



The Messenger



Westside Christian Church

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Parsons, KS

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Future Events

Nov 4th– Highschool Lunch 12pm

Nov 11th– Thanksgiving Potluck 12pm

Dec 2nd– Highschool Lunch 12pm

Dec 12th– Christmas Party for Wednesday night Kids 5pm.
Caroling & Hot Chocolate 6pm

Dec 16th– Christmas Dinner 6pm

Dec 24th– Christmas Eve Service

The time has come the time is near
When little ones need warmth and cheer
So call Westside from Nine to Noon
To help a child whose need is soon
Free coats to keep out the winter cold
So that they may grow up big and bold



Coats for Kids

Office hours 9-12 Monday - Friday.
Coats are for children 12 months through Highschool. No adults. Please limit coats to 3 per family per visit. If you have more children feel free to bring them with you and get one for each child. If you wish to donate coats please insure that they are new or gently used. You can also make a financial donation which the church will use it to purchase new coats.



Our Annual Thanksgiving Potluck will be held right after church on November 11th. There will be a sheet in the lobby for you to write down what goodies you will be bringing! We are so looking foreword to fellowshiping together and being grateful for all the good things which God gives us!

W@W

Supper 5:30
Bible Study 6:30

Leadership at Westside Ministers

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Adopt A Kid Christmas Program

On Wednesday Dec 12 We will be having a Christmas Meal for the children who attend W@W. Each child has a different background and story, some of them pretty rough. To help make their Christmas a special one we would like adults from our congregation to chose a child to buy one gift valued around \$10. Please pray for the child you choose and write an encouraging note and a scripture. If you know them personally a short letter would be fantastic. The gifts would need to be brought in by Sunday December 9th so that they will be available the following Wednesday. Thank-you for all the love and support.



Harvest Party Highlights!



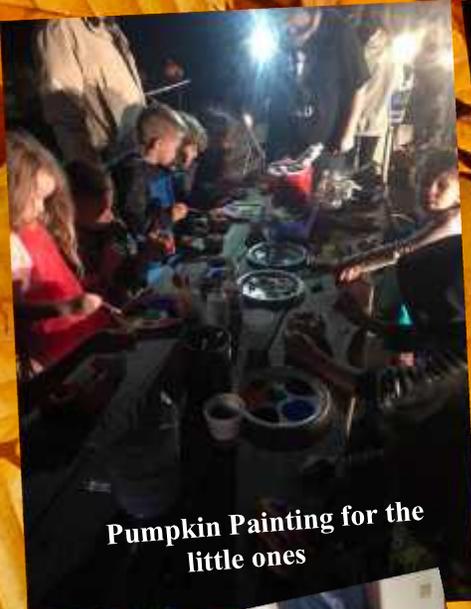
How many elders does it take to light a fire?



Fellowship around fire and food!



Watch out Ada!



Pumpkin Painting for the little ones



Great Job Emmy! Votes are still counting but you've got mine!



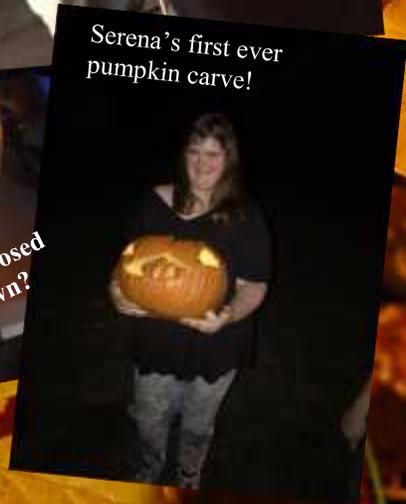
Jayda and Keaton are in the running for second!



RUN!!! It's the Mummy's!!!!



And this was supposed to be a scary clown?



Serena's first ever pumpkin carve!

Being Thankful



If someone gave you a million bucks what would you do? Would you give some of it back to the giver? Would you give some of it away? Would you give 10% to the church? I think it would be good to give 10% to the church and 10% back to the giver, or even more. Why? To say thank you. To show my gratitude and appreciation.

It is not like I could out give the guy who gave me the million, but I certainly could be gracious about it and give some to others. Maybe he wouldn't want any of it back, so I would find other avenues of giving, to show my gratitude and to share my joy. Giving to others would expand the gift and broaden the pleasure of giving and the excitement of receiving.

God has given us everything we have. He has given us our very life. God has provided for us our income, our transportation, health, family and so much more. What a generous God he is. And what a wonderful Savior, Protector, Defender, Lover, Father, Sustainer and Provider our Jesus is. Since he is so wonderful, how do we show our appreciation?

God has given us so much, we cannot possibly give back what we have received from him, but we can be very gracious, ever mindful of his kindness and mercies. We can show God thanks by giving of our first fruits. We can also show our thanks by giving our time, sharing our benefits with others, that is hospitality at its core. Maybe first of all we should show our thankfulness by way of worshipping the very one who gave us everything we have. Worship is a show of gratitude.

I can't imagine how disappointed Jesus may have been when he healed 10 lepers and only 1 came back to say thank you, Luke 17:16. But even more dramatic, I can't imagine dying on the cross for the sins of the world and then seeing half the world's population not caring or even giving notice. Yet, we are told that Jesus endured the cross for the joy set before him, Heb. 12:2. I think the joy was seeing the believers giving thanks and worshipping him. The joy that was set before Him is at least, in part, seeing his followers take to heart His message and share it with joy. Jesus' joy is seeing us die for Him and denying ourselves and taking up our cross and living for Him, worshipping Him, thanking Him and sharing his message with others.

May this month be full of activity showing gratitude to Jesus for what he has done for you. Give thanks in all circumstances, 1 Thess. 5:18. Be sure to give thanks to the one who gave you the million bucks and do it in various and sundry ways.

Your brother in Christ and Minister,
Doug Baty

We are starting a new series in the High School Sunday School class this week, and I wanted to give an overview of it to you. It's called Romans Road. The Romans Road is a series of verses in the book of Romans that outlines the tenets of our faith and the steps to salvation.

The first verse is Romans 1:16. it says "I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile."

The next step is in 3:23, saying "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." The talk about sin continues in the next step, verse 6:23. it says "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." So far we've covered that the Gospel is for everyone, everyone has sinned, and that the cost of sinning is death.

The road continues in verse 5:8. it says "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ Died for us." Great news! No matter how bad we were, God still loves us! So what do we do with that? The next verse tells us. 10:9 says "That if you confess with your mouth 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

Now before you start saying anything about 'faith only' let me tell you the next verse. Verses 6:3-4 say "Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were also baptized into his death? We were therefore buried through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

The final verse tells us what we are to do after being saved. Verses 12:1-2 says "Therefore I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good and perfect will"

So to conclude, the outline is: that the gospel is for everyone, everyone has sinned and therefore deserves death. God loves us anyway and sent his son to die for us. We need only to believe and be baptized to be saved. Once we are saved, we are to live the way he asks us to. - Chris -

Current and Upcoming Studies



Sunday School 9:30am

Little Learners

Leader: Clarinda O'Brien—Our Preschool-Early elementary class is currently going through the Jesus Story book bible. This is a fantastic book to read to children as it takes each story and shows how it ties back to Christ.

Youth Group

Leader: Chris Ferguson— The high schoolers are starting a series on Romans Road. Learning the steps of salvation and tenants of faith in the hope of deepening their understanding of the scriptures and what it means to be a Christian.

Millennial Falcons

Leader: Randee Baty—Our young adults class will be going through a Study of C.S. Lewis' "The Screwtape Letters". This book lends a unique perspective on how the devil tries to draw your attention away from God. Forewarned is forearmed, understanding what to watch for in our own minds allows us to fight all the better when temptation comes our way.

Emmaus Road

Leader: Tim Ren—Studying Abraham as part of an old testament survey looking at what the bible has to say about refugees.

Legacy

Leader: Doug Baty— Studying God, who is he? How does he work? How does he relate to us? We are trying to achieve a deeper understanding of God and our relationship with Him.

Galileans

Leader: Jeff Ferguson— Going through the book of Isaiah verse by verse. We are striving to understand the old testament prophecies and what they mean for us today.

Sunday Evening Study

5:00pm—Verse by verse in depth study of John and Jude.

Wednesday Night Studies

6:30pm

Adults

Leader: Doug Baty—The adult group on Wednesdays is going through "Experiencing God" by Henry Blackaby. Looking at how God works, our relationship with Him, how He speaks to us, and how He asks us to join with Him in his work in our world.

Aftershock

Leader: Chris Ferguson— 3rd Graders and up are studying the heroes of the bible. Looking at the examples of the faith that they had and learning to apply it to our lives.

Little Learners

Leader: Jeff Ferguson— 2nd graders-preschool are going through the bible heroes as well. Familiarizing their young minds with the inspiring classic stories of faith and miracles.

Called to Serve-November

November	4	11	18	25
Communion Preparation	Marie Norton	Marie Norton	Marie Norton	Marie Norton
Greeters	Gene Robinson	Annette Robinson	Judy Wells	Mary Ruth Allen
Nursery	Shirley Lunday	Randee Baty	Karen Osgood	Clarinda O'Brien
Communion	Tim Ren	Jeff Ferguson	Chris Ferguson	Thad Osgood
Ushers	Joel Ferguson Howard Weidert	Thad Osgood Steve Passwater	Jeff Ferguson Kenneth Lunday	Joel Ferguson Howard Weidert
Serving the Lord's Supper	Jeff Ferguson Thad Osgood Alan Meier Jeff O'Brien	Chris Ferguson Howard Weidert Seth Weidert Joel Ferguson	Bill Longfellow Josh Passwater Steve Passwater Thad Osgood	Jeff Ferguson David Baty Alan Meier Jeff O'Brien
Benediction	Gene Robinson	Ralph Heady	Thad Osgood	Steve Passwater
Shut-Ins	Doug Baty	Lundays	Jeff Ferguson	Thad Osgood
Nursing Home				Good Samaritan 2:00 Woodridge 2:45

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 Highschool Lunch 	5 Donna Steeby 	6	7	8	9	10 Chris Ferguson 
11 Potluck 	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	