

The Messenger

Westside Christian Church

July 19, 2011

Parsons, KS

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July 17-21 Junior 2

July 24-Monthly Prayer Meeting

July 24-29-High School Camp

August 5 & 6-Clothing Exchange

August 14-Report Meeting

August 28-Prayer Meeting

September 2 & 3-Clothing Exchange

September 5-Labor Day-office closed

September 11-Church 44th Anniversary Potluck Dinner

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Doug's Desk "Hey Jude"

Jude is a small book with a powerful message. Often overlooked because of its size, only 25 verses. Jude warns us against apostasy and challenges us to contend for our faith that was once and for all entrusted to the saints. We are told elsewhere in Scripture to be prepared to give the reason for the hope you have. (1 Peter 3:15)

Basically both verses, Jude 3 and 1 Peter 3:15, are telling us to have an outline of what you believe and give a reason as to why. Why do you believe what you believe? Is it just because your parents said so? Is it just because... well for some other reason? Why do you believe what you believe? Jude and other scriptures challenges us to have a reason and be ready to share it.


What do you believe in and why? Simply put, I believe that we are saved by grace and **grace** alone, through our faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus did all the work, fulfilled all the OT law and obligations for me. By faith I accept the work of Christ that he did in life and especially on the cross. He died on the cross and then raised from the grave showing his power over death and giving me hope that one day I can overcome death as well. That is a big reason I was baptized.

My faith in Jesus gives me purpose, strength, hope and courage to do God's will and to share it with others. I share it through preaching and teaching and random acts of kindness as well as through prepared and planned acts of goodness and grace to others.

Faith in Jesus and his work have given me motivation and strength to follow in his footsteps, while like Jesus, there are a few that oppose me. There are false teachers, false prophets and people who turn God's grace into a license for immorality.

So how do we fight false teachers and the godless who change God's good news of grace? We recognize their evil ways and learn God's word. We Grow in God's word, (1 Peter 2:2) and we mature in his word (Hebrews 5:11-14) and we let God's word grow more effective in us (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

God will give us the strength as long as we continue to strive for righteousness in the spiritual battle. Look to him for strength through Jesus Christ our Lord. To God be the
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2011 Hidden Haven Women's Retreat

Back to Basics

Abide, Bless, Commit

September 16 & 17

Cost: \$20 for the weekend or \$10 for one day

Featuring Guest Speaker: Deb Haler

The weekend's event will include a special break-out session for young ladies, dynamic teaching, worship and Friday night entertainment.

Hosted by the ladies of Fountain Christian Church

Hidden Haven Christian Camp 2011

Junior 2 July 17-21

High School July 24-29

Ladies' Retreat September 16-17

Men's Retreat September 23-24

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glory and praise for ever and ever!! Amen!

I am looking forward to helping us all understand the book of Jude better through the month of July. I hope to see you soon.

Your minister and brother in Christ, Doug Baty



Back to School Bash-A group of community members have banded together to plan the third annual "Back to School" event in Forest Park (Parsons) on August 27, 2011 from 4-7 p.m. This event has grown from year-to-year, with crowd estimates of 1,000 last year! This year's even will feature music performances from Christian rock/alternative band Saltbox (<http://www.saltboxjunkies.com>) from Nixa, Mo and Christian rappers SauceRemix (<http://www.SauceRemix.com>) and Tre Cop (<http://www.myspace.com/GPCRecordz>) from Kansas City. Derrick Ellis (<http://www.derrickellismagic.com>) an illusionist, will be performing also. There will also be informational tables set up by community ministries and organizations and a food court area, as well as inflatables and school supply give-aways. The four messages we'd like to share:



1. Please help spread the word--add the event to your calendars, tell your members/employees; more info available at: <http://back2schoolbash.wikispaces.com>, http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/home.php?sk=group_97921539647&ap=1, or <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/event.php?eid=151812778225835>.
2. All kid/family-oriented non-profit community organizations and churches are welcome to put up their own information tables. You can provide information about your services or ministries, hand out freebies, recruit volunteers, etc.
3. All youth groups or school clubs are welcome to set up informational and/or kid-friendly tables (face-painting, etc.).
4. Everyone is invited to make a tax-deductible donation to defray expenses. If your business or organization would like to be recognized for its contribution, we'd be happy to list you as a sponsor at the event. The Rock Youth Center has agreed to handle the donations and expenditures in order for the contributions to be tax-deductible. If you'd be willing to contribute to the Back to School Bash, send your contributions to:

The Rock Youth Center
P. O. Box 961
Parsons, KS 67357

If you're interested in participating in any of the above-mentioned ways, please let Michelle Murray know and you'll be contacted by the person in charge of each respective area. Thank you for your time!

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Did you know...that you can listen to the Ozark Christian College chapel messages online? Go to <http://occ.edu/player/> to see the list of available messages by speakers such as Mark Scott, Mark Moore, Brian Brubaker, Joni Eareckson Tada and many other inspiring speakers. The messages are also downloadable in mp3 format.

Prayer Concerns

Those with cancer:

Amy Steig
Doug Heiskell
Marcus Jackson
Walt Keely
Tammy Naffzinger
Carol Conway
Verlyn Day

Shut-ins:

Sherm Morgan
Connie Gilbert

Missions:

Scott Springer
Hidden Haven
Farrans

Cookson Hills
Melinda Velasquez

Other concerns:

Vida North
Gene Robinson
Rain
Recovery efforts in Joplin
Upcoming school year
Stover family
Blake family

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!

Monthly Prayer Meeting-The Prayer

Meeting will be held on **July 24th at 5:00** in the auditorium.

"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."

Keep up with Events at Ozark Christian College..

Faith Forum-September 20-21, 2011

Each fall, special guest speakers are invited to campus to address the important challenges to Christians and evidences for the faith.

This event is open free to the public.

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