



# The Messenger



## Westside Christian Church

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Parsons, KS

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### Future Events

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

October 31-Trunk or Treat

November 3-4 Clothing Exchange

November 12-Elder's Meeting

November 19-Thanksgiving Dinner

### Leadership at

#### Westside

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## 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.

### Doug's Desk

We have a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Westside Christian Church coming right up. Celebrating 50 years of giving honor and glory to God, teaching and sharing his word, making disciples of Jesus Christ, and serving His church and the people in this community.

Invite your friends, previous members, past ministers, preaching and youth for the Morning Worship and for Supper at 5 and for a great evening with the Texans at 6:00 PM. Let people know what is happening here on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

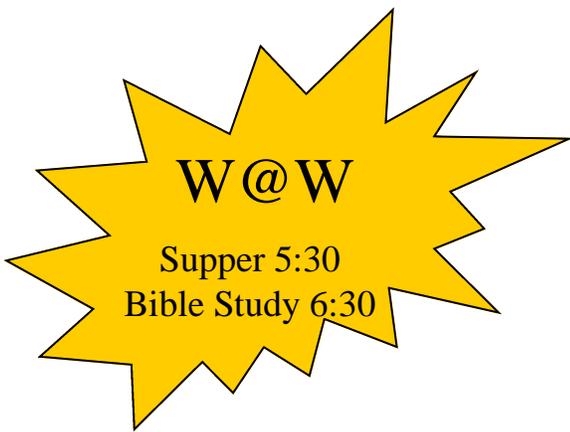
What is happening is this: we are going to give God the glory, honor His name, pray to the only God of heaven and earth, reflect on the past, learn and focus on the future, Jesus being the centerpiece of our concentration.

Celebrations can be fun and church celebrations should be focused on what Jesus has done for us and what He is still doing and what he has promised He will do. Birthday parties are fun, they celebrate the moment but they also look forward to a great future. I pray that the best Westside has to offer God and His family and the community in which we live is in the future. We have sent out several members of our church into the ministry, full time service. We have supported ministers who went to larger, stronger communities and have continued to serve and honor God.

We are an imperfect people who serves a perfect God. We are a sinful people who worship a holy God. We are a weak, narrow minded, limited people who serve an Almighty, Unlimited God who knows all.

May God be pleased with our service and worship. May we forgive one another our sins and trespasses that ours might be forgiven. May we show mercy that mercy may be shown and may we give graciously that God will continue to bless us with his gifts of grace. And finally, may we continue to seek him out so that we may find the God of glory, the God of wonders, the Ancient One who provides, protects and empowers.

May God be forever praised and may his church continue to honor God by being faithful in its duties and forever giving him thanks and eternal praise. AMEN!



Wednesdays at Westside resume on September 6th. We have supper at 5:30 for everyone (donations accepted). We follow that with Bible study at 6:30. Chris leads our youth in that study while Doug leads the adults. Come enjoy supper without having to cook or clean up and then have some quality Bible study time with the Westside family!

I don't have to. That's Jocelyn's new phrase. She sometimes says it when we ask her to do something. She's promptly spanked for it, because if we ask her to do something then that means she has to do it. I think God does the same thing with us. God tells us to do things and we often respond with "I don't have to." Now he may not be as prompt with repercussions as Liz and I are with Jocelyn, but he does become angry. The Old Testament is littered with examples of this. Even as early as Genesis 3:16-24 where God kicks Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden to as far as Malachi 4:6, where God threatens a curse upon the land if people do not receive his son.

As soon as we call Jocelyn out for defying us, she starts to cry (she also does this every time she thinks she's in trouble, even when she really isn't). She realizes that she did something wrong and expects to be disciplined for it, because that's what good parents do. God is the best father around, and as such, he disciplines his children. I always make sure to tell Jocelyn that I get after her because I want her to become a good person. It's the same thing when God disciplines us. Hebrews 12:10-11 says "Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it." We never enjoy being disciplined by God. But because we so often say "I don't have to" it is a necessary thing. But God always gives us a means to endure, and we can become better people for all the things we go through in life. However, it is important to remember that not every difficult is a result of some sin that we have committed. We do live in a fallen world, and sometimes bad things just happen. But we can still use these things to grow. James 1:2-4 says "Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking in anything."

So whatever hardships you may face, whether they be disciplinary or the result of a fallen world, persevere. I promise things get better.

*Chris*



## Fall Activities

### October 22-Harvest Party

5:30 pm

Here at Westside

### October 31-Trunk or Treat

5:30-7:00 pm

## Prayer Concerns

### Health Issues

- JLoretta Ball
- JNell Ball
- JDennis King
- JTonya Atherton
- JUrcer Mac
- JMatthew and Darren
- JDale Owen
- JKip Fentress
- JRandy Holding
- JBarney Ellis
- JMelissa Forbes
- JMaggie Jackson

### Missions:

- JScott Springer
- JHidden Haven
- JFarrans
- JCookson Hills
- JMelinda Velasquez
- JKiamichi Mountain Mission

### Other concerns:

- JPresident Trump
- JNational Leaders
- JState Leaders
- JTroops around the world

# Called to serve

<b>September</b>	3	10	17	24
<b>Communion Preparation</b>	Clarinda O'Brien	Clarinda O'Brien	Clarinda O'Brien	Clarinda O'Brien
<b>Greeters: Front Doors Inside Lobby</b>	Meiers	Fergusons	Mary Ruth Allen Nola Fisher	Gene Robinson Karen Osgood
<b>Nursery</b>	Karen Osgood	Randee Baty	Treva Ferguson	Randee Baty
<b>Communion</b>	Howard Weidert	Ralph Heady	Jeff Ferguson	Tim Ren
<b>Ushers</b>	Bruce Rea Ralph Heady	Howard Weidert Jeff Ferguson	Steve Passwater Thad Osgood	Kenneth Lunday Bruce Rea
<b>Serving the Lord's Supper</b>	Alan Meier Jeff O'Brien Joe Hills Chris Ferguson	Seth Weidert Joel Ferguson Bill Longfellow Josh Passwater	Howard Weidert Ralph Heady Bruce Rea Alan Meier	Steve Passwater Jeff Ferguson Thad Osgood Jeff O'Brien
<b>Benediction</b>	Steve Passwater	Thad Osgood	Jeff Ferguson	Doug Baty
<b>Shut-Ins</b>	Doug Baty	Lundays	Headys	Ferguson
<b>Nursing Home</b>				Elmhaven East 2:45

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3 <i>Taylor Rea</i>	4	5	6 W@W Supper 5:30 Bible Study 6:30	7 W@W Supper 5:30 Bible Study 6:30	8	9
10  <i>John Nenn</i>	11	12	13 W@W Supper 5:30 Bible Study 6:30	14	15	16 <i>Bill Longfellow</i>
17 	18 <i>Karen Osgood Alan Meier Ala</i>	19 <i>Jessia Barb</i>	20 W@W Supper 5:30 Bible Study 6:30 <i>Susan Adams</i>	21 <i>Josh Barnes</i>	22	23
24	25	26	27 W@W Supper 5:30 Bible Study 6:30	28 <i>Butch Hines</i>	29	30