



The Messenger



Westside Christian Church

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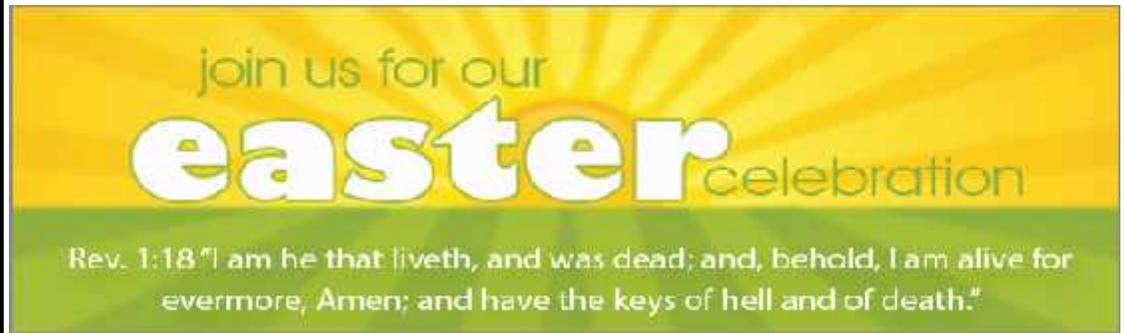
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Future Events

April 7– Youth
Lunch After Church
April 21– Easter
Celebration 5-7 PM
April 24– Last W@W
May 5– Youth Lunch
After Church
May 12- Mothers
Day Lunch After
Church



Our Annual Easter Celebration will be held Easter Sunday 5-7 PM. Feel free to invite friends, family, and more. This is a great opportunity to reach out to our community! There will be bounce houses, Easter Egg hunts for all ages, egg dying and craft tables. We need volunteers to make this event work so please sign up if you are able.

W@W

Dinner 5:30
Classes 6:30



Ages 1-3 in the nursery 5:15 PM
Ages 8-11 on the side lawn 5:15 PM
Ages 4-7 on the front lawn 6:00 PM
Ages 12 and up back lawn 6:00 PM

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TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH AND DONATED TOO THE DESERT AUCTION ON THE 17TH. WE RAISED ALMOST \$2000 AND PAID FOR CIY! WE HAVE ALSO FUNDED THE YOUTH ACCOUNT THROUGH THE SUMMER! SO ENJOY THE CALORIES AND KNOW THEY ARE WORTH IT AND YOU HAVE BLESSED THE KIDS AND GUESTS OF WESTSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

DOUG'S DESK



The Wonders of the Cross

When I look at the cross, I think of the suffering and pain that Jesus went through because of my sin. I also see the cross as a gift from God to allow me to enter his presence. I don't know what you might think of when you look at the cross, but it is not just a simple, single representation of God's work. Yet it kind of is. It is a simple representation of the full experience Jesus went through for our salvation. The cross also represents God's full expression of love and a gift that brings us more than we can completely or fully understand. The cross is a symbol of God's many wonderful purposes found in this single event.

Jesus was familiar with the cross. It was a symbol of pain and humiliation for people throughout the Roman world. The cross had been used by Romans for over two hundred years, to humiliate, painfully punish, and denigrate those nailed to it. The Romans used it publicly to humiliate, as a scare tactic, and as a deterrent to opposition or sedition. And Jesus mentioned the cross three times as an illustration of the type of commitment he wanted from his followers. (See Mt. 10:38, Lk. 9:23 and Lk 14:27) Jesus said, in these passages, that one must love Him more than family, that one must deny self and carry that burden in their life. If one wasn't willing to do so he isn't worthy of being with Jesus eternally.

The cross is a sign of commitment, a commitment you are willing to suffer and die for. Jesus wants us to value our relationship with him more than anything else in this world. So when you see the cross you might recognize that besides his pain and punishment by this world for not cowering to their desires, Jesus endured the cross for the joy set before Him, to obey God's desires, Heb. 12:2

One of the greatest desires God has from any of us is obedience. Jesus obeyed God by suffering and dying on the cross. Along with Jesus' obedience He became perfect through suffering, Heb. 2:10. Through Jesus' perfection he became our eternal salvation, Heb. 5:9 and he is making us perfect as well, Heb. 10:14,40. So at the cross we are made perfect through Jesus, so it is a perfect symbol for us.

This event on the cross makes us perfect through our faith in Jesus, it also gives us a path to God, 1 Pet. 3:18. The cross was also where Jesus absorbed the wrath of God toward sin, Rom. 3:25 and 1 John 4:10.

The cross has many more applications in our spiritual life. It is our reconciliation point, 2 Cor. 5:19-

from your
**YOUTH
MINISTER**

First of all I want to give a very big thank you to everyone who contributed to the dessert auction last month. We raised more than I've ever seen raised at one of these events! After running numbers, I can confidently say that CIY is fully paid for! All thanks to you! Thank you to everyone who made desserts, as well as everyone who bought desserts.

This month we will be having the last of our spring semester Wednesday night services. The students have been going through the book *Crazy Love* by Francis Chan. It's been an interesting journey through the book as we've looked at what it means to be fully devoted to God instead of just saying that we are. Students have learned to identify lukewarm Christians, what it means to give God your best instead of what's left, how we treat God when we're truly in love with him, and most importantly, how to live for our life in Heaven rather than our life on earth.

We've even had new students this semester! One caught me completely off guard when he asked me in the middle of class on his first week "What's a Christian?" Blew my mind. But that's why we're here! We have to teach everyone who Jesus is! This was the last command that Jesus gave before ascending into Heaven, so let's do it.

-Chris-

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20. It is what calls us to humility and to follow Christ as our example. The cross secures our resurrection from the dead and gets us out of eternal punishment. The cross is what Paul preached and "Him crucified", 1 Cor. 1:23. The cross disarms the rulers and authorities of the dark side, Col. 2:14-15, and so much more.

Maybe, when you look at the cross it will remind you of much more than just death. The cross gives us hope and life, goodness and kindness, the cross represents the full experience that God wants in us to be like His son.

We may not fully understand or even fully experience all the ramifications of the cross but we can learn to appreciate its complexity and love our Savior who hung there for our sins to give us hope, love, eternal life and so much more.

Your brother in Christ and minister,

Doug Baty

Called to Serve-April

March	7	14	21	28
Communion Preparation	Meiers	Meiers	Meiers	Meiers
Greeters	Clarinda O'Brien	Gene Robinson	Annette Robinson	Judy Wells
Nursery	Shirley Lunday	Randee Baty	Karen Osgood	Clarinda O'Brien
Communion	Chris Ferguson	Thad Osgood	Doug Baty	Howard Weidert
Ushers	Howard Weidert Jeff Ferguson	Steve Passwater Joel Ferguson	Kenneth Lunday Howard Weidert	Joel Ferguson Jeff Ferguson
Serving the Lord's Supper	Alan Meier Jeff O'Brien Thad Osgood Howard Weidert	Seth Weidert Chris Ferguson Howard Weidert Josh Passwater	Steve Passwater Jeff Ferguson Thad Osgood Alan Meier	Jeff O'Brien Chris Ferguson Bill Longfellow Seth Weidert
Benediction	Ralph Heady	Thad Osgood	Jeff Ferguson	Doug Baty
Shut-Ins	Jeff Ferguson	Lunday's	Thad Osgood	Doug Baty
Nursing Home				Presbyterian Manor 2:30

APRIL 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 W@W Dinner 5:30 Classes 6:30	4	5	6
7 Youth Lunch	8 Pat Longfellow	9	10 W@W Dinner 5:30 Classes 6:30	11	12	13 Willow Baty
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21 	22	23	24 Last W@W Dinner 5:30 Classes 6:30	25	26	27
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