

The Messenger

Westside Christian Church

February 27, 2011

Parsons, KS

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- **March 5**-Clothing Exchange
- **March 5**-[Dave Ramsey](#) event in KC
- **March 12**-"It's All Good" Fundraiser for Melinda Velasquez/PBT
- **March 13**-Report Meeting
- **March 20**-Spring Banquet
- **March 23**-Spring Break-No Wednesdays at Westside
- **March 27**-Monthly Prayer Meeting
- **April 2**-Clothing Exchange

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Doug's Desk

Thank you for letting me go to the Preaching Teaching Convention last month. It is always a good convention and it is always encouraging to see the many great things going on in God's kingdom. But there is so much to do and so many people on the road to destruction it is overwhelming to try to think about. But God is good and he is faithful to those who answer his call to serve.

One thing that stood out for me at this convention was the need for prayer. God's word, the Holy Bible, has many instructions about what God wants us to do. His word also has many stories about how he has worked in the past. We can call the Bible a history book and a manual for God's family all in one. We can read his word and memorize it, learn it and obey it. But if we want to be in the presence of God, we must pray.

God asks us to pray. He wants us to pray. He tells us to cast all our burdens upon him in prayer. God wants us to communicate with him. He wants us to enter his presence with humble hearts and open ears. His word will guide us, but our prayers will give us power, strength, boldness, encouragement and stability.

I thank Nick and Barbara for leading us in prayer this past Sunday night. It was a good worship service and prayer time focusing on missions. I thank Joe Moyer and

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It's all good!
good food. good music. good cause.

★ **saturday, march 12, 2011** ★

soup supper -- 4 to 6 p.m.
Stop in for a good, hot bowl (or two) of various homemade soup and chili! To-go containers will be available.

benefit concert -- 8:30 p.m.
Featuring Kansas City hip-hop artists, including P-Air with Lifetime Music and Sauced Remix with Kingdom City Records!

all donations for both events will go to support melinda moyer velasquez, a missionary with pioneer bible translators

Melinda will be traveling to North Africa in June to help conduct literacy workshops and train local hearing services. She will then come back to the U.S. in July to complete her training in Dallas. In 2012, she'll be relocating permanently to North Africa.

Everyone is invited to come by for supper, come to the concert, or join us for both!

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5100 West Main, Parsons, Kansas (across from Troitic Recycling)

For more information on the event or how to make a donation if you're not attending, please e-mail westside@wavewls.com or text/call 620-421-3533.

Financial Peace Refresher

If you have been through FPU you are invited to attend at 6:00 at the Baty's.

March 6th-Cash Flow Planning

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Melinda Velasquez for getting it set up. But mostly I thank God for allowing us to enter his presence through his son Jesus. And I ask that we all be more purposeful in praying and pray that I would pray more and that we all would draw more people to Christ through prayers and different acts of kindness each day and week.

Your friend and brother in Christ,
Doug Baty



Spring Banquet

March 20th at 6:00 pm we will be our Spring Banquet which will be a fun fundraiser for our mission fund! There will be entertainment and some info about the missions we support. Dinner will be by donation. The food is being provided at no cost to the church so everything you donate will go straight to our missions. We will need to know how many are coming so **please sign up in the foyer** if you think you will be attending. Come enjoy the food and the entertainment and support some good causes!



Missions we support:

Scott Springer-Mexico

Hidden Haven Christian Camp-Thayer, KS

Bob and Sandy Farran-[New Tribes Missions](#)

[Cookson Hills Christian School](#)

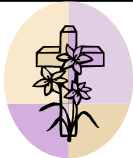


We need a few volunteers! It will soon be time to start mowing again and we need some help keeping the church yard looking good! If you have the equipment and would be willing to donate some time and gas to help with the mowing this summer, please let Doug or any of the elders know. Thanks for helping us be good stewards of our facilities!

Clothing Exchange-Our next Clothing Exchange will be held on **March 5 from 9-12**. Since we had to cancel the Clothing Exchange in February due to the weather, we will have lots of clothing to give away in March. We can always use help sorting and folding the clothes and helping our guests that come in on Saturday. If you have questions how you can help, check with Clarinda O'Brien.



Preacher Boy Contest-The Kiamichi Men's clinic sponsors a preaching contest for young men that are juniors and seniors in high school. The 10 finalists each win \$100 and the winner and there are several college scholarships available to the winner. For more information, see the flyer on the bulletin board in the lobby!



Easter Sunday

We are planning our yearly Easter breakfast on April 24th. This a breakfast that our men cook for the rest of the church family. If you are a guy who can cook, wash dishes, set a table or just wants to help serve with the other guys plan to help with breakfast on Easter!



Hidden Haven Christian Camp 2011

Junior High 1	June 5-10
Junior 1	June 12-16
Get Acquainted	June 19-21
Overnighter	June 21-22
Wilderness	June 23-July 1
Junior High 2	July 10-15
Junior 2	July 17-21
High School	July 24-29
Ladies' Retreat	September 16-17
Men's Retreat	September 23-24

Prayer Concerns

Those with cancer:

Amy Steig	Doug Heiskell
Glenda Falkenstien	Montie Baty
Emmalee Serviss	Marcus Jackson
Scott Coomes	Linda Haddon
Joy Lindeberg	Walt Keely

William Huffman
Debbie Baugher
Tammy Kessinger
George Allen

Shut-ins:
Sherm Morgan

Missions:
Scott Springer

Brenda Nelson
Lisa Hays
Tammy Naffzinger

Connie Gilbert

Hidden Haven

Farrans

Cookson Hills

Other prayer concerns:

- Karen Wade's Aunt Dean Owens
- Karen Wade's daughter Jody Conti and her family
- Karen Wade's son JR Collins
- Dale Newman