

# The Witness

THE NEWSLETTER OF WEST SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH OF TOPEKA, KS

## EASTER EDITION

### ***The Resurrection Changes Everything!***

**Pastor's Corner** - No one can deny the fact that the world has changed! We are living in a time of rapidly shifting ideas, values, and worldviews. The Christian church finds itself one again as one-voice-among-many trying to help people define reality (i.e., their ethics and world-view). There is a growing number of persons opposed to Christ's message and others who no longer know the gospel story. Some scholars argue we have returned to the first-century world with it's mix of patriotism (i.e., nationalism) and pluralistic paganism (e.g., anything goes).

Yet, no one can deny the fact that Jesus Christ's life, death and resurrection has changed the world, too! The Gospel of John 20:1-18 tells us, when Mary Magdalene and the other women went to Jesus' grave that first Easter morning, they were frightened because they did not know what had happened to Jesus' body. They ran to get help from the Apostles who

quickly came to the tomb. Some were hesitant to enter, others were mortified, and still some stood outside and cried.

*"We are likely to seek and find, when we seek with affection, and seek in tears."  
Matthew Henry*

The Good News is: God kept His promises! God raised Jesus from the dead. Jesus would appear to the women, to the apostles, and to 500 men and women that first Sunday (1 Cor. 15:6). These appearances would be eye-witness proof that Jesus was alive, that he did just as he said, and he could and would raise all who trust in Him.

As we celebrate this Easter, let me remind you - life may change, our world may change, our problems may change but "Jesus Christ never changes! He is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Heb. 13:8). Come celebrate Easter!

Pastor Ivan

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

You are invited to participate in our ecumenical worship services during Holy Week:

- ♦ **MAUNDY THURSDAY AGAPE FEAST** – Potwin Presbyterian Church, 400 SW Washburn Ave Topeka, will host their annual "Agape Feast" on Maundy Thursday at 6:00 pm. Guests are encouraged to take cheese, fruits, and/or nuts to share. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated.
- ♦ **GOOD FRIDAY** – Westside Christian Church, 432 SW Lindenwood Ave, Topeka, will host the Good Friday service at 7:00 pm.
- ♦ **EASTER SUNRISE** – We will host the Easter Sunrise Service at the Chapel in Ward Meade/Old Prairie Town at 7:00 am.
- ♦ **EASTER BAPTISMS** – We will perform the Ordinance of Holy Baptism on Easter Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Speak with Pastor or Mark Calloway if you are interested in being baptized.



## BIBLE FACTS

### 1. The Bible prophesied about people turning from God's Word in the end times.

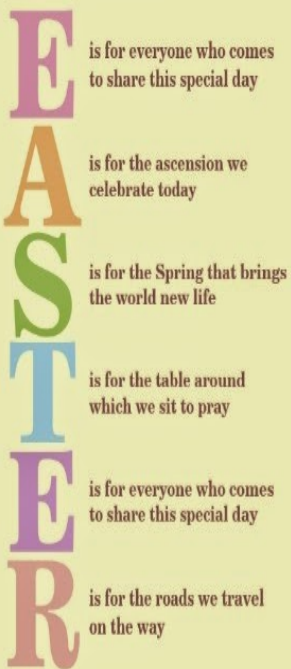
2 Timothy 4:3-4 The time will come when people will not listen to the truth. They will look for teachers who will tell them only what they want to hear. They will not listen to the truth. Instead, they will listen to stories made up by men.

### 2. Scripture says in the last days many people will think gain is godliness. This couldn't be truer today with this prosperity movement going on.

1 Timothy 6:4-6 they are conceited and understand nothing. They have an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions. and constant friction between people of corrupt mind, who have been robbed of the truth and who think that godliness is a means to financial gain. But godliness with contentment is great gain.

Titus 1:10-11 For there are many rebellious people who engage in useless talk and deceive others. This is especially true of those who insist on circumcision for salvation. They must be silenced, be-

cause they are turning whole families away from the truth by their false teaching. And they do it only for money.



## Our Church Finances

### February 2018 Report

- We are reviewing 16.67 % or two months of our budget year. Our income total is \$55,722.20 or 22.75%. Our two months of expenses total \$44,014.06 or 16.13% of our budget.
- Good news! Our total net income for January and February is \$11,708.14.
- We have \$19,088.78 in our checking account at the end of February. This includes \$4,172.56 in the Youth Fund and \$1,634.03 in the Baby Closet Fund.
- After the congregation decided to purchase a new sign for the west side of the church, the council voted at our March meeting to encourage new/additional gifts through our offerings and then use capital campaign expenditures to make up the difference. Please prayerfully consider helping the church purchase this new sign. Thank you.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

~ Nancy Lindberg, Treasurer



### Join Us for Heartland Day Camp

Where: West Side Baptist Church  
1008 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Topeka, KS 66606

When: June 11 – 15, 2018

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Monday – Thursday

9:00 am – 3:00 pm Friday

Who: Youth who have finished Grades K-6

Lunch and snacks provided

Cost: None

For more information, contact:

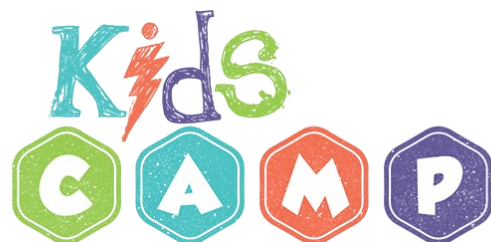
Church office at 785-233-4241

Email: [office@wsbctopeka.org](mailto:office@wsbctopeka.org)

[Registration deadline: May 20, 2018](#)

There are limited spots so please make sure your registration gets to us on time. You may register online. The link below will take you directly to the registration form:

<https://heartland.campintouch.com/ui/forms/application/camper/App>



## NEWS FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Senior Adults need to register by April 2 if you're interested in attending the Senior Camp at Crosswinds on April 25-26. See Nancy Cottril for details.
- Our Youth and sponsors will be attending Young Christians' Weekend in Branson April 6-8.
- WWW will be hosting a carnival on May 2. Come join us to celebrate another successful semester of sharing the love of Christ with our neighbors.
- Plans are being made for new Sunday School opportunities. Watch for details soon.

Alice Payne, C.E. Coordinator

## April is Westside Baptist's Month at Doorstep!

How You Can Help...

**Volunteer in the Clothing Room** on any **Thursday** during the month of April. You will assist clients with clothing needs, sort and organize donated clothing. (8:45am - 2:00pm)

**Volunteer** in the **Clothing Room** on **Monday, April 23rd** between 8:45am and 2:00pm sorting donations.

**Volunteer** at Doorstep's **Dovetail Shoppe** on any **Saturday** in **April** from 12 - 2pm or 2 to 4pm (234-3004)

**Donate food items for the pantry.** We are one of four congregations responsible for stocking the food pantry during the month of April. **Needed items are:**

Macaroni N Cheese	Pinto Beans	Powdered Milk
Spaghetti Sauce	Canned Fruit	Evaporated Milk
Canned Soups	Oatmeal	Dry Cereal
Peanut Butter	Tuna Jelly	Rice Pasta

**Make a monetary donation** to Doorstep and note your membership with Westside Baptist for credit.

**Your Doorstep Contacts are: Chuck Cozad 357-0338 Co-ordinator Virginia Mansfield 271-7186 Board Member**  
**Contact them to volunteer or with any questions!**

**Mark your calendar for Doorstep's Annual Banquet and Quilt Drawing on April 26th at St. Andrew's Presbyterian!**



We will have just one food sale fundraiser this year! We will take orders for **Cinnamon Rolls and Tamales April 7<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>**, with delivery the weekend of May 4<sup>th</sup>. Find your Doorstep representative to place an order, and help Doorstep bring in much needed funds!



## April Birthday's

1st Bev McCurdy

3rd Russ hunter

3rd Nancy Cottril

4th Lynn Reeves

6th Jessa Greuter

17th Emily Hersh

25th Ernie Longstaff

26th Adelyn Cripe

29th Jan Mauck

30th Harry Carpenter



4th Jared & Amy Cripe

18th Brian & Lonna Hersh

## Easter Word Search



*Easter*  
Word Search

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GRASS	CHICKS	FAMILY	FLOWERS
EASTER	BASKETS	SPRING	CHOCOLATE
HUNT	BUNNY	EGGS	PEEPS





# April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>EASTER</b> 7:00 Sunrise 8:30 Breakfast 9:15 S. School 10:30 Worship 4:00 No Worship	<b>2</b> 9:00 Baby Closet 6:00 Barbershop Chorus (FH)	<b>3</b> 9:00 Music Com. 5:30 Ladies' Night Out @ Red Robin 6:00 Men's Night Out @ Freddy's	<b>4</b> 10:30 Bible Study 4:00 Food Pantry 5:00 Baby Closet 5:30 Supper 6:00 Bible Clubs 7:00 Choir Reh	<b>5</b> 1:00 Baby Closet	<b>6</b> 4:30 Youth Trip to Young Christians Weekend	<b>7</b> No Worship Team Rehearse
Pastor on Vacation						
<b>8</b> <b>Sue Ann Seel</b> 8:30 Breakfast 9:15 S. School 10:30 Worship 4:00 No Worship	<b>9</b> 9:00 Baby Closet 6:00 Barbershop Chorus (FH)	<b>10</b> 9:00 Music Com. 6:00 Council Mtg (HH)	<b>11</b> 10:30 Bible Study 4:00 Food Pantry 5:00 Baby Closet 5:30 Supper 6:00 Bible Clubs 7:00 Choir Reh	<b>12</b> 1:00 Baby Closet	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 1:00 Worship Team Rehearse
<b>15</b> 8:30 Breakfast 9:15 S. School 10:30 Worship 2:00 Mission Com. (HH) 4:00 Worship	<b>16</b> 9:00 Baby Closet 9:00 Property Com. (HH) 6:00 Barbershop Chorus (FH)	<b>17</b> 9:00 Music Com. 5:30 Christian Education (HH)	<b>18</b> 10:30 Bible Study 4:00 Food Pantry 5:00 Baby Closet 5:30 Supper 6:00 Bible Clubs 7:00 Choir Reh	<b>19</b> 1:00 Baby Closet	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>EARTH DAY</b> 1:00 Worship Team Rehearse
Pastor @ Prairie Pastor's Conference in Omaha, Ne.						
<b>22</b> 8:30 Breakfast 9:15 S. School 10:30 Worship 4:00 Worship	<b>23</b> 9:00 Baby Closet 6:00 Barbershop Chorus (FH)	<b>24</b> 9:00 Music Com 7:15 Outreach & Evangelism (HH)	<b>25</b> 10:30 Bible Study 4:00 Food Pantry 5:00 Baby Closet 5:30 Supper 6:00 Bible Clubs 7:00 Choir Reh	<b>26</b> 1:00 Baby Closet 6:00 Ward-Meade NIA (HH)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 1:00 Worship Team Rehearse
<b>29</b> <b>5th Sunday Sing</b> 8:30 Breakfast 9:15 S. School 10:30 Worship 12:00 Quarterly Business Mtg & Potluck (FH) 4:00 Worship - Missionaries	<b>30</b> 9:00 Baby Closet 6:00 Men's Chorus (FH)	SPRING IS HERE 				