

The Messenger

Westside Christian Church

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Parsons, KS

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- **March 20**-Spring Banquet
- **March 23**-Spring Break- No Wednesdays at Westside
- **March 27**-Monthly Prayer Meeting
- **April 1-2**-Clothing Exchange
- **April 10**-Report Meeting
- **April 15-16**-Women's Conference at Ozark
- **April 24**-Easter
- **May 3-5**-Kiamichi Men's Clinic
- **May 6-7**-Clothing Exchange

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Taking God at His Word

Do we really take God at his word? There are two parts to taking God at his word that we will overview quickly... the first part is fleshing out what it means. Lets look at Revelation 13. John is talking about a beast and he says...

16 He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead,

17 so that no-one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name.

How is this going to come to be? Most will agree that in the future, based on this passage there will be a one world government and everyone will be marked in some fashion in order to do any kind of commerce. There are millions of ideas on this... but one of them or yet another one, will actually happen. I believe it, because God says it in his word.

So the first point is trying to understand his word... trying to grasp it or break it down, extract its meaning and simply get it into our heads. But the second part is far more crucial. We might be able to excrete the deepest of meanings from God's word, but if we miss this next part, we loose it all.

This second part is what we are judged by and our eternal life is based on once we do believe in Jesus and accept him by faith. As we mature our faith blooms into action. Paul calls the Romans into an "obedience that comes from faith". This second part is about Doing. Obedience, following through in action and activity is what our understanding must lead to.

Jesus used a parable in Matthew 25 that is a separation of the sheep and the goats. This parable is based not on knowledge, but on action. What did they do? They helped the needy.

Throughout scripture, it is clear that the obedient are who God wants. God wants pure hearts and upright lives. He wants us with integrity and service. The difference between Christians and Satan's flock is not "what they believe" but what they "do". DOING is the only difference. If we continue in our sins and "do not the will of God" then we are simply not a part of God's family.

So, do you take God at his word? We can tell it by what you do. So ask yourself "what am I doing for God?"

A hard lesson but an honest one.

I pray that we all do God's will and do his word, not just hear it.

Your minister and brother in Christ.

Doug

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 let the office know by Thursday** if you think you will be attending. Come enjoy the food and the entertainment and support some good causes!

Missions we support:

Bob and Sandy Farran-New Tribes Missions

Hidden Haven Christian Camp-Thayer, KS

Cookson Hills Christian School

Scott Springer-Mexico

Monthly Prayer Meeting

The monthly Prayer Meeting will be held on **March 27th at 5:00** in the auditorium at the church. This is certainly open to all members of the congregation. Bring your own prayer requests and participate in prayer for the requests already on the prayer list.

"Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."



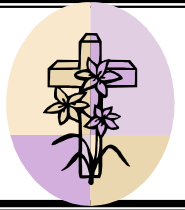
Financial Peace Refresher

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

March 27-Dumping Debt

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!



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!

Kiamichi Men's Clinic-Sometimes referred to as "The Greatest Gathering This Side of Heaven"-The Kiamichi Men's Clinic was started in 1949 as a training convention for young preachers. In a year or two it was changed to include all men who were interested in "making their lives count more effective for Christ in their homes and churches". This continues to be the theme each year. Some of the best preaching and singing you will ever hear occurs on Christ's 40 acres campground at Honobia, OK. This year's dates are May 3,4,5, 2011.

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!

A change to the Clothing Exchange-Beginning in April we will have the Clothing Exchange open on the first Friday morning of the month from 9-12 as well as the first Saturday. We can always use help sorting and folding the clothes and helping our guests that come in on Friday and Saturday. If you have questions how you can help, check with Clarinda O'Brien.



Parsons Ministerial Association Holy Week

Monday, April 18th, 7:00 am
Church: Foursquare Church
Speaker: Rev. Matt Newton (Living Hope Southern Baptist)
Music: Foursquare Church

Tuesday, April 19th, 7:00 am
Church: Wesley United Methodist Church
Speaker: Rev. Steve Schulze (Foursquare Church)
Music: Wesley United Methodist Church

Wednesday, April 20th, 7 :00 am
Church: Faith United Methodist Church
Speaker: Rev. Sharon Billman (St. John's Episcopal)
Music: Glory Bound (Faith UMC & 1 st Christian Church)

Thursday, April 21st, 7:00 am
Church: Brown Chapel AME Church & Hamilton Chapel UMC (Held in Municipal Bldg. Basement)
Speaker: Rev. Doug Baty (Westside Christian Church)
Music: Brown Chapel AME Church

Good Friday, April 21st, 12:10 pm (followed by light lunch)
Church: 1st Baptist Church
Presider: Chaplain Gloria Young
Speaker: Rev. Paul Wolf (Wesley United Methodist Church) Music: Ken Weaver & Congregation

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
Marcus Jackson
Walt Keely Lisa Hays
Tammy Naffzinger
George Allen

Shut-ins:

Sherm Morgan Connie Gilbert

Missions:

Scott Springer Hidden Haven
Farrans Cookson Hills

Other concerns:

Sandy Haslett Slick Norris
Karen Wade's family
John Aydt's dad, Bernie