



# The Messenger



## Westside Christian Church

September 29 2019

Parsons, KS

[www.westsidatparsons.com](http://www.westsidatparsons.com)

620-421-3533

### Future Events

**Oct. 4-6: Kiamichi's Big Foot Festival**

**Oct. 6: Elders Meeting**

**Oct. 11-12: Hidden Haven Ladies Retreat.**

**Oct. 20: Don Smith Guest Speaker & Harvest Party**

**Oct. 31: Trunk Or Treat.**

**Nov. 1-2: OCC's "The Event"**



### **Leadership at Westside**

#### **Ministers**

Doug Baty 778-3919  
Chris Ferguson 778-4110

#### **Elders**

Jeff Ferguson 778-8911  
Ralph Heady 421-0447

Contact us by mail:  
5100 W. Main St.  
Parsons, KS 67357

Contact us by email:  
[parsonswestside@yahoo.com](mailto:parsonswestside@yahoo.com)

Contact us by phone:  
Office 620-421-3533

Follow us on Twitter  
[@WestsideParsons](https://twitter.com/WestsideParsons)



## 13th Annual Trunk Or Treat! October 31st 5:30-7:00PM

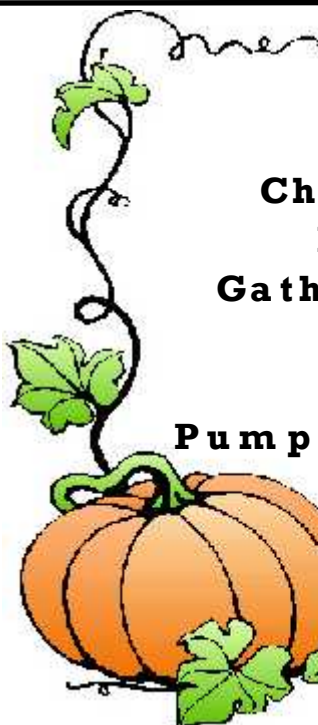


October is here! Which means it is time to get ready for Trunk or Treat! As always it is open to the community and everything from candy and food to face painting is free of charge!

How can you help? There will be flyers at the church you can give to friends and family. Bring bags of individually wrapped candy by the church. As always volunteer



your time! A lot of work goes into this. Let us know if you can help with preparations, serving, or cleanup! Lastly we will need lots of trunks for the treats. Sign up sheets will be in the foyer!



### **Church Family Harvest Party!** **Bring your favorite dish!** **Gather for Fellowship, Food, and Games.**

**October 20th**

**Pumpkin Carving Contest at 5:00 PM**  
**Dinner to Follow**



## DOUG'S DESK

Having the mind of Christ.



Many would question the idea that Christians have the mind of Christ. No doubt many Christians falter in areas of life that make us question their Christianity, but that doesn't mean they don't have the mind of Christ. You may be wondering, where did this idea come from, Christians having the mind of Christ. Take a look at 1 Corinthians 2:16.

The last verse of the second chapter of first Corinthians makes a simple statement after an argument presented about wisdom from the Spirit of God. God has given us his Spirit so that we might understand His will. The spiritual man accepts the wisdom of God but the unspiritual man sees God's wisdom, namely Jesus, as foolishness and they don't understand the good news. Paul puts an endcap to the argument and says "but we have the mind of Christ."

The question many of us have is this, "what does having the mind of Christ even mean?" Simply put, having the mind of Christ is taking to heart the matters Jesus took to heart, loving what he loves and hating what he hates. A person who has the mind of Christ is someone who thinks and talks and acts like Jesus would in his situation. It is learning God's will and then purposefully living it out in their lives. I am going to give you several ways by which you can tell if you are living like Christ or not.

Basically, here is the question we all must ask ourselves: Are you doing what Jesus wants you to do? I will follow this up with several more questions that will indicate Jesus desire for you. Are you loving God with all of your heart, soul, mind and strength? Are you loving the people around you, including your enemies? Are you forgiving people so that you may also be forgiven? Are you fulfilling your commitments to people and to God? Are you being faithful? Are you sharing God's good news as you go? Are you searching for God's wisdom and praying that His will will be done in your life? Are you bringing glory and honor to God with your actions? Are you bringing glory and honor to God with your thinking? Are you fellowshiping with believers? Is your mind set on heavenly things? Are you being kind, turning the other cheek and going the extra mile like Jesus did? Do you want the best for other people? Are you assuming the best in others? Do you trust others? Are you being hospitable and humble? Are you confessing your sins to others and repenting?

Jesus knew his purpose early on. I think Jesus understood at age 12 what he was going to do

from your  
**YOUTH  
MINISTER**

The other day, Jocelyn walks up to Liz and said "Mommy, I love you most." Liz replied "I love you too, Jocelyn." Jocelyn is quiet for a minute then asked "Mommy, what does most mean?" Liz explains "It means more than anything else." Hearing this, Jocelyn says "Oh...I love God most."

When Liz told me this story, it warmed my heart. I desperately hope that Jocelyn keeps her love for God for the rest of her days. But the story also got me thinking: How do we show that we love God most? Loving him more than anything is a clear command in the Bible. Jesus says in Luke 10:27 "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind." If you love God with all of those things completely, there should be nothing left. So how does that show in your life?

There are lots of ways. How do you show anyone else that you love them? You can start by spending time with them. Pray, read the bible, attend church... this is basic stuff for Christians. We all know this, but how many of us actually do all of it? Do you just show up to church on Sunday and then spend the rest of the week like it never happened? Or do you read the Bible every day? Do you spend time talking to him in prayer?

You also show people you love them with actions. It is the same with God. James 1:22 says "do not merely listen to the word and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." Even if you read the Bible every day, it won't mean a thing if you don't live the way it tells you to. So what does that look like? Treat people with respect. Find a way to serve others. Love people. I could go on, but I think you get the idea. Love God most. Love him with everything you have. Spend time with him, and love those that he cares about.

*-Chris-*

---

—Continued from previous column—

and for 30 years prepared for his 3 year ministry. I don't know about you, but I feel I have floundered, faltered, fallen, failed, and flopped around, but God keeps helping me up. God is good and he want us, his children, to be like Jesus. God has given us His word and His Spirit for our help and he has given us His son for an example and for our complete redemption.

Let the mind of Christ rule your life,  
AMEN!






Your brother in Christ and minister, Doug Baty

# Called to Serve-October

<b>October</b>	6	13	20	27
<b>Communion Preparation</b>	Reas	Reas	Reas	Reas
<b>Greeters</b>	Clarinda O'Brien	Gene Robinson	Annette Robinson	Judy Wells
<b>Nursery</b>	Shirley Lunday	Randee Baty	Karen Osgood	Clarinda O'Brien
<b>Communion</b>	Jeff Ferguson	Chris Ferguson	Doug Baty	Thad Osgood
<b>Ushers</b>	Steve Passwater Thad Osgood	Howard Weidert Jeff Ferguson	Kenneth Lunday Joel Ferguson	Howard Weidert Jeff Ferguson
<b>Serving the Lord's Supper</b>	Howard Weidert Seth Weidert Joel Ferguson Bill Longfellow	Thad Osgood Joel Ferguson Jeff O'Brien Alan Meier	Bill Longfellow Josh Passwater Steve Passwater Jeff Ferguson	Seth Weidert Alan Meier Jeff O'Brien Chris Ferguson
<b>Benediction</b>	Jeff Ferguson	Doug Baty	Tim Ren	Gene Robinson
<b>Shut-Ins</b>	Kenneth & Shirley Lunday	Thad Osgood	Doug Baty	Jeff Ferguson
<b>Nursing Home</b>				Presbyterian Manor 2:30



# October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>6 Elders Meeting Antonio Velasquez</p> 	7	8 Ranee Baty	9 Judy Wells	10	11	12
<p>13 Jeff Ferguson</p> 	<p>14 Doug Baty</p> 	15	16 Ada Velasquez	17	18 Ralph Heady	19
<p>20</p> 	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	<p>31 Trunk Or Treat</p> 	<p>Steve Passwater</p> 