



The Messenger



Westside Christian Church

July 29th, 2018

Parsons, KS

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Future Events

- Aug 5th- Youth Lunch
- Aug 7th- Primary Elections
- Aug 22nd- Game Night
- Aug 26th- Summit Seekers Final Party
- Sept 2nd- Youth Lunch
- Sept 5th- W@W Kick off
- Sept 16th- Anniversary Potluck

Elections

As we approach election season let us keep our nation in our prayers. That God would guide our leaders and protect His People.

Leadership at Westside

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The Preschool Project is Back!



Once again we will be helping out the preschoolers at Lincoln School. This is a great way to show Christ's love to the young families in Parsons. We are collecting the following supplies for 75 backpacks:

- Full size boxes of Kleenex
- Elmers glue sticks
- 24 count Crayola crayons
- Anti-bacterial wipes
- Snack size zip-top bags
- Gallon size zip-top bags

Due By
August 12th



Kids Game Night!

August 22nd
5pm-7pm



3rd grade—Middle School
Pizza, board games,
and more!

Summit Seekers Finale



August 26th 6pm

All lower elementary students and their parents and siblings are invited.



Bonfire and Cookout
There will be games and Memory Verse Competitions where the Summit Seekers Kids can earn prizes.



Doug's Desk

Many people say "money runs the world." For economics, money is the big factor. Money is an important part of our lives and it is one reason Jesus spoke so much about it. Jesus told many parables about money, the parable of the sower Mt. 8, the unmerciful servant Mt. 18, the parable of the tenants Mt. 21, lost coin Lk. 15, shrewd manager, Lk. 17, workers in the vineyard Mt. 20, the prodigal son Lk. 15 and the good Samaritan Lk. 10. All of these parables have money as a central issue. Money brings out the real in people. Money shows us how much faith we have in God or self. Money illustrates for us what we trust in and what we are driven by. While money can be used for good, it can also be used for bad. Money divides families and it can bring families together. While money itself is neither good nor bad we use it in ways that show what we are about.

Early Christians saw how they could use money in a good way, they shared with whomever was in need, Acts 4:34-35. Jesus pointed out that the value of money wasn't the amount but the proportions of value, that God is concerned with, Luke 21:1-4. Jesus also taught that we are to pay our authorities their share, Mt. 17:27 & 22:21. Even Jesus had to have money to maintain his group of 12 and more preaching around the countryside, Luke 8:3. And money is necessary for church today.

Money is tight here at Westside. We have had 2 AC units go down this summer. One unit cooled the sanctuary and cost over \$8,000 to replace. The other unit that cools the nursery and the east classrooms and will be nearly \$6k. We didn't have \$14k in reserves to pay for this.

God works through people and he provides for all our needs. I am praying that God may move you to give a little extra or a large amount to give us some breathing room financially.

While money often motivates people to work, I pray that God may motivate you to give. God has given us everything we have and will provide for us more than we can ask or imagine. May God bless you in your decision.

There is another side to this situation that should be pointed out. We live in a land of great abundance and we worship in luxury. There are people in the world that are glad to sit under a shaded tree for two hours to hear God's word expounded upon. There are others who would love to have God's word spoken to them in openness and worship with shouts of joy but have to hide and keep

from your
**YOUTH
MINISTER**

We have a lot going on this month! On the 5th we are having high school lunch at my house. Students will be coming over for food, fun, and fellowship. On the 22nd, we are having a game night for students from 3rd grade to middle school. Students will be together for an evening of fun and games. We will also be announcing our W@W curriculum that night! And finally on the 26th, we will be having a finale for Summit Seekers, our children's church program. Students can recite memory verses to earn prizes! This event is for the students and their families who are normally in children's church on Sundays. Students have been learning about the book of Joshua.

Well now that we've talked about scheduling, lets talk about volunteers: I don't have any. I need people to work with me to make this ministry a success. Liz and I can't do everything all by ourselves forever. Please, if you're interested in helping with children's church, Wednesday nights, or even just the occasional event, let me know. Talk to me on Sunday or give me a call. My number is on the front page. I hope to hear from you! God bless.

Chris

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quiet to avoid persecution. We are very blessed indeed.

May you follow the leading of God's spirit as you give this month and may we all continue to seek Him out through our faith in Jesus. Let us be led by the Spirit of God and follow his word as we continue to carry out the work of spreading the good news to the people in this community and beyond.

Your brother in Christ and minister,

Doug Baty

Called to Serve-August

August	5	12	19	26	
Communion Preparation	Rea Family	Rea Family	Rea Family	Rea Family	
Greeters	Karen Osgood	Fergusons	Nola Fisher	Clarinda O'Brien	
Nursery	Shirley Lunday	Clarinda O'Brien	Ranee Baty	Karen Osgood	
Communion	Howard Weidert	Jeff Ferguson	Tim Ren	Chris Ferguson	
Ushers	Jeff Ferguson Joel Ferguson	Thad Osgood Howard Weidert	Steve Passwater Kenneth Lunday	Howard Weidert Jeff Ferguson	
Serving the Lord's Supper	Steve Passwater Thad Osgood Josh Passwater David Baty	Jeff Ferguson Bill Longfellow Alan Meier Jeff O'Brien	Joel Ferguson Chris Ferguson Howard Weidert Seth Weidert	Alan Meier Bill Longfellow Josh Passwater Thad Osgood	
Benediction	Steve Passwater	Thad Osgood	Doug Baty	Jeff Ferguson	
Shut-Ins	Thad Osgood	Lundays	Doug Baty	Jeff Ferguson	
Nursing Home				Good Samaritan 2:00 Woodridge 2:45	

August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Kenneth Lunday 	3	4 Maya Velasquez 
5 Youth Lunch 	6 Rachel Velasquez 	7 Primary Elections 	8	9 Dow Wort 	10	11
12 Board Meeting 	13	14	15	16 Andrew Passwater 	17 Jessica Pearson 	18
19	20	21	22 	23	24	25 Marie Norton 
26 Summit Seekers Finale David Baty Clarinda O'Brien 	27	28 Mary Thomas 	29 Thad Osgood 	30	31	