

# The Messenger

## Westside Christian Church

August 18, 2011

Parsons, KS

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**August 28**-Prayer Meeting

**Sept 2 & 3**-Clothing Exchange

**Sept 5**-Labor Day-office closed

**Sept 11**-Church 44th Anniversary Potluck Dinner

**Sept 11**-Report Meeting

**Sept 16-17**-Women's Retreat at Hidden Haven

**Sept 23-24**-Men's Retreat

**Sept 25**-Prayer Meeting

**Sept 30th-Oct 1**-Clothing Exchange

**October 9**-Report Meeting

**October 23**-Harvest Party

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**Saturday, August 27, 4-7 p.m.**

Forest Park – Parsons, Kansas

(train moves it to The Rock @ 2200 Broadway Ave., across from Countrymart parking lot)

School Supply Giveaways > Food Sales  
Inflatables > \$100 Drawing

LIVE BANDS:

Saltbox ([saltboxrocks.com](http://saltboxrocks.com)) > Sauce Remix ([SauceRemix.com](http://SauceRemix.com))

TeRance Golden ([www.facebook.com/kingdomcityrecords](http://www.facebook.com/kingdomcityrecords))

Of Course Not ([www.facebook.com/OfCourseNotMusic](http://www.facebook.com/OfCourseNotMusic))

Undergrad ([facebook.com/undergradmusic](http://facebook.com/undergradmusic))

With illusions by Derrick Ellis ([derrickellismagic.com](http://derrickellismagic.com))



### Doug's Desk

Our Jewish Connection is real. Christian's are related to the Jews through scriptures and through Abraham. But our connection may not be what you think.

The Jewish population, by census count of June 2011 says that their population is around 15 million. That is less than 1/2 of 1% of the entire world's population. So the Jews account for a very small part of the people in the world. Isn't it amazing that they are harassed, have such a religious impact and create so much interest in our media for being such a small part of the population? Why is this?

God tells Abraham in Genesis 12:2,3 that He will make him into a great nation and will bless those that bless him and curse those who curse him and that the world will be blessed through him. And as we study God's word and see the current events of the world, I can see how easy it is to take God at his word about the Jews.

Throughout history we have seen the Jews pushed around. Yet, through it all, they have survived and will continue to survive. Did you know since the Nobel prizes have been awarded in 1901, 162 Jews have received awards for their work. That is, over 25% of all Nobel prizes awarded have been given to the Jews. The world has been blessed by polio vaccinations, cancer research, literature, physics, technology and medical instruments, all by Jews. We have all been blessed.

Ok, we have been blessed by the Jews, but how are we related? Or are we? Paul says that the offspring of Abraham are those who have faith like Abraham, Romans 4:16 and 9:8. Just because they are descended from Abraham, this does not make them Abraham's offspring. "He believed and it was credited to him as righteousness." Gen. 15:6, Rom. 4:3. So the true offspring of Abraham are those that believe like him.

Those who believe like Abraham believed are actually Abraham's descendants. Do you believe in Jesus? Do you believe as Abraham believed? The promises of God comes through our righteousness that comes by faith, not any work related activity.

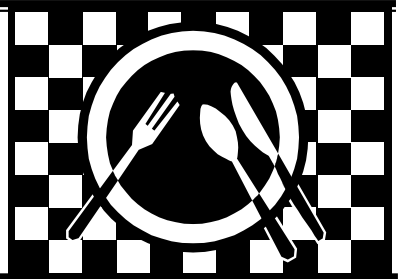
I don't like using the term "New Israel" because it is not a term found or used in the Bible. But it is important for us to understand that "believers" are Abraham's descendants.

The Jewish people have had a complicated history, but we can be certain that Jew and Gentile alike must believe in Jesus to be saved. And we can be certain of this, Jesus was a Jew and brings us the greatest blessings of God by his death on the cross for our remission of sins. Jesus' resurrection brings us hope.

So, we may not be Israelites, but we are Abraham's offspring through faith. Our Jewish connection will give you a lot to think about.

Your minister and brother in Christ, Doug Baty

Church Anniversary Dinner-On September 11 we will mark the 44nd Anniversary of Westside and we would like to celebrate the work God has done through our church in the past 44 years with a potluck dinner. It will be right after morning worship so break out your favorite recipes and join us to remember and celebrate the ministry of Westside Christian Church!



National Missionary Convention-The NMC will be November 17-20th in Atlanta Georgia and the whole church is registered!

“The NMC is a place for revival. You will be inspired and challenged by the messages from God through our main session speakers, missionaries’ testimonials and our Bible teacher. Most importantly, the NMC pulls our strength together for the fulfillment of our Lord’s command to His followers — Make

Future events to remember-Even though we’re in the hot part of the summer, fall will be here before we know it! We are planning for our annual fall and winter events such as the Potluck dinner to celebrate the church’s anniversary on September 11, the “Trunk or Treat” on October 31st, and the treat boxes for our emergency workers on New Year’s Eve. Mark these on your calendar and start picking up items to use for these events. We always like new ideas so feel free to let the office know if you have one for any of these functions.

## Prayer Concerns

### Those with cancer:

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

### Shut-ins:

- Sherm Morgan
- Connie Gilbert

### Missions:

- Scott Springer
- Hidden Haven
- Farrans
- Cookson Hills
- Melinda Velasquez
- Penningtons-health issues with daughter Eden

### Other concerns:

- Ann Hostetler
- 3rd Annual Back to School Bash
- Rachel Valesquez
- Government leaders

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!

