



The Messenger



Westside Christian Church

November 30, 2017

Parsons, KS

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Future Events

December 1-2 Clothing Exchange

December 6-Last W@W til January

December 10-Elder's Meeting

December 13-Caroling

December 17-Christmas Program

December 24-Christmas Eve Service

December 25-Office closed for Christmas

December 26-Office closed for Christmas

December 31-Appreciation Gifts for Emergency Workers



December 6
Last W@W until January

December 13
Christmas Caroling 6:00 pm

December 17
Christmas Program 6:00 pm

December 24
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 6:00 pm

December 31
Appreciation Gifts for Emergency Workers 2:00 pm

Holiday Events

Doug's Desk

The Amazing Emmanuel – Our Good News Hero

Jesus is our Good News Hero. There is nothing about Jesus that is not good news. He brings hope, salvation, a grand inheritance, fuller understanding, a brighter future, an overflowing platter of good stuff. We don't often hear good news or we don't hear it often enough. Our world is full news that is depressing, scary, awful, dark, painful and even chaotic. I would liken it to how Jesus describes the devil, the father of lies, the destroyer, the stealer dude full of hot air and empty promises. Jesus is not like that at all. While the devil can appear to be an angel of light, Jesus is true light. While the devil can give promises, they don't endure and his promises result in empty ruin while Jesus' promises are eternal, and immovable, and are backed by an Everlasting God who delivers. Jesus is the Good News Hero.

Jesus delivers the goods, he is faithful in all his promises and he lightens our load. Jesus doesn't take away our responsibility nor does he say things will be easy, yet he does promise he will always be with us and share with us the Spirit that raised him from the dead, Mt. 28:19-20, Jn. 14:16, Acts 2:38

I cannot predict how Jesus will work in every situation, but He has promised that every situation will work out for the good for those who love God. He may or may not take away the challenges in life, but he will make sure they prepare you for the next one in a way that honors Him. Jesus may not take away the thorn, but He will let that thorn teach you, mold you and prepare you to help other people when they get thorns too. Jesus frees us from the guilt and the eternal results of sin, through our faith in Him, Romans 8:1-2.

Some of the best news ever is that Jesus came to us, when we didn't deserve it and became what we needed most, a perfect sin offering. He did this we didn't even know we needed it. That is sacrificial love and that is perfect grace. God is good and His son is the Good News Hero.

Join us each Sunday morning this December as we go over aspects of the Good News Hero. Jesus lived among us and was truly God with us, Emmanuel. Jesus did many splendid things and continues to shed his blessings on us. May we bless others and return his blessings by honoring him with our worship, our lives and our expressions of love toward him and others. May you have a Great month of blessings this December from our Good News Hero, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Your Brother in Christ and Minister, Doug Baty

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The Clothing Exchange will be this Friday and Saturday, 9:00-noon. Come out on either of those days and help this ministry which does so much good in our community. If you've never helped with Clothing Exchange before, give it a try!

Appreciation Gifts for Emergency Workers



On December 31, at 2:00, we meet and assemble gift boxes for the emergency workers who work on the holidays to keep the rest of us safe. If you would like to donate to these gift boxes we need:

- B Any type of packaged party food
- B Snacks
- B Candy
- B Fruit
- B Chips
- B Dip
- B Crackers
- B Beverages
- B Cookies

I came across a comic on Facebook the other day that made me think. It showed a Pharisee asking Jesus about whether or not they should pay taxes to Caesar. Jesus answered in basically the same way as he did in the Bible, saying "The coin is made in Caesar's image, right? Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's" He then walked away. The Pharisee then ponders aloud "Give to God what is God's? But what is made in God's image?" A second Pharisee standing behind him chimes in and says "Aren't we?" The first Pharisee is shocked, and that's the end of the comic. I have to admit, I had never thought of that story that way. We usually look at that story and think how smart Jesus is for avoiding the political trap of the Pharisees. Had he said they should pay taxes, he would have been seen as an ally of Rome, who the Pharisees didn't like. But if he said that they should not pay taxes, he would have been seen as a rebel against Rome, making himself an enemy of the Rome-loving satraps. But the way he answered was that the coins are Caesar's anyway, so pay the taxes. Lessons usually stop there, ignoring the second half of Christ's statement. "Give to God what is God's." The coins are made in Caesar's image, so they belong to him. Therefore, anything made in God's image belongs to God. We are made in God's image. If the coins being made in Caesar's image is enough reason to give them to him, then that is enough reason for us to give ourselves to God!

Chris

Prayer Requests

Health Issues

- JLoretta Ball
- JNell Ball
- JDennis King
- JTonya Atherton
- JMatthew and Darren Burke
- JDale Owen
- JKip Fentress
- JRandy Holding
- JMelissa Forbes
- JMaggie Jackson
- JBilly Brown
- JBobbi Bihlmaier

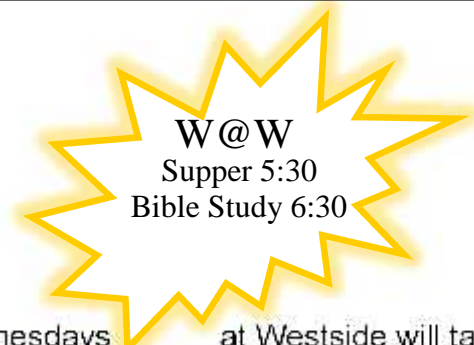
Missions:

- 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
- JSeveral unspoken requests
- JMcCall family in the loss of Randy
- JKeeling family in the loss of Terry



W@W
Supper 5:30
Bible Study 6:30

Wednesdays at Westside will take a five week break over the holidays so everyone can spend time with their friends and family. We will resume on January 17th.

Elder's meeting will be on December 10th at 1:30 pm.

Called to Serve

December	3	10	17	24	31
Communion Preparation	Mary Ruth Allen/Judy Wells	Mary Ruth Allen/Judy Wells	Mary Ruth Allen/Judy Wells	Mary Ruth Allen/Judy Wells	Mary Ruth Allen/Judy Wells
Greeters: Front Doors Inside Lobby	Clarinda O'Brien Karen Osgood	Robinsons	Fergusons	Judy Wells Nola Fisher	Mary Ruth Allen
Nursery	Treva May	Randee Baty	Shirley Lunday	Karen Osgood	Clarinda O'Brien
Communion	Doug Baty	Howard Weidert	Ralph Heady	Jeff Ferguson	Chris Ferguson
Ushers	Jeff Ferguson Steve Passwater	Thad Osgood Kenneth Lunday	Bruce Rea Jeff Ferguson	Howard Weidert Ralph Heady	Steve Passwater Thad Osgood
Serving the Lord's Supper	Joe Hills Chris Ferguson Howard Weidert Seth Weidert	Joel Ferguson Bill Longfellow Josh Passwater Ralph Heady	Steve Passwater Thad Osgood Alan Meier Jeff O'Brien	Bruce Rea Joe Hills Chris Ferguson Seth Weidert	Jeff Ferguson Howard Weidert Joel Ferguson Bill Longfellow
Benediction	Ralph Heady	Steve Passwater	Thad Osgood	Jeff Ferguson	Doug Baty
Shut-Ins	Headys	Lundays	Thad Osgood	Jeff Ferguson	Doug Baty
Nursing Home				Elmhaven West 2:00	

