



The Messenger



Westside Christian Church

November 30, 2016

Parsons, KS

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Future Events

- Dec 7-Last W@W until January**
- Dec 11-Elder's Meeting 1:30**
- Dec 11-Christmas Program-6:00 pm**
- Dec-14-Christmas Caroling-6:00 pm**
- Dec 24-Candlelight Christmas Eve Service-6:00 pm**
- Dec 25-Christmas Sunday morning service 10:30**
- Dec 31-Boxes for Emergency Workers 1:30 pm**

- Jan 8-Elder's Meeting 1:30**
- Jan 11-W@W resumes**
- Jan 16-Office closed**

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Holiday Events

☆ *Christmas Dinner Theater*
Sunday, December 11-6:00 pm

☆ *Christmas Caroling*
Wednesday, December 14-6:00 pm
Cookies and Hot Chocolate afterwards

☆ *Candlelight Christmas Eve Service*
Saturday, December 24-6:00 pm

☆ *Christmas Morning Service*
Sunday, December 25
10:30-No Sunday School

☆ *Boxes for Emergency Workers*
Saturday, December 31-1:30 pm

Doug's Desk

Throughout the OT there are glimpses of our Messiah. Quick pictures are seen from Genesis through Malachi about the redeemer of Israel. The Messiah isn't fully understood, but fully expected. God had brought the Israelites out of the slavery of Egypt, he had brought them out of exile. God had saved the Israelites many times with a single judge. He had given them sanctuary and promise. Seventeen times God is identified specifically as "the Redeemer" in the OT. Seven times in the book of Ruth, the kinsman-redeemer is mentioned. It through the kinsmen-redeemer that we see an illustration of God's messiah and redemption to the whole world.

The setting is Bethlehem. Naomi comes back to her home town with Ruth. Ruth would not stay in Moab, she wanted to make Naomi's people her people and Naomi's God her God. Naomi changes her name to Mara, which means bitter and is reminiscent to Jesus' mother Mary (from the same word). Mary goes to the temple for purification and Simeon says to her "a spear will pierce your own soul too", Lk 2:35. Mara had lost two sons and a husband and now she had a burden of Ruth. Mara had no, but Ruth was about to change all that.

Ruth goes to the field as Naomi instructs and picks up the scraps of the harvest gleanings. Boaz, the kinsman-redeemer, takes a liking to Ruth and gives her undeserved gifts and receives her unto his own. Boaz redeems Ruth, keeping her from a closer kinsman, and is able to make her his wife. In the end, Ruth bears Boaz a son and they call him Obed, which means servant. Jesus was God's servant for his work of redemption and we are God's servants as ministers of reconciliation, 2 Cor. 5:18-20.

The kinsman-redeemer, Boaz, is the son of a prostitute named Rahab. This is the same woman from Joshua 6, who hid the spies and was saved in Jericho's fall. Rahab's absorption into Israelite society illustrates how God redeems even prostitutes into his own family. Ruth was a Moabite, one who the law said could not be a part of the Israelite assembly for 10 generations, Deut. 23:3. Through God's redemption process, all sinners are welcome to be a part of God's family through their faith in Jesus.

Ruth and Rahab are both mentioned in Jesus' genealogy in Mt. 1 and Joseph was instructed to name him "Jesus" for he will save the people from their sins, Mt. 1:21

This Christmas season remember Jesus as the redeemer. Let us celebrate his birth as a reminder of the true reason for the season, redemption. Let us celebrate together Jesus' birth, recognizing the joy and peace he brings us as our kinsmen-redeemer.

May God bless you richly this Christmas season.

Doug Baty, your minister and equal partner in the work of God

Elder's Meeting
December 11
1:30 pm



Appreciation for our Emergency Workers

On December 31, we take boxes of treats to the emergency workers who help keep us safe on New Year's Eve. We take them to the police station, both fire stations, the emergency room and the ambulance. Donations of crackers, cookies, beverages, candy, chips, or any other party food are appreciated. We've done this for about nine years and the workers let us know how much they look forward to it and appreciate us keeping them in our prayers.

There will be no Clothing Exchange in January.



Wednesdays at
Westside will be on
Christmas break from
Dec. 14th until Jan. 11.

Prayer Concerns

Those with cancer:

- Carol Conway
- Duane Ewert
- Loretta Ball
- Rocky Read
- Janey-Joe Hills' sister,
- Jessica Pearson's grandmother
- Nell Ball-3rd time
- Dennis King
- Janelle Houk
- Jane Rea
- Tonya Atherton

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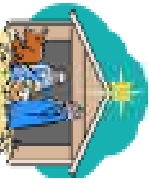

- Scott Springer
- Hidden Haven
- Farrans

- Cookson Hills
- Melinda Velasquez

Other concerns:

- President Obama
- President-Elect Trump
- National leaders
- Local leaders
- The lost in Parsons
- Urcer Mac
- Gene Robinson
- Sandi Osgood
- Search for a new youth minister
- Baby Rushton
- Barney Ellis
- Bruce Thompson
- Family of Barry Johnson

December 2016

4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
							
11 Elder's Meeting	12	13	14	15	16	17	
 Christmas Program Shirley Lunday			Christmas Caroling 6:00 pm 		Jennie Hoppes		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
						Carol Moyer 	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
		Gene Robinson				Appreciation to Emergent- of Workers 	

Called to Serve

December	4	11	18	25
Communion Preparation	Mary Ruth Allen/Judy Wells	Mary Ruth Allen/Judy Wells	Mary Ruth Allen/Judy Wells	Mary Ruth Allen/Judy Wells
Greeters: Front Doors Inside Lobby	Gene Robinson Annette Robinson	Judy Wells Fergusons	Mary Ruth Allen Nola Fisher	Barb Meier Alan Meier
Nursery	Shirley Lunday	Randee Baty	Karen Osgood	No nursery so everyone can be together
Communion	Joe Moyer	Thad Osgood	Howard Weidert	Doug Baty
Ushers	Ralph Heady Howard Weidert	Jeff Ferguson Steve Passwater	Thad Osgood Kenneth Lunday	Bruce Rea Joe Moyer
Serving the Lord's Supper	Jeff Ferguson Bruce Rea Thad Osgood Jason Adams	Alan Meier Jeff O'Brien Patrick O'Brien Howard Weidert	Tim Ren Chris Ferguson Joe Hillis Seth Weidert	Joel Ferguson Bill Longfellow Josh Passwater Ralph Heady
Benediction	Steve Passwater	Thad Osgood	Joe Moyer	Jeff Ferguson
Shut-Ins	Joe Moyerr	Lundays	Doug Baty	Thad Osgood
Nursing Home				Elmhaven West 2:00