



The Messenger



December 31, 2017

Parsons, KS

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Future Events

December 31-
Appreciation Gifts for
Emergency Workers

January 1-Office
closed for the holiday

January 10-Youth
group dinner and
movie 6:00

January 14-Elder's
meeting 1:30

January 17-W@W
resume 5:30

February 2 & 3-
Clothing Exchange

February 11-Elder's
Meeting

February 19 thru 21-
Preaching-Teaching
Convention

Leadership at Westside

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Doug's Desk

Jesus is a Good News Hero. He is our Savior who brings us hope and salvation through our faith in him. This all happens because God is a loving God. God continues to show mercy, and is abounding in love, and forgives all kinds of sin, wickedness and rebellion. God is patient but halts his patience and kindness when he sees he is being taken advantage of. Sodom and Gomorrah are examples of this, along with Israel and Judah when they were taken into exile. God warns and warns and warns until he sees that people stop taking heed and would rather reject His good plans and believe in lies.

Solomon warns that if people continually reject good advice, godly warning and have a stiff neck to God's call to change, they will suddenly fall (Prov. 29:1). Isaiah warned Israel to turn to God, repent, get rid of corruption and sin, and call out to the LORD for help (Isaiah 59). But their sins had cut them off from God and he exiled them to Assyria. Jeremiah warned Judah to be just and honest, but they were not. Jerusalem's sins were too many so they were exiled to Babylon. Not one just or honest person could be found in all of Jerusalem and the people liked false prophecies and priests who ruled with an iron hand, (Jer. 5). Both Israel and Judah had a sudden fall.

A Redeemer has come to buy back those in Israel (Is. 59:20). The angel said it best to the shepherds, "I bring you good news of great joy for all people" (Lk. 2:10). Jesus was a baby lying in a manger at that moment, but he was our Redeemer, one who would save people from their sins (Mt. 1:21). Jesus was and is the Messiah, the Savior (Lk. 2:11), the Son of David, the Ruler, the Son of the Most High, (Lk. 1:32). Jesus is Immanuel (Mt. 1:23), Wonderful Counselor, Almighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace (Is. 9:6). With all these titles of Jesus, he is still our personal friend and guide through a troubled world (John 15,16).

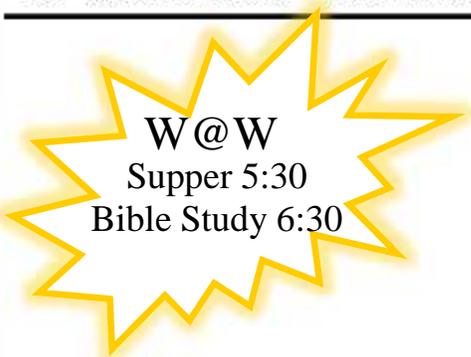
Jesus is a true hero, rescuing us from sin, from depression, the depths of hell, and protecting us from the evil one and his evil team. But we are a part of the process by accepting through faith His work. We are also working to understand Him better and moving toward being a better follower of Him, pleasing to Him.

To do this we have to think differently, talk differently, do different things. To do them, think them and say them with a different purpose we must learn to think differently and we will have a different reason for making this change (Rom. 12:1-2) Our purpose should be to please our Holy and Loving Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

When Jesus becomes our personal hero our purposes are no longer ours alone, but His, our purpose and motive for living will change from being selfish to doing things that will bring glory and honor to His name and kingdom.

When we live for God and His purposes, we gain the power to do so and He will live in us. Let us work in partnership as we learn more about Jesus being our Good News Hero and how we can live for Him as we study his word on Sunday mornings and on Wednesday nights, and living it out in this new year.

May you have a Happy New year striving to know your Good News Hero better.
Your brother in Christ and minister, Doug Baty



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

W@W return on January 17th!

We will resume our Wednesdays at Westside on January 17th with supper at 5:30 and Bible Study at 6:30. The youth will be meeting on the 10th for a special event to be sure to check with Chris about that!



The Clothing Exchange will return in February on the 2nd and 3rd. We will not have it in January.

A few months ago, some of the youth group kids came up to me and said "Can we start having memory verses?" Of course, they didn't JUST want that, they wanted to earn points for memorizing the verses and be able to trade in those points for prizes. Ulterior motives aside, I am certainly not going to say no when a kid asks me if they can learn scriptures. That being said, I am excited to announce a new program for Wednesday nights! I will have a list of memory verses worth different amounts of points for the kids to memorize this semester. At the end of the semester, points can be traded in for prizes. Kids will also be able to earn points by inviting friends and participating in service projects. I will also be naming our Wednesday night youth group Aftershock. Christ is the main event, and we are the aftershocks. Aftershock will begin January 10th with a showing of the movie *Godspell*. We will be meeting at 6, providing dinner, then having a short discussion about the movie. After that, we will be going through the book *The Case For Christ* on Wednesday nights alongside our memorization of scripture. The semester will end with a viewing of the movie that is based on the book. I hope to fill these kids with the word of God and to prepare them for any attacks on their faith through these teachings. If you have any questions or concerns about how Aftershock will be run and operated, feel free to contact me at 620-778-4110.

Chris



Ozark Christian College
February 19-21

On Stage:	We will dismiss our
Rick Atchley	adult Bible Study on
Jon Kehrer	the 21st so that those
Drew Moore	who wish to attend
Mark Moore	the evening session
Shawn Palmer	of the Preaching-
David Rutherford	Teaching Convention
Drew Sherman	may do so.

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
- JPat Holland
- JGene Robinson
- JRachelle
- JRich Proehl

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



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.

Elder's meeting will be on January 14th at 1:30 pm.

January 2018	7				
Communion Preparation	Fergusons	Fergusons	Fergusons	Fergusons	Fergusons
Greeters: Front Doors Inside Lobby	Clarinda O'Brien Karen Osgood	Robinsons	Fergusons	Judy Wells	
Nursery	Shirley Lunday	Randee Baty	Karen Osgood	Clarinda O'Brien	
Communion	Joshua Burns	Thad Osgood	Doug Baty	Ralph Heady	
Ushers	Kenneth Lunday Bruce Rea	Ralph Heady Jeff Ferguson	Steve Passwater Thad Osgood	Kenneth Lunday Bruce Rea	
Serving the Lord's Supper	Joe Hills Chris Ferguson Seth Weidert Joel Ferguson	Bill Longfellow Josh Passwater Steve Passwater Thad Osgood	Ralph Heady Jeff Ferguson David Baty Jeff O'Brien	Bruce Rea Thad Osgood Alan Meier Joe Hills	
Benediction	Tim Ren	Gene Robinson	Ralph Heady	Steve Passwater	
Shut-Ins	Headys	Lundays	Thad Osgood	Doug Baty	
Nursing Home				Presbyterian Manor 2:30	

