

The Messenger

Westside Christian Church

May 16, 2011

Parsons, KS

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- **May 22**-Prayer Meeting 4:00
- **May 22-10**—5th Sunday Sing here 6:00
- **May 30**-Memorial Day-office closed
- **June 3 & 4**-Clothing Exchange
- **June 5-10**—Junior High 1
- **June 6-9**-Explore-OCC Event for Adults 55+
- **June 12**-Report Meeting
- **June 12-16**-Junior 1
- **June 13-17**-Explore-OCC Event for Adults 55+
- **June 19**-Father's Day
- **June 19-21**-Get Acquainted at Hidden

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Doug's Desk

I saw some reactions to Usama Bin Laden's death that really disturbed me. The scripture says Judge not lest you be judged. Jesus also said "Don't even call your brother a "FOOL" lest you become guilty to go to the fires of hell. "

These are some pretty stern warnings. Jesus doesn't want us to be ignorant or undiscerning. However, he says you will recognize people by their fruit. By this Jesus does NOT call us to be fruit inspectors, but fruit recognizers. It is NOT our job to point out the kinds of fruit people produce, but it is our RESPONSIBILITY to be able to detect the kind of fruit that we see in people.

Bin Laden was hunted down and found 2 weeks ago and executed. What really disturbed me was to see people in the streets rejoicing and to hear a Christian say "let God take him and throw him into the depths of hell and let him burn eternally." I actually had a sick feeling when I heard this. "Let him burn in eternal hell" is a judgment and a reaction I hope no Christian would have. Even God is sad to see even the wicked perish and to be cast away from him eternally. When they die, there is no chance for repentance. No chance to ever be with God again. Besides, God says "vengeance is mine."

God is the judge, not me, not you, nor is anyone else when it comes to eternal sentencing. God wants all people to come to the knowledge of truth and come to salvation. While he doesn't get his wish for everyone, God and God alone is the Judge.

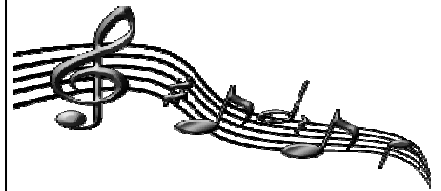
So the best way to deal with people who bear evil fruit and seem to be condemned by the world would be cautiously. I would be cautious about rejoicing at anyone dying even the very bad fruit bearers. Are we no better than the people in the middle east and other places when they rejoiced at the 9/11 catastrophe? We should be very careful to only let God handle the judgments. Because how we judge others, we ourselves will be judged. And besides, only God knows all truth to give him the qualifications to be the Judge.

While I am glad Bin Ladin is not around anymore, I think it not at all Christlike to rejoice. There is one more Scripture that comes to mind that I want to end on. It is from Proverbs 24:17, 18 "Do not gloat when your enemy falls; when he stumbles, do not let your heart rejoice, or the LORD will see and disapprove and turn his wrath away from him."

Your brother and minister in Christ. Doug

Fifth Sunday Sing

We will be hosting the 5th Sunday Sing next Sunday, May 22nd. Yes, that is the fourth Sunday of the month but we are avoiding the Memorial Day weekend. If you have any kind of special music or reading, you are encouraged to perform that evening. We'll also want to provide snacks for the fellowship time afterwards. Sandwiches, chips, and other types of finger foods are welcome!



Father's Day Cookout

Father's Day is coming up on June 19th. We will be having a cookout for our men after church to show how much we appreciate what they do for us! Watch for more details on the cookout as it gets closer and plan to bring your dad's favorite dish!



We would also like to have photographs of you with your dad and your kids with their dad. You can email photos to the office, bring them in and we can scan them, send them on Facebook or we'll come take a picture if you don't have one. Just let us know. We'd like to have a nice representation of all the dads in our church family. Thanks!

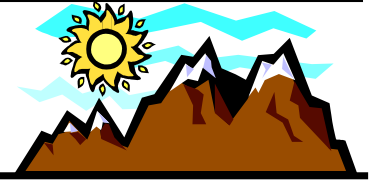
Monthly Prayer Meeting-Our monthly prayer meeting will be May 22. Due to the 5th Sunday Sing, we'll meet at 4:00. Everyone is welcome!



Clothing Exchange News-Our next Clothing Exchange is June 3rd and 4th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. We can use help before, during and after these times. Thanks for all your help with this ministry!



Vacation Time-Doug will be out of the office from May 20th until May 27th. The office will be open but please feel free to contact one of our elders if you have a pressing need. Thanks!



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
- *Styrofoam plates
- *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

Registration forms for camp at Hidden Haven this summer are now available in the lobby. The church covers half the cost of tuition for students to go to camp. Thanks for supporting this great ministry!

Session	Date	Grade in fall	Dean	Fee	Reg. by	Pay only
Junior High 1	June 5-10	7-9	Justin Brown	\$100.00	May 29	\$95.00
Junior 1	June 12-16	4-6	Jim Frech	\$90.00	June 5	\$85.00
Get Acquainted	June 19-21	3	Jan Coots	\$45.00	June 12	\$40.00
Overnighter	June 21-22	1-2	Becky Brintnall	\$30.00	June 14	\$25.00
Wilderness	June 23-July 1	9-13	Rick Powers	\$150.00		
Junior High 2	July 10-15	7-9	Larry Osborn	\$100.00	July 3	\$95.00
Junior 2	July 17-21	4-6	Casey Parham	\$90.00	July 10	\$85.00
High School	July 24-29	9-13	Chris Goetz	\$100.00	July 17	\$95.00
Ladies' Retreat	Sep 16-17					
Men's Retreat	Sep 23-24					

Prayer Concerns

Those with cancer:

- Amy Steig
- Doug Heiskell
- Marcus Jackson
- Walt Keely
- Lisa Hays
- Tammy Naffzinger
- Carol Conway

Shut-ins:

- Sherm Morgan
- Connie Gilbert

Missions:

- Scott Springer
- Hidden Haven
- Farrans
- Cookson Hills
- Melinda Velasquez

Other concerns:

- Family of George Allen
- Mary Thomas-having a stint put in
- Rachel Baty-gall bladder problems while pregnant
- Nola Fisher-back problems
- Vida North
- Gene Robinson-back pain
- Flood victims

