



The Messenger



Westside Christian Church

May 28, 2018

Parsons, KS

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Future Events

May 28-Memorial Day-
office Closed

June 1-Clothing Ex-
change 9:00

Water Wars Youth
Event 5:00

June 2 -Clothing Ex-
change 9:00

June 3-8-High School 1
Camp at Hidden Ha-
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June 10-Board Meeting

June 10-15 Middle
School 1 Camp at
Hidden Haven

June 17-Father's Day

June 17-21 5th-6th
Grade Camp 1 at
Hidden Haven

June 24-26 3rd-4th
Grade Camp at Hid-
den Haven

July 4-Closed for Inde-
pendence day

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Father's Day Lunch Sunday, June 17th

**After morning ser-
vices, stay for a
great Father's Day
meal. Everyone is
welcome!**

Doug's Desk

Paul challenges us in Romans 12:2 to be transformed. It is something we do, it is an imperative statement, a command. It is like telling you to "get out of my way", or "repent and be baptized." These statements are not ho hum statements of "well, do whatever you like," they are demands of change, challenges to do something specific, NOW!

We all like the idea of being transformed. We just don't like the idea of having to be a part of the transformation, it's work. Transformation takes a lot of effort on our part, we have to be determined. Solomon says a lot about determination and hard work, which is another way of saying "discipline," in the book of Proverbs. Discipline and knowledge are intertwined. Have you ever noticed it is the disciplined people who have knowledge, and it is the undisciplined people who think they know it all. There is a correlation.

I used to think that if I had a house, I would be a different person, or if I got married or if I got a master's of Divinity degree I would really have it all. I have come to realize that these things did not change me. What has changed me is doing the work to get them and keep them. I know of no one who says marriage is not hard work. We know keeping up a house is challenging and getting a master's degree, well, I am glad I did it when I was young. But there are the kinds of things that transform us.

Being transformed doesn't just happen. It takes discipline, hard work, determination and a will to stick with it. I think that some church goers are under the impression that once they are baptized and come to the knowledge of salvation, that the hard work is over, that they have been transformed. If you think this, you have never been so wrong! Transformation doesn't come over night and is not a one step process. Transformation is about doing the right thing over and over and over again. If you want to be transformed also includes thinking. To be transformed, we have to grind it out by changing the way we think. And thinking can be difficult. This is what scriptures are challenges us to do when it says to be mindful, discerning, watchful, careful or examine yourself. See 1 Cor. 16:13, Rev. 3:2, 1 Thess. 5:6, Eph. 5:15-17 and 2 Cor. 13:5. Look these up and see how God's word is challenging us to think and apply to ourselves His word.

Paul says to be transformed by the renewing of your mind, Rom. 12:2. What Paul has been doing for the first 11 chapters is to help the readers recognize the difference between a believer and a non-believer and that we are all the same in God's eyes when we come to put our trust in Jesus work and not our own. Some people just can't let go of the lies they have been holding on to.

Once we have let go of the lies and deceit that has had such a hold on us, we can accept God's truth and love and let God work in us a new work. But that work is shared by us in thinking differently, acting differently and living the way Christ has called us to live, transformed lives with God's help. Work at it and let God work in you and on how you think, making it in line with His word.

Your brother in Christ and minister, Doug Baty

HIDDEN HAVEN CHRISTIAN CAMP 2018

from your
**YOUTH
MINISTER**

High School 1	June 3-8	Grades 9-12
Middle School 1	June 10-15	Grades 6-8
5-6 Camp 1	June 17-21	Grades 5-6
3-4 Camp 1	June 24-26	Grades 3-4
3-4 Camp 2	June 26-28	Grades 3-4
1-2 Camp	June 29-30	Grades 1-2
Middle School 2	July 8-13	Grades 6-8
5-6 Camp 2	July 15-19	Grades 5-6
High School 2	July 22-27	Grades 9-12

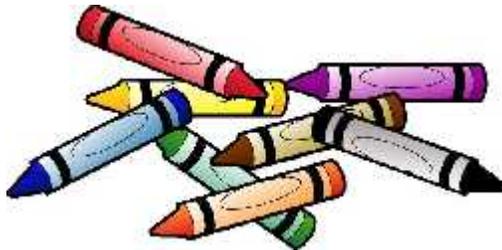
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The Preschool Project is Back!

Once again we will be helping out the preschoolers at Lincoln School. This is a great way to show Christ's love to the young families in Parsons. Beginning in June, we'll be collecting the following supplies:

Full size boxes of Kleenex
Elmers glue sticks
24 count Crayola crayons
Anti-bacterial wipes

Snack size zip-top bags
Gallon size zip-top bags



There is so much going on this month! We'll be starting off the month by having a water day at the church on June 1st. This will be for kids from 1st to 8th grade. The water day will be starting at 5pm and run till 8pm. There will be water guns, water balloons, a slip n' slide, and this stuff that I can't remember the name of but Liz tells me it's like jello that you can walk on but not eat. We'll have some fun times. There will be dinner provided. I'll be preaching the following Sunday, so be sure to come by and hear it.

On June 10th through 16th we will have the long anticipated CIY! The theme for this year is Contrast. We will be learning about how to differentiate ourselves from the world. It's been tough raising money for this over the last 5 months, but Westside has really pulled through and shown a desire for the youth to grow spiritually. Thank you to everyone who donated! I'm really looking forward to going on this trip, and I know the youth are too.

Finally, on the 29th, the high schoolers will be at my house for an evening of fun. I'm really hoping that these events will draw more kids to the church, but more importantly I hope that the kids will be drawn to Christ. That's the mission for everything we do here at Westside: to show people Christ.

Chris

Our elementary classes have been focusing on memory verses and obedience, particularly John 14:15 right now. "Jesus said, 'If you love me, you will obey what I command.'" Encourage them in this study by asking them about this and saying their verse with them!

Prayer Requests

Health Issues:

JTonya Atherton
JMatthew and Darren Burke
JMaggie Jackson
JBilly Brown
JGene Robinson
JAmber Sexton
JJanice O'Brien

JBev Huffman

Missions:

JScott Springer
JHidden Haven
JFarrans
JCookson Hills
JMelinda Velasquez
JKiamichi Mountain Mission

Other concerns:

JPresident Trump
JNational Leaders
JState Leaders
JTroops around the world
JThe lost in Parsons

Called to Serve-June

	3	10	17	24
Communion Preparation	Headys	Headys	Headys	Headys
Greeters: Front Doors Inside Lobby	Fergusons	Nola Fisher Clarinda O'Brien	Robinsons	Judy Wells Mary Ruth Allen
Nursery	Shirley Lunday	Randee Baty	Karen Osgood	Clarinda O'Brien
Communion	Chris Ferguson	Thad Osgood	Doug Baty	Howard Weidert
Ushers	Jeff Ferguson Steve Passwater	Ralph Heady Kenneth Lunday	Thad Osgood Howard Weidert	Jeff Ferguson Steve Passwater
Serving the Lord's Supper	Bill Longfellow Josh Passwater Ralph Heady David Baty	Steve Passwater Jeff Ferguson Alan Meier Howard Weidert	Joe Hills Chris Ferguson Jeff O'Brien Seth Weidert	Thad Osgood Joel Ferguson Bill Longfellow Josh Passwater
Benediction	Gene Robinson	Ralph Heady	Steve Passwater	Thad Osgood
Shut-Ins	Thad Osgood	Lundays	Doug Baty	Jeff Ferguson
Nursing Home				Elmhaven East 2:45

June 2018

						1 Clothing EXPERIENCES Younger Youth Water Wars 5:00	2 Clothing EXPERIENCES
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
High School Camp →							
10 Mary Ruth Allen Board Meeting 1:30	11	12	13	14	15	16	
Middle School Camp →							
CITY →							
			Melinda Velasquez				
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
5th and 6th →							
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
3rd and 4th 2 →							
3rd and 4th 1 →							
1st and 2nd							