



The Messenger



Westside Christian Church

March 31, 2018

Parsons, KS

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Future Events

- April 1**-Easter
Breakfast 9:00
Worship Service
10:30
Easter Celebration
5:00-7:00 pm
- April 6 & 7**-Clothing
Exchange
- April 8**-Elder's Meet-
ing 1:30
- April 25**-Last W@W
until next fall
- May 1-3** Kiamichi
Men's Clinic
- May 4 & 5** Clothing
Exchange
- May 13**-Mother's Day
Luncheon after
church

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Doug's Desk

Easter is a celebration of Jesus' resurrection that was forged in darkness, pain, agony and betrayal. The darkness Jesus went through is some of what we may go through in life as we take up our cross and follow him (Lk.9:23).

Jesus' life, hands down, is the most discussed and mentioned life in all of history. Christians talk about him and pray to him and share him regularly. Non-Christians use his name to stamp approval on their judgment when they say something like "Jesus Christ, go to hell" and such. Even the Muslim community talks about Jesus sincerely and regularly. Jesus is written about in the Koran and says he was born of a virgin, had the Spirit of God, and did many miracles. Muslims look forward to seeing Jesus come back in his second coming and they see him as a sinless prophet. Muslims, however, do not see Jesus as the one who died for our sins on the cross, yet around the world and around the clock, people are talking about Jesus.

Jesus had a rough life. His father died at a young age, his friends denied him when he was on trial and then ran from him. One of his closest buddies betrayed him with a kiss, to hand him over to death on a cross.

Jesus was crucified in an agonizing and ugly scene, humiliated, tortured and killed. Yet his response was love, forgiveness, mercy, acceptance, and goodwill mixed with hope in God. This is the kind of life Jesus challenges his followers to live.

At the cross Jesus forgave those who had involvement in this cruel event (Lk. 23:24) He forgave the people who were ignorant of what they were doing. Jesus spoke to his mom and handed off her future care to a friend. (Jn. 19:27) He did this while hanging on a cross and bleeding to death after being beaten, tortured and mocked. He cried out to God and shared his agony, (Mt. 27:46) yet submitting to the will of God for this horrendous affair.

Jesus cried out for his physical needs on the cross, (Jn. 19:28) he was thirsty. The response was not a kind one, soldiers put up a sponge of sour vinegar for him to suck on. Yuck! But still, Jesus never blurted out curses or spewed venom at those looking on. He always responded with kindness or said nothing.

Jesus even gave hope to a fellow dying man. A thief on the cross recognized Jesus innocence and wrongful death. Jesus promised him paradise. (Lk. 23:43) Still no curses, only blessings come from Jesus' mouth.

While on the cross, going through all this pain and suffering, Jesus looked forward to his being with God (Lk. 23:46). We will all submit ourselves to God in the end, when death darkens our doors, and it will go well for us when we know we have been doing God's will. Jesus' resurrection is evidence that when we put our faith in him, that we too will raise again.

So when Jesus says "take up your cross and follow me," you may have a different perspective on how to live this out like Jesus. He tells us to love, to "do unto others what we want them to do to us," to bless not curse and to share. God has shared with us his son and has given us promises he will not break. When we go through dark times, we are promised that we will come out of it alive and well.

Your minister and brother in Christ. Doug Baty

HIDDEN HAVEN CHRISTIAN CAMP 2018



High School 1	June 3-8	Grades 9-12
Middle School 1	June 10-15	Grades 6-8
5-6 Camp 1	June 17-21	Grades 5-6
3-4 Camp 1	June 24-26	Grades 3-4
3-4 Camp 2	June 26-28	Grades 3-4
1-2 Camp	June 29-30	Grades 1-2
Middle School 2	July 8-13	Grades 6-8
5-6 Camp 2	July 15-19	Grades 5-6
High School 2	July 22-27	Grades 9-12

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This Sunday is Easter, the day that celebrates the entire foundation and reason for our faith. This is the day that our Lord Jesus conquered death and raised himself from the grave. It's because of this that we can have salvation. The best part of it all is that he didn't have to do it. Heck, he even tried to look for another way for us to be forgiven (see Matthew 26:39 and 42). But there was no other way, so he went through with the horrible execution method of crucifixion. Why? Why would he subject himself to that? The answer is simple: he loves us. He went through all that because he wanted us to be able to come to him and be in eternity with him. How great of a love that is! That the almighty God, creator of the universe would reduce himself to a human, then be rejected by so many, then be subjected to excruciating torture, and finally die not from the torture and blood loss, but of suffocation on the cross! Even better, it has been said that even if Jesus could only save one sinner rather than all of them, he still would have gone through all of that for the salvation of that single sinner. Do you feel like you deserve that? I know I don't. To be truthful, nobody deserves to have that done for them. But that makes it even more impressive! That he would do all of that for people who don't deserve it! So what do we do with this? Do we take it in stride and act the same as always? I hope that is not the case for you! We should accept him into our hearts, be baptized, and do our best to live our lives in such a way that shows how thankful we are for his sacrifice.

Chris

Parsons Paint
Project 2018



Parsons Paint Project is returning to this summer from July 8th through the 14th. Youth groups from around the country will be here to help with painting, construction of wheelchair ramps and porches, and other light construction projects. Ask Doug for more details if you want to apply for help or if you want to help with the organization needed for this camp to operate successfully.

Prayer Requests

Health Issues:

-]Tonya Atherton
-]Matthew and Darren Burke
-]Maggie Jackson
-]Billy Brown
-]Gene Robinson
-]Tim's mother Wilma
-]Amber Sexton
-]Pat Longfellow
-]Stephanie Wells

-]Janice O'Brien
-]Ralph Heady

Missions:

-]Scott Springer
-]Hidden Haven
-]Farrans
-]Cookson Hills
-]Melinda Velasquez
-]Kiamichi Mountain Mission

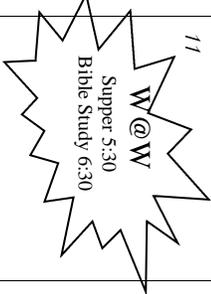
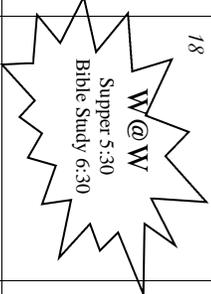
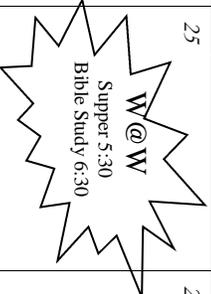
Other concerns:

-]President Trump
-]National Leaders
-]State Leaders
-]Local Leaders
-]Troops around the world
-]The lost in Parsons
-]Easter Celebration

Called to Serve-April

	1	8	15	22	29
Communion Preparation	Meiers	Meiers	Meiers	Meiers	Meiers
Greeters: Front Doors Inside Lobby	Nola Fisher Clarinda O'Brien	Robinsons	Mary Ruth Allen Judy Wells	Karen Osgood	Fergusons
Nursery	Shirley Lunday	Randee Baty	Karen Osgood	Clarinda O'Brien	Treva May
Communion	Chris Ferguson	Doug Baty	Jeff Ferguson	Ralph Heady	Howard Weidert
Ushers	Jeff Ferguson Steve Passwater	Thad Osgood Kenneth Lunday	Ralph Heady Steve Passwater	Howard Weidert Jeff Ferguson	Thad Osgood Kenneth Lunday
Serving the Lord's Supper	Thad Osgood Alan Meier Jeff O'Brien Joe Hills	Jeff Ferguson Chris Ferguson Seth Weidert Joel Ferguson	Howard Weidert Bill Longfellow Josh Passwater David Baty	Steve Passwater Thad Osgood Alan Meier Jeff O'Brien	Ralph Heady Jeff Ferguson Joe Hills Chris Ferguson
Benediction	Jeff Ferguson	Tim Ren	Doug Baty	Gene Robinson	Ralph Heady
Shut-Ins	Thad Osgood	Lundays	Doug Baty	Headys	Jeff Ferguson
Nursing Home				Presbyterian Manor 2:30	

April 2018

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Easter 9:00 Breakfast 10:30 Worship 5:00 Celebration!	Joe Moyer		 W@W Supper 5:30 Bible Study 6:30			
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