



# The Messenger



## Westside Christian Church

July 30, 2017

Parsons, KS

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### Future Events

**July 30 Fifth Sunday**  
Sing here at Westside

**August 4-5 Clothing Exchange**

**August 13 Elder's Meeting 1:30**

**August 25-Youth Ice Cream Social**

**September 1-2 Clothing Exchange**

**September 6 Wednesdays at Westside resume**

**September 10-Board Meeting**

**September 17-50th Anniversary**

**October 6-7 Clothing Exchange**

**October 8-Elder's Meeting**

**October 22-Harvest Party**

### Leadership at

#### Westside

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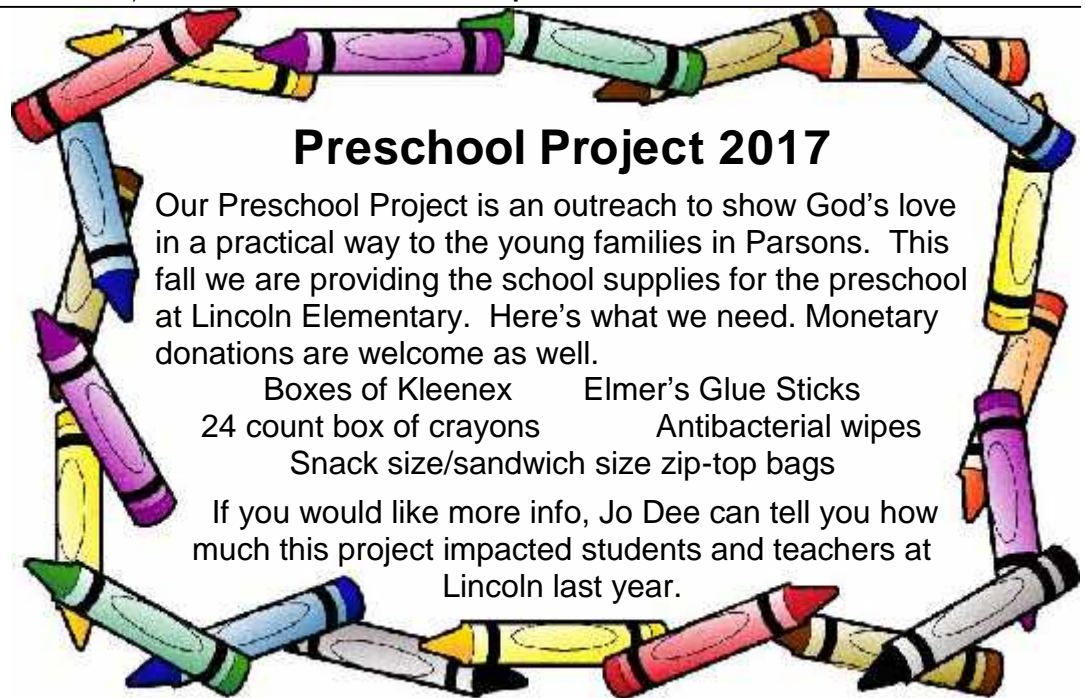
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### Preschool Project 2017

Our Preschool Project is an outreach to show God's love in a practical way to the young families in Parsons. This fall we are providing the school supplies for the preschool at Lincoln Elementary. Here's what we need. Monetary donations are welcome as well.

Boxes of Kleenex      Elmer's Glue Sticks  
24 count box of crayons      Antibacterial wipes  
Snack size/sandwich size zip-top bags

If you would like more info, Jo Dee can tell you how much this project impacted students and teachers at Lincoln last year.

### Doug's Desk

Faith is needed to please God, Heb. 11:6 and faith, in Jesus, is what it will take to be with God, John 14:6. Faith can be both challenging and rewarding, but the reward may not come in this life. For some, faith brought back the dead, for others, faith brought pain and suffering. For some faith brought victory and healing, while others were tortured and put to death for their faith. Faith brings victory in life but sometimes it cuts life short. (See Heb. 11:32-40).

Jeremiah was a man of faith that didn't get a lot of reward in this life. He was told not to marry, Jer. 16:2. He was cursed, threatened and attacked. But God did promise that He would protect Jeremiah as long as he trusted in Him and preached God's message to the people, Jer. 1:17-19. God was faithful and provided for Jeremiah food, water and strength to get through the next day.

Uriah preached the same message and time of Jeremiah, but his life was cut short. Uriah was faithful to the LORD and people didn't listen to his message any more than they listened to Jeremiah's. Some army officials heard what he was saying and plotted to kill him. Uriah escaped to Egypt, but was followed. He was brought back to the king, where they killed him with the sword. Then they buried him in an unmarked grave. You can read this in Jeremiah 26:20-23. So, what is the difference? Why did the faith of Jeremiah bring him pain and suffering with God's protection, when Uriah, preached the same message and received a shortened life?

I cannot answer this question. But I can see that faith is lived out by people in this life and we have different outcomes. We have different story lines. We are not promised a plush life, big bank accounts, or friendly people in our lives. In fact, the NT promises something very different if we are living our life for Jesus Christ. Suffering is part of a growing process, Romans 5:3 and we should consider trials a joy, James 1:2-4. Even Jesus suffered and grew from it, Heb. 2:10. Suffering helps our faith to grow, and it makes our identity in Christ more real, 1 Pet. 2:20-21.

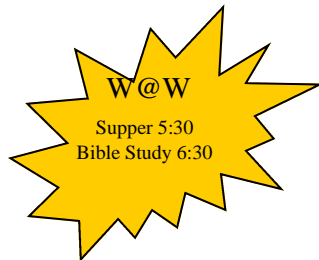
An unchallenged faith is no faith at all. We may not receive a great deal in this life for our suffering in the sense of earthly comforts, but God has promised us unimaginable rewards in the future. Blessings are not always physical, they are spiritual and sometimes the only reward we may get. Jesus did challenge us to store treasures up for eternity, Mt. 6:19-20, Lk. 12:33-34, and Paul challenged the rich to do the same thing in 1Tim. 6:18-19.

So let your faith grow through challenges in life. Consider it pure joy to share in Jesus' suffering and let your treasures grow for a future, unimaginable reward. May God bless you a thousand times over, and may your life flourish as you are faithful to Jesus Christ and your soul flourishes.

# 50th Anniversary!

We are celebrating the 50th anniversary of Westside Christian Church on September 17th (the date was misprinted in last week's bulletin). We will have special music with the Texans in the morning. In the evening, come back for a celebration! There will be a meal at 5:00 and a concert by the Texans at 6:00. There will be activities for kids and families, and lots of visiting with your Westside family. We'll have pictures and memories from the past 50 years as we look into what's to come in the next 50 years.

If you would like to help with the planning of this special event, please let Doug know.



Wednesdays at Westside resume on September 6th with supper at 5:30 and Bible study for youth and adults at 6:30. Come enjoy your mid-week break with the Westside family!

## Prayer Concerns

### Health Issues

- JLoretta Ball
- JRocky Read
- JNell Ball
- JDennis King
- JJane Rea
- JTonya Atherton
- JIsaiah Wade
- JUrcer Mac
- JMatthew and Darren
- JDale Owen
- JKip Fentress
- JRandy Holding
- JBarney Ellis
- JMelissa Forbes-cancer
- JMaggie Jackson- cancer

### Missions:

- JScott Springer
  - JHidden Haven
  - JFarrans
  - JCookson Hills
  - JMelinda Velasquez
  - JKiamichi Mountain Mission
  - J
- Other concerns:**
- JPresident Trump
  - JNational Leaders
  - JState Leaders
  - JTroops around the world
  - JThe lost in Parsons



TOGETHER WITH THEIR FAMILIES

CARLY NEWBERRY



JASON O'BRIEN

REQUEST THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY  
AT THEIR WEDDING CELEBRATION

*on saturday august 5, 2017*

AT TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC CHURCH  
208 WASHINGTON ST. SAINT PAUL, KS 66711

*dinner and dancing to follow at the Parish hall*

from your

**YOUTH  
MINISTER**

As many of you know, Liz and I had a baby last month. Virginia Faith Ferguson is doing well and is a happy, healthy baby. As much as I have been enjoying being a step father to Jocelyn, being a biological father and raising a baby is a new kind of experience. I look at this baby and think "Wow....I helped make that". It has given me a new insight on several things: how my parents felt raising me (Mom and Dad, I'm sorry for every dirty diaper), how parents involved in youth group must feel about sending their kids to be with somebody else, and how God must feel when he looks at us. We are all God's children, created by his own hands. Imagine the love he must feel for us! What's even more impressive is that he sent his son to die! If I had to sacrifice my child to save everyone else....you guys might be in trouble. But God did do that for us and he deserves every praise because of it. I can't imagine what it's like to give up one of your children!

Next month we will be having an ice cream social for the youth. It will be held at the church August 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. There will be games and a devotion. Tell your friends!

*Chris*

# Called to Serve-August

<b>August</b>	6	13	20	27
<b>Communion Preparation</b>	Reas	Reas	Reas	Reas
<b>Greeters: Front Doors Inside Lobby</b>	Fergusons	Mary Ruth Allen Nola Fisher	Clarinda O'Brien Karen Osgood	Robinsons
<b>Nursery</b>	Clarinda O'Brien	Randee Baty	Treva Ferguson	Shirley Lunday
<b>Communion</b>	Ralph Heady	Jeff Ferguson	Chris Ferguson	Doug Baty
<b>Ushers</b>	Bruce Rea Howard Weidert	Ralph Heady Steve Passwater	Jeff Ferguson Bruce Rea	Thad Osgood Kenneth Lunday
<b>Serving the Lord's Supper</b>	Jason Adams Alan Meier Jeff O'Brien Joe Hills	Chris Ferguson Seth Weidert Joel Ferguson Bill Longfellow	Howard Weidert Josh Passwater Ralph Heady Thad Osgood	Steve Passwater Jeff Ferguson Bruce Rea David Baty
<b>Benediction</b>	Mike May	Tim Ren	Gene Robinson	Ralph Heady
<b>Shut-Ins</b>	Jeff Ferguson	Lundays	Headys	Thad Osgood
<b>Nursing Home</b>				Good Samaritan 2:00 Woodridge 2:45

