

THE WITNESS

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Getting Back in the Saddle

From the Pastor: School is back in session. Football games are about to start, along with the Marching Band season. The cooler weather is signaling that summer is almost over. Is anyone happy to see autumn arrive? Does anyone else feel the pressure or pull to get back into their weekly routines? Does anyone else feel lost when their routine is interrupted?

Establishing a repeatable pattern for daily activities is helpful for people of all ages—not just bedtime routines for kids! Developing and practicing a daily habit helps us remember important tasks like brushing our teeth, taking medicine, and exercising. Routines help us move through our days with focused energy,

while remembering the little things. There is comfort and convenience in ritualized practices, often giving a rhythm to our ways of life.

One routine with immeasurable benefits is morning and evening prayer time. Pastor and spiritual leaders have stressed the importance of developing good spiritual habits. Spending time with God on a regular basis can help us focus our attention on important tasks, remind us about what is important, relieve our anxieties, reinforce our values, and help develop new ways of managing conflict and tension.

Other routines which help strengthen our Christian identity and knowledge are: regular attendance at worship and midweek bible studies, joining a small group of friends who meet weekly to encourage and support us, enjoying meals with friends!

As you plan your schedule this fall, and return to regular rituals and routines, I encourage you to carve space in your weekly schedule for suppers as a family, morning and evening prayer, and weekly worship. These routines can help you grow closer to God and one another.

May blessings fall upon you!

Pastor Ivan

NORTHEAST AREA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MEETING

American Baptist clergy and lay leaders in Northeast Kansas will hold their annual Association meeting on Sunday, September 10 at First Baptist Church, 340 N 13th St, Leavenworth, KS 66048. Registration will begin at 2:30 PM. This year's theme, based on Micah 6:8, is "DOING JUSTLY WHILE WALKING HUMBLY WITH GOD" with an emphasis on "Practical Leadership – Godly Service." Region Staff Speakers: Rev. Julie Robinson, Dr. John Williams, and Rev. Mike Justice. There will be a meal at 5:15 PM (donation) at which time we will also hear about what is happening with Campus Ministry, ABW and the Youth 4:10 project. Child programming will also be available.

In Jesus' Love & Service,

Jim Autrey, Moderator

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9th Ivan Greuter
11th Tom Mansfield
11th Rogene Moody
14th Alice Kieffer
15th James Carrier
16th Marty Rosa
19th Helen Farrar
25th Gerald Haney
26th Clarence Payne
30th Selena Jaimez
30th Lonna Hersh

5:30 pm LADIES' NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, September

5 @ Pie Five A monthly gathering of women who encourage each other in their faith. All women attending West Side Baptist Church are welcome. Please invite friends.



6:00 pm MEN'S NIGHT OUT Tuesday, September 5 @ Freddy's

A monthly gathering of men to enjoy a meal at a local restaurant (Dutch Treat) and enjoy Christian fellowship.



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, Sept 9 @ HyVee at 9:00 am for anyone the age of 55 or older.

STEWARDSHIP- We are sad that we no longer have the sweet gum tree near the west parking lot. It had to be removed. However, we do have a safer sidewalk which had to be replaced because the tree roots were expanding beneath it and heaving it up. The city removed the tree at no expense to us but we were responsible for sidewalk repair. The tree planted years ago as a memorial to Marvin Wieligman, I believe while Dolly was still alive.

Marjorie O'Konski has played it beautifully for us but we have missed our organ for two Sundays because of necessary repair work being done. That repair is now complete.

Ernie Longstaff has seen to it that we have a beautiful freshly painted gym floor in time for W.W.W.

The Ward-Meade NIA received our encouragement for City of Topeka bike racks in the vicinity of 4th and Clay right-of-way. We feel this would be a benefit to the neighborhood.

Because it is such a hard job every time we need to change the message on our signboard we have to do something to make it easier. That means a different sign. We are considering a permanent sign with easily changed lettering on both sides. People in the neighborhood and driving by are influenced by the announcements we make.

If you have ideas on these or other subjects please share them with us.

~ Tom Mansfield , Stewardship

WORSHIP IN THE PARK – The annual, ecumenical worship service in Gage Park will be on Sunday,

Special SUNDAY

September 10 this year. This is a potluck luncheon. West Side Baptist Church will provide the Fried Chicken for the main dish. So please bring a favorite side dish or desert to share. This is always a fun and exciting time to get together so mark your calendars.



OUR CHURCH FINANCES – JULY 2017

REPORT - This is a general overview of our church finances through the first seven months of the year. We are at 58.3% of our budget.

Our income to date is \$148,241.35 or 56.28%. Our expenses to date total \$169,070.32 or 64.18 %.

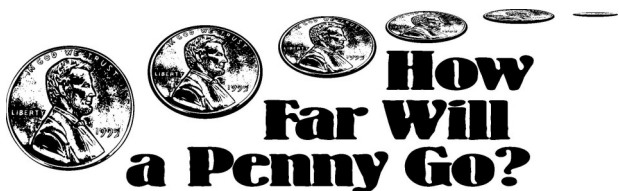
July provided additional offerings income with five Sundays in the month. We will have five Sundays in October too.

Our investments at Wells Fargo have increased more than \$15,000 this year and we have transferred \$6,000 of that to our checking account to pay expenses. We also have a \$6,000 transfer of funds from the capital campaign to help with our cash flow this summer and at some point we will need to pay it back from either our investments or an increase in offerings.

Several of you continue to make additional gifts for the building repairs. Our expenditures for the boiler, roof and masonry repairs total \$18,915.33. There will still be additional masonry work done. The additional offerings total \$15,292.17. If you are able, additional gifts for these projects are still needed.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

~ Nancy Lindberg, Treasurer



NEWS FROM THE CHRISTIAN ED

COMMITTEE: On August 20, the C.E. Committee recognized over 90 volunteer jobs for the last year! We again want to say "Thank You!" to the people who fill these roles. I know lots of you fill more than one job and we are so grateful! Our programs would not be possible without your support and willingness to do the work. People have shared their time and talents in Sunday School, Children's Church, Wonderful West Side Wednesdays, Heartland Day Camp and activities for our children, pre-teens, youth and adults. We are looking forward to another great year with all of you.



WWW– Our Western Roundup for WWW begins Wednesday, August 30th @ 5:30 pm with supper, registration, and a fun evening to get acquainted. Classes will begin on September 6. Please extend an invitation to any children you know to attend and be a part of these fun filled evenings of Christ-centered learning. There is also a class for adults and our nursery is available to participants. Our Wednesday night schedule this will begin with a game time at 4:30 pm then supper at 5:30 pm and classes at 6:00 pm. Dismissal will be at 7:00 pm. Transportation is available to anyone. Please call the office letting them know you need transportation. Come join us!

Alice Payne, Coordinator of CE



BABY CLOSET—

We have been busy this summer in the Baby Closet. Families continue to have needs for clothing, diapers

and formula. Families are asked to donate back clothing to help keep our shelves stocked.

We offer 18 diapers and 18 wipes to each family in need of these items. Keeping diapers in stock is a challenge for us. We continue to look for discounts, and we buy diapers in large quantities.

September is diaper awareness month. We would be grateful for any one wanting to donate diapers. We do have personal care items, and cleaning supplies from Harvesters if families are in need of them.

We are also able to get formula for babies through Harvesters at a much lower cost. The supply of formula helps feed our babies that are in need. We need volunteers to help in the Baby Closet on Wednesday evenings 4:30 pm to 7:00pm. Let me know if you would be willing to help. Thank you!

Pat Carreno, Baby Closet

What a joy it is to accompany the choir! Our season has begun, and promises to offer varied and spiritually uplifting selections. Many thanks to Choir Director Janet Nyfeler for hosting an ice cream social to introduce me to the choir members. I appreciate her thoughtfulness and culinary skills!

The organ and piano compositions support the biblical message of each service. To date, you have heard many giants in the composition world: Bach, Beethoven, Brahms, Mendelssohn, MacDowell, and Schubert, to mention a few. More are to come! I continue to receive positive feedback regarding the literature presented, organ registrations used, and overall mood created by the music. Thank you for sharing. Please do not hesitate to make suggestions that I could implement, which would improve the Sunday experience for you.

Marjorie OKonski, Pianist

HOW^{you can} HELP

AS WE GET CLOSER TO THE HOLIDAYS WE NEED TO REMEMBER THE ONES IN NEED

MURROW NEEDS LIST -

Laundry Detergent, Kitchen Size Trash Bags, Gallon Size Freezer Bags, Napkins, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Body Wash, Dishwasher Soap, Dryer Sheets

DOORSTEP NEEDS LIST - I have been informed that we need a few specific items in the clothing room:

They are: Queen Sized Sheet Sets, King Sized Sheet Sets, Women's Underwear, Men's Jeans – All Sizes, Men's Sweatpants – All Sizes, Boy's Jeans – All Sizes

Doorstep is open for donations Monday – Friday from 8am – 3pm.

1119 SW 10th Avenue – South Door
(10th & Buchanan)

Please help us spread the word.

TOPEKA RESCUE MISSION - We rely on the support of our community to minister to the thousands of men, women and children who turn to us in need throughout the year. Your family, church, school or civic group can partner with us anytime during the year by providing one or more of the Tubs of Love.

- Please read through the Tubs of Love categories and choose one or more that you and your group would like to provide
Contact kireland@trmonline.org or 785-354-1744 ext. 365 with any questions and to let us know which items you will be collecting.
- Buy a 20 to 30 gallon stackable, plastic storage tub with a lid and fill it with items from your chosen category.

Please deliver your tubs to the TRM Distribution Center, 401 NW Norris, between 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM Monday through Friday or Saturday from 8:00 AM to Noon.

Autumn marks the transition from summer into winter, the association with the transition from warm to cold weather. The possibilities of summer are gone — chill of winter is on the horizon. The word *autumn* comes from the Old French word *autompne*, later normalized to the original Latin word *autumnus*. Can you find all the words that pertain to Autumn, and some that only come around every four years?

Apple Cider
Autumn Colors
Baking
Ballot
Chilly
Colorful Leaves
Decorations
Elections
Football Games
Frost
Gourds
Harvest
Holidays
Homecoming
Hunting
Ice
Indian Corn
Madonna
Mums
Nuts
Pumpkins
Rake The Leaves
Ready Or Not
Shopping
Snow
Squirrels
Stock Market Crash
Thanksgiving
Turkey
Vote
Winterize
World Series
Yard Clean Up

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Prayer
is the
road to
Heaven
but
Faith
opens
the door

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Faith IS NOT KNOWING
WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS,
BUT KNOWING
who holds the future.

WHEN WE PUT
OUR PROBLEMS IN
GOD'S HANDS,
HE PUTS HIS
PEACE IN OUR HEARTS.