

The Messenger

Westside Christian Church

October 30, 2011

Parsons, KS

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October 30-Youth Group Halloween Party
October 31-Trunk or Treat
November 4 & 5-Clothing Exchange
November 6-Soul Kitchen
November 13-Report Meeting
November 17-20-National Missionary Convention
November 20-Thanksgiving Dinner
November 24-Thanksgiving-office closed
November 25-Office closed
November 27-Prayer Meeting 5:00
November 27-Decorating the church for Christmas 6:00
December 2 & 3-Clothing Exchange

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



Trunk or Treat is tomorrow! 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, cotton candy, face painting and lots of candy. We are adding nachos this year and also we will have live music from some of the members of our worship team!

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

Have you ever met someone or hear of someone that is so against God and Jesus that you are afraid for their soul? Richard Dawkins has written several books and one lately against the God of the Bible. In fact he says, in his book The God Delusion, opening statement in chapter two, "The God of the OT is arguably the most unpleasant character in all fiction." He writes many other antagonistic things about my God and I am wondering, how should I react?

Maybe your reaction would be to slap him aside the head. I am inclined to want to argue with him, but I know it would be of no use. So what can I do with an atheist, or anybody for that matter, who sees my God as a delusion?

Maybe I could be like the Psalmist who prayed that his enemies' infants would be smashed among the rocks. (See Psalms 137:8,9) But I think that is a bit extreme and not what Jesus has taught. God will deal with the non-believers as He feels appropriate, so I won't pray for any kind of judgment against him. What Jesus has said to do is "pray for your enemies" and "bless those who curse you", see Luke 6: 27-36 and Matthew 5:43 ff. Dawkins hasn't cursed me or hurt me, but his thoughts are totally against my faith and my God and are very offensive in many ways.

So how should I react? Jesus spoke of non-believers with these words in Luke 16. A man is sent to hell wants to warn his family of the terrible outcome of his way of life. Jesus ended the parable with these words, Luke 16:31, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'

You may not need to read this book because he does plant doubt and try to show that one can be happy and be an atheist too. But you may run into people with similar views about your faith or about Jesus. I don't think arguing with them will help, even if that is what they want to do. The best thing to do is pray for that person and let God's spirit work on him or her. As well as being as kind and considerate as you can be, even when it is hard.

Faith is so important to God. Hebrews 11:6 says that you cannot please God without faith. So continue to pray and to live out your faith. And remember, faith isn't words, it is ACTION. And with your attitude continue to do unto others as you would have them do unto you, even though it is hard to do at times, CONTINUE.

Some thoughts from your brother in Christ and your minister.

Doug Baty

I am looking forward to more teaching on the Jesus' creed on Wednesday nights and am enjoying going through the book of Acts on Sunday morning in my Sunday school class. Come and join us if you wish.

Have a great weekend and be safe.

Clothing Exchange-Clothing Exchange is this Friday and Saturday, November 4th and 5th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. We are always in need of volunteers to help with sorting donated clothes and to help our guests when they come in. If you have any questions about how you can help with this very popular ministry, check with Clarinda O'Brien or Sue Peters.



Soul Kitchen has begun!-The new ministry to the students at LCC has begun! On November 6th, a free meal and Christian music will be provided in the lobby of the Parsonian for any LCC student. 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. Let any LCC students you are acquainted with know about this fun free event! 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

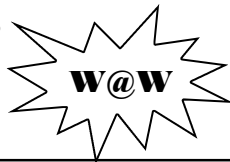
Thanksgiving Dinner-November 20th is our annual Thanksgiving Dinner right after church.

There will be sign-up sheets in the lobby for turkey and dressing next week. As we did last year, we will collect non-perishable foods that we can donate to Labette Assistance Center to help the needy in our community as an expression of our thanks to God for all He has blessed us with. Invite your friends!



Join us for Wednesdays

at Westside-Supper is at 5:30 and study begins at 6:30.



Monthly prayer meeting-

Each month on the 4th Sunday of the month we hold a prayer meeting at 5:00pm. Our next prayer meeting is on November 27.

New activities for kids on Wednesday nights-Terri Stice is doing lessons, crafts, and other activities on Wednesday night during Wednesdays @ Westside, so kids, come check it out!! Kids 5th grade and down, from 6:30-7:30 join Terri for a fun middle-of-the-week break! Supper is served at 5:30 if kids and parents want to join us for that also. Wednesdays are a very relaxed come-as-you-are chance time.



Winter Coats Needed-We are the designated place in town for people in need to get coats for themselves and their children. We are in desperate need of coats for school age children. New or gently used coats of any size are welcome! If your kids have outgrown their coats or if you want to pick up a new one to donate, we can distribute all the coats we receive. We are getting more requests this year and the requests started earlier. In past years we have even had schools call us requesting coats for students that had none. Several other churches in the area are doing coat drives to contribute. Please help us with this ministry to those in need in Parsons.



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!

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Communion Preparation	Sue Peters Marie Norton	Sue Peters Marie Norton	Sue Peters Marie Norton	Sue Peters Marie Norton	Sue Peters Marie Norton
Children's church	Jeff Ferguson	Jeff Ferguson	Jeff Ferguson	Jeff Ferguson	No Children's Church
Elementary En-counter	Shirley Lunday	Shirley Lunday	Shirley Lunday	Shirley Lunday	Shirley Lunday
Greeters: Front Doors Inside Lobby	Sue Peters Karen Osgood	Clarinda O'Brien Annette/Juanita	Gene Robinson Fergusons	Juanita Walker Nola Fisher	
Nursery	Marie Norton	Clarinda O'Brien Patrick O'Brien	Eric and Tara Smith	Shirley Lunday	
Communion	Jeff Ferguson	Joe Moyer	Howard Weidert	Thad Osgood	
Ushers	Steve Passwater Clive Murray	Howard Weidert Thad Osgood	Gene Robinson Kenneth Lunday	David Stice Bruce Rea	
Serving the Lord's Supper	Andrew Passwater Kenneth Lunday Howard Weidert David Stice	Ryan Pratt Ken Akkerman Bruce Rea Antonio Velasquez	Josh Passwater Ralph Heady Clive Murray Thad Osgood	Steve Passwater David Baty Gene Robinson Sam Atherton	
Benediction	Ralph Heady	Steve Passwater	Thad Osgood	Joe Moyer	
Shut-Ins	Thad Osgood	Lundays	Doug Baty	Jeff Ferguson	
Nursing Home					Elmhaven West 2:00 Elmhaven East 2:45



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