

The Messenger

Westside Christian Church

October 7, 2011

Parsons, KS

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October 9-Report Meeting
October 23-Prayer Meeting
October 23-Harvest Party
October 30-Youth Group
Halloween Party
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Missionary Convention
November 20-Thanksgiving
Dinner
November 24-Thanksgiving-
office closed
November 25-Office closed
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Exchange

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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 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.

Doug's Desk

As I preach through the Sermon on the Mount we are going to read the text out loud on Sunday mornings. God's word is powerful and active. God's word is everlasting and true. His laws are good and righteous. And Jesus' words are pure yet sometimes harsh but always useful.

Sometimes we forget the most important part of Jesus' teachings is not hearing them or even knowing them. The most important thing that Jesus mentioned over and over was to apply his teachings. What good is a storehouse full of seeds if they are never planted? The same is applied to Jesus' words. If you hear these things like "love your enemy", "forgive", "bless those who curse you" or "Pray" and then don't do them, you are foolish. Jesus warns that those who hear but don't do will crash in the end.

My sermons will not change your life. God's word in your ears won't force you to change. Sitting next to nice Christian people won't make you a better person. What we must do is make our own choice to change, to do, to pray, to forgive. Doing God's word is far better than hearing it. In fact doing it is what will count in the end.

I look forward to sharing Jesus' teachings over the next couple of months, but most of all I hope you and I are able to make the necessary changes God is challenging us each to make. Just continue to do good and strive to do better with God's help by His Spirit.

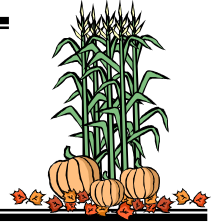
I am also looking forward to the events coming up this month such as the Harvest Party and the Trunk or Treat.

Your brother in Christ and minister, Doug Baty

Monthly prayer meeting-Each month on the 4th Sunday of the month we hold a prayer meeting at 5:00pm. We believe prayer is the most powerful force in the universe and should be our first line of action. If you have needs, come pray with us. If you want to have more opportunity to worship and praise, come pray with us. If you have a burden for the youth and future of this community and this country, come pray with us. If you enjoy spending time in communion with God, come pray with us. Our next prayer meeting is on October 23rd at 5:00, just before the Harvest Party.



Harvest Party-Our annual Harvest Party will be held on October 23 after the monthly prayer meeting. The party is at Osgood's farm, 6 miles south of Parsons on Hwy 59. We have a weiner roast, hay ride and horseshoes. We also just have lots of time to visit with the church family if you prefer that. Bring side dishes or dessert and your lawn chair. Enjoy the beautiful fall weather!



Fall Celebration Day-Ozark Christian College

Monday, October 24, 2011-Fall Celebration Day is held each October for adults 55+. This event includes main sessions, workshops, meals, and times of fellowship. **No registration fee. Lunch \$8.** Offerings received to defray expenses.

Youth Group Halloween Party-Sunday, October 30th will be our Youth Group Halloween party at the Batys' at 6:00 pm. Watch for more details as this gets closer. As always, parents are welcome and encouraged to come to any youth group events!



Join us for Wednesdays at Westside-Supper is at 5:30 and study begins at 6:30.



Soul Kitchen has begun!-The new ministry to the students at LCC has begun! On the first Sunday night of each month, a free meal and Christian music will be provided in the lobby of the Parsonian for any LCC student. There will be live music some months and CD giveaways in other months. Several of the local churches are helping with this as well as our members. This is a great chance to show the students that we welcome them in our community and would like to show them the love of Jesus in a practical way. If you would like to help or contribute, check with Michelle Murray and get more details.

National Missionary Convention-The NMC will be November 17-20th in Atlanta GA and the 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 Disciples of All Nations."

Thanksgiving Dinner-November 20th is our annual Thanksgiving Dinner right after church. Invite your friends!

Prayer Concerns

Those with cancer:

- Amy Steig
- Marcus Jackson
- Walt Keely
- Tammy Naffzinger
- Carol Conway
- Kim Davis
- Mark Fitzgerald

- Doug Heiskell
- David Braden
- Joyce Peterson

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:

- Please pray for "Soul Kitchen" a developing ministry with LCC students.

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!