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The best teachers teach from the heart, not from the book.

Author Unknown

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NE Area churches and church members

The annual meeting for the NE Area will be held at First Baptist Church of Topeka (3033 SW MacVicar) on Sunday afternoon, September 13, 2015. Registration (no cost) will start at 2:30 P.M. and the program will begin at 3:00 P.M.

Maurice Goslin is at Rolling Hills Nursing Home. If any of you would like to visit him or just send him a card his address is: Room 114, 2400 SW Urish Road, Topeka, KS 66614.

Our Church Finances

This is a glimpse of our church finances through the end of June. Half of the year has gone by and we are doing fine financially.

Our **total income to date** was **\$112,775.77** or 41.78 % of our yearly budget and our **total expenses to date** were **\$104,878.57** or 38.86%. Therefore, our net income for the first half of the year is \$7,897.20.

Isn't the new carpet wonderful! We have not been billed for the new carpet in the sanctuary and in the nursery yet but we have donations coming in for this expenditure. To date we have \$1,810 that has been designated for the new carpet. Anyone wishing to make a gift to help pay for the carpet may indicate their designation on their giving envelope or on their check. We will plan to use investment and/or memorial dollars as needed.

The expenses for the 12 who went on the mission trip to Murrow Children's Home in Muskogee, Oklahoma and for the transportation and meal we provide on the fifth Friday mission trips to Bethel Neighborhood Center in Kansas City are paid out of the capital campaign account that has a set aside for missions.

~ Nancy Lindberg, Treasurer

Murrow Mission Trip

"On Wednesday July 15th, a group of 12 people from West Side Baptist went to the Murrow Indian Children's Home in Muskogee, Oklahoma for a short mission project. There were 5 adults including Ed and Kate Olsen, Marty Rosa, John Swain and Jim Goodnow. The 7 youth were Brian Roach (Ed and Kate's grandson), Jill and Reanna Campbell, Shelby Hersh and Rose, Caroline and Laura Carrier.

The group cleaned gutters, washed windows, mowed the lawn, organized storage areas, remounted a light fixture, replaced screens in several windows, fixed the exhaust on a hot water heater and worked on a broken kitchen cabinet door hinge. The youth also showed their artistic skills by painting murals on the walls of 2 of the cottages. You can see pictures of some of their handiwork by visiting the church website at wsbctopeka.org.

While it was a time of wonderful fellowship and fun, our hearts go out to Ed and Kate after Ed suffered a brain aneurysm while cleaning gutters. Continue to pray for Ed and Kate as he remains at KU Medical Center undergoing treatment."

~ Jim Goodnow



Touchpoints

In April then again in June, we had our consultants from Nebraska help us with a discerning process. One of the things they brought up was a measurement they called touchpoints. A touchpoint is someone crossing our doorway and that we touched in the name of Christ. Touchpoints include our Sunday worship and Sunday school, WWW, Baby Closet, and our summer program. I'm accumulating our touchpoints at this time. Here is an example of how many people who crossed our doors in our September 2014 – May 2015 Wednesday night program. We have had over 1,200 touchpoints! When we look at our Wednesday night program in this manner, it is much easier to see the success story. We are feeding children and adults from our church neighborhood literally and spiritually.

Touch was an important part of Jesus' ministry of healing. He frequently reached out and touched people, even, and most especially those whom society viewed as untouchable. Bible Gateway says that the word touched is used in the New Testament 39 times! My favorite story about the touch of Christ is found in Matthew 8:1-4

When Jesus had come down from the mountain, great crowds followed him; and there was a leper who came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean." He stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Immediately his leprosy was cleansed. Then Jesus said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

As followers of Christ, we too can so choose. We can reach out to others in our families and our workplaces and in our communities and be touchpoints for Christ. What will you choose to do?

As I gather the other numbers, I will report them back to you in our Newsletter. I will also be bringing other items that came out from our discerning process in April and June in the near future.

~ Brice Smith, Moderator

It's that time of year again, believe it or not! The 4 Partnering Churches will be collecting school supplies for Meadows and Robinson, below please find the school supply list as posted by USD 501 for elementary schools, and begin collecting supplies. Please bring them to church by August 10th. Thank you!

NOTEBOOKS AND PAPER: plain folder with inside pockets, spiral notebook, wide-rule, loose filler paper, wide rule, composition book

THINGS FOR MARKING: crayons, 8 ct. box, large size, husky pencils with erasers, crayons, 24 ct. box, colored markers, 10 ct, pencils, #2, 12 ct., colored pencils, 12 ct. pkg., highlighter, yellow, big eraser, dry-erase markers, black wide-tip, ball-point pen, black or blue

THINGS FOR STORING: pencil box, plastic, backpack or school bag, Ziploc Bags, quart size, Ziploc Bags, sandwich size, Ziploc Bags, gallon size

THINGS FOR CLEANING: facial tissue (Kleenex), standard size box, baby wipes

THINGS FOR PROJECTS: glue stick, jumbo, no gel, Elmer's glue, 4 oz. bottle, scissors, blunt, scissors, pointed, rulers (cm, inches) Post-It note, 3x3 (pkg of 4)

In addition the schools can always use clothing items for the students such as shorts, pants, t-shirts, etc. for when accidents happen at school.

Back to School!

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