



# The Messenger



## Westside Christian Church

July 31, 2016

Parsons, KS

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### Future Events

**August 5-6 Clothing Exchange**

**August 14-Elder's meeting 1:30**

**August 31-New season of W@W begins**

**Sept 2-3 Clothing Exchange**

**Sept 11-Elder's Meeting**

**Sept 18-Church Anniversary Dinner with special guests Spoken 4 and potluck anniversary dinner after morning service**

**Sept 30-Clothing Exchange**

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### Doug's Desk

God loves what is just, right and fair. He loves seeing us love and showing kindness. God enjoys showing mercy and being generous. Only the LORD knows when and how to administer all these attributes perfectly. But one thing is very clear in his word, that while we can be like God in many of his attributes, we are not God, we must remember our place. We must be humble recognizing that God is the giver of all that we have, that he doesn't want us to think more "highly than we ought to think of ourselves" ( Rom. 12:3), we are NOT the judge.

God wants us to be like him in many ways, but we are never to act as the all-knowing judge of the universe. That is His job alone. God shares through Micah 6:8 that we should love justice and mercy and walk humbly before our God.

To act justly is to act in fairness, equity, using equal weights and measures having a blind eye to social status. Justice administers exacting payment for the crime and punishes the guilty. We should love justice, as God does, to see this happen, keeping in mind that governments and court systems are set up to do this. At the same time our call on a personal basis is to love mercy. Mercy is to withhold the full punishment, administering kindness and gentleness, letting off of the punishing pedal, showing a kindly abatement of punishment that the law demands.

To love justice and mercy at the same time may seem contradictory, but it is not. The justice system is to administer justice, even when they don't we want them to be fair and equitable in their judgments and at the same time distanced from perversion. On a personal level, we are to love mercy, holding back on the punishment due according to the law.

Only God through Jesus can manifest these two attributes completely and perfectly. Jesus illustrates his mercy in John 8:1-11. A woman caught in adultery is brought to Jesus. According to the law of the Jew, justice demands death by stoning, (Lev. 20:10), which the men around at the time were eager to do, but Jesus challenged them in a way we can only guess when he wrote in the sand and then said "he who has not sinned, cast the first stone." 8:7

This is a great lesson from Micah 6:8, show mercy to others. Does it mean to not let justice take its course? Not at all. He wants us to show mercy and kindness and maybe they will be drawn to Him, Rom. 2:4.

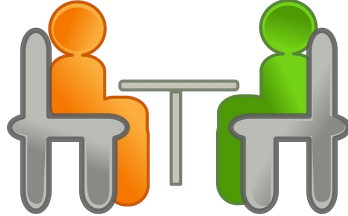
Let us let justice take its course in the governmental process and pray that it is fair and equitable. Yet, on a personal basis, extend mercy as often as we can. For if we show mercy, we will be shown mercy. (Mt. 5:7, Jms. 2:13) Praise God for His mercy toward me!

Finally we are to walk in humility before the LORD! Recognizing that God alone is judge, God is all-knowing and all-powerful. Keeping this in mind we are to be as merciful, kind, compassionate and loving toward others, as God is with us. Walking humbly requires us to recognize our place under God's Almighty hand, while we try to be like Him in loving others as we bring Him glory, honor and praise.

## Countryside Christian Church 50th Anniversary

Countryside Christian Church in Pittsburg is having their 50th anniversary celebration on August 27th and 28th. They would like to invite anyone who has ever attended there to join them in honoring what God has done through them over the last 50 years. If you are interested in joining with them in this celebration, the information is on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. There is a card to RSVP if you are planning to attend.

**Elder's Meeting**  
**August 14**  
**1:30 pm**



## Come As You Are

Hidden Haven Christian Camp

Ladies Retreat

Sept 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 2016

Ages 16 and up

**This Year's Speaker**

**Beth DeFazio:** She is married to an OCC prof, and mother of a young daughter and son. She loves to be in plays. Beth was also the speaker at the OCC Ladies Retreat last year.

We are asking everyone to bring any Christian books you are not using anymore for a Book Exchange

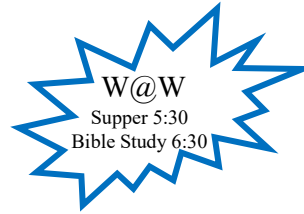


Shirt Design High quality Soft Women's V-Neck

**This Year's Donations** we are asking for baby items to be brought for Pregnancy Crisis Center in Iola, or any useful items for Safe Haven Homeless Shelter

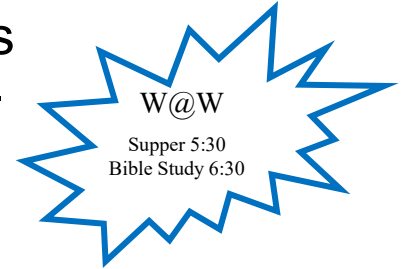
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## Wednesdays at Westside



2016-2017 season begins August 31 with a cookout at 5:30 and Bible Study at 6:30.

Come join us for your mid-week break and recharge!



## Clothing Exchange

The Clothing Exchange is this weekend, **August 5th and 6th** from 9:00-noon. Since we don't do the Clothing Exchange in July, we have lots of donations to be sorted. We'd love any help we can get this month! Thanks for any help you can provide.

## Prayer Concerns

### Those with cancer:

- Carol Conway
- Barry Johnson
- Duane Ewert
- Lemoyne Shook
- Loretta Ball
- Eugene Witty
- Pam

### •Missions:

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

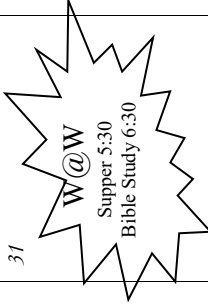
### Other concerns:

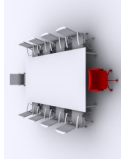
- Iraq/Syria
- President Obama
- Government leaders

- The lost in Parsons
- Urcer Mac
- South Sudan
- Gene Robinson
- Presidential Elections
- Sandi Osgood
- Edie George
- Dennis King
- Students and teachers in new school year
- Search for a new youth member

If you would like prayer concerns in the bulletin or newsletter, please email the office, leave a note on the desk or call during the week.

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			Kenneth Lunday		Maya Velasquez	Clothing Exchange 9:00-noon	Rachel Velasquez
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
Elder's Meeting 1:30							
			Andrew Passwater				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
						David Baty Clarinda O'Brien	
28	29	30	31				
Prayer Meeting 4-400							
		Thad Osgood					



# Called to Serve-August

<b>August</b>	7	14	21	28
<b>Communion Preparation</b>	Reas	Reas	Reas	Reas
<b>Greeters: Front Doors Inside Lobby</b>	Barb Meier Alan Meier	Clarinda O'Brien Karen Osgood	Gene Robinson Annette Robinson	Judy Wells Fergusons
<b>Nursery</b>	Clarinda O'Brien	Shirley Lunday	Randee Baty	Karen Osgood
<b>Communion</b>	Ralph Heady	Jeff Ferguson	Joe Moyer	Tim Ren
<b>Ushers</b>	Bruce Rea Joe Moyer	Ralph Heady Howard Weidert	Jeff Ferguson Steve Passwater	Thad Osgood Kenneth Lunday
<b>Serving the Lord's Supper</b>	Thad Osgood Jeff Ferguson Alan Meier Jeff O'Brien	Patrick O'Brien Joe Hills Tim Ren Bruce Rea	Howard Weidert Antonio Velasquez Bill Longfellow Josh Passwater	Ralph Heady Steve Passwater David Baty Jeff Ferguson
<b>Benediction</b>	Sam Atherton	Mike May	Gene Robinson	Tim Ren
<b>Shut-Ins</b>	Joe Moyer	Lundays	Thad Osgood	Doug Baty
<b>Nursing Home</b>				Good Samaritan 2:00 Woodridge 2:45

