



The Messenger



Westside Christian Church

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Parsons, KS

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Future Events

May 29-Office closed for Memorial Day

June 2-3 Clothing Exchange

June 4-Spaghetti Dinner and Dessert Auction Fundraiser for Youth after morning service

June 4-9 Junior High 1 Camp at Hidden Haven

June 11 Elder's Meeting

June 11-15 Junior 1 at Hidden Haven

June 18 Father's Day Lunch after morning service

June 18-20 Get Acquainted Camp at Hidden Haven

June 21-22-Overnighter Camp at Hidden Haven

June 25-Prayer Meeting 4:00

June 27-29-North American Christian Convention in KC

Youth Spaghetti Dinner/Dessert Auction Fundraiser

June 4th After morning worship



Help defray the cost of youth activities this summer. Have a great lunch and bid on some delicious desserts. Please bring desserts that can be auctioned off. If you have any questions, contact Chris Ferguson. Join us for one of the most fun dinners we have all year!



Doug's Desk

God loves his creation. This is seen throughout scripture. The very act of creation expresses God's love, Genesis 1. God announced His love to Moses in Exodus 34:6,7. God announced his love to the Israelites through the prophets and his love is spoken of in the Psalms, that a variety of people contributed to. Ultimately, God's love is expressed through the giving of his son to die for our sins, John 3:16.

The big challenge for us as His creation and recipients of God's love is accepting His love for us. However, most of us don't feel worthy of God's love. We don't think we deserve it and act out in ways that, at least on the surface, point out that we don't deserve it. But love isn't deserved. Does your newborn baby "deserve" the love you have for it? No, it didn't. Yet we all believe that babies do somehow deserve, or at least should receive our love. What then, is love?

Love, for babies, is protection from harm, providing food, keeping them warm with clothing, sharing affection and maybe more that you could add to the list. As a baby grows up, his needs increase and provisions increase. The baby's food increases in substance and expense. Our protection expands to keep the young one from grabbing and reaching harmful things, like hot elements, sharp items, poisonous stuff, going to dangerous places and more. Our love, then, extends to our children like God's love extends to His children, all of mankind.

God loves everyone and extends to all the same love through provisions to all. Rain showers and sunshine fall on the wicked and the righteous alike. God's abundant food supply is available to the righteous and unrighteous alike. Oh my, there are a lot of challenges and complexities to weed through on this topic, like free will and the freedom of choice, and evil influences, but the Scripture gives a more than adequate explanation to these challenges. Over and over again God expresses his love to all the world.

You are loved by God because He created you in his image, Gen. 1:26,27. You are not an exact portrait of God, only an image, Jesus is the only exact representation of God, Heb. 1:3. But when you put your faith in Jesus and accept his grace through faith, then you can become like God through Jesus.

When we love God back through his son, and accept by faith His grace, we become righteous and holy, Eph. 4:24, we become joint heirs with Jesus, Romans 8:17 and a holy partaker of the heavenly calling, Heb. 3:1. When we become His children through faith in His Son, we align ourselves with God and as we mature we take on the characteristics and qualities that God has.

God has loved you at creation. But to show the full extent of his love he sent his son to die in your place, Rom. 5:8. The greatest commandment is that you love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, Mk. 12:30. How are you doing that today?

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Time for Camp at Hidden Haven!

Register online at www.hiddenhaven.org.

Junior High 1	June 4-9
Junior 1	June 11-15
Get Acquainted	June 18-20
Overnighter	June 21-22
Junior High 2	July 9-14
Junior 2	July 16-20
High School	July 23-28



Preschool Project 2017

Our Preschool Project is an outreach to show God's love in a practical way to the young families in Parsons. This fall we will be providing all the school supplies for the preschool at Lincoln Elementary. If you would like to help provide supplies, here's what we need. Monetary donations are welcome as well.

- Boxes of Kleenex
- Elmer's Glue Sticks
- 24 count box of Crayola crayons
- Antibacterial wipes
- Snack size/sandwich size zip-top bags



Prayer Concerns

Health Issues

- J Duane Ewert
- J Loretta Ball
- J Rocky Read
- J Nell Ball
- J Dennis King
- Janelle Houk
- Jane Rea
- J Tonya Atherton
- J Isaiah Wade
- J Bob Brandenburg
- J Bev Huffman
- J Urcer Mac
- J Gene Robinson
- J Matthew and Darren
- J Dale Owen

- J Kip Fentress
- J Rachel Velasquez
- J Tim's mother, Wanda
- J Colleen's daughter, Audrey

Missions:

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

Other concerns:

- J President Trump
- J National Leaders
- J State Leaders
- J Troops around the world

from your YOUTH MINISTER

I've got a couple things planned this month that I want everyone to know about. The first is the spaghetti dinner/dessert auction on June 4th. All money raised goes to the youth fund, and will be used for summer activities. On June 14th there will be a bonfire at my house (3615 Belmont in Parsons) for kids of all ages. It will begin at 5 and run till 8. There will be hotdog roasting, games, smores, and campfire worship with Josh Burns. Kids are encouraged to bring friends! Beyond that, I'm actually trying to avoid planning anything for the rest of the month. Liz will be having our baby at the end of June, and I'd rather not schedule a youth event during a time when I could have to leave at a moment's notice.

On another note, I'd like to begin focusing on outreach. Youth group is more fun for the kids when there are more kids. But more importantly, there are lots of kids in the area that might not otherwise have a chance to see Christians in a positive light and to hear the good news. To accomplish this, I want to plan lots of events that the kids we already have can invite their friends to, starting with the bonfire. I'm planning to have 1 or 2 events for the youth every month this summer. Hopefully, this will grow the youth group as well as the church itself. This is the mission set before us by Christ in Matthew 28:18-20, where we are told to "Go and make disciples."

I am always available to be reached via call or text at 6207784110 for questions by youth or parents.

Chris



The North American Christian Convention will be held June 27-29th in Kansas City. We rarely have the opportunity to attend the convention so close to home! See <https://www.gotonacc.org/> for more details.





Clothing Exchange

This month's Clothing Exchange is June 2-3rd from 9:00-noon. Please consider volunteering with this important outreach.

Called to Serve-June

	4	11	18	25
Communion Preparation	Headys	Headys	Headys	Headys
Greeters: Front Doors Inside Lobby	Judy Wells Nola Fisher	Gene Robinson Karen Osgood	Clarinda O'Brien Annette Robinson	Meiers
Nursery	Treva Ferguson	Randee Baty	Karen Osgood	Shirley Lunday
Communion	Howard Weidert	Ralph Heady	Jeff Ferguson	Tim Ren
Ushers	Thad Osgood Kenneth Lunday	Bruce Rea Joe Moyer	Ralph Heady Howard Weidert	Jeff Ferguson Steve Passwater
Serving the Lord's Supper	Jeff Ferguson Bruce Rea Jason Adams Alan Meier	Thad Osgood Jeff O'Brien Patrick O'Brien Joe Hills	Chris Ferguson Seth Weidert Joel Ferguson Bill Longfellow	Howard Weidert Josh Passwater Steve Passwater David Baty
Benediction	Mike May	Tim Ren	Gene Robinson	Ralph Heady
Shut-Ins	Lundays	Thad Osgood	Doug Baty	Jeff Ferguson
Nursing Home				Elmhaven East 2:45

June 2017

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<p>4 Spaghetti Dinner Dessert Auction Youth Fundraiser</p> 	5	6	7	8	9	10
<p>11</p> 	12	13	14	15	16	17
<p>18</p> 	19	20	21	22	23	24
<p>25</p> 	26	27	28	29	30	

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KANSAS CITY NACC 2017
Madelyn Velasquez