

THE WITNESS

The Newsletter of West Side Baptist Church

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NOVEMBER 2017

It's Coming...November 19, 2017

Sunday, November 19, is our congregation's Consecration Sunday. I urge you to plan now to attend the two important events: Sunday morning worship and the Celebration Luncheon immediately following worship that same day (a catered meal, not a potluck dinner).

This spiritual-growth oriented process is designed to enrich our biblical understanding of Christian stewardship. Rather than focusing on the need of the church to receive, the experience concentrates on the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development.

I encourage you to join us on Consecration Sunday and make your financial commitment as an act of worship in the church sanctuary.

No one will call on you at your home for a pledge. You will be contacted personally to secure your commitment to attend morning worship on Consecration Sunday and the Celebration luncheon immediately after worship. I look forward to seeing you there!

Cordially,

Pat Carpenter

Church Moderator



Generous - (adj.) "showing a readiness to give more of something than is strictly necessary or expected." This is one of the words I would like people to associate with West Side Baptist Church (along with *faithful*, *hospitable*, *loving*, *kind*, *hardworking*). Generosity is one of the virtues of the Christian life - we are called to give as God gives: generously, lavishly, bountifully, ungrudgingly.

Traditionally, Christians have felt God calling his people to give in three areas: time, talent, and treasure. One is not a substitute for the other; all three areas are essential. I am thankful for the many persons who model the lifestyle of generosity at West Side Baptist Church for God's glory. Blessings, Pastor Ivan



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st Mariah Calloway
1st Nathan Triggs
1st Hilda Lundgren
2nd John Swain
7th Christine Carrier
9th Aaron Poe
11th Judy Longstaff
15th Grace Goodnow
18th Austin Cripe
27th Christopher Poe
30th Brice Smith

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

9th Dan & Chelle Decker
26th Terry & Becky Poe



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME – It's time to FALL BACK! Remember to set your clocks back one hour on **Sunday, November 5.**

Almira Collier's new address:
12824 Ironstone Way
102
Parker, CO 80134



5:30 pm LADIES' NIGHT OUT
Tuesday, November 7 @ Blue Moose 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, November 7 @ Planet Sub** 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, November 11 @ HyVee at 9:00 am for anyone the age of 55 or older.

FALL FESTIVITIES - The church family is invited to a bonfire at the Smith's house on November 11 at 5:00 pm. Hot dogs, buns and condiments will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share and your lawn chairs. Once the fire dies down, we'll head inside to enjoy some fellowship and play some games. A map to the Smith's house will be posted on the bulletin board outside of the office. Please let Brice or Colleen know if you are planning to attend. We look forward to seeing everyone!





YOUTH FUNDRAISERS - The youth will be selling pies (pumpkin, apple crumb) prior to November 19. There will be a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the main hallway by the church office. Pies will be delivered on Sunday, November 19. Suggested donation is \$12.

The youth will also be having a silent auction during the Christmas Breakfast on December 3. Additional information will be provided in the weeks prior to the auction.

YOU'RE INVITED

WWW THANKSGIVING DINNER

The Christian Education Committee wants to give our WWW participants the experience of Thanksgiving. We are blessed weekly by their presence and want to share with them the tradition of giving thanks for all God has done for us this year along with feasting together.

Please join us for a celebration of Thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 15 @ 5:30. We have volunteers fixing the turkeys, potatoes, gravy, stuffing, and rolls. **We're inviting the church family to join us for dinner and to help by bringing a salad or dessert to share.** Please join us as we deliciously share a great American tradition.

Alice Payne, Coordinator of Christian Ed.



DILLONS SHOPPERS (13 households) who shopped at **Dillons** between **7-1-2017** and **9-30-2017** (Cycle 2017,

Qtr 3) have contributed to your **\$59.88** total donation. Your organization will be receiving a Kroger check in this amount within 30 days from 10-11-2017. If you have any questions, please email DCR@dillonstores.com or visit our website at www.dillons.com/communityrewards. Thank you for your continued support of your local Dillons store.

Don't forget to use your newsletter, website, and events to encourage your supporters to link to your organization. The more your supporters shop with us, the more money your organization will earn!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - The Nominating Committee is submitting this Slate of Nominees to be voted upon by the membership at the Business Meeting on Nov 19, 2017.

Church Clerk – Fran Seymour-Hunter, for a 3 yr term, 2018-2020

Coordinator of Administration – Harry Carpenter, for a 3 yr term, 2018-2020

Coordinator of Fellowship & Membership – Lonna Hersh, for a 3 yr term, 2018-2020

Nominating Committee – Dick May, Jr., completing a 2 yr term, 2018-2019

Thank you,

Clarence Payne, Chair of Nominating Committee



Our Church Finances – September 2017 Report

This is a general overview of our church finances through the first nine months of the year. We are at 75% of our budget.

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

In August we transferred \$10,000 from our Wells Fargo investment to assist with payroll and other cash flow. We made no transfers in September. Our total investment interest used to date is \$16,000 and we still have a \$6,000 loan from the capital campaign. Our interest to date made on investments is approximately \$20,637.01.

Our income includes \$1,385 that has been contributed for our special offerings to One Great Hour of Sharing. We requested this offering to go to ABC-USA for the Disaster Relief efforts in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico, California and others. We send your donations to ABCCR and request they send it on immediately to ABC-USA. This is an open offering so feel free to continue your giving to this Disaster Relief Fund. It is comforting to know that we have a denomination that is helping storm victims and who we can trust to use our gifts effectively.

An additional \$140.00 has come in for the additional money needed for building repairs. Our total raised to date is: \$15,517.17. Our repairs not budgeted total \$18,915.33. This was for boiler, roof and masonry repairs. Additional gifts for these projects are still needed. Thanks.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

~ Nancy Lindberg, Treasurer



WHY SHOULD WE BE THANKFUL?

Feeling and expressing appreciation is good for us. Like any wise father, God wants us to learn to be thankful for all the gifts He has given us ([James 1:17](#)). It is in our best interest to be reminded that everything we have is a gift from Him. Without gratefulness, we become arrogant and self-centered. We begin to believe that we have achieved everything on our own. Thankfulness keeps our hearts in right relationship to the Giver of all good gifts.

Giving thanks also reminds us of how much we do have. Human beings are prone to covetousness. We tend to focus on what we *don't* have. By giving thanks continually we are reminded of how much we *do* have. When we focus on blessings rather than wants, we are happier. When we start thanking God for the things we usually take for granted, our perspective changes. We realize that we could not even exist without the merciful blessings of God.

We can have thankful hearts toward God even when we do not feel thankful for the circumstance. We can grieve and still be thankful. We can hurt and still be thankful. We can be angry at sin and still be thankful toward God. That is what the Bible calls a "sacrifice of praise" ([Hebrews 13:15](#)). Giving thanks to God keeps our hearts in right relationship with Him and saves us from a host of harmful emotions and attitudes that will rob us of the peace God wants us to experience ([Philippians 4:6-7](#)).



2017 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 Toys 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.

Children's (Boys & Girls) Jeans Sizes 6-16 Clothing Sizes 2T-16 Pajamas 2T-14 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/Conditioner

Christmas Store Schedule – We Need Volunteers!

Sunday, December 10th Move Items to 1st Naz. 2pm - 5pm Monday, December 11th Sort Donated Items 9am – 4pm Tuesday, December 12th Sort Donated Items 9am – 2pm Wednesday, December 13th Escort Clients at Store 8am – 8pm Thursday, December 14th Escort Clients at Store 8am – 12pm Thursday, December 14th 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.

Food Items

Gallon Cans of Vegetables & Fruits

Coffee

Sack lunch items ie granola bars, fruit cups, pudding cups, snack crackers.

Supply Items

Storage bags – quart, gallon

Razors

Hotel size shampoo, conditioner, lotion

Bath Towels

Diapers & Pull Ups – All Sizes

Dish Soap

Hairbrushes/ combs

All Purpose Cleaner / Pinesol

Kleenex

Disinfecting Wipes

Arm & Hammer Washing Soda

20 Mule Team Borax

Fels Neptha Laundry Soap

Purex Crystals

Sheet sets: (full, queen & King sizes)

Household Sponges / Scrubbers

1" & 1.5" – 3 ring binders (solid color)

Clothing

Spring/Summer clothing for Men, Women & Children (clothing and shoes can all be used)

Men's & Women's Shoes – All Sizes

Plus Size Clothing – Men & Women

Men's Briefs – Size 32-34 (new)

Women's Briefs – Size 5, 6 & 7 (new)

Children's Clothing & Shoes all sizes especially 2T – 5T

Furniture (In good condition)

Furniture – i.e. couches, recliners, loveseats, dressers, tables, mattresses etc.

Large & small appliances – i.e. washers, dryers, ranges, freezers, refrigerators & microwaves

Thanksgiving word search

W	H	P	R	C	R	N	Q	K	H	K	E	Q	Y	Z	W	P
M	Z	A	G	S	E	Q	S	N	T	M	I	T	T	Z	S	E
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word list

Harvest
Indians
Pilgrims
Thanksgiving
Pumpkin pie
November
Turkey
Family
Corn
Bounty

Ceremony
Worship
Tradition
Holiday
Gobble
Yams
Feast
Colony
Sail
Harvest

