

The Messenger

Westside Christian Church

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Parsons, KS

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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-Prayer Meeting

October 23-Harvest Party

October 31-Trunk or Treat

November 4 & 5-Clothing Exchange

November 13-Report Meeting

November 17-20-National Missionary Convention

November 20-Thanksgiving Dinner

November 24-Thanksgiving-office closed

November 25-Office closed

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Doug's Desk

Money. It is not the most popular preaching topic of mine, but it was a very important topic to Jesus. I think here is why.

Jesus understands that money reflects what we think of God and Jesus. I will say this, that if you tithe, you take Jesus' teaching on money very seriously. If you don't tithe, well you don't have high regard to what Jesus or the Bible says about money. That is a hard teaching I know, but bear with me.

The poorest people are statistically found to be the ones that give the highest percentage of their income. Jesus pointed out that the widow had given all she had, even though it wasn't very much, see Luke 21:1-4. On the other hand the rich people have a hard time releasing their money. See Luke 18:18-25 about a man with great wealth that had a hard time giving it up for Jesus. This is where Jesus says "it is easier for a camel to get through an eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven."

Why is it so hard to release money? I think it is because we think we have earned it ourselves. In reality, God has supplied us with it. Either God gave us the talent or skill set to earn it or allowed us to have it one way or another. We too often forget that God is in control and that we should thank God for all things. Thank him for our talents, jobs, income and all our abundance. It is all God's in the first place.

We can thank God by giving him a tithe of what our income is. A tithe is 10% of your income. And God has promised that you will NOT go hungry or be needy if you tithe. See Malachi 3:10 and Proverbs 3:9,10. He actually promises blessings.

Tithing will also make you think more on how you are managing your money and how you are using money to please God. Are you pleasing God with your money? Tithing is not the only thing that pleases God, but it is one certain step.

Your brother in Christ and Minister

Doug Baty

PS. I think God is pleased with some here at Westside Christian Church. In the past year we have purchased these big ticket items to replace what broke and maintain our facilities while remaining in the black.

Items we have purchased this year: Video projector, computer and program, AC unit, 3 fans for AC units, 1 Compressor for an AC unit, water pump on the van, water heater for the kitchen. Not to mention high electric bills and a bank note we are about to pay off. Thank you for all who have helped. And thank God in Jesus for supplying us with all our needs.

One thing we have need yet to do is pay for a termite exterminator. That will be about \$1500. God bless as you pray and give toward the needs of his kingdom's work.

Wednesdays at Westside Resume on September 21st!

We will kickoff our Wednesday night activities on September 21st with a cook out and Bible Study! The cook out is at 5:30 and study begins at 6:30. We'll be starting off a study called "War of the Ages". It's a four-part historic presentation that explores the epic battle of good and evil. Youth and adults will watch the video together and then Doug will break the youth out for their own activities while the adults have their discussion time. Give yourself a mid-week break to relax and visit with friends and recharge your spiritual batteries!



Trunk or Treat October 31st 5:30-7:00

Trunk or Treat is coming up quickly. This is one of our biggest outreaches to the community all year. The purpose of Trunk or Treat is to provide a safe place for parents to take their children on Halloween, therefore showing God's love in a practical way.

We provide free hot dogs, free cotton candy, free face painting and lots of free candy. We added a new game last year thanks for the Passwaters. We are adding free nachos this year and also we will have live music from some of the members of our worship team!

If you have ideas of fun things to add to our Trunk or Treat we are always open to new ideas. Just let the office know!

What we need from our church family is LOTS of candy, hot dogs, hot dog buns, tortilla chips and volunteers! We need volunteers to hand out candy from their trunks, we need volunteers to help hand out the food, and volunteers just to help our guests find their way around and make them feel welcome. This is a really fun event with an opportunity to reach out to and help young families in our community.

Prayer Concerns

Those with cancer:

- Amy Steig
- Marcus Jackson
- Walt Keely
- Tammy Naffzinger
- Carol Conway
- Mark Fitzgerald
- Kim Davis
- David Braden
- Doug Heiskell
- Joyce Peterson-pancreatic cancer

Shut-ins:

- Sherm Morgan
- Connie Gilbert

Missions:

- Scott Springer-missionary to Mexico
- Hidden Haven

- Farrans-New Tribes Missions
- Cookson Hills Christian School
- Melinda Velasquez-Pioneer Bible Translators

Other concerns:

- Our government leaders
- Larry Englebert, husband of Clive's cousin, work injury
- Teachers and students in the new school year
- Onie Short-recovering from brain tumor removal

If you would like prayer requests 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!

2011 Hidden Haven
Women's Retreat

Back to Basics

Abide, Bless, Commit

September 16 & 17
Cost \$20 (featuring meals) or \$10 (if on site)

Featuring Guest Speaker: Delia Haber

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