour = 136 (97.8%)
- Reject = 3 (2.2%)
- Abstain = 10
- Motion carried.

5. Credentialling of Pastors

- a. MOTION: Recommend Pastor Patrick Kwok to be credentialled as a CBWC minister
 - In Favour = 142 (99.3%)
 - Reject = 1 (0.7%)
 - Abstain = 6
 - Motion carried.
- b. MOTION: Recommend Pastor Keith Li to be credentialled as a CBWC minister
 - In Favour = 136 (99.3%)
 - Reject = 1 (0.7%)
 - Abstain = 12
 - Motion carried.

- c. MOTION: Recommend Pastor Shirley Shek to be credentialled as a CBWC minister

- In Favour = 141 (100%)
- Reject = 0 (0%)
- Abstain = 8
- Motion carried.

6. Pastoral Discernment Committee

- MOTION: Appoint the following members to the Pastoral Discernment Committee for 2025
 - Deacon Rep: Carson Lai, Edward Yan
 - Congregational Rep: Justin Chen, Felix Loo, Joyce Yu
- In Favour = 145 (99.3%)
- Reject = 1 (0.7%)
- Abstain = 3
- Motion carried.

7. Nomination Committee

- MOTION: Appoint the following members to the Nomination Committee for 2025
 - Deacon Rep: Dick Chan, Monica Tong, Jackson Yu
 - Congregational Rep: Lobo Ho, Tommy Tung, Anita Yu
- In Favour = 147 (99.3%)
- Reject = 1 (0.7%)
- Abstain = 1
- Motion carried.

8. Any Other Business

- MOTION: Adjourn the Zoom portion of the AGM (vote through a show of hands on Zoom)
- In Favour = 159 (100%)
- Reject = 0 (0%)
- Abstain = 0
- Motion carried.