



The Messenger



Westside Christian Church

December 31 2016

Parsons, KS

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Future Events

Dec 31-Boxes for Emergency Workers 1:30 pm

Jan 1-New Year's Day Worship Service-no Sunday School

Jan 8-Elder's Meeting 1:30

Jan 16-Office closed for MLK Day

Jan 18-W@W resumes

Jan 22-Prayer Meeting 4:00

Feb 3/4-Clothing Exchange

Feb 12-Elder's Meeting

Feb 20-Office closed for President's Day

Feb 20-22-Preaching-Teaching Convention

Feb 22-No W@W

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Doug's Desk

Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year. The anticipation, the excitement, the joy, the festivities, then, like a dark hole, it is all sucked up and gone. Wishing for it back, basking in its goodness is just not good enough. A new year dawns and it has its own festivities.

The New Year isn't quite as exciting as Christmas, but the New Year is energized by the afterglow of Christmas. If Christmas is a reflection upon Jesus' birth, then the New Year can be likened to his life. Or it could be that Christmas is our new birth and the New Year is the life that follows.

Often we make New Year's resolutions that don't quite pan out. We often start out the year with great anticipation. And this year I am for sure anticipating a great start. I am planning a trip to Israel. For the first time in my life I am doing two things. One, I am going to Israel. A much awaited dream. I get to walk on the same grounds that Abraham, Joshua, Gideon, Samson, Samuel and the judges, David, Solomon and all the kings and the prophets walked and lived. I get to walk and live there for a week. Maybe, someday, God willing, I will get the privilege to go back.

The second thing I will do for the first time in my life is travel, around the world, by myself. This is not as exciting as the first one, in fact, traveling alone, has never been a dream I have had, but I am going to do it and I ask for your prayers as I do.

My plan is to be in Israel on January 4th and walking from Nazareth to Capernaum, around the Sea of Galilee and down the Jordan River to Jericho and to Jerusalem. Don't think too highly of this adventure, however, we are only walking 6-10 miles a day and getting bussed to our next hotel. So we do get to sleep on a comfy bed, I'll be the judge of that, and have a warm shower, or at least an opportunity for some sort of water flowing over my head each night.

I'll be living a dream. I am hoping that I don't get my head stuck in the clouds and make any bonehead mistakes.

But even a great trip like this passes and the routine of dailiness steps in and we often just get bored. Yet I ask these questions: what is boring about serving a living God? What is boring about walking our path to heaven's gates by serving and loving Jesus? What is boring about praying for the lost souls? What is routine about letting God's word live in us, changing us to be more like Jesus? How can any of this be routine? Well, they are not routine. When we lose perspective and forget our purpose as ministers of reconciliation (2Cor. 5:20), sharing God's goodness and his grace, that is when we get bored or start going astray. Our lives deteriorate when we get off of God's path for our lives, when we step out of his will.

You might not be going on a trip or seeing the land where Jesus lived, but you do have an opportunity to let Jesus live in your land and life. For this year, let Jesus' love be expressed towards others in all you do. Be reconciled to those you need to be reconciled with and press on for the high calling that God has called you to in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:14) Have a great New Year and may God bless you as you pursue Him.



We have prayer meeting the fourth Sunday of the month at 4:00. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. The next meeting will be January 22nd.

There is no Clothing Exchange in January or July. The dates for this year are:



February 3-4	March 3-4
March 31-April 1	May 5-6
June 2-3	August 4-5
September 1-2	October 6-7
November 3-4	December 1-2

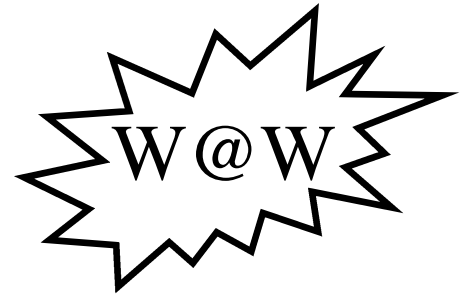
Please consider volunteering to help at least one month out of the year.

New Year's Eve

2:00 pm



Come join us to pack and deliver the Appreciation Boxes we provide for the emergency workers in Parsons. Donations are still needed to fill the boxes also. Remember to prayer for these hard workers in dangerous jobs.



) Resumes Wednesday, Jan 18th

) Supper at 5:30 pm

) Bible study at 6:30

Doug will show pictures from his trip to Israel on January 18th



**Preaching-Teaching Convention
February 20-22, 2017**

Kyle Idleman, Jon Weece, Gene Appel

Prayer Concerns

Those with cancer:

)Carol Conway
)Duane Ewert
)Loretta Ball
)Rocky Read
)Jessica Pearson's grandmother
)Nell Ball
)Dennis King
)Janelle Houk
)Jane Rea
)Tonya Atherton




Missions:

)Scott Springer
)Hidden Haven
)Farrans
)Cookson Hills
)Melinda Velasquez

Other concerns:

)President Obama
)President-Elect Trump
)State and national leaders
)Local government leaders
)The lost in Parsons
)Peace on earth
)Urcer Mac
)Gene Robinson
)Sandi Osgood
)Search for a new youth minister
)Baby Rushton
)Barney Ellis
)Bruce Thompson
)Becky Lopp-Annette Robinsons' sister-in-law
)Jason Adams-health issues

January 2017

1		2	3	4	5	6	7
8		9	10 Georgia Baly	11	12 Treva Ferguson Lucas O'Brien	13	14
15	 Josh Passwater Liz Ferguson	16	17 Anna Passwater	18 W@W Supper 5:30 Bible Study 6:30	19	20	21 Rhya Pearson
22		23	24	25 W@W Supper 5:30 Bible Study 6:30 Addy Pearson	26	27	28
29		30 JoDee Rea	31				

January 2017	1	8	15	22	29
Communion Preparation	Fergusons	Fergusons	Fergusons	Fergusons	Fergusons
Greeters: Front Doors Inside Lobby	Clarinda O'Brien Karen Osgood	Robinsons	Fergusons	Judy Wells Nola Fisher	Meiers
Nursery	No nursery so everyone can be together	Clarinda O'Brien	Shirley Lunday	Randee Baty	Karen Osgood
Communion	Ralph Heady	Jeff Ferguson	Joe Moyer	Thad Osgood	Doug Baty
Ushers	Steve Passwater Jeff Ferguson	Ralph Heady Thad Osgood	Kenneth Lunday Bruce Rea	Joe Moyer Ralph Heady	Jeff Ferguson Steve Passwater
Serving the Lord's Supper	David Baty Bruce Rea Thad Osgood Jason Adams	Steve Passwater Alan Meier Jeff O'Brien Patrick O'Brien	Jeff Ferguson Joe Hills Tim Ren Chris Ferguson	Seth Weidert Joel Ferguson Bill Longfellow Josh Passwater	Ralph Heady David Baty Bruce Rea Thad Osgood
Benediction	Doug Baty	Mike May	Tim Ren	Gene Robinson	Ralph Heady
Shut-Ins	Jeff Ferguson	Lundays	Headys	Joe Moyer	Doug Baty
Nursing Home					Presbyterian Manor 2:30