



The Messenger



Westside Christian Church

Nov. 25 2018

Parsons, KS

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620-421-3533

Future Events

Dec 2nd– Highschool Lunch 12pm

Dec 5th– Last W@W 5:30pm

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

Dec 16th– Christmas Dinner 6pm

Dec 24th– Christmas Eve Service

Jan 16th– W@W resumes 5:30pm



Christmas Dinner

Dec., 16th at 6:00PM

To celebrate the birth of our Savior we will be holding our annual Christmas dinner in the Fellowship hall. The children will be singing Christmas Carols and there will be a short skit. Please join us at this time of giving to celebrate all that HE has done for us.

Adopt A Kid Christmas Program

The Christmas Party for the kids of W@W will be on December 12th at 5:00pm. For those of you who are participating in the program please bring your wrapped gifts to the church no later than December 9th.



6:00 pm December 12th after the Kids Christmas Party join us for our Christmas Caroling outing followed by hot chocolate and Christmas cookies. The more joyful voices we have the better! Let us spread our joy at Christ's coming this season!



Happy 50th anniversary to Thad and Karen Osgood! They would like us to join them for a reception in celebration hosted by their children Saturday, December 29th, 2018 2-4pm At Westside Christian Church



Christmas Dinner

The First Christian Church and Parsons Ministerial Association are putting on a community Christmas Dinner. Tuesday, December 25th 11:00 am - 1:30pm. To make the event a success they are asking for support from local churches.

- Volunteers to prepare, serve, and deliver meals-
- Pies (need 50-60) or other types of desserts-
- Large Containers of Cool Whip-
- Sectioned plastic foam "Carry out" boxes for meals to be delivered-
- Small Plastic foam desserts containers for desserts to be delivered-
- Large cans of green beans (#10 size): Need 30 cans-

If you want to volunteer or supply some of their requests please call their church office at 620-421-4790.

Walk-ins are welcome for the dinner, but Reservations are needed for carryout and delivery orders for these orders please call the First Christian Church office (421-4790) any time before noon Saturday, December 22, 2018.

Merry Christmas!

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Trunk or Treat Highlights!

Thank-you to all our volunteers!



This Christmas season we are going to look at Christmas from the main characters of the original event and in chronological order after the first week. Each of these individuals or groups have unique perspectives on how they see who Jesus is and how they responded to him.



Anna will kick off my Christmas sermons this year, following Thanksgiving, with the idea of being thankful for the Christ child. She was a widow and was at least 84 years old and was constantly at the temple fasting and praying and she was delighted to see Jesus consecrated Lord, Lk. 2:23,38. She was thankful that Jesus was born and was willing to talk to anyone about this event.

Joseph was a righteous man, law abiding and humble, he didn't want to see Mary face public disgrace. The only way for Joseph to change his mind was to have an angel of the Lord appear to him and explain to him that this really was a God thing. As a God fearing man would do, Joseph was obedient to what the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary in to be his wife, Mt. 1:24.

The shepherds of the field were caught by surprise by the bright light and the appearance of the angel of the Lord, Lk. 1:9. Then a host of angels appeared and praised God, Lk. 1:13. God brings honor to the humble and lifts them up. What honor the shepherds were shown by given this message of the birth of Christ first. The shepherds were the first responders. Humble men were given the great news first and went through Bethlehem sharing the good news.

After the birth and the 40 days of purification were up, Jesus was taken to the temple and consecrated unto the Lord. Simeon was moved by the spirit and recognized Jesus and said he had "seen your salvation." Simeon also told Mary that Jesus would cause the falling and rising of many and that her heart would be pierced as well. Jesus came to penetrate our hearts not just to appease our minds. Jesus came to transform our lives in a way most of us don't expect.

Wise men sought out the god-child. They were thoughtful, measured, and they had a plan. Wise men are generous, helpful to others and reverent. They were able to read the stars and know that the king of the Jews was born, Mt. 2:2.

Herod the Great was an earthly king that loved the flare for greatness. He was called "the Great" for all the building projects he had completed during his lifetime. Herod's Christmas significance is that he faked the idea of worshipping the newborn Jewish king so that he could get rid of a kingly threat. Herod was an earthly king that only thought of earthly matters and how they might benefit him.

This is a preview of the next six weeks of sermons. I think we will all benefit from getting a new perspective on the characters of the Christmas story and seeing the Light of the World from the view of those who first saw the light. —Continued on next column—

May we always keep his light burning even when we might feel burned out during this busy time of year.

May God's blessings be upon you and have a Happy New Year!

Your brother in Christ and minister, Doug Baty

from your
**YOUTH
MINISTER**

Every year we make a huge deal about Christmas. We like giving and receiving presents. We like to visit family. Now I'm not going to tell you that we forget about Jesus. I think we all know that we celebrate his birth this time every year. What I am going to say is that we often forget the significance of his birth. It's easy to tell the same story every year and have it lose its meaning to us. This actually happens to Christians all year with the entire Bible. But right now let's just focus on the birth of Christ. This was God himself coming to earth in human form! That had never happened before. This had been prophesied about since the fall of man (Genesis 3:15). There were several prophecies surrounding the birth of Christ; The star (Numbers 24:17), being born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2), the fact that he was born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14), even the shepherds and wisemen coming to see him (Psalm 72:9-10). This isn't even a quarter of the prophecies about the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus. So why is it such a big deal that he became human? Well it wasn't God just showing off. He came so that he could eventually save us from our sins. He came to die. If you think about it, Jesus could have come to earth as a full grown adult. He could have made it obvious that he was God. But he didn't want to make it obvious. He wanted us to have faith. So he lowered himself to not show up as some majestic king, but as a baby. The son of a carpenter. All for the sake of saving people from their sins. People who didn't deserve it. People like you and me. He came because he loves us. Merry Christmas.

-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 is 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.

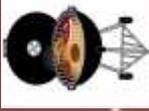
Little Learners

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-December

November	2		9		16		23		30
Communion Preparation	Mary Ruth Allen & Judy	Mary Ruth Allen & Judy	Mary Ruth Allen & Judy	Mary Ruth Allen & Judy	Mary Ruth Allen & Judy	Mary Ruth Allen & Judy	Mary Ruth Allen & Judy	Mary Ruth Allen & Judy	Mary Ruth Allen & Judy
Greeters	Karen Osgood	Fergusons	Nola Fisher	Clarinda O'Brien	Clarinda O'Brien	Gene Robinson			
Nursery	Shirley Lunday	Randee Baty	Clarinda O'Brien	Treva May					
Communion	Doug Baty	Howard Weidert	Jeff Ferguson	Thad Osgood	Thad Osgood				
Ushers	Jeff Ferguson Kenneth Lunday	Joel Ferguson Steve Passwater	Thad Osgood Chris Ferguson	Joel Ferguson Howard Weidert	Jeff Ferguson Kenneth Lunday				
Serving the Lord's Supper	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	Alan Meier Jeff O'Brien Chris Ferguson Howard Weidert				
Benediction	Thad Osgood	Jeff Ferguson	Doug Baty	Tim Ren	Gene Robinson				
Shut-Ins	Doug Baty	Lundays	Jeff Ferguson	Doug Baty					
Nursing Home					Elm Haven West 2:00 Elm Haven East 2:45				

December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Youth Lunch 	3 	4	5	6	7	8 Leon Steeby 
9 Adopt a Kid Gifts Due 	10 	11 Shirley Lunday 	12 Kids Christmas Party! Caroling 	13	14	15 Tristan Weidert 
16 Christmas Dinner 	17 	18	19 NO W@W	20	21	22
23 JD Harrison & Jocelyn Covington 	24 	25	26 NO W@W	27 Gene Robinson 	28	29 Osgood's 50th Anniversary Party
30	31 					