



The Messenger



Westside Christian Church

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Parsons, KS

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Future Events

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

Feb 26-Monthly Prayer Meeting 4:00

Mar 3/4-Clothing Exchange

Mar 12-Elder's Meeting

Mar 22-No W@W for Spring Break

Mar 26-Monthly Prayer Meeting

March 31-Clothing Exchange

April 1-Clothing Exchange

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Doug's Desk

A new year has sprung. Let's make it better by focusing on Jesus.

Jesus is better than the prophets. In the past, God used the prophets to get the people ready for "the Prophet," which is Jesus. Now, God has used Jesus to present his message. This isn't a new thing though, for Jesus is the exact representation of God, he created the universe, he sustains life in all things and he has purified us from sins. Jesus is even superior to the angels.

The angels helped to bring us the law and they had some pretty cool messages along the way, but to what angel did God say, "You are my son?" To what angel did God say "worship him?" Or to what angel did God say "sit on the throne?" NONE! The angels were created by him to minister to him and to serve those who will inherit salvation. What a deal!

So if angels brought these great messages to people, like Mary, Samson's parents, Abraham, and the law, how much more impressive is the message that Jesus brings us? If God is making the message of angels binding, wont Jesus' message be as binding if not more so? Yes indeed!

Jesus has a powerful message and it is freeing. It is full of promise and hope. Jesus forgives and forgets, wipes away guilt, and gives life. Jesus is loving and gentle, is better than Moses, and brings a lasting peace to our lives. Jesus was fully human and experienced troubles just like you and me so he can be a better high priest than any other. In fact, he can be an eternal high priest that wipes away guilt, pain and sin. This comes by faith and learning his teaching.

We all have issues, back stories and baggage, and we have emotions that reveal what we believe. We have to train our mind to accept what God says and learn to think biblically. To do this, three things need to happen.

First, submit unto God. Not just in words, but submit your heart and confess your sins. Lay them out before God, recognizing your part in them and asking him to forgive, and He does! (1 John 1:9, also see Psalm 7:3-5; 51:1-4)

Secondly, let God's word richly dwell in you. Learn it, study it, memorize God's word and let it surface in every part of your life. Colossians 3:15-16 references this very thing.

Thirdly, since you don't have a "reset" button, renew your mind daily by filtering out the bad and letting in the good. We can only do this by training, constant use and discipline. Don't let the world's philosophy slop into your life. Get rid of it and let God's word rule and shine.

We all have things in the past that can haunt us, but by trusting in Jesus and in his word we can thrive and move forward. When we have godly sorrow, we will change our ways and there will be no regret (2 Cor. 7:7-11). Since we have started a new year with Jesus as our focus, let us press on and forget our past and strain toward what is ahead, for the goal which God has called us heavenward in Christ Jesus! (Phil. 3:12-14)

Having a great new year and bringing you along with Jesus as our focus.

Your brother in Christ and Minister, Doug Baty

This year's
Clothing
Exchange dates
are:



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

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



Preaching-Teaching Convention February 20-22, 2017

Kyle Idleman, Jon Weece, Gene Appel

We will dismiss W@W that week so those who wish to can attend the P-T convention.

Communion for Shut-ins

Taking communion to our shut-ins is a ministry we do every Sunday afternoon so we need a number of volunteers to take turns. If you could help with this particular ministry, talk with Doug and he'll be happy to explain how you can help. This ministry requires about an hour on a Sunday afternoon once a month or less.



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 February 26.

Kiamichi Men's Clinic May 2-4, 2017

The Kiamichi Men's Clinic is held at Christ's 40 Acres in Honobia, Oklahoma with some of the best preachers, teachers and musicians in the country. It's \$25 if you pre-register for the clinic, \$35 at the gate. If you would like to know more about what goes on at the Clinic or about the food and accommodations, talk to Ralph or Doug. They can give you a full run-down on why guys don't want to miss this conference!

Prayer Concerns

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| Those with cancer: |)Melinda Velasquez |
|)Carol Conway | |
|)Duane Ewert | Other concerns: |
|)Loretta Ball |)President Trump |
|)Rocky Read |)New cabinet members |
|)Jessica Pearson's grandmother |)State and local political leaders |
|)Nell Ball |)The lost in Parsons |
|)Dennis King |)Urcer Mac |
|)Janelle Houk |)Gene Robinson |
|)Jane Rea |)Search for a new youth minister |
|)Tonya Atherton |)Baby Rushton |
|)Isaiah Wade |)Barney Ellis |
| |)Jason Adams |
| Missions: |)Tim Ren's mother, Wilma |
|)Scott Springer | |
|)Hidden Haven | |
|)Farrans | |
|)Cookson Hills | |

Called to Serve

February	5	12	19	26
Communion Preparation	Clarinda O'Brien	Clarinda O'Brien	Clarinda O'Brien	Clarinda O'Brien
Greeters: Front Doors Inside Lobby	Mary Ruth Allen Karen Osgood	Clarinda O'Brien Annette Robinson	Fergusons	Gene Robinson Nola Fisher
Nursery	Clarinda O'Brien	Randee Baty	Shirley Lunday	Karen Osgood
Communion	Ralph Heady	Jeff Ferguson	Joe Moyer	Thad Osgood
Ushers	Thad Osgood Kenneth Lunday	Bruce Rea Joe Moyer	Ralph Heady Howard Weidert	Jeff Ferguson Steve Passwater
Serving the Lord's Supper	Steve Passwater David Baty Jeff Ferguson Bruce Rea	Thad Osgood Jason Adams Alan Meier Jeff O'Brien	Patrick O'Brien Joe Hills Tim Ren Chris Ferguson	Seth Weidert Joel Ferguson Bill Longfellow Josh Passwater
Benediction	Tim Ren	Gene Robinson	Ralph Heady	Steve Passwater
Shut-Ins	Jeff Ferguson	Lundays	Headys	Moyer
Nursing Home				Good Samaritan 2:00 Woodridge 2:45

February 2017

				1 W@W Supper 5:30 Bible Study 6:30	2 W@W Supper 5:30 Bible Study 6:30	3 Clothing EXCHANGE	4 Clothing EXCHANGE
5	6	7	8 W@W Supper 5:30 Bible Study 6:30	9 W@W Supper 5:30 Bible Study 6:30	10 Jeff O'Brien Chandler Struthers	11 Treva Ferguson Emerald Struthers	
12 Elder's Meeting	13	14 Happy Valentine's Day Ronda Ren	15 W@W Supper 5:30 Bible Study 6:30	16 W@W Supper 5:30 Bible Study 6:30	17 Jeff O'Brien Chandler Struthers	18 Treva Ferguson Emerald Struthers	
19	20 AMERICAN AIR A JESUS PEOPLE	21 A JESUS PEOPLE	22 A JESUS PEOPLE	23 A JESUS PEOPLE	24 Jeff O'Brien Chandler Struthers	25 Treva Ferguson Emerald Struthers	
26 LORD hear our prayers Annette Robinson	27	28 Barb Meier					