



The Messenger



Westside Christian Church

February 28, 2017

Parsons, KS

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Future Events

March 2 & 3-

Clothing Exchange

March 4-Scott

Springer with us for Sunday School and Worship Service

March 11-Elder's

Meeting 1:30

March 14-Ari Hauben

presenting "Messiah in the Passover" here

March 21-No W@W

for Spring Break

April 1-Easter

Breakfast 9:00

Worship Service

10:30

Easter Celebration

5:00-7:00 pm

April 2 & 3-Clothing

Exchange

April 11-Elder's

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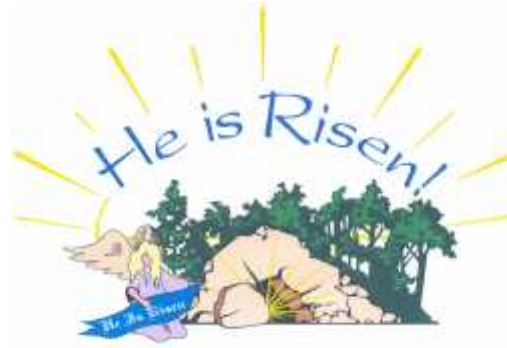
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Easter Activities-April 1



Jesus died for us all! He redeemed us from our sins. As if that were not enough, he then conquered the grave itself! Come celebrate His resurrection with us.

Breakfast 9:00 am

(cooked by our men, ask Doug if you would like to know how you can help!)

Worship Service 10:30 am

Easter Celebration 5:00 pm

Everyone is invited! Bring your family, friends and neighbors!

Bounce

Houses

Crafts and Games

Dinner for
everyone

Easter Egg Hunts

Doug's Desk

Celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus



Christians have been celebrating the resurrection of Jesus for centuries, since AD 33. In the first century celebrations of Jesus resurrection was not a year to year activity, but a weekly event. They would gather on the first day of the week, before work, and partake in communion together, pray, sing, and then off to work they would go.

In the first four centuries or so, Christians were often harassed and chased out of town. Saul, before his conversion and name change, was doing this very thing, A. 8:3, 9:1-2. Jews and Gentiles alike were chasing Paul and Barnabas out of Iconium, A. 14:3 and Priscilla and Aquila were pushed out of Rome, A. 18:2.

Even after the Edict of Milan, a document in 313 AD that said one could worship whatever deity he wanted, there was still persecution. Forty soldiers were told they had to make sacrifice to another god but they refused. They were beaten and made to stand on the lake until frozen or return and fight for Rome. These 40 soldiers, all Christians stood, until one broke the ranks. A guard, watching the whole thing and taken in by their commitment, took off his clothes and stood with the remaining 39, making the number 40 again. They died, frozen on Sabaste Lake in Turkey. This event happened March 9th, 320 AD. A feast day has been designated in honor of these 40 martyrs.

We must not be too enamored about those who have died for their faith in Jesus, for Jesus died for us first, so that we might live again. We are told that persecution will happen and that we exercise our faith in some visible way, Mt. 5:10-12, 10:32, Rom. 10:9-10, 2Tim. 3:12, 1Pe. 4:12 and Phil. 2:11.

Jesus was persecuted and said we would be hated by the world, Jn. 15:9. His persecution lead to his death, but he wasn't in the grave long. No, Jesus' death was short, and powerful in that he provided for us redemption and atonement. His death lead back to his life, the life he still enjoys, sitting at the right hand of his father. Hebrews 12:2 says, "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." (NIV)

Jesus is alive and well. He is our advocate and is preparing for us a place. Christians have been celebrating Jesus resurrection for nearly 2000 years now. He is a blessed Messiah, a beautiful servant of God that we should all emulate and a wonderful friend. Come celebrate the resurrection with us on April 1st in the morning at 9:30 to 11:30 with a full breakfast and in the afternoon from 5-7 with a full supper and fun activities.

Jesus is the only one deserving our worship and we worship him on the day he resurrected, on Sunday, the first day of the week. We also worship him all the days of our lives as we serve and live to become more like him.

Your minister and brother in Christ. Doug Baty

As I sit here to write this, I have a million and five things to do. Writing lessons, planning the Easter celebration, deciding what events to do with the youth group next month, clean my house, go to the gym, start a diet, there's just a lot on my plate right now(hence the diet). I'm willing to bet that everyone reading this is nodding their head and thinking of all the things that they have to do. Everybody is so busy these days!

One thing my mother would tell me while growing up is "If the devil can't make you bad, he'll make you busy." It wasn't until the last few years that I really understood that phrase. If you're too busy, it's hard to make time for God. That's one reason it's so important to go to church weekly. Take a breather and focus on God. Being busy can also make us stressed. Let me tell you that not one thing you have on your plate is beyond God's ability. Matthew 6:34 says "Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough troubles of its own." Keep in mind I'm not telling you to procrastinate. I'm saying that having a lot to do doesn't mean you have to worry about it. God will always provide.

What I really want you to get out of my article this month is this: Take a break and take a breath. Read Luke 12:27-31 and see what Jesus said about worrying.

Prayer Requests

Health Issues:

JLoretta Ball
JNell Ball
JDennis King
JTonya Atherton
JMatthew and Darren
Burkes
JDale Owen
JKip Fentress
JMelissa Forbes
JMaggie Jackson
JBilly Brown
JStephanie Wells
JGene Robinson
JRachelle Clift

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
JBill Montgomery in Haiti

There will be no W@W on
March 21st due to Spring
Break.

Called to Serve

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| February | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 |
| Communion Preparation | Clarinda O'Brien | Clarinda O'Brien | Clarinda O'Brien | Clarinda O'Brien |
| Greeters: Front Doors Inside Lobby | Mary Ruth Allen Nola Fisher | Clarinda O'Brien Karen Osgood | Robinsons | Judy Wells |
| Nursery | Shirley Lunday | Randee Baty | Karen Osgood | Clarinda O'Brien |
| Communion | Tim Ren | Jeff Ferguson | Chris Ferguson | Thad Osgood |
| Ushers | Ralph Heady Jeff Ferguson | Steve Passwater Thad Osgood | Kenneth Lunday Ralph Heady | Jeff Ferguson Steve Passwater |
| Serving the Lord's Supper | Chris Ferguson Seth Weidert Joel Ferguson Bill Longfellow | Josh Passwater Ralph Heady David Baty Alan Meier | Steve Passwater Jeff Ferguson Thad Osgood Jeff O'Brien | Joe Hills Chris Ferguson Seth Weidert Joel Ferguson |
| Benediction | Jeff Ferguson | Thad Osgood | Doug Baty | Tim Ren |
| Shut-Ins | Jeff Ferguson | Lundays | Headys | Thad Osgood |
| Nursing Home | | | | Good Samaritan 2:00 Woodridge 2:45 |