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Catching the Bug Twenty-Five Years Ago

From the Pastor: It can't be true! Twenty-five years has passed since I first met our American Baptist Missionary, Wendy Bernhard, at senior high summer camp in Nebraska. She was serving as a teacher in the Democratic Republic of Congo (ex-Zaire) since 1983. She was home on furlough ("home-assignment" is an essential element of missionary service). Wendy was asked to be our Missionary-In-Residence for the week of church camp. Her job was to share stories of God's work in Africa. The stories mesmerized me. Her enthusiasm was contagious. Her dedication ignited an interest within me to study and serving beyond our US borders. I can't believe, she is now retired from mission service as a new group of young men, women, and families, are commissioned as God's global servants.

Today, Rexanne and I have many friends in the mission field: missionaries we have met at the World Mission Conference in Green Lake, Wisc., friends from seminary who are now preparing to serve over seas, and others we have met on mission trips. It is clear the Lord has not called our family to serve in the foreign field, yet. However, we feel connected to God's work when we raise financial and prayer support for others called by God to spread the Good News to all nations.

As an American Baptist, the World Mission Offering is a time for our congregation to come together to celebrate and support the ministries that God is using to transform the world. Every October, International Ministries sends churches free resources about global mission. The bulletin inserts, maps, posters, and videos help us see God is working everywhere. As we give generously and joyfully, we connect with God's work around us.

I invite you to get involved! Meet a missionary. Pray for God's global servants and the areas where they work. Subscribe to an e-journal at International Ministries website: (www.internationalministries.org). Attend the World Mission Conference with my family next July at Green Lake, Wisconsin. Give generously and joyfully to International Ministries.

Who knows? You may catch a "bug" for missions!

Blessings,
Pastor Ivan

PS. I have been elected to serve as a director on the Board of International Ministries (2018-2020).





OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Shirley Dell
- 5th Mark Calloway Jr.
- 7th Zach Smith
- 8th Pat Carpenter
- 12th Steve May
- 16th Katelyn Hersh
- 20th Elijah Hammond
- 22nd Chelle Decker
- 29th Teddy Decker

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARY

- 30th Don & Sandy Johnson



5:30 pm LADIES' NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, October 3

@ El Dorado Mexican Grill a monthly gathering of women who encourage each other in their faith. All women attending West Side Baptist Church are welcome. Please invite friends.



5:30 pm MEN'S NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, October 3

@ El Dorado Mexican Grill 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, October 14 @ HyVee at 9:00 am for anyone the age of 55 or older.



FOOD PANTRY - Free fruits and vegetables at West Side Baptist Church at 1008 SW 4th Street on Wednesdays from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm or while supplies last. ID required: a piece of US mail with your name and current address for identification. Bring reusable shopping bags. All food is available at no cost.



RECEPTION We will be having a reception for Almira on Sunday, October 1 at 2:00 pm. Cookies and drinks will be available. This is a farewell reception to see her off to Colorado, she is leaving us to go be with family. We wish you the best in the years to come Almira.

WWW (WONDERFUL WEST SIDE WEDNESDAYS) is off to a great start. We have supper, games, activities, and Bible lessons for all kids and adults too. Open gym time is at 4:30, supper is served at 5:30, and classroom activities are from 6:00-7:00.

Please invite any children you know to come join us. It's always a great evening of fun, food, fellowship, and learning about our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Transportation to and from is available. Call the church office for more details. 785-233-4241.

Alice Payne, Christian Ed

WORSHIP A new Contemporary Worship Service will begin on Sunday, October 1 at 4:00 pm. This is an additional Sunday service.



Our Church Finances – This is a general overview of our church finances through the first eight months of the year. We are at 66.67% of our budget.

Income to date is \$172,795.54 or 65.6%. Expenses to date total \$189,687.23 or 72.0%.

Our income includes \$540 that was contributed to ABC-USA for the Harvey Relief Fund. We sent that off immediately. More donations are being given this month and we will get them sent off as well. It's comforting to know that we have a denomination that is helping the storm victims and who we can trust to use our gifts effectively.

I transferred \$10,000 from our Wells Fargo investment on August 28th to assist with payroll and cash flow. We have transferred \$16,000 so far this year from investments and have a \$6,000 loan from the capital campaign still outstanding. Our interest to date on investments is approximately \$16,000.

Offerings in August were the smallest amount of any month this year with \$13,484. The largest month was in June with \$20,068 in offerings.

An additional \$85.00 has come in for the additional money needed for building repairs. Our total raised to date is: \$15,377.17. Our repairs not budgeted this year total \$18,915.33. This is for boiler, roof and masonry repairs. Additional gifts for these projects are still needed. Thanks.

Let me know if you have any questions.

~ Nancy Lindberg,
Treasurer



Youth Choir Announcement

Due to lack of interest, youth choir rehearsals have been cancelled for the time being. If any young people want to sing or play special music for church at any time, please contact Janet Nyfeler.



We love to have young people share their talent with the church.

Janet Nyfeler

FROM THE ORGANIST'S BENCH *Worship in the Park* was an inspiring experience. Uniting with our partner churches created a loving, faith-filled bond. The positive electricity was in the air! We were blessed with beautiful weather, beautiful music, and beautiful fellowship. Who could ask for more?

Listed below are the selections for this month's Prelude, Offertory, and Postlude.

- 10-1 Give Me Jesus, Joe Utterback
Choir: Hungry I Come
(piano accompaniment)
To God Be the Glory, Jason Krug
- 10-8 Prelude, César Franck
Choir: Hymn 614
Trumpet Rondo; Jean-Francois
Dandrieu, arr. Lou Harris
- 10-15 Jesus Loves Me! This I Know; Matthew
McConnell
Marching to Zion, Lani Smith
One Lord, One Faith, One Birth;
Douglas Wagner
- 10-29 Triptych: I. Prelude-Processional; John
Barr
Song of Hope, Iouri Grichetchkine
Recessional on *Sine Nomine*, Gregg
Sewell

Communion: Prelude on *Morecambe*, Brenda
Portman

DOORSTEP'S - Fall Fundrais-
er is Tamales



er is Tamales
& Cinnamon
Rolls this
year. We are
taking orders
September
30th through
October 15th.
The
Cinnamon

Rolls with cream cheese icing
(6 pack) are \$9. These are perfect for the
upcoming holidays! The Tamales come
in pork or beef (6 pack) are \$13. These will
be individually wrapped and frozen. You just
have to heat and eat! You can pick up your
orders the weekend of November 3rd from
your Doorstep representative. Our Fall
fundraiser helps with client needs, operating
expenses in the last quarter of the year, and
with our Christmas Store for adopted families.
Get your orders in and don't miss out on
these yummy treats!

Also, keep an eye on school supplies and
back packs as they go on Clearance!
Doorstep gives school supplies to the school
aged children we adopt at Christmas. Pick up
some great bargains, and help us restock
these children for the second half of the
school year! We are also low on toys for the
Christmas Store, if you can help out we would
appreciate it!

Doorstep is open for donations Monday –
Friday from 8am – 3pm. We are located at
1119 SW 10th Avenue (10th & Buchanan).

HELPING HANDS



TOPEKA RESCUE MISSION - MEAL - If you are hungry, we want
you to feel as if Jesus' hands and
feet are serving you a meal. Anyone
who is hungry is welcome to eat at
TRM Ministries. We never charge
for meals. We serve 3 meals a day
Monday through Friday and 2 meals
a day on Saturday and Sunday
every week. Click on the Meal
Schedule link below to see meal

times. Also, if you are hungry and you miss one
of our meal times, you may always request a
sack lunch from one of our front desk staff.

SHELTER - If you need a place to stay, we
want our hospitality to be as if Jesus' hands and
feet are providing you with safe shelter. If you
are in a special or sensitive situation, we will
make every effort to get you housed and fed
safely. Your safety and security are our
priorities. We have rules in place to maintain the
safety of all of our guests, staff and volunteers. If
you have any concerns, please let the front desk
know and one of our advocates will be more
than happy to serve you.

FOOD - If you need food at your home, we want
to help you. Food Boxes are distributed to those
in need in the community on Tuesdays and
Thursdays at our distribution center at 401 NW
Norris. Persons must bring a valid ID and can
not have received assistance in the last 60 days,
unless it is in the case of an extreme emergency
then 30 days is the minimum. We strive to
provide tasty and healthy food boxes and the
amount of the food goes up as family size or
number in household increases. Food
distribution hours are from 9am to 3pm. We also
have a list at the front desk of the Distribution
Center of all the other food banks, food pantries,
and food distributions in the area.



MISSION -The mission committee would like to know, If anyone is interested in going on a mission trip in 2018. Please let Don Johnson or anyone on the mission committee know.

Thank you for \$1,310.00 received for the One Great Hour of Sharing-Disaster relief. We need to pray for the people in Florida, Louisiana, Texas and other communities impacted by the hurricanes.

It's time for the World Mission Offering (WMO), this year's WMO focus is on three areas of holistic action: **Peace and Justice, Abolishing Global Slavery** and **Economic and Community Development**. These priorities do not encompass all the ministries of International Ministries but they do illustrate what God is doing worldwide through our 120+ global servants, 1,300+ volunteers, 44 home staff and 240+ global Christian partners. Your gifts to the World Mission Offering powerfully connects you to all of the challenging, life-changing work of the Lord through International Ministries. We will be taking up the WMO in October, our goal is \$1,700.00.

Do you know that the American Baptist International Ministries was formed to help Baptists in the United States work together in one sacred effort to make disciples of all nations. Organized in 1814, it is the oldest Baptist international mission agency in North America and the second oldest in the world, following the Baptist Missionary Society formed 1792 in England.

Missions, Don Johnson



HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

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PRINCESS	T	O	I	S	S	E	C	N	I	R	P	A	T	Y	Y
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