



The Messenger



Westside Christian Church

February 24th, 2018

Parsons, KS

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Future Events

Feb 27—Kingdom Project 6:00 PM

March 3—
Scott Springer
Youth Lunch

March 10—Elders Meeting

March 13—No W@W

March 17— Spaghetti dinner and dessert auction



It's that time of year again! Our annual spaghetti dinner and desert auction fundraiser for CIY!!! I've got to say I've looked forward to this every year since Chris and I started coming. This year we are doing it a little latter than usual, the day is March 17th. We will have dinner, served by the youth, right after church and the desert auction to follow. This is a chance to show off your patisserie skills everyone! Let's bring our best deserts and our pocket books, since we all know how competitive this can get, and be prepared for a great time together. CIY this year is the last trip for some of our youth as they are graduating seniors; please pray for them, and all of our kids, that their lives will be impacted and hearts will be changed in a way that goes with them through college and the rest of their lives.

W@W

Dinner 5:30

Classes 6:30

Leadership at Westside

Ministers

Doug Baty 778-3919
Chris Ferguson 778-4110

Elders

Jeff Ferguson 778-8911
Ralph Heady 421-0447
Thad Osgood 421-0793

The Kingdom Project

Inter youth group event for 6th grade and up.

Feb 27th 6:00 PM in the municipal Building.

Wednesday class for the younger kids will still be at W@W and the older kids will attend the event. Dinner will be provided.

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On March 3rd Scott Springer will be visiting the church to talk about his work planting churches in Mexico.



DOUG'S DESK

Renewing our mind at the Cross of Jesus



We are to work at being renewed. I don't renew my clothes by sticking them in mud. I don't renew my mind by watching worldly and unholy TV shows. I don't renew my mind by doing the same thing I have been doing yet expecting different results. As with anything else, I renew my mind with effort and lots of it. I have to clean my mind like I clean clothes by taking my mind to clean and fresh water (God's word and holy activity). I get rid of bad habits (and this is hard), change friends, change my ways for the God I want to serve and honor. I will pray, I may fast (replacing eating a meal for praying or meditating on God's word). I may even give up Dr. Pepper to illustrate to God that I am serious about this renewing the mind thing. Paul says in Ephesians in regard to our old self we are to put it off and be new in the attitude of our minds by putting away falsehood, anger, and stealing and work at building up others, having self control and forgiving as God forgave us all in Christ, 4:20-32. This is our goal, but it is challenging.

I think Jesus had some of this in mind when he said if you want to be my disciple you have to deny yourself, take up your cross daily and follow me. Jesus didn't say it was going to be easy to follow him any more than Paul said it was easy to renew your mind. Denying oneself includes the hard work of getting rid of old, unusable things. It is not fun. I have given up Dr. Pepper now for 2 weeks. It has been a real eye opener and it has been a challenge to say no to myself each and every day, sometimes more than once a day to say "no" to a simple soft drink. I can't imagine how difficult it would be to give up other addictions or habits. Denying oneself is a struggle, but the end goal is worth it.

We are going to renew our minds by renewing our focus on the cross in the next two months leading up to Easter. Scott Springer is speaking on March 3rd and following that, the next 7 sermons will be focusing on the cross. Think of it, Jesus didn't die on the cross for just one thing. Jesus died on the cross to rescue us from eternal hell, so that we could be free, he died to unleash the Power of God through the gospel with His Spirit, to end legalism, and to secure our resurrection. Jesus died on the cross to reconcile us, to pay our ransom, to deliver us from the present age, to make us holy and blameless before God, to show his love, and absorb God's eternal wrath toward sin.

from your
**YOUTH
MINISTER**

First of all, I want to give a big thank you to everyone who gave to the Valentine's banquet. We had a great turnout and raised 275 dollars towards CIY. We still have a long way to go towards being fully funded, so I ask that you please continue to support our youth. This month we will be having our annual spaghetti dinner/dessert auction. It will be on March 17th, the same day as St. Patrick's day, so be sure to wear lots of green!

This year at CIY, students will be learning about the prophet Elijah. He's always been one of my favorite Bible characters, so I'm personally looking forward to it. There's a lot of great things to learn about from the stories of Elijah. We learn that God will always meet our needs when we see him fed by ravens. We learn to always be appreciative of those who help us when we see him provide the widow with food and resurrect her son. We learn to have faith against all odds when we see him challenge the prophets of baal. We learn that everyone struggles with fear and anxiety when we see him run to Mt. Horeb to escape Jezebel. This isn't even all of the stories of him! Students will be learning all of this and more at CIY this year. This is why we're doing fundraisers to make sure they can go. Thank-you for all of your support.

-Chris-

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We will have minds renewed about Jesus purpose on the cross and let God's Holy Spirit work on our hearts so that we may live in the newness he gives through his everlasting grace.

Let your mind be renewed by God's power released in his word.

Your minister and brother in Christ,
Doug Baty

Called to Serve-March

March	3	10	17	24	31
Communion Preparation	Thad & Karen	Thad & Karen	Thad & Karen	Thad & Karen	Thad & Karen
Greeters	Judy Wells	Karen Osgood	Mary Ruth Allen	Fergusons	Nola Fisher
Nursery	Shirley Lunday	Randee Baty	Karen Osgood	Clarinda O'Brien	Treva May
Communion	Jeff Ferguson	Thad Osgood	Doug Baty	Chris Ferguson	Tim Ren
Ushers	Steve Passwater Thad Osgood	Kenneth Lunday Joel Ferguson	Howard Weidert Jeff Ferguson	Steve Passwater Thad Osgood	Kenneth Lunday Joel Ferguson
Serving the Lord's Supper	Chris Ferguson Howard Weidert Seth Weidert Joel Ferguson	Bill Longfellow Josh Passwater Steve Passwater Jeff Ferguson	Thad Osgood Alan Meier Jeff O'Brien Chris Ferguson	Howard Weidert Seth Weidert Joel Ferguson Bill Longfellow	Josh Passwater Steve Passwater Jeff Ferguson Thad Osgood
Benediction	Thad Osgood	Jeff Ferguson	Tim Ren	Doug Baty	Gene Robinson
Shut-Ins	Doug Baty	Lunday's	Jeff Ferguson	Thad Osgood	Doug Baty
Nursing Home				Elmhaven East 2:30 PM	

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 <i>Scott Springer</i> <i>Visiting</i>	4 Norma Newell	5 Paula Weidert	6 Joel Ferguson	7 Nola Fisher	8	9
10 <i>Elders</i> <i>Meeting</i>	11 Howard Weidert	12 Paula Weidert	13 <i>No W@W</i> Kenzie Rea	14	15	16
17 <i>Spaghetti</i> <i>Luncheon</i> <i>Fundraiser</i>	18	19	20 Alyria Pearson	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 <i>Maggie Lunday</i> <i>Jackson</i> <i>Celebration of Life</i>
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