

THE WITNESS

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“Giving Makes Us Happy”

Words from your pastor: Rexanne and I enjoy giving our money to God through our local church and national denomination! Giving ten-percent (a tithe), and sometimes more, of our hard-earned resources to God through our local church makes us happy. We like to see God use the money we donate to empower Christian educators, to feed hungry children, to provide for our missionaries, to fund our youth group, and to maintain the building and grounds as a mission center for God’s work in the neighborhood. Our family does not give because we should give. We give a percentage of our income as an appropriate faith commitment for which God’s grace empowers us. We know that God calls us to be faithful managers of all that God gives us so that God can use our gifts to transform us spiritually, to move us towards maturity, and to extend Christ’s transforming love to our neighbors and world.

Since we obey God’s leading, we do not worry that we will lack enough money to pay our bills, to take a vacation, or to maintain our home. We budget, plan, save, sacrifice, and give because *we have an internal need to give*. Rexanne and I want to be active participants in God’s missionary work in and for the world.

It has taken years of encouragement and financial diligence to develop into spiritually mature believers who generously give a percentage of our income. As church research expert, George Barna, states, “People do not drift into good giving habits. They decide into them.” Christians grow spiritually into practices of generosity because they ask the essential question: “*What percentage of your income do you feel God is calling you to give through my local church?*” And then, they give!

Consecration Sunday is coming! This is not an annual fund-raising campaign. No one will come to your home to ask you for money or a pledge. The leaders of your church are asking you to give so we can serve in Jesus’ name. We want you to grow

spiritually so you can give joyfully – as Paul wrote, “God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7).

Giving makes us happy. I hope you will discover the joy of giving, too.

It's Coming...

NOVEMBER 20

Blessings,
Pastor Ivan

NEWS IN THE PEW

CONSECRATION SUNDAY IS COMING - Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their income.

Our congregation's finance committee has selected the New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. New Consecration Sunday encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?" During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make

their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an Estimate of Giving Card does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend even if they feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend the Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks, in advance, for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

~ Brice Smith, Moderator



ACOLYTE TRAINING – Congratulations to Pat Carpenter, Jessa Greuter, Macy Greuter, Lonna Hersh, Shelby Hersh, Becky Poe, Nathen Poe, Sage Poe, and Tera Triggs for completing Acolyte Training on Saturday, October 22 in the Sanctuary. The word acolyte is taken from the ancient Greek word that meant companion, attendant, candle-keeper, or helper. Our Acolytes will work closely with the pastor and other worship leaders by lighting and extinguishing the candles, displaying banners, cleaning and carrying crosses, as well as, helping the communion preparers clean-up the Lord's Supper. Training will occur again as needed.



ADVENT IS COMING – Can you believe it is only eight weeks until Christmas? It's time to prepare the way of the Lord. Volunteers will decorate the church for the Advent/Christmas season during the **Hanging of the Greens on Saturday, November 26 at 10:00 am.** See Almira for details.



BABY CLOSET CHRISTMAS BASKETS – The Baby Closet would like to collect personal care items to give away at Christmas. Items that can be used: Combs, Conditioner (Hair), Deodorant, Detergent, Fingernail Clippers, Kleenexes, Lotions (Body and Hand), Shampoo, Soap, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, and other personal care items. Bring your donations to the Church Office any time before Christmas. ~Pat Carreno

BIBLE STUDY (WEDNESDAY MORNINGS) - Pastor Ivan is teaching an in-depth study of the **Book of Romans on Wednesdays at 10:30 am** in Holmer Hall (Parlor). Everyone is welcome. No exams or quizzes, but you can ask questions! No prior knowledge of the Bible needed to join this group.

BIBLE STUDY (SUNDAY AFTERNOON) – Pastor Ivan leads a free Bible study of the **Book of Daniel on Sundays at 4:00 pm** in Holmer Hall.

BREAD, FRUITS, & VEGETABLES - West Side Baptist Church has partnered with Harvesters Community Food Network to provide a limited amount of **free bread, fruits, potatoes, and vegetables** to individuals and families in the Ward Meade Neighborhood on **Wednesdays from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm, or while supplies last.** Bring a photo ID. Families will need to provide the name of household or family name and the number of adults, children, and seniors (65+ years) living in the household. All food is available at no cost. Call the Church Office at (785) 233-4241 with questions; no reservations.

CAMPBELLS SOUP LABELS & BOX TOPS – We are still collecting the UPC codes from soup labels and all box tops for **Murrow Indian Children's Home in Muskogee, OK.** Murrow is saving one million UPC's for a van for the children's needs. Thank you to all our faithful congregation for your continuing support. The box to collect the UPC codes and Box Tops is still outside the Church Office.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

– The Christian Education leaders meet on the **second Monday of the month at 6:45 pm in Holmer Hall** (Parlor). Join the ongoing conversation about these exciting areas of Christian Education: (1) Children's Ministry, (2) Youth Ministry, and (3) Adult Discipleship. See Colleen Smith, Coordinator, for agendas and details.

CHURCH FINANCES - This is a general overview of our church finances through the end of September.



- We are at 75% of the budget year – $\frac{3}{4}$ of the year is behind us!
- For September, our income to date is: \$182,293.42 or 69.4% of our budget. This is \$16,418.33 under what was budgeted for the first three quarters of the year. Last month we were at \$165,512.71 or 63.02% of our budget which was \$9,574.45 under what was budgeted.
- Our expenses to date are: \$197,847.32 or 75.33% of our budget. This is \$95.83 over what was budgeted for the first three quarters of the year. Last month we were \$174,101.94 or 66.29% of our budget which was \$985.22 under what was budgeted.
- We have spent \$15,553.90 more than receipts at the end of the third quarter. This compares to \$8,589.23 more than receipts last month.
- The checking account at the end of September was \$1,860.33. At the end of August, it was \$4,970.56. We

still have a \$7,500 outstanding loan from the capital campaign account to assist us with cash flow. By borrowing from the capital campaign, it allows us not to withdraw from our investments at this time. (Note: We paid back \$2,500 of the loan from the capital campaign in early October.)

~ Nancy Lindberg, Treasurer

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME – It's time to FALL BACK! Remember to set your clocks back one hour on **Sunday, November 6.**



DILLONS COMMUNITY REWARDS - West Side Baptist Church (#63996) is now enrolled in the **Dillon Community Rewards program.** If you shop at Dillon for your groceries or prescriptions, you can select West Side Baptist Church to receive a small donation from Dillon based on the dollars you spend. **WSBC has received a total of \$79.35 in donations in 2016. See Brice for help with signing up.**

GLOBAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Is



God is calling you to learn more about how you or your church can volunteer with Baptist partners in Cuba? Teach English in Hungary? Volunteer as a short-term missionary by contacting Mary Weaver for general information about mission opportunities or Angela Sudermann for volunteer information at 1-800-ABC-3-USA.

LADIES NIGHT OUT -Tuesday,
November 1st @ 5:30
pm at Paisano's.
Take a Night Off from
cooking to connect
with other Christian
women during Ladies



Night Out - a monthly gathering of
women who encourage each other in
their faith. All women attending West
Side Baptist Church are welcome.
Please invite friends. Dinner is *Dutch
Treat*. Car-pooling is encouraged.
Please contact Trena for directions,
questions, or to make a reservation.



MEN'S GROUP

MEN'S NIGHT OUT – Tuesday,
November 1st @ 6:00 pm at. Join some
familiar faces - and discover new friends
- at the Men's Night Out, a monthly
gathering of men to enjoy a meal at a
local restaurant (Dutch Treat) and enjoy
Christian fellowship.

NEWSLETTER – Articles and updates
for the newsletter are due on
**Wednesday, November 16th at 12:00
noon.** Send articles, news, testimonials,
poetry, etc. to Lynda Cokeley at
(office@wsbctopeka.org). The calendar
and newsletter will be released on the
last Sunday of each month.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE – The
Outreach and Evangelism Committee
will meet on every fourth **Tuesday of
the month at 7:15 pm in Holmer Hall
(Parlor).** See Mark Calloway,
Coordinator, for agenda and details.

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING –

The Council has called
a Quarterly Business
Meeting for the
congregation on
Sunday, October 30



after worship in the Sanctuary. Tom
Mansfield will present information about
needed repairs to the bricks and roof.
See Tom for more information and
photographs of the needed repairs.

RIDE TO CHURCH - If you need
transportation to /
from a worship
service or another
church-related



activity, please call **Rides Available**
the Church Office at (785) 233-4241
during office hours (Tuesday thru Friday,
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). Volunteers are
needed to ride along with our driver to
pick-up children for Church. Contact the
Office with questions, or if you would like
to volunteer.

SERMONS ON-LINE – The Technology
Committee is recording and uploading
the Sunday sermon to YouTube to help
people grow in their faith and for
spiritual edification. You can watch
these messages anytime at
<https://goo.gl/AAbGYG> or click on the
link from the Church's website:
www.wsbctopeka.org.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY – The
Church Office will be **CLOSED**
Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25
in observance of Thanksgiving Holiday.

VETERANS DAY – The Church Office
will be **CLOSED on Friday, November
11** in observance of Veterans Day. The
Office will reopen on Tuesday, Nov. 15
at 8:00 a.m. (Lynda is off on Mondays).

VETERANS SUNDAY (NOV 6) –

Worshippers are encouraged to bring a framed photograph of a Veteran they would like to honor on Veterans Sunday, November 6. The Veteran does not need to be a member of WSBC, and can be in alive or in memory. Photographs will be returned to owner after the worship service. Thank you to all our men and women who have served the nation and the cause of freedom!



WORLD MISSION OFFERING – West



Side Baptist Church traditionally receives the

annual **World Mission Offering (WMO)** to financially – and prayerfully – support our American Baptist missionaries and global servants. The World Mission Offering (WMO) casts a spotlight on a different part of the world—giving American Baptists a personal, front-row seat to the powerful ministries that are changing lives for Christ around the globe. This year, we are excited to bring you the story of the spiritual revival happening in Baptist churches right now in CUBA! Special offering envelopes will be inserted in to the October newsletter and bulletins. Please give generously – and sacrificially – in October! Received to date: \$1,357.00. Give online at www.internationalministries.org.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE – The Worship Committee meets the **second Tuesday** of each month at **3:30 pm** in Holmer Hall. See Almira Collier, Coordinator, for details.

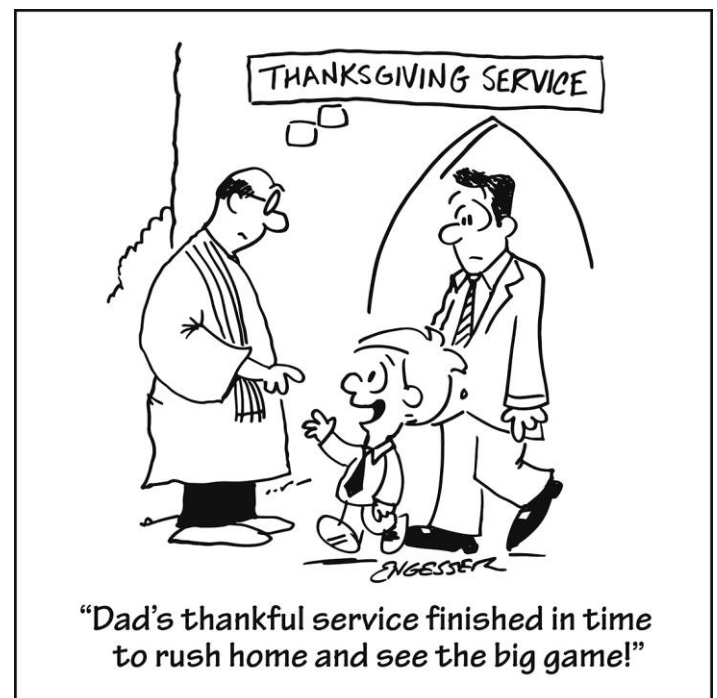
WWW KID'S BIBLE CLUB – Register your child or children now for the mid-week kid's Bible club – WWW (Wonderful West Side Wednesdays). The doors will open at 5:10 pm. **Supper will be served at 5:30 to 5:50 pm in the Fellowship Hall (cafeteria).** Programming will be offered for children of all ages. A Bible Study will be led by Jim Goodnow in Holmer Hall for adults. See Colleen Smith, Coordinator for Christian Education, for more details.

XYZer's BREAKFAST – Join a group of Seniors who enjoy having fun and making

real
friendships. The
"Extra
Years of



Zest" small group will meet on Saturday, November 12th @ Cracker Barrel at 9:00 am for anyone the age of 55 or older for more information call John Swain at 785-273-2434.



"Dad's thankful service finished in time to rush home and see the big game!"

WWW HOODIES – The Church will order new Hoodies or T-Shirts for WWW (Wonderful West Side Wednesdays). **Adults may purchase a Hoodie (size small to extra-large) for \$20.00 each, or a T-Shirt for \$6.00 each (size small to extra-large).** The manufacture charges an additional charge of \$1.50 per X size beginning with 2X. **Call the Church Office at (785) 233-4241 or fill-out the Hoodie Order Form.** Payment is appreciated at the time of order. Mark checks payable to West Side Baptist Church with “Hoodie” on the memo line.

ORDER FORM

Name: _____

SWEATSHIRTS

- _____ **Adult Small (\$20.00 each)**
- _____ **Adult Medium (\$20.00 each)**
- _____ **Adult Large (\$20.00 each)**
- _____ **Adult Extra-Large (XL) (\$20.00 each)**
- _____ **Adult Extra-Extra-Large (XXL) (\$21.50 each)**
- _____ **Adult Triple-Extra-Large (XXXL) (\$23.00 each)**

Call the Church Office to order larger sizes.

T-SHIRTS

- _____ **Adult Small (\$6.00 each)**
- _____ **Adult Medium (\$6.00 each)**
- _____ **Adult Large (\$6.00 each)**
- _____ **Adult Extra-Large (XL) (\$6.00 each)**
- _____ **Adult Extra-Extra-Large (XXL) (\$7.50 each)**
- _____ **Adult Triple-Extra-Large (XXXL) (\$9.00 each)**

2016



**CHRISTMAS BELL
RINGER VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

**DID YOU KNOW THAT
THE SALVATION ARMY
HELPS**

HURTING PEOPLE EVERY DAY...

19,567 people enjoyed our Community
Evening Meal last year
(served Monday through Friday at 4:00
PM)

2,204 Clients received Pantry Food
assistance

67 received Rent/Utility assistance

Thousands of our neighbors are helped
every year with

vital emergency assistance.

You can help us make a difference by
volunteering to **RING BELLS** this
Christmas season...

www.ringbells.org

God Bless You and Merry Christmas

Please call - 785-233-9648



**Christmas 2016 Needs List –
Topeka Rescue Mission**

We have already begun making plans for Christmas-season activities at the Topeka Rescue Mission and are ready to begin receiving donations of new items. Below is a list of what we currently need for both our guest and community Christmas distributions.

WOMEN/TEEN GIRLS: Jeans, shirts or hoodies (Jr. 0 – 17, Misses 2 – 18, Plus 2 – 5x), briefs (especially sizes 5 – 8) and socks

MEN/TEEN BOYS: Jeans (size 30 -50 and especially sizes 30-38), shirts, hoodies, socks, boxers, stocking caps and gloves, plus size clothing (2 – 5X) and sports team logo items

BOYS AND GIRLS: Educational gifts, jeans, shirts, hoodies (5 – 20), boxers and socks

INFANT AND TODDLER: Shirts, tops, jeans, winter clothing (Newborn – 4), boys & girls underwear, onesies and diapers sizes 3 – 6

**MISCELLANEOUS GIFT ITEMS
NEEDED:** Bath gift sets, cologne gift sets, twin XL blankets, F, Q & K sheet sets, pots and pans, coffee makers, small appliances, toasters, 4-5 qt. crock pots, small adult gifts, radio/CD players, bath towels, cooking utensils, tool sets, wallets, shaving bags, teen gifts, men's

gifts, hair brushes, hygiene sets, mini flashlights, chapstick, sports team logo items (hats, duffle bags, etc.), art sets, nice razors, gift certificates for local stores

2016 Doorstep Christmas Wish List

Doorstep is adopting 250 Households for Christmas and we need your help with donations!

Toys

Puzzles 100-500 pcs, Back Packs, Color Books/Crayons, School Supplies, Toys for Ages 2-12, No Stuffed Animals Please, Girls Jewelry, Games - All Ages, Baby Dolls, Balls - Football, Soccer, Basketball, Teenage Girls Gifts

Men's

Boxer Briefs S – XL, Flashlights, Tool Sets, Small Radios, Aftershave & Socks, Watches, Playing Cards, Jeans & Sweats

Household Gifts

Quilts, Blankets & Sheet Sets (Full/Queen/King), Dish Sets, Toasters, Hand Mixers, Glass Sets, Pots/Pans, Etc.

(Boys&Girls)

Jeans Sizes 6- 16, Clothing Sizes 2T-16, Socks & Underwear

Women & Teens

Larger Sized Bras, Underwear S-XL, Cosmetics, Jewelry & Socks, Jeans, Sweats & PJ's, Teen Sized Clothing

Health Kit Items

Towels, Washcloths, Combs, Soap, Deodorant, Toothpaste/brushes, Shampoo, Razors

Christmas Store Schedule – We Need Volunteers!

Sunday, December 11th Move Items to 1st Naz. 2pm - 5pm

Monday, December 12th Sort Donated Items 9am – 4pm

Tuesday, December 13th Sort Donated Items 9am – 2pm

Wednesday, December 14th Escort Clients at Store 8am – 8pm

Thursday, December 15th Escort Clients at Store 8am – 12pm

Thursday, December 15th Move Items to Doorstep 12pm - 3pm

If you can volunteer, call the Doorstep office, 357-5341.

Bring Donations to Doorstep at 10th & Buchanan Mon – Fri from 8am - 3pm Or To Your Congregation for Delivery to Doorstep.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

APPLE PIE
BEANS
BREAD
CORN
CRANBERRY SAUCE
GRAVY
HAM
MASHED POTATOES
MILK
PUMPKIN PIE
ROLLS
SQUASH
STUFFING
SWEET POTATOES
TURKEY



Chicken Scratch NY

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Thanksgiving

The year has turned its circle,
The seasons come and go.
The harvest is all gathered in
And chilly north winds blow.

Orchards have shared their treasures,
The fields, their yellow grain.
So open wide the doorway-
Thanksgiving comes again!



MAY YOUR STUFFING BE TASTY,
MAY YOUR TURKEY BE PLUMP.
MAY YOUR POTATOES'N GRAVY...
HAVE NARY A LUMP,
MAY YOUR YAMS BE DELICIOUS,
MAY YOUR PIES TAKE THE PRIZE,
MAY YOUR THANKSGIVING DINNER
STAY OFF OF YOUR THIGHS.

Happy Thanksgiving

T RUTH

And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.
John 8:32

H EAVEN

But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"
1 Corinthians 2:9

A RMOR
OF GOD

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.
Ephesians 6:11

N EIGHBORS

Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up.
Romans 15:2

K INDNESS

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you
Ephesians 4:32

F ORGIVENESS

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
1 John 1:9

U LTIMATE
SACRIFICE

For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.
1 Peter 3:18

L OVE

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."
John 3:16

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RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED