

The Messenger

Westside Christian Church

March 27, 2011

Parsons, KS

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- April 1-2-Clothing Exchange
- April 10-Report Meeting
- April 15-16-Women's Conference at Ozark
- April 24-Easter
- May 1-Flower Power
- May 3-5-Kiamichi Men's Clinic
- May 6-7-Clothing Exchange
- May 8-Mother's Day
- May 15-Report Meeting
- May 22-Prayer Meeting
- May 22-5th Sunday Sing here
- May 30-Memorial Day-

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Doug's Desk

Cowardly Gideon

Hiding from the Midianites, threshing wheat in a grape vat. Breaking down an altar in the darkness of night with hired help. Testing God with a fleece, not just once, but twice. Not the kind of actions from a guy you would call "mighty warrior" is it? Well, the rest of the story is that Gideon defeated an army not just 10 times his size but 400 times larger. That is not Gideon, it is God working through him and God working miracles.

We often feel weak and timid like Gideon. But when we "trust in the Lord", we can do great and marvelous things. God's power and strength are with us in his Holy Spirit.

When God calls us to do his will, he also gives us the strength and the power to do it. While we might start out timid or cowardly like Gideon, we can do great things if we just follow his direction and "trust in the LORD", Prov. 3:5.

If you want to see the full story of the Mighty Warrior Gideon, read Judges chapters 6 and 7. It is a short, but very concise story of how God can use people that don't feel adequate or qualified for the task.

Just remember, God didn't ask you to get qualified, he asks you to trust him.

Your brother in Christ and minister,
Doug Baty

I am looking forward to sharing with you more stories of people putting their trust in God as we Take God at his word through this year.

I am also looking forward to our Holy Week services coming up April 18-22nd. I am speaking on the 21st at the Municipal Building at 7:00 am.

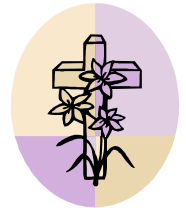


Easter

April 24th is Easter Sunday and we love to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord! We'll begin with **breakfast at 9:30** which our men prepare for the rest of the church family. All men are invited to help with this. There will be a devotion at 10:00 while we eat.

At **10:30** we will have our morning worship service to celebrate the resurrection and our hope in Christ!

We will take up a special offering at the service as we do each year, our "**30 Pieces of Silver**" offering. Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver. We challenge you to symbolically turn those pieces of silver into something that benefits God's kingdom. Bring your 30 pieces of silver (obviously it can be coins but bills and checks are also gladly accepted.) This special offering will be going to Melinda Velasquez to support her work with Pioneer Bible Translators. You may pick up bags in the lobby to use for this special offering.



Financial Peace Refresher

If you have been through FPU you are invited to attend 6:00 Sunday nights at the Batys'.

March 27-Dumping Debt
April 3-Credit Sharks in Suits
April 10-Buyer Beware
April 17-Clause and Effect

Congratulations to...

Rod and Amanda Pennington in the birth of their new daughter Eden Ryley. She was born March 22nd at 4:20 am. Mom and baby are doing well!



Thank you...to everyone who helped with the "It's All Good" fundraiser for Melinda Velasquez' work with Pioneer Bible Translators. Thanks to everyone who provided food and everyone who came and ate it! All donated money will be used to help with Melinda's flight to Africa and for her training in Dallas.

Another Thank you...to all those who attended the Spring Banquet and donated money toward our general missions fund! Every penny of that donated money goes to the 4 missions that we support as a church. We want to be a church that lives out the Great Commission, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."



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!

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 & 1st 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 22nd, 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

Stock the Pantry for Hidden Haven

We will collect these in the office and then take them down to Hidden Haven when camp season opens!

- *Styrofoam cups
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- *Styrofoam bowls
- *Paper towels
- *9 in. clear plastic cups
- *Crunchy Peanut Butter
- *Cake mixes (white, choc and yellow)
- *Flour
- *Sugar
- *Ranch dressing
- *Anti-bacterial soap
- *Dawn dish soap
- *Paper Baking cups
- *Pinesol
- *Formula 409 spray cleaner

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:

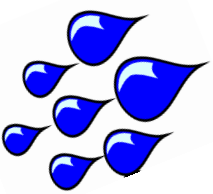
Scott Springer Hidden Haven
Farrans Cookson Hills

Other concerns:

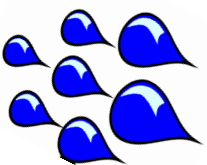
Sandy Haslett Slick Norris
Karen Wade's family
John Aydt's dad, Bernie
Japan

If you would like prayer requests printed in the bulletin, please write them down and place them in the offering plate, place them on the desk in the office or email the office. Thanks!

April 2011	3	10	17	24
Communion Preparation	Michelle Murray	Michelle Murray	Michelle Murray	Michelle Murray
Children's church	Randee Baty	Randee Baty	Randee Baty	Randee Baty
Elementary En-counter	Clarinda O'Brien	Clarinda O'Brien	Clarinda O'Brien	Clarinda O'Brien
Greeters: Front Doors Inside Lobby	Sue Peters Randee Baty	Randee Baty Fergusons	Gene Robinson Nola Fisher	Thad Osgood Bobbie Sullivan
Nursery	Karen Osgood Lucas O'Brien	Sue Peters Chloe Murray	Rachel Baty Vanessa Olbrich	Marie Norton Spencer Harrison
Communion	Jeff Ferguson	Joe Moyer	Thad Osgood	Doug Baty
Ushers	Joe Moyer Ralph Heady	Jeff Ferguson Steve Passwater	Clive Murray Gene Robinson	Thad Osgood Kenneth Lunday
Serving the Lord's Supper	Bruce Rea Antonio Velasquez Josh Passwater Clive Murray	Ryan Pratt Thad Osgood Andrew Passwater Gene Robinson	David Baty Ralph Heady Jeff Ferguson Kenneth Lunday	Steve Passwater Howard Weidert David Stice Ken Akkerman
Benediction	Ralph Heady	Steve Passwater	Thad Osgood	Joe Moyer
Shut-Ins	Thad Osgood	Lundays	Doug Baty	Jeff Ferguson
Nursing Home				Good Samaritan 2:00 Woodridge 2:45



April 2011



						1  <i>Clothing Exchange</i>	2  <i>Clothing Exchange</i> Joe Moyer
3	4	5	6 W@W SUPPER 5:30 BIBLE STUDY 6:30	7	8	9	
10  Report 10:30-11:30	11	12	13 W@W SUPPER 5:30 BIBLE STUDY 6:30	14	15 Ozark Women's Conference	16 Ozark Women's Conference	
17	18	19	20 W@W SUPPER 5:30 BIBLE STUDY 6:30 Ryan Pratt	21	22	23	
24 Easter  Breakfast 9:30 Worship service 10:30	25 Russ Pratt	26	27 W@W SUPPER 5:30 BIBLE STUDY 6:30	28	29	30 Vanessa Olbrich	