



# The Messenger



## Westside Christian Church

August 31, 2017

Parsons, KS

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### Future Events

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 after morning worship

November 22-No W@W

November 23-24 Office closed for Thanksgiving

December 1-2 Clothing Exchange

December 10-Elder's Meeting

### Leadership at

#### Westside

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## Trunk or Treat 2017

Our annual Trunk or Treat will be Tuesday, October 31st from 5:30-7:00 pm. We'll have free hot dogs, free nachos, free face painting, and free cotton candy for the community. We want to give young families a safe place on Halloween.



As always, we will need plenty of candy and plenty of helpers to make our visitors feel welcome. If you can sit with your car in the parking lot, help serve in the kitchen or just be a friendly face to show people to the bathroom, we need you. We also need lots of prayer that we can touch and influence our visitors for Christ!



## Harvest Party October 22 5:30 pm Here at Westside

Our annual Harvest Party will be on Sunday, October 22nd at 5:30 here at the church. We'll provide the hotdogs to roast on the fire, buns, and drinks. Please bring side dishes, desserts, and lawn chairs.

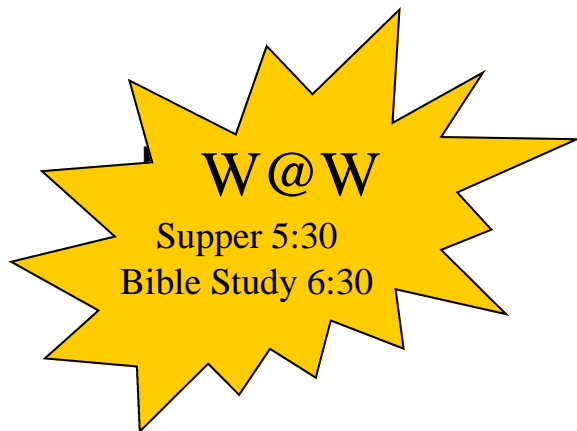
There will be pumpkin painting for the little ones, pumpkin carving for older folk, horseshoes and other outdoor games with plenty of fellowship and visiting. This has been a Westside tradition for many years so come join the fun.





The Clothing Exchange will be this Friday and Saturday, 9:00-noon. Come out on either of those days and help this ministry which does so much good in our community. If you've never helped with Clothing Exchange before, give it a try!

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Wednesdays at Westside are back in full swing. 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

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## Prayer Requests

### Health Issues

JLoretta Ball  
JNell Ball  
JDennis King  
JTonya Atherton  
JMatthew and Darren  
Burke  
JDale Owen  
JKip Fentress  
JRandy Holding  
JBarney Ellis  
JMelissa Forbes  
JMaggie Jackson  
JBilly Brown  
JBobbi Bihlmaier

### 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  
JThe lost in Parsons  
JVictims of hurricanes  
JSeveral unspoken requests

## Doug's Desk

If I were to tell you the courts were battling it out on marriage issues, there were hurricanes reeking havoc in Texas and Florida, racial riots and South Sudan was having villagers shot by some of their own, you might think this was a commentary on the year 2017. In 1967, the year Westside Christian Church was founded as Parsons Christian Church, these same events were happening. This gives a fresh light on "there is nothing new under the sun." 2,500 sermons later, with a lifting of 10,000 prayers, many Bible studies, Sunday School classes, VBSes, special events and many meetings, things still remain the same. But things are not the same.

Individuals, who have walked through these doors, have changed. People have heard the gospel message of hope, salvation, faith and love. Seeds have been planted and we are still growing, planting, praying, teaching, preaching, and fighting the good fight of faith. Church growth isn't the only measure of spiritual growth, and we may not be able to measure spiritual growth the way the world measures growth. Spiritual growth, and the real battleground, is in the mind. The way we think, is the way we will act, so we need to change the way we think. (Mk. 7:14-23)

When we focus on God's word and try to follow it on purpose, we can grow the way God wants us to grow and win the battle for the mind. Look at Romans 12:9-10, it says "love people," don't just pretend to love, but affectionately encourage them, honor them, by lifting them up. Take a moment and think of someone who has stole from you, lied about you, talked badly about you or has hurt you and disrupted your life. Stop, and think about what they have done, briefly. Now, ask God to forgive them and ask God for help in these two other things: a) to forgive them, and b) to not think about them with punitive or vengeful thoughts. As we grow spiritually, we will be able to forgive and love, as God forgives and loves us, Eph. 4:32. Remember, if you don't forgive, God will not forgive you, Mt. 6:14-15.

As we grow older as a church, I would hope that our spiritual lives will become more mature as well. We don't want to grow old physically and be spiritual infants. To grow spiritually we must put into practice the principles of God's Word. This will be attractive to others too. It will attract them to God's kingdom of love, forgiveness, grace and compassion.

The point is not to just exist, but to flourish as God's children, spread his good news around and see His kingdom grow. While this is happening we honor and glorify God through Jesus Christ our Savior and we can say, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ" as Paul says it in Romans 1:16.





As we continue to celebrate 50 years as a church here in Parsons, let us consider how to example Christ in our lives so that we can effect other people with our faith, hope and love. And remember, the greatest of these is love.

Your minister and brother in Christ, Doug Baty

# Called to serve

<b>October</b>	1	8	15	22	29
<b>Communion Preparation</b>	Reas	Reas	Reas	Reas	Reas
<b>Greeters: Front Doors Inside Lobby</b>	Judy Wells Annette Robinson	Meiers	Fergusons	Mary Ruth Allen Nola Fisher	Clarinda O'Brien Karen Osgood
<b>Nursery</b>	Shirley Lunday	Randee Baty	Karen Osgood	Clarinda O'Brien	Treva Ferguson
<b>Communion</b>	Chris Ferguson	Thad Osgood	Doug Baty	Howard Weidert	Ralph Heady
<b>Ushers</b>	Ralph Heady Howard Weidert	Jeff Ferguson Steve Passwater	Thad Osgood Kenneth Lunday	Howard Weidert	Howard Weidert Jeff Ferguson
<b>Serving the Lord's Sup- per</b>	Joe Hills Seth Weidert Joel Ferguson Bill Longfellow	Howard Weidert Josh Passwater Ralph Heady Bruce Rea	Steve Passwater Jeff Ferguson Jeff O'Brien Alan Meier	Thad Osgood Joe Hills Chris Ferguson Seth Weidert	Joel Ferguson Bill Longfellow Josh Passwater Steve Passwater
<b>Benediction</b>	Tim Ren	Gene Robinson	Ralph Heady	Steve Passwater	Thad Osgood
<b>Shut-Ins</b>	Headys	Lundays	Thad Osgood	Doug Baty	Jeff Ferguson
<b>Nursing Home</b>				Presbyterian Manor 2:30	

# October 2017

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8	 Elder's Meeting Rande Baty	9	10	11	12	13	14	 Clothing EXCHANGE
15	Judy Wells Ada Velasquez	16	17	18	19	20	21	Doug Baty Justin Struthers
22	 Harvest Party 5:30	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29		30	31	 Trunk or Treat 5:30 Steve Passwater				