



The Messenger



Westside Christian Church

June 30, 2018

Parsons, KS

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Future Events

June 24-26 3rd-4th
Grade Camp 1 at
Hidden Haven

June 26-28 3rd-4th
Grade Camp 2 at
Hidden Haven

June 29-30 1st-2nd
Grade Camp 2 at
Hidden Haven

July 4-Closed for Inde-
pendence day

July 8-13 Middle School
Camp 2 at Hidden
Haven

July 8-13 Parsons Paint
Project

July 15-19 5th-6th
Grade Camp 2 at
Hidden Haven

July 22-Family Fun
Night

July 22-27 High School
Camp 2 at Hidden
Haven

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The Preschool Project is Back!



Once again we will be helping out the pre-schoolers at Lincoln School. This is a great way to show Christ's love to the young families in Parsons. We are collecting the following supplies for 75 backpacks:

- Full size boxes of Kleenex
- Elmers glue sticks
- 24 count Crayola crayons
- Anti-bacterial wipes
- Snack size zip-top bags
- Gallon size zip-top bags



HIDDEN HAVEN CHRISTIAN CAMP 2018

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

**REGISTER AT
WWW.HIDDENHAVEN.ORG**

Family Fun Night

July 22 7:00

All lower elementary students and their parents and siblings are invited.

Movie-Homeward Bound

Bring your sleeping bags or blankets and camp chairs

Snack and drinks will be provided

We will be having a lock-in after the movie for the lower elementary students.

Rides can be provided upon request

Doug's Desk

Travelling where Paul travelled.

I hadn't thought much about where Paul had been until I went to Greece. A country full of mountains and lots of people for such a small space. About 10 million people in a place half of Kansas on the mainland. Randee and I were able to go to Greece this past month spending 12 full days there. Greece is a country filled full of rich ancient cultures, Biblical history and olives. Yup, everything you have to eat has either an olive on it or beside it. Greeks love their olives. Olive trees are everywhere and they are high on their export list. They have 7 different kind of olives in Greece and we are mostly aware of only two, the green one and the black one. They have pink olives, shriveled black olives and a variety of green ones, each holding a specific purpose and flavor. Olive trees replace green grass in the front yard. Everywhere you look there are olive trees and not one lawnmower to be seen. I thinking of planning olive trees in our yard to save on mowing.

Greeks also love their history. Their ancient history is a topic of conversation around the world through Greek mythology, philosophy and language. We have a wealth of knowledge of history through the Greek language and their ancient sites discovered and preserved by archaeology. They teach us that live is not a whole different than it is today, minus the electric technology. They wanted to play, worship and work, have family time and enjoy life much like we do.

We were tourists visiting sites that many tourists go to. We went to Olympia, where the first Olympics were held. I ran a race there and took last. We even have a video of it if you are interested, a shameful video, but I had fun trying. We also visited several other places where sporting events were held. We went to Delphi, where the Pythian Games were held in honor of the god Apollo. We also went to Epidaurus, just south of Corinth, where games were held in honor of the medicine god Asclepius and finally we went to Corinth where the Isthmian games were held. It is often misunderstood that the Olympic games were the only national games played. You could go to six in a four year period if you were up to it. It is no wonder Paul referenced sports a lot. Boxing was a big deal and so was running and shooting arrows. Sports are often referenced in the New Testament encouraging the Christian to be the best they can be so as to win: fight the good fight 1Tim. 6:12, buffet your body 1Cor. 9:27, run the race 1 Cor. 9:24 and Heb. 12:1-3.

Paul lived in Corinth for a year and half and he travelled to places like Apollonia, Thessalonica

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So much happened at CIY! On the first day, the van broke down. A cop pulled us over and said the van was actually about to catch fire. He escorted us to the next rest stop. As we pulled into the rest stop, God provided for us. There was a roadside assistance worker right next to us, and there was a café at the stop. The worker looked at the van while we ate dinner. After a bit, he came in and told me that a sealant on an axle had broken, causing a flammable liquid to slowly ooze out. He said the van was basically shot. We sat at the rest stop for 6 hours waiting for Doug to bring a rental van to us. We stayed the night at a nearby hotel, and finished the drive the next day. Early in the week, we had some attitude problems. This was from all of us, Liz and I included. We were all tired and had short fuses. I talked to the group about this, and we all agreed to start over with positive attitudes. The week drastically improved after that! So many decisions were made! Every student made the decision to re-dedicate their lives to Christ, and one of them wants to go on a mission trip to Poland next summer! This is why we go to events like this: they work. Hearts are moved, lives are changed. I hope and pray that the decisions made at CIY this year continue to impact the students for the rest of their lives.

Chris

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, Berea, Macedonia, Cenchreae, Athens, Crete, the big island to the south. Other islands of Greece are Rhodes, Samos and Patmos. All of these places are in mentioned in the book of Acts.

Travelling gives perspective to the geography of the New Testament and the challenge of moving about 2000 years ago. Paul must have been in magnificent shape. It brings to mind the sacrifice Paul gave to God. Paul loved the people enough to go to such great lengths to share the good news in such an extreme environment. It makes me ask of myself "am I living a life worthy of the gospel of Christ?" How about you?

May we all live better and love God and people around us more.

Your brother in Christ and minister, Doug Baty

Called to Serve-July

July	1	8	15	22	29
Communion Preparation	Randee Baty	Randee Baty	Randee Baty	Randee Baty	Randee Baty
Greeters	Nola Fisher Clarinda O'Brien	Fergusons	Karen Osgood	Robinsons	Mary Ruth Allen Judy Wells
Nursery	Shirley Lunday	Randee Baty	Clarinda O'Brien	Karen Osgood	Treva May
Communion	Ralph Heady	Jeff Ferguson	Chris Ferguson	Doug Baty	Thad Osgood
Ushers	Kenneth Lunday Steve Passwater	Ralph Heady Howard Weidert	Jeff Ferguson Joel Ferguson	Thad Osgood Kenneth Lunday	Joel Ferguson Ralph Heady
Serving the Lord's Supper	Steve Passwater David Baty Jeff Ferguson Alan Meier	Jeff O'Brien Joe Hills Chris Ferguson Seth Weidert	Thad Osgood Howard Weidert Bill Longfellow Josh Passwater	Joel Ferguson Steve Passwater David Baty Jeff Ferguson	Alan Meier Jeff O'Brien Chris Ferguson Joe Hills
Benediction	Jeff	Doug	Tim	Gene	Ralph
Shut-Ins	Headys	Doug Baty	Lundays	Thad Osgood	Jeff Ferguson
Nursing Home				Presbyterian Manor 2:30	

