



The Messenger



Westside Christian Church

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Parsons, KS

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Future Events

- May 1-3** Kiamichi Men's Clinic
- May 4 & 5** Clothing Exchange
- May 13**-Mother's Day Luncheon after church
- May 20**-Bill Montgomery here to talk about Haiti
- Board Meeting 1:30
- May 28**-Memorial Day-office Closed
- June 1-2** Clothing Exchange
- June 10**-Board Meeting
- June 17**-Father's Day
- July 4**-Closed for Independence day

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Mother's Day Luncheon

The men of our church will be cooking a wonderful lunch for the moms and women of our church family on Sunday, May 13th. Everyone is invited to stay and join in the fellowship!

Doug's Desk

There is no mention of Mother's Day in the Bible, but there is a good list of wonderful moms we can learn from found in Scripture. Who would one list at the top of mothers but Mary the mother of Jesus? The mothers of Noah, Abraham, Isaiah, Jeremiah and Daniel and not even mentioned by name. Jochebed saved Moses from being killed as a newborn and then was the nurse maid for him as Moses was brought up in the palace of Pharaoh. Hannah prayed for a son and God answered her prayer and she sent him into the ministry. This man's name was Samuel. Ruth the Moabite who became the great grandmother of king David. There are many other mothers who would reflect the wise woman of Proverbs 31.

But if there are any qualities about mothers that would stand out in scripture, there are two: loving God and loving others. This pair of admonitions to love sound familiar, I am sure. The best moms will be the best at doing what Jesus challenges all people to be, loving. When asked what the most important laws were, Jesus responded with these two love laws. Here is how they would apply to mothers.

We can't love God by ignoring him or by ignoring his people. We have to spend time and get to know God and our neighbor. Each of us, including moms, get to know God through worship, prayer and Bible study. There is no short cut and we can't honestly say we love someone if we don't know them very well.

Loving people is another important characteristic. We know moms love their kids, however, in American culture, loving one's husband is often put in second or third position after loving children. If moms don't love the husbands first, after their relationship with God, then they are not following Jesus' teachings about love.

While the husband is to be loving toward the wife, honor and cherish her, (see Eph. 5:25ff) the wife is to be faithful and supportive of her man. I think this is what God meant when he said he created for Adam a help mate. We know support works both ways. That is why Paul wrote submit one to another out of reverence for Christ, Eph. 5:21. We also know that a wife is not mom without children. Loving kids can be testy, challenging and very rewarding. Having a child run up to you and giving you a hug at 2, 12 or 22 is what we all live and hope for.

While Mother's Day is not a Biblical holy day, it is worth celebrating. Mothers are important to us all, we wouldn't be here without one. And how can we forget God's 5th command to honor our father and mother. (Ex. 20:12) Come and join us this mother's day to celebrate this special day and honor our moms here at Westside Christian Church. We will have a meal and a few special items in store for the moms who stay for the meal.

Let your children rise and call you blessed and your husband praise you. See Prov. 31:28. I think will happen when you, as a woman, fear (love) the Lord first and love your husband. Prov. 31:30

Your brother in Christ and minister, Doug Baty

HIDDEN HAVEN CHRISTIAN CAMP 2018

from your
**YOUTH
MINISTER**

High School 1	June 3-8	Grades 9-12
Middle School 1	June 10-15	Grades 6-8
5-6 Camp 1	June 17-21	Grades 5-6
3-4 Camp 1	June 24-26	Grades 3-4
3-4 Camp 2	June 26-28	Grades 3-4
1-2 Camp	June 29-30	Grades 1-2
Middle School 2	July 8-13	Grades 6-8
5-6 Camp 2	July 15-19	Grades 5-6
High School 2	July 22-27	Grades 9-12

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Help support our youth!

Choose one or more envelopes on the bulletin board in the lobby and put in the amount of money

equal to the number on the envelope then deposit the envelope in the wooden box.

The money raised will go to fund our youth going to CIY and youth activities through the summer. We hope to continue to have great activities to draw more of our youth people closer to Jesus through the year.

Today I want to tell you what we've been learning about on Wednesday nights this past semester. We've been reading *The Case For Christ*, by Lee Strobel. If you haven't read it or seen the movie that's based on it, I highly recommend it. The book goes through the testimony of the author. Lee Strobel was a reporter for the Chicago Tribune and an atheist. One day his wife became a Christian, and Strobel was very confused. He was convinced that intelligent people did not become Christians. He then saw that being a Christian was changing his wife for the better. With this in mind, he decided to look into Christ and the Bible for himself, using the same approach he used for writing a news article. He interviewed professors who were at the top of the fields he was researching. He had questions such as: Did Jesus really claim to be God, or did people just start calling him that? (see John 8:58 and 10:30) Was Jesus the prophesied messiah that the Jewish people had anticipated?(yes he was) How reliable are the Gospels as a source of information?(turns out they're pretty reliable) Is there evidence for Jesus existing besides the Bible?(there is lots of archaeological evidence, not to mention the writings of the historian Josephus) Did Jesus maybe Fake his death? (look into roman crucifixion methods and tell me if you think he could have survived)Did somebody just steal the body?(not possible) Lee Strobel looked into all of these questions and came to the conclusion that Jesus is undeniably real and that he did indeed resurrect from the dead. Strobel came to Christ after researching for nearly two years, and encourages others to do the same. This past semester, I have been going over his questions with the students on Wednesday nights. I feel good about them receiving it too.

Chris

Prayer
Requests

Health Issues:

JTonya Atherton
JMatthew and Darren Burke
JMaggie Jackson
JBilly Brown
JGene Robinson
JAmber Sexton
JJanice O'Brien

JBarb Meier-migraines
JBev Huffman

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

Called to Serve-May

	6	13	20	27
Communion Preparation	Paula Weidert	Paula Weidert	Paula Weidert	Paula Weidert
Greeters:	Nola Fisher Clarinda O'Brien	Robinsons	Judy Wells Mary Ruth Allen	Karen Osgood
Nursery	Shirley Lunday	Randee Baty	Karen Osgood	Clarinda O'Brien
Communion	Doug Baty	Howard Weidert	Ralph Heady	Jeff Ferguson
Ushers	Ralph Heady Howard Weidert	Jeff Ferguson Steve Passwater	Thad Osgood Kenneth Lunday	Ralph Heady Howard Weidert
Serving the Lord's Supper	Seth Weidert Joel Ferguson Bill Longfellow Josh Passwater	Ralph Heady Steve Passwater David Baty Thad Osgood	Howard Weidert Jeff Ferguson Alan Meier Jeff O'Brien	Joe Hills Chris Ferguson Seth Weidert Joel Ferguson
Benediction	Steve Passwater	Thad Osgood	Jeff Ferguson	Tim Ren
Shut-Ins	Thad Osgod	Doug Baty	Lundays	Headys
Nursing Home				Good Samaritan 2:00 Woodridge 2:45

May 2018

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		Kiamichi Men's Clinic Kathryn Pearson				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Mother's Day Luncheon		14	15	16	17	18
			Bruce Rea			Ken Akkerman
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Bill Montg. to talk about Haiti						Jayda Pearson
27	28	29	30	31		
Seth Weidert						