

The Messenger

Westside Christian Church

December 28, 2011

Parsons, KS

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December 31st-Boxes for
Emergency Workers

January 1st-Soul Kitchen

January 4th-No Wednesday
at Westside

January 6 & 7th-Clothing
Exchange 9:00-12:00

January 8th-Report Meeting

January 11th-Wednesdays at
Westside resume

January 22nd-Monthly
Prayer Meeting

February 3rd and 4th-
Clothing Exchange

February 5th-Soul Kitchen

February 12th-Report
Meeting

February 27-29-Preaching-
Teaching Convention

April 27-28-Women's
Conference at Ozark

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Treat Boxes to the Parsons emergency workers

Each year we show our appreciation to those that keep us

safe all year and are working for that purpose on New Year's Eve. We provide boxes of party foods and treats to the police station, fire stations, emergency room and ambulance workers in recognition of their dedication and how much they do for our community. Donations for these boxes could include beverages, candy, crackers, cookies, puzzle books, noise makers, anything to help them enjoy their New Year's Eve while they are on duty. You can bring these donations anytime between now and New Year's Eve. Come out and help us assemble these

boxes on **December 31st at 2:00 pm**. We deliver them that afternoon also. We have heard from a number of these organizations about how much it means to them to be remembered by the people they protect. Another practical way to show God's love to our community!



Doug's Desk

Music fills the air with Christmas carols. Beautiful lights fill the night with twinkles and steady reminders of a festive season. The foods are great and the movies remind us that we can do things for others and be selfless.

Christmas is a fun and celebrative time of the year. I know there are a few Grinches lingering on, but it gives me joy to bring even a smile to their face.

But what are we celebrating? Why do we make such a fuss over the birth of Jesus, when we really don't know the exact date of his birth?

If we go back to the Old Testament we find the Jews celebrated 19 days out of the year, besides their weekly Sabbaths. I think that sets a precedent that God is OK with us having celebrations, especially when focused on Him.

There are two times in a year that give reason to celebrate, from a Christian perspective. They are the birth of Jesus and his resurrection. Both events are very important events and both are prophesied and revealed in Scripture.

If you don't know the day of one's birth, can you just pick a date and be good? I know some people don't like the 25th of December date for Jesus' birth, but what does it really matter? It was apparently picked by Pope Julius 1st as a date to offset a pagan holiday after Christianity was made legal in the Roman empire. This date has had its ups and downs. Some banned the celebration and others embraced it over the years. On June 26th 1870 by an act of Congress and President Ulysses Grant, it was declared a federal holiday in the USA.

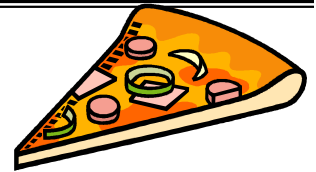
While we celebrate this holiday, people may discuss their opinions on the date, which is unimportant. The important reason for this celebration is that God came to earth in human form to live and pave the way to God for all people. Emmanuel, God with us. Jesus came to save people from their sin. And he completed his job for another celebration in the spring. I am looking forward to that celebration as well.

God gave his only begotten son that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life. A great reason to celebrate this Christmas season.

Your minister and brother in Christ, Doug Baty



Soul Kitchen!—Soul Kitchen for January will be on the 1st and it's a pizza party! Any LCC student is invited and encouraged to attend. It's held at the Parsonian in the lobby from 5:00-6:00. If you would like more info or to help, check with Michelle or Clive Murray.



Preaching-Teaching Convention—This year's Preaching-Teaching Convention is February 27-29, 2012. That is a Monday through Wednesday. Some of the main speakers will be Rick Rusaw, Jeff Vines, Jerry Taylor and Ken Idleman, Jud Wilhite and Gerald Griffin. There will be a teen event on Wednesday night. We will dismiss our Wednesday evening services here so that you may attend this great conference!



A Preview of 2012!






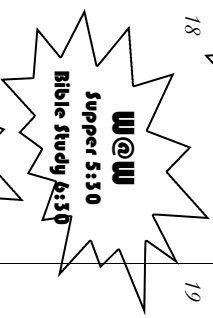


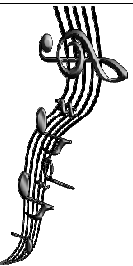
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- January 4th**—No Wednesday at Westside
- January 6 & 7th**—Clothing Exchange 9:00-12:00
- January 8th**—Report Meeting
- January 11th**—Wednesdays at Westside resume
- January 22nd**—Monthly Prayer Meeting
- February 3rd and 4th**—Clothing Exchange
- February 5th**—Soul Kitchen
- February 12th**—Report Meeting
- February 19th**—Scott Springer here
- February 26th**—Monthly Prayer Meeting
- February 27-29**—Preaching-Teaching Convention
- March 2nd and 3rd**—Clothing Exchange
- March 4th**—Soul Kitchen
- March 11th**—Report Meeting
- March 25th**—Monthly Prayer Meeting
- April 1st**—Soul Kitchen
- April 6th and 7th**—Clothing Exchange
- April 8th**—Easter
- April 13th and 14th**—Deeper Life at Ozark
- April 15th**—Report Meeting
- April 22nd**—Monthly Prayer Meeting
- April 27-28**—Women's Conference at Ozark
- May 4th and 5th**—Clothing Exchange
- May 6th**—Report Meeting
- May 6th**—Soul Kitchen
- May 9th**—Last week of Wednesdays at Westside
- May 13th**—Mother's Day
- May 27th**—Monthly Prayer Meeting
- May 28th**—Memorial Day—Office Closed
- June 1st and 2nd**—Clothing Exchange
- June 10th**—Report Meeting
- June 17th**—Father's Day
- June 24th**—Monthly Prayer Meeting
- July 4th**—Independence Day—Office Closed
- July 6th and 7th**—Clothing Exchange
- July 8th**—Report Meeting
- July 10-13th**—North American Christian Convention in Orlando, FL
- July 15th-21st**—Parsons Paint Project
- July 22nd**—Monthly Prayer Meeting
- August 3rd and 4th**—Clothing Exchange
- August 12th**—Report Meeting
- August 25th**—Back to School Bash
- August 26th**—Monthly Prayer Meeting
- August 31st and September 1st**—Clothing Exchange
- September 3rd**—Labor Day—Office Closed
- September 9th**—Anniversary Potluck Dinner
- September 9th**—Report Meeting
- September 23rd**—Monthly Prayer Meeting
- October 5th and 6th**—Clothing Exchange
- October 14th**—Report Meeting
- October 28th**—Monthly Prayer Meeting
- October 31st**—Trunk or Treat
- November 2nd and 3rd**—Clothing Exchange
- November 11th**—Report Meeting
- November 18th**—Thanksgiving Dinner
- November 22**—Thanksgiving—Office Closed
- November 23**—Office Closed
- November 25th**—Monthly Prayer Meeting
- November 25th**—Decorate the church for Christmas
- November 30th and December 1st**—Clothing Exchange
- December 9th**—Report Meeting
- December 12th**—Christmas Caroling
- December 16th**—Christmas Program
- December 23rd**—Monthly Prayer Meeting
- December 24th**—Christmas Eve—Office Closed
- December 25th**—Christmas—Office Closed
- December 31**—New Year's Eve—Office Closed
- December 31**—Treat Boxes to Emergency Workers





January 2012



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8  Report Meeting 1:30 Louella Murphy	9	10 Abigail Walters	11  W@W Supper 5:30 Bible Study 6:30	12 Tрева Ferguson Lucas O'Brien	13 Clothing Exchange 	14 Clothing Exchange 
15 Josh Passwater	16 Mike Cook	17 Anna Passwater	18  W@W Supper 5:30 Bible Study 6:30	19	20	21
22 Prayer Meeting 5:00 	23	24	25  W@W Supper 5:30 Bible Study 6:30 Terri Slice Tara Smith	26	27	28
29 5th Sunday Rally -Chetopa 	30 Jodee Rea	31	<p>westside@wavewls.com www.westsideatparsons.com 620-421-3533 Text or call Doug at 620-778-3919 Text or call Rande at 620-423-3553 5100 W. Main Parsons, KS 67357 Join us on Facebook</p>			

January 2012	1	8	15	22	29
Communion Preparation	Jeff and Cherie Ferguson	Jeff and Cherie Ferguson	Jeff and Cherie Ferguson	Jeff and Cherie Ferguson	Jeff and Cherie Ferguson
Children's church	Michelle Murray	Michelle Murray	Michelle Murray	Michelle Murray	No children's church
Elementary En-counter	Terri Stice	Terri Stice	Terri Stice	Terri Stice	Terri Stice
Greeters: Front Doors Inside Lobby	Gene Robinson Karen Osgood	Juanita Walker Annette/Juanita	Sue Peters Fergusons	Clarinda O'Brien Nola Fisher	Youth
Nursery	Clarinda O'Brien Patrick O'Brien	Eric and Tara Smith	Shirley Lunday	Karen Osgood Lucas O'Brien	Sue Peters
Communion	Ralph Heady	Jeff Ferguson	Joe Moyer	Thad Osgood	Youth
Ushers	David Stice Bruce Rea	Joe Moyer Ralph Heady	Jeff Ferguson Thad Osgood	Clive Murray Steve Passwater	Youth
Serving the Lord's Supper	Jeff Ferguson Andrew Passwater Howard Weidert Ken Akkerman	Bruce Rea Thad Osgood Josh Passwater Josh Burns	Ralph Heady Clive Murray David Baty Steve Passwater	Sam Atherton Gene Robinson Antonio Velasquez Jeff Ferguson	Youth
Benediction	Ralph Heady	Steve Passwater	Thad Osgood	Joe Moyer	Youth
Shut-Ins	Doug Baty	Lundays	Jeff Ferguson	Headys	Joe Moyer
Nursing Home				Good Samaritan Woodridge	