



The Messenger



Westside Christian Church

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Parsons, KS

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Future Events

Mar 3/4-Clothing Exchange

Mar 5-Scott Springer here

Mar 12-Elder's Meeting

Mar 22-No W@W for Spring Break

Mar 26-Monthly Prayer Meeting

March 31-Clothing Exchange

April 1-Clothing Exchange

April 7-8-Women's Conference at OCC

April 9-Elder's Meeting

April 16-Easter

April 23-Prayer Meeting

May 2-4-Kiamichi Men's Clinic

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Doug's Desk

God's Heart In Ours

God's word is just that, words that came from God. God's words are an extension of his heart and are like Him in character, eternal and never changing. God's words are pure, perfect, living and active.

Jesus often quoted from Scripture, elevating its worth and challenging our understanding of it. He reminds us what God's word says about murder and then parallels it to anger. He mentioned adultery and parallels it with lust. He speaks of vows and revenge and then challenges us to be more than just legalistic letter followers of the law. Our real challenge is to read God's Word and understand its deeper meaning.

Jesus clarified the perversion of God's word by the devil. In Luke 4 the devil challenges Jesus three times and each time Jesus retorts, quoting the OT.

I dare say that if God's word is important to Jesus, it should be important to us. We should let His word be embedded in our minds so that, when necessary, we will have it at the ready to share and apply. In Matthew 19 some people tried to trap Jesus in words and he asked them, "Haven't you read the Scriptures?" Jesus knew they had, but pointed out they had hardened their hearts to do what they wanted to do no matter what Scripture said about it.

In Matthew 15 Jesus pointed out another issue he had with them about God's Word. The Pharisees were letting tradition trump scripture. Jesus scolded them for violating the direct commands of God.

Jesus also used scripture to explain who he was, what he was doing and even why he was doing it. He claimed in John 10:35 that "Scripture cannot be broken."

Jesus also claimed his own words were scripture, in Mk 13:31, by saying "heaven and earth may disappear, but my words will remain forever." This is the same thing said about God's Word in Isaiah 40:8.

We can see that God's word is terribly important. How much time do you take to read it? How much of God's word do you know? The deeper question is how badly do you want to have God's heart transplant your heart?

I dare say that we all want God's heart and God's mind and his word to guide us and live in us. We just have to take the time and effort to make it happen. This effort to get God's heart and mind in ours is called discipline and persistence. I have given my career to knowing God's word and applying to my life and sometimes I feel like a total failure in these things. But I don't give up, I keep trying to understand and continue to read and pray that God's word will live in my like a fountain.

Please pray for me that I would continue my efforts to grow in Christ as I continue to pray and work that you might grow in Christ with me. Let us all root ourselves in God's Word and grow and bear fruit with his Spirit.

Your brother in Christ and Minister.

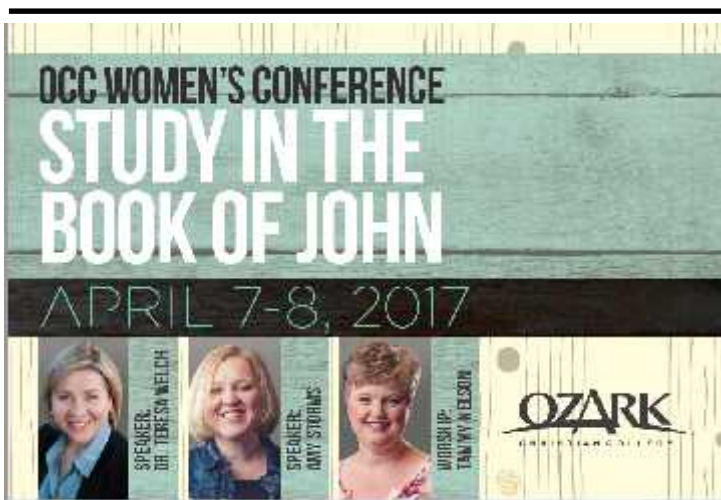
Scott Springer on March 5th

Scott Springer will be her on March 5th for Sunday School and for our morning worship service to update us on the work in Mexico. Scott is always informative and entertaining so don't miss hearing about his good work



Kiamichi Men's Clinic May 2-4, 2017

The Kiamichi Men's Clinic is held at Christ's 40 Acres in Honobia, Oklahoma with some of the best preachers, teachers and musicians in the country. It's \$25 if you pre-register for the clinic, \$35 at the gate. If you would like to know more about what goes on at the Clinic or about the food and accommodations, talk to Ralph or Doug. They can give you a full run-down on why guys don't want to miss this conference!



Prayer Concerns

Those with cancer:

-]Duane Ewert
-]Loretta Ball
-]Rocky Read
-]Nell Ball
-]Dennis King
-]Janelle Houk
-]Jane Rea
-]Tonya Atherton
-]Isaiah Wade
-]Bob Brandenburg

Missions:

-]Scott Springer
-]Hidden Haven
-]Farrans
-]Cookson Hills
-]Melinda Velasquez

Other concerns:

-]President Trump
-]National leaders
-]State and local leaders

-]The lost in Parsons
-]Urcer Mac
-]Gene Robinson
-]Search for a youth minister
-]Matthew and Darren-Robinson's grandsons
-]Donna Steeby's brother-Dale Owen
-]Kip Fentress-Friend of Bruce
-]Nola Fisher's son Eddie, surgery in Wichita
-]Bev Huffman
-]Family of Carol Conway
-]Pearson family in the loss of Rushton
-]Gary Smith, motorcycle accident in ICU in Joplin



We have prayer meeting the fourth Sunday of the month at 4:00. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. The next meeting will be March 26.

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."



This year's Clothing Exchange dates are:

- March 3-4
- March 31-April 1
- May 5-6
- June 2-3
- August 4-5
- September 1-2
- October 6-7
- November 3-4
- December 1-2

Please consider volunteering to help at least one month out of the year.

Volunteer Opportunities

We have two months which need volunteers to prepare communion on Sunday morning. **July** and **October** are both currently open. If you would be willing to prepare the communion trays, please let the office know.

This volunteer position take about 15-20 minutes before church to prepare the trays and about 15-20 minutes after church to clean them up. You could come and prepare it earlier in the week if that works better for you. This is a simple but necessary volunteer job that blesses the entire congregation on Sunday morning.

If you enjoy talking with people here on Sunday morning, you may be just who we need as a greeter. If you would like to know what's involved in being a greeter, talk with Thad. We love to make our members and guests feel welcome each Sunday morning as they come through our door.

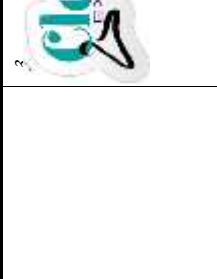
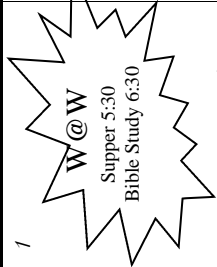
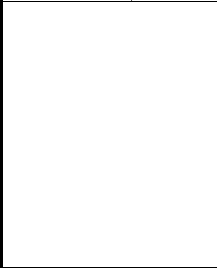
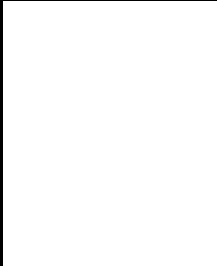


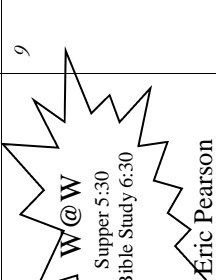
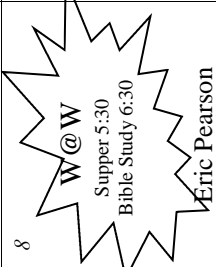

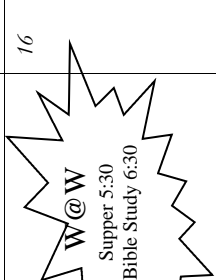
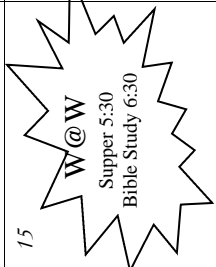
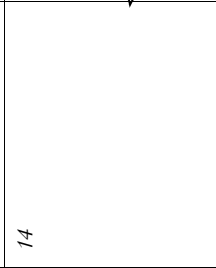


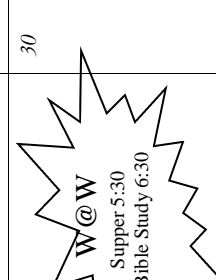
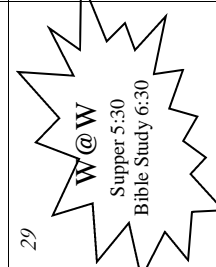
We could also use a few more servers for passing our communion and offering plates. If you are willing to help in this capacity, please let the office know. This job doesn't require any extra time because you're here for services already!



Called to Serve-March

	5	12	19	26
Communion Preparation	Osgoods	Osgoods	Osgoods	Osgoods
Greeters: Front Doors Inside Lobby	Judy Wells Karen Osgood	Meiers Annette Robinson	Mary Ruth Allen Fergusons	Clarinda O'Brien Nola Fisher
Nursery	Clarinda O'Brien	Randee Baty	Shirley Lunday	Karen Osgood
Communion	Doug Baty	Ralph Heady	Thad Osgood	Jeff Ferguson
Ushers	Thad Osgood Joe Moyer	Bruce Rea Kenneth Lunday	Ralph Heady Jeff Ferguson	Howard Weidert Steve Passwater
Serving the Lord's Supper	Ralph Heady Steve Passwater David Baty Jeff Ferguson	Thad Osgood Alan Meier Patrick O'Brien Joe Hills	Bruce Rea Chris Ferguson Howard Weidert Seth Weidert	Joel Ferguson Bill Longfellow Josh Passwater David Baty
Benediction	Joe Moyer	Thad Osgood	Jeff Ferguson	Doug Baty
Shut-Ins	Thad Osgood	Lundays	Doug Baty	Jeff Ferguson
Nursing Home				Elmhaven East 2:00

March 2017

<p>1</p>  <p>Supper 5:30 Bible Study 6:30</p>			<p>2</p>  <p>Supper 5:30 Bible Study 6:30</p>	<p>3</p> 	<p>4</p> 	<p>5</p> <p><i>Scott Springer here</i></p>  <p>Paula Weidert</p> 
<p>6</p> <p>Joel Ferguson</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Nola Fisher</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>Supper 5:30 Bible Study 6:30</p> <p>Eric Pearson</p>	<p>9</p>  <p>Supper 5:30 Bible Study 6:30</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Norma Newell</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Paula Weidert</p> 
<p>13</p> <p>Kenzie Rea</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>  <p>Supper 5:30 Bible Study 6:30</p>	<p>16</p>  <p>Supper 5:30 Bible Study 6:30</p>	<p>17</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>Howard Weidert</p>	<p>19</p> <p><i>Board Meeting 1:30</i></p>
<p>20</p> <p>Alyvia Pearson</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> 	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p><i>LORD hear our prayers</i></p>  <p><i>Prayer meeting 4:00</i></p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>  <p>Supper 5:30 Bible Study 6:30</p>	<p>30</p>  <p>Supper 5:30 Bible Study 6:30</p>	<p>31</p> 