



# The Messenger



## Westside Christian Church

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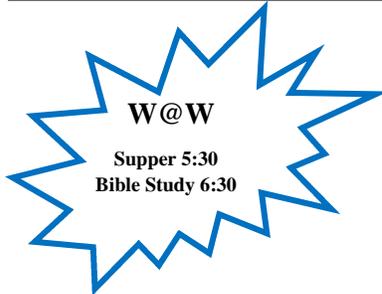
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### Future Events

- Sept 2nd- Youth Lunch
- Sept 5th- W@W Kick off 5:30 pm
- Sept 16th- Anniversary Potluck/Board Meeting
- Oct 7th- Congregational meeting
- Oct 21st- Harvest Party 6:00 pm
- Oct 31st- Trunk or Treat 5:30-7:00 pm



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"He's a mad man!" "He's a fanatic!" "He's a Zealot!"  
NO! He's a . . .

## Bible Superhero!!!

This Semester at Westside Christian Church come experience the journeys of incredible Bible heroes.



Being a hero isn't always about wearing a cape and punching bad guys, although some of our heroes did have some sweet moves. Sometimes it is about being obedient and sticking to what you know is right even when it seems impossible.

People will try to stop you, they will ask you why you do this or that. They will mock your faith and your God. These are your villains, these are your moments to be a hero. The true heroes never fought for the limelight and adoration. They fought in dark alleys, for no other reason than that they had to do what they knew was right. Some heroes are afraid, some end up caught in their own ego and fall after starting strong. Others are persecuted and sent into exile for doing what was right. However God never abandoned them.

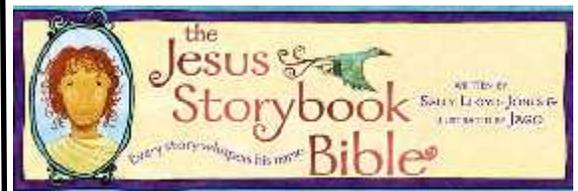
We will be looking at some of these incredible stories

**Wednesday Nights** Dinner is at 5:30 Lessons at 6:30



51st Anniversary Potluck  
In the fellowship hall  
On September 16th  
Right after Church

Bring your favorite dish or dessert and enjoy food and fellowship together.



This month the Pre-k/early grade school kids will be starting a new program. We had a great summer going through the book of Joshua with Summit Seekers. We will now be looking at the Jesus Storybook Bible, By Sally Lloyd. This book is beautifully written and illustrated so that each lesson ties back to our Rescuer, Jesus Christ. We will be going through the whole Story, from Creation to Revelation.

Being accepted is one thing most people want. Acceptance is something we all need. We need acceptance. It starts with our own family. Acceptance by friends and future mates has challenges too, but we all need acceptance.

God made us in his image. A part of the image of God is companionship, fellowship with others. Humans have this need to be social, verified by many studies through various groups. When this space of acceptance isn't filled properly or not filled at all, problems arise. I want to clarify "properly" accepted. If one has to do something that is questionable to be accepted by another, this is not good grounds for acceptance. If you have to give up your body, kill someone or do something else less extreme, but still humiliating, degrading or hurtful, this is not true acceptance, it is coercion. If one has to do one of these things to be accepted, "being accepted" comes at an ugly price. God doesn't accept us in this way.

God accepts us as we are. He loves us and wants us to be a part of His family. His acceptance comes through our acceptance of Him. Our acceptance of God is through faith in his Son, Jesus. The result of our acceptance is eternal life, freedom and a family that will never let us go. For whoever believes in him shall have eternal life. (John 3:16). And Jesus said that you only get to the father through him, John 14:6.

Acceptance is not just a mental activity, it is real, live action stuff, happening in everyday life. We are told that it is impossible to please God without faith and that God rewards those who earnestly seek him out Heb. 11:6.

I would challenge you to take several minutes and think how God has accepted you. God has accepted you with all of your baggage. He accepted you knowing what you have done and what you will do. God accepted you while you were actively sinning and God still accepts you. While we were sinners, Jesus died for us, he didn't wait for us to quit sinning first. Now sit back and think how God has accepted you.

Now that you have given thought to how much God has accepted you and loves you, recognize that he asks you to accept others too, Romans 15:7. Lest we become hypocrites, accept others as you have been accepted in Christ Jesus Acceptance is a wonderful thing.

The other day Ginny (my 1-year old) was crawling around on my bed. While she was doing this, she noticed that next to the bed is a night stand with lots of stuff on it. Of course, she decides that she wants to be on top of it. I saw her making her way towards it and knew how likely it was that she would tumble off it or that she would try playing with something she shouldn't. I also knew that the night stand only has 3 legs, making it very likely that it would fall over if she was on top of it. I grabbed Ginny and pulled her away from it. At first, she thought it was funny that her daddy was moving her, and she laughed quite a bit. But then she tried to go right back to the nightstand. Of course, I grabbed her again and pulled her away again. This happened about five or six times. She started laughing a little bit less each time. Eventually after I pulled her away from it she sat up with an irritated look on her face. Ginny can't talk, but she can communicate a little bit. She looked at me with that irritated face, motioned with her hand at that nightstand, and said "BAAH!" I knew she wanted to go to it but knew that it would be better for her to not go to it. I think all of us are like that with God. We all have things that we want that we haven't been able to get. We might have even had these things within our grasp, only to have it taken away from us. We might be ok with it the first few times we don't get it, but eventually we start to get irritated with God for not letting us have it. Who knows the reason God doesn't allow certain things? Maybe, just like Ginny, getting what we want would have some bad unforeseen consequences. Be patient, and trust that God knows what he's doing.

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It comes without judgment, without entanglements and without penalty, it just comes. Acceptance is freeing, heart warming and needed and it is what God wants of all of us. Start by seeing how God has accepted you and then accept others as God has asked us to accept one another.

Your brother in Christ and minister,  
Doug Baty

# Called to Serve-September

<b>August</b>	2	9	16	23	30
<b>Communion Preparation</b>	Clarinda O'Brien	Clarinda O'Brien	Clarinda O'Brien	Clarinda O'Brien	Clarinda O'Brien
<b>Greeters</b>	Gene Robinson	Annette Robinson	Judy Wells	Mary Ruth Allen	Karen Osgood
<b>Nursery</b>	Shirley Lunday	Randee Baty	Karen Osgood	Clarinda O'Brien	Treva May
<b>Communion</b>	Thad Osgood	Doug Baty	Chris Ferguson	Howard Weidert	Jeff Ferguson
<b>Ushers</b>	Jeff Ferguson Steve Passwater	Howard Weidert Kenneth Lunday	Thad Osgood Joel Ferguson	Jeff Ferguson Steve Passwater	Thad Osgood Kenneth Lunday
<b>Serving the Lord's Supper</b>	Jeff O'Brien Josh Passwater Howard Weidert Seth Weidert	Bill Longfellow Chris Ferguson Steve Passwater Joel Ferguson	David Baty Jeff Ferguson Howard Weidert Alan Meier	Jeff O'Brien Chris Ferguson Thad Osgood Seth Weidert	Bill Longfellow Josh Passwater Steve Passwater Joel Ferguson
<b>Benediction</b>	Doug Baty	Tim Ren	Gene Robinson	Ralph Heady	Steve Passwater
<b>Shut-Ins</b>	Thad Osgood	Doug Baty	Lundays	Jeff Ferguson	Thad Osgood
<b>Nursing Home</b>				Elmhaven West 2:00 Elmhaven East 2:45	

# September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Youth Lunch 	3	4	5 <b>W@W</b> Kickoff	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 <b>W@W</b>	13 	14	15
16 Anniversary Potluck!  Bill Longfellow	17	18 Alan Meier  Karen Osgood	19 <b>W@W</b>	20  Susan Adams	21 Josh Burns 	22
23	24	25	26 <b>W@W</b>	27	28 Butch Hines 	29
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