



The Messenger



Westside Christian Church

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Parsons, KS

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Future Events

Ladies Fellowship
August 5th 2:00 PM
Wear a hat day
August 11th
W@W Kickoff Sept
4th 5:30 pm



The amazing women of are church have started a monthly ladies fellowship! They are shooting for the first Monday of each month at around 2:00 pm. Any changes or up dates

will be posted on our church facebook page. All ladies are invited to fellowship together, get to know one another, and talk about upcoming events in the church. This months ladies meeting will be at Mary Ruth Allen's house at 2:00 pm. God Bless you all!

Thank You

A big thankyou to Ralph, Gene, Rick, Thad, Larry, Kenneth, and Norma who all helped to get the parking lot repainted!

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The Preschool Project is back underway. This is a practical way to show God's love to the young families in the community that may have a hard time providing for their children. This fall we will be providing the school supplies for the preschool at Lincoln Elementary.

The needed supplies are:

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



Financial donations are also welcome if you don't like to shop. Our goal this year is 80 backpacks. Donations can be brought to the office anytime. In past years this project has been a great success and I'm sure we all will keep it up this year! Thanks for all that you do!

DOUG'S DESK



I challenge you to define the word good. Go ahead and think for a moment, what does it mean? Look it up in the dictionary, it has many definitions. Good is a comparative term like better, good may be a preference, it could be functional, an agreed upon value, and the opposite of evil. Good is hard to put a definition to.

So what do we mean when we say “be good” to our kids? Or have a good day? We are probably meaning “be obedient”, “be compliant”, or “stay out of trouble.” What does “that was real good” mean then? You might be talking about a meal, a movie, a story or a day and express “that was sure good!” Are you comparing it to other movies or days, or did you mean it was satisfying and delightful? Good is hard to pin down.

When applying “good” to God it gets us to understand the word in a new way. But I think the challenge of “good” and God is one we need to explore and try to understand.

God isn't good like I would say “Dr. Pepper is a good drink.” Everyone knows I like it, but I also know that not everyone else thinks Dr. Pepper is good. A good God isn't about personal taste or preferences. God being good has to do with perfection, excellence and an absolute value. God is the personification of good. God is flawless and perfect in every way. Jesus once questioned a man about calling him good. Jesus further responded to that same man that only God is good. Luke 18:19.

God is good in ways very different than what I have introduced above. Since God is an uncreated being, his goodness has different qualities than we are used to thinking about. God does not have limits in the same way we have limitations. God is flawless, perfect, and eternal. Ps. 25:8, 18:25-26. Mt. 5:48. God is excellent in every way. Ps. 34:8

God is also morally perfect, He doesn't do anything wrong, nor can He. Heb. 6:18. God is also consistent within Himself. This means God is faithful in everything He has ever said or thought, He is unchanging, in contrast to His creation. One of the best features about God's goodness is that He has a good attitude toward His creation. That means God wants His created beings to have good things and that He is benevolent toward them, compassionate, generous, and kind toward His creation. Mt. 7:11. God will let bad things happen but turn them into good. Rom. 8:28. God loves His creation. God's goodness is seen in His love toward mankind. Jn. 3:16.

from your YOUTH MINISTER

This month, the youth group and I went to CIY in Cleveland, Tennessee. It was a lot of fun, but more importantly It was a very spiritually moving trip. We left Sunday after church and drove till about 9pm, when we stayed the night at the house of Doug's cousin Dawn. We set out the next morning and drove till we arrived at Lee University in Cleveland. That's where the week really began. There were so many good speakers, the praise band was amazing, and hearts were on fire! If you're curious about the first two, you can find the sermons on ciy.com/movesermons and you can find the band by looking up Aaron Pelsue on youtube. The students really just clicked with the message this year! We learned about the prophet Elijah. We learned about the drought, the widow that fed him, the showdown with Baal, the retreat to Mount Carmel, the recruiting of Elisha, and the death of Elijah. We also had a lot of fun with the free time we had. We hiked in the foothills of the Smoky mountains, went to an axe throwing range, and made it out of a prison themed escape room. The Students loved the whole week and are already talking about going next year! I know that God has used CIY to work in their hearts, and I can't wait to see how it affects the rest of their lives.

-Chris-

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Have you wondered what would happen if God were not good? Jack Cottrell says that “if God were not good, his attitudes and actions toward us would be characterized either by cruelty or by indifference.” Wow, how scary and dreadful that would be.

It is a good thing that God is not indifferent and that He truly loves us and that He is consistent. God may discipline us for a time. God wants us to grow up and He is interested in us being like Christ and trusting Him, putting our faith in Him. Heb. 11:6.

God is a good God and a good God is definitely preferred over any other!

For further reading and study on this topic see these passages: Ps. 31:19, 34:8, 84:11, 107:9, 145:9, Ex. 33:19, Acts 14:17, 1 Tim. 6:17.

Doug Baty

Called to Serve-August

August	4	11	18	25
Communion Preparation	Rea Family	Rea Family	Rea Family	Rea Family
Greeters	Mary Ruth Allen	Karen Osgood	Fergusons	Clarinda O'Brien
Nursery	Shirley Lunday	Randee Baty	Clarinda O'Brien	Karren Osgood
Communion	Thad Osgood	Doug Baty	Howard Weidert	Jeff Ferguson
Ushers	Steve Passwater Kenneth Lunday	Thad Osgood Howard Weidert	Joel Ferguson Jeff Ferguson	Steve Passwater Thad Osgood
Serving the Lord's Supper	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 Seth Weidert Joel Ferguson Bill Longfellow
Benediction	Gene Robinson	Ralph Heady	Thad Osgood	Jeff Ferguson
Shut-Ins	Jeff Ferguson	Lunday's	Thad Osgood	Doug Baty
Nursing Home				Good Samaritan 2:00 Woodridge 2:45

August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Kenneth Lunday 	3
4 Maya Velasquez 	5	6 Rachel Velasquez 	7	8	9 Dow Wort 	10
11 	12	13	14	15	16 Andrew Passwater 	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Marie Norton 	26 Clarinda O'Brien David Baly 	27	28 Mary Thomas 	29 Thad Osgood 	30	31