



The Messenger



Westside Christian Church

February 3rd, 2018

Parsons, KS

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Future Events

Feb 10—Valentines Banquet. 6:00 PM

Feb 17—Elders Meeting 3:30

Feb 27—Kingdom Project

March 3—Scott Springer Youth Lunch

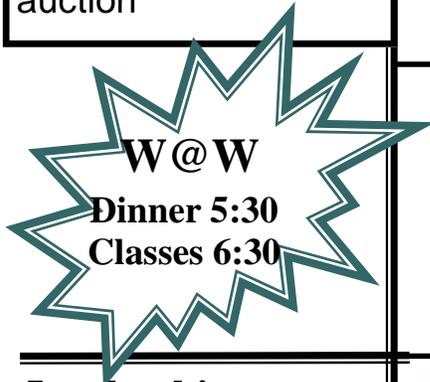
March 13—No W@W

March 24— Spaghetti dinner and desert auction



You are invited to our Valentines Day Fundraiser for the Youth.

February 10th at 6:00 PM
There will be a free dinner.
A Photo Booth \$10
Voluntary Donation Plate



W@W

Dinner 5:30

Classes 6:30

Leadership at Westside

Ministers

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Elders

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The Kingdom Project

Inter youth group event for 6th grade and up.
6:00 PM in the municipal Building.

Wednesday class for the younger kids will still be at W@W and the older kids will attend the event. Dinner will be provided.



February 14th, Valentines Day, the day we take to appreciate our romantic partners, the singles either have a pity party or celebrate their singledom in their own way, and others take time to remember loved ones lost. Romance and love are something that are built into us. God himself said "It is not good for man to be alone" and so created woman. "He who finds a wife finds a good thing and receives favor from the Lord". So relationships are a good thing although sometimes in this fallen world they can be painful. After all so many people are seeking their fulfillment from other people. The problem with this is we as humans are fallen and sinful. Until we first find a loving relationship with GOD we will never be truly fulfilled either in or out of a human relationship. God made us, God loves us, God wants us to love and seek him. One thing that defines true love is the capacity for self sacrifice, to put the other person first. The greatest sacrifice in the history of everything is Christ going to the cross for us, for our sins, so that we may live in eternal glory with Him in Heaven. -Liz-

DOUG'S DESK

Trust and Obey

Faith is the important thing. The most important faith we have is our saving faith in Jesus Christ our trust in Him. I am going to break down the understanding of Christian faith into two portions.

Faith has two parts, the assent of the mind, the belief system and the second part is the application. Both of these aspects of faith are important but we often we don't fully understand our own belief system.

The first part of faith is assent, it is the acceptance part, the mental work, the beginning of what is called living faith. Assent is our ability to accept and make sense of the idea that Jesus is our object of faith. We put our faith in Him for our salvation, He is our get out of jail for free card. Our faith is a mental understanding that Jesus paid the price for our sin and that He loves us so much that he died for us so that we can be with Him. All this, so far mentioned, is our assent of the mind. We place our focus on Him for our salvation. So far we have only thought thoughts and gained understanding and all of it is called assent. We have accepted his offer of grace. Jesus is our object of faith, we put our trust in Him and Him alone for the promises given.

But faith is useless if it is not put into action. If all we do is think, and play mental gymnastics with doctrinal and Biblical ideas we are no better than the devil or his demons. Even they "believe in God" and tremble in their shoes. (James 2:19) To make faith real or alive we have to do something to prove our faith. We have to do something that shows we really have faith and are not just blubbermouths. Faith has to be more than talk to be real. We have to apply our faith in real life to be authentic faith.

Applying our faith can be done in worship. We worship Jesus by praising His name, praying to Him, singing about Him, singing to Him and more. We also practice our faith by giving. Giving is a form of sacrifice. God wants us to give of ourselves, our money, our time, our very lives. He wants us to sacrifice. This is seen in hospitality, in being kind toward others' needs, in sharing, in sacrificial love. God also wants us to obey

Obedience is not why we get to heaven, but obedience is the expression of our faith in Jesus. We must trust and obey, for there's no other way. Jesus taught that if you want your faith to grow you must obey, Luke 17:5-10 and Mt. 23:3 and 23. James tells us that faith is pointless or even worthless, dead, if it is not put into play, 2:14-26. Paul was showing us that if our faith is to grow, we must do



from your YOUTH MINISTER

This month I want to talk to you about one of the lessons we had on a recent Wednesday night service. We've been going through the book *Crazy Love* by Francis Chan. It's a great book, I highly recommend it to anyone. It talks about God's crazy love for us. The particular chapter I will be discussing with you is chapter three, which carries the same title as the book, *Crazy Love*. This chapter talks about how you can never earn God's love. No matter how good you are, even if you do everything right, you still have sin, therefore you are not good enough. Isaiah 64:6 goes so far as to say "all our righteous acts are like filthy rags." So even the best of us that do the best things, it all measures up to dirty rags before God's glory. But do you know what the good part is? He loves us anyway. No matter how bad you think you are, no matter how undeserving you feel, Christ loves you! You can never be too far gone! Isn't that a good feeling? To know that no matter what we do, we will always be loved by the almighty God of the universe. Now don't take that as a license to just go do whatever sins you want. Just because he will always love you doesn't give you free reign. Rather, take comfort in the fact that when you do make mistakes, he doesn't look at you disapprovingly and tell you how bad you've been. He instead gives us the chance to come back to him, welcoming us with open arms. And he always will. *-Chris-*

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stuff, Romans 12:1-21. He starts out by telling us to be living sacrifices, an act of worship in God's sight. He taught that God didn't want just gifts, but obedience, Heb. 10:5-8. God wants our love which is seen in action.

Faith has two parts, the mental assent and the practical applying of that belief into real life. This pleases God, but don't get big headed about it, for as Jesus says, even after doing it right, we are unworthy, we are just doing our duty, Luke 17:10.

Learn to trust and obey, it will make you happy.

Your brother in Christ and minister, Doug Baty

Called to Serve-February

February	3	10	17	24	
Communion Preparation	Clarinda O'Brien	Clarinda O'Brien	Clarinda O'Brien	Clarinda O'Brien	
Greeters	Karen Osgood	Fergusons	Nola Fisher	Gene & Annette Robinson	
Nursery	Shirley Lunday	Randee Baty	Karen Osgood	Clarinda O'Brien	
Communion	Tim Ren	Chris Ferguson	Thad Osgood	Doug Baty	
Ushers	Steve Passwater Jeff Ferguson	Thad Osgood Kenneth Lunday	Joel Ferguson Howard Weidert	Steve Passwater Jeff Ferguson	
Serving the Lord's Supper	Chris Ferguson Thad Osgood Alan Meier Jeff O'Brien	Jeff Ferguson Howard Weidert Seth Weidert Joel Ferguson	Bill Longfellow Josh Passwater Steve Passwater Jeff Ferguson	Thad Osgood Alan Meier Jeff O'Brien Chris Ferguson	
Benediction	Doug Baty	Tim Ren	Thad Osgood	Ralph Heady	
Shut-Ins	Doug Baty	Lundays	Jeff Ferguson	Thad Osgood	
Nursing Home				Good Samaritan 2:00 Woodridge 2:45	

February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3  FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY 6:00 PM Every Sunday</p> <p>10  Valentine's Supper Chandler Struthers Jeff O'Brien 17 3:30 PM  Elder's Meeting</p> <p>24</p>	<p>4 Emerald Struthers</p> <p>11 Emerald Struthers</p> <p>18 </p> <p>25 Tim Ren </p>	<p>5 12</p> <p>19 Annette Robinson </p> <p>26 Annette Robinson </p>	<p>6  W@W Supper 5:30 Bible Study 6:30</p> <p>13  W@W Supper 5:30 Bible Study 6:30</p> <p>20  W@W Supper 5:30 Bible Study 6:30</p> <p>27  W@W Supper 5:30 Bible Study 6:30</p>	<p>7 14 Rhonda Ren</p> <p>21 </p> <p>28 Barbara Meier </p>	<p>8 15 Linda Weakly</p> <p>22 </p>	<p>9 16 23</p>