

"Building Bridges for God's Glory"

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Pour Out Your Spirit Upon Us, Lord!

Pastor's Corner - How can Christians live as fully devoted followers of Jesus without him physically with us? How will we know what to do, to say, or to believe without our Master Teacher and Messiah to instruct us? The Apostles were very concerned that Christ's departure (i.e., his ascension) would leave them without a Shepherd or Guide for the fledgling church on earth. So, prior to his Ascension, Jesus reminded his follower of God's promise: "And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people" (Joel 2:28). God promised to send us an indwelling helper: The Holy Spirit!

The Holy Spirit would do many miraculous deeds within Christians and the Church, just as the Spirit had done in the Old Testament. The Spirit of Jesus would (1) comfort us during times of trouble, trial, and grief (John 14:18-27); (2) bear virtuous fruit in our lives (Galatians 5:22-23); (3) guide us in daily decisions (John 16:8); (4) be our power source for evangelism and mission (Acts 1:5-8); (5) serve as our prayer partner and interceding when we do not know what to say (Romans 8:26); (6) remind us of Jesus' teachings (John 14:25-26); (7) destroy sin (Galatians 5:16-25); (8) regenerate believers (John 3:5), (9) teach us the truth (John 14:26), and more. The Bible is filled with eye-witness testimony of God's powerful "wind" blowing on and through his servants.

As we celebrate Pentecost, let us courageously ask God to "pour out your Spirit upon us, Lord!" so we can experience God's presence and serve with gratitude!

Pastor Ivan

BAPTISMS – We will baptize new Christians on Pentecost Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Speak with Pastor or Mark Calloway if you are interested in being baptized.

*"O Holy Spirit, descend
plentifully into my heart.
Enlighten the dark corners
of this neglected dwelling
and scatter there Thy
cheerful beams. "
Saint Augustine*

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

You are invited to worship with us on these important holy days:

- ♦ **MAY 6 - PEACE SUNDAY** - Jesus said, "Blessed are the peace-makers" (Mt. 5). We will pray for and practice peace, harmony and tranquility in all areas of our lives.
- ♦ **MAY 13 - MOTHER'S DAY** - Recognizing all women who encourage us in our lives: mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, aunts, cousins, friends, and those who are "like mothers to us."
- ♦ **MAY 20 - PENTECOST / HOLY SPIRIT SUNDAY** - God promised to send the Holy Spirit as our guide, companion, comforter, and helper. We celebrate God keeping his promises.
- ♦ **TRINITY & MEMORIAL SUNDAY** - We will remember all of our dearly departed loved ones and church friends.

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OUR CHURCH FINANCES

It's hard to believe we are one-fourth of the way through 2018. Our church finances are doing pretty well. Our income for March was \$20,430.64 for a total this year of \$76,152.84 or 31.1% of our annual budget. Our three months of expenses total \$71,198.10 or 26.09% of our budget. That provides a net income of \$4,954.74.

We have two major expenses that we need to prepare for.

As I began to write this note about our major expenses, I recalled some comments of Fred Ansell when he served with me on our capital campaign in 2008. It was during this campaign that we raised more than \$400,000 for the church elevator, handicapped accessible bathroom, audio visual equipment for the sanctuary and renovations for Holmer Hall. I looked back at some old e-mails where Fred helped me craft our message to the congregation to encourage giving. He said, "Jesus Christ is our foundation and the church is the "body of Christ". The church building is one symbol of that body - a place we come to worship, learn, grow and get nurture - and a place out of which we go to do the ministry of caring to which we have been called. To be a solid base the foundation needs to be safe, inclusive and a place people will want to be. We have a vision, we are committed to the neighborhood and we are "proud" of the place where we gather to worship God."

With that said, we have a new sign. It was recently installed and I think it looks great! It will provide us the opportunity to do a better job communicating with our neighborhood on our activities. The bill for the sign is \$4,650 which includes a \$100 city sign permit. If you recall, the decision at our March business meeting was to purchase the sign and encourage new/additional gifts to help pay for it. Would you prayerfully consider making an additional gift this month to help us pay for the sign?

The second major expense, and this one really is major, is the costs related to repairing our boilers in the basement. The boilers started leaking and, upon inspection, need major repairs. We received two bids and are proceeding with plans for the boilers to be repaired in late summer so they will be ready to provide the heat for our building in the fall.

It also gives us a little time to raise the dollars needed for this major project. The lowest bid for the repairs was given by McElroy's and is \$45,319.56.

Without doing a campaign as we did in 2008, I ask you to consider making a commitment to help us repair our boilers. With extra gifts and your prayer support we can get these boilers paid for before the work is done this fall. Thank you.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.
~ Nancy Lindberg, Treasurer

CARNIVAL FUN – May 2- 5:30-7:00 PM

You're all invited to join us as we celebrate another successful season of WWW. There will be hot dogs, chips, popcorn, and ice cream to enjoy. We would love to have your help, as well as, encouragement for the children who have faithfully participated with us this year on Wednesday evenings. We need donations of baked items for the cake walk, 2 liter bottles of pop for the pop toss, and any small trinket prizes. We also need people to help with our carnival games, set-up and clean-up. Check the bulletin board for sign-up sheets. Thank you!



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL CINEMA

- Are you ready for some extra summer fellowship and fun? Plans are being made to combine Sunday School Classes into ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY for the summer months. There will be fellowship time with yummy TREATS, a good MOVIE, and stimulating CONVERSATION! This is an opportunity for all to participate in Sunday School this summer in a relaxed, fun atmosphere. Mark your calendars for JUNE 10 and watch for more details soon of our COMING ATTRACTIONS!



GRADUATION SUNDAY – MAY 20, 2018

CONGRATULATIONS to Reanna Campbell for her upcoming High School Graduation and to Markayla Calloway on being promoted from Middle School to High School. We pray God will continue to guide your steps to a fulfilling future.

CHURCH CAMP -Seven potential campers have worked over the last three months to earn scholarship dollars to help them go to camp this summer. Sage Poe, Jessa Greuter, and Macy Greuter are planning to attend Quest at Green Lake. Nathen Poe, Aaron Poe, David Greuter, and Ricky Reyes are planning to attend a summer camp sponsored by ABCCR. We want to thank



Pat Carreno, Fran Hunter, Nancy Cottril, Nancy Lindberg, Colleen Smith, Brice Smith, Jim Goodnow, Mark Calloway and Pastor Ivan. These adults helped them set goals and achieve their activity points. Thanks also to the congregation for your generosity and interest in our camping program.



Join Us for Heartland Day Camp

Where: West Side Baptist Church
1008 SW 4th 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

[Registration deadline: May 31, 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>

This is a truly wonderful opportunity for children to experience camp without leaving home. Crafts, games, songs and Bible time is all a part of this week. Lunch and a snack are provided daily. If you know of a parent who is looking for a summer activity for their child, please share this information with him/her.



There are limited spots so get signed up now! Volunteers are also needed during this week to assist the counselors with groups of children, as well as help with crafts and meal preparation. We also provide the counselors with meals each evening. If you would like to provide a meal or take them out for dinner, please contact Alice Payne if you are able to help.

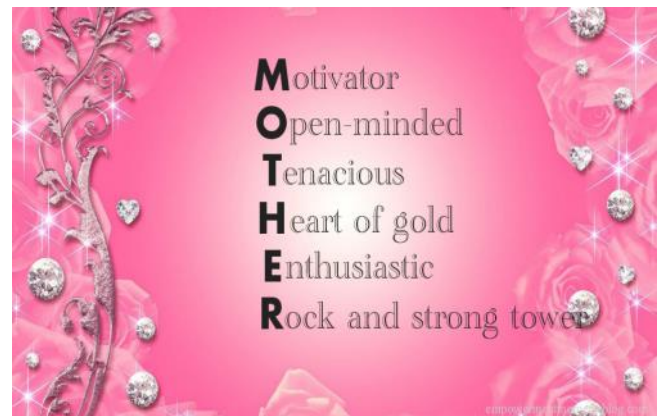
Alice Payne,
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- 4th Etta Landis**
- 7th Jasmine Jaimez**
- 13th Barbara Amos**
- 13th Chuck Cozad**
- 14th Almira Collier**
- 17th Marianne Spano**
- 18th Alice Payne**
- 22nd Mae Martin**
- 28th Portia Allbert**



- 2nd Don & Molly Morris**
- 8th Tom & Jan Mansfield**
- 10th John & Jan Swain**
- 21st Russ & Fran Hunter**



RUMMAGE SALE - The Middle School Sunday school class (Aaron Poe, Nathen Poe, David Greuter and Ricky Reyes) are planning to man a table at the May 12th sale. This effort will help fund their Church Camp experience this summer. If you have gently used



items you would like to donate to assist them, I know they would greatly appreciate it. Please let Fran know of any donations so we can properly thank you. Additionally, since none of the participants (including their assistant Fran) have a pickup truck, those items not sold at the sale would be returned to the donors for distribution as they so desire. The boys are also planning to sell baked items so if you would like to contribute in that manner, those donations would also be appreciated. (Warning: if any of the food items are not sold, they would most likely be consumed by the boys and not returned.)

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)

- Our program for the defibrillator is moving forward. I will be scheduling a CPR class with instructions on using the AED in May.



Please see me if you are willing to be certified in this class. The class will last from two to four hours. Here is some information why defibrillators are used to save lives. The American Heart Association estimates that in the USA alone, at least 250,000 people die each year of cardiac arrest. About 10,000 of these might have been saved if they had received immediate treatment from a defibrillator. When sudden cardiac arrest occurs, it usually is caused by malfunction in the heart's electrical system. This is called ventricular fibrillation.

If this critical condition happens, it prevents the heart from pumping blood throughout the body. Death from ventricular fibrillation can occur in seconds. Defibrillation is a relatively simple procedure that involves placing electrode pads on a person's exposed chest and delivering an electrical shock to the heart as instructed. This externally delivered shock often will restore the heart's electrical system to normal rhythm. Together with CPR, defibrillation provides the most effective care for victims in cardiac arrest. Pat Carreno

YOUTH WORK DAY - The Middle School and High School Youth Groups planned to be extra busy around the church on Arbor Day (Friday, April 27). Topeka Public Schools had no school.



So the youth groups were asked to complete several big jobs: sweep the parking lots, pick-up trash around the neighborhood, and clean inside the youth room. Thank you to the adults who helped our young people earn points for camp and raise funds for future events!

MISSIONS - Thank you for \$1,291.13 received for the America for Christ Offering towards our goal of \$1,500.00.



Do you know that the American Baptist Mission are divided into two parts? **American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS)**, equipping disciples entails supporting and enabling highly motivated Christian disciple-makers who are delivering the Good News of Jesus Christ and producing life-saving and life-giving change in individuals and congregations across the United States and Puerto Rico.

The first home missionary appointed after the founding of the ABHMS in 1832 was Thomas Ward Merrill, who, in 1829, went to Michigan Territory. While a student at Waterville College in Maine, Merrill was influenced by the conversion of Professor George Dana Boardman and his offer of himself to serve as a missionary in India. To earn money for his trip from Maine to Michigan, he sold Mrs. Judson's "Memoirs" and the American Baptist Magazine. In Grand Rapids, he baptized Native Americans, was a founder of the LaGrange Association, was a pastor and church planter, and, later in life, was a fundraiser for the American Bible Union. When the churches of Michigan were numerous enough to be self-sufficient, ABHMS shifted resources to missionary work with the foreign population, the Detroit Baptist City Mission Society, and loans and gifts for the building of church edifices.

The second part of of this is: American Baptist Foreign Mission Society

(operating as **International Ministries**) began its pioneer mission work in 1814 in Myanmar (Burma) and today works in Asia, Africa, Europe, the Middle East and the Americas serving more than 1,800 long-term and short-term missionaries in more than 70 countries. Its central mission is to help people come to faith in Jesus, grow in their relationships with God and change their worlds through the power of the Spirit.

The God who called Paul and his companions in the first century to rise to the challenge in Macedonia invites you and International Ministries in the 21st century to share the good news of Christ around the world.

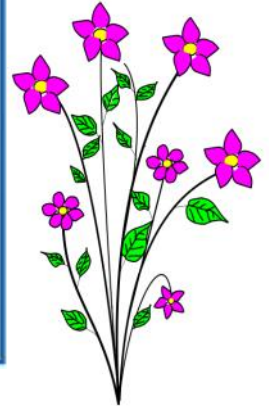
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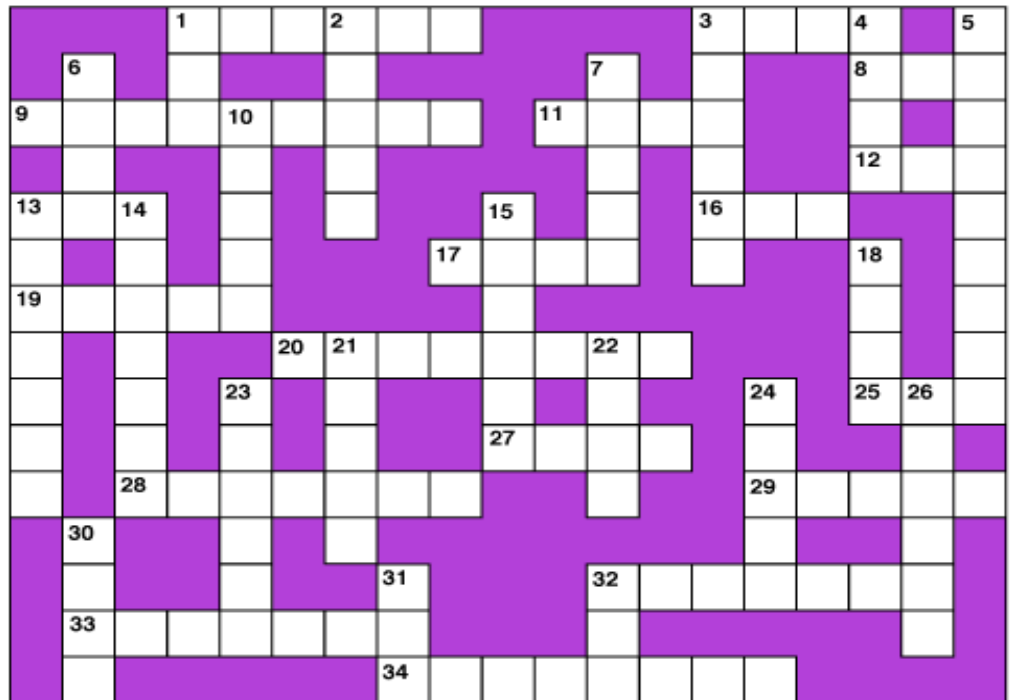
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- ICE CREAM
- LEMONADE
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SUMMER CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Light rain
3. String _____
8. Single
9. Jumping & hopping game
11. Summer month
12. Have lunch
13. Very warm
16. City home for wild animals
17. Summer month
19. Sandy spot
20. Water sport
25. Used to pave roads
27. Relax

28. Step back
 29. Very humid weather
 32. Warm weather foot wear
 33. _____ storm
 34. Thrilling
- ### DOWN
1. Short form of sister
 2. Time piece
 3. Cool wind
 4. Musical symbol
 5. Summer month
 6. Go it alone
 7. Weather word

10. Capture
13. Leisure activities
14. Follows a car
15. June 21
18. Always do your _____
21. Pools are full of this
22. Birds home
23. Suntan _____
24. Hot & _____
26. Summer month
30. Better _____ than never
31. _____ you sleeping?
32. Take a seat

Q: Why did the banana go to the doctor?

A: Because it was not peeling well.


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Which Number is Missing ?

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May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:00 am Music Committee Mtg 5:30 pm Ladies Night Out @ Panda Kitchen 6:00 pm Mens Night Out @ Chili's	2 10:30 am Bible Study 4-6 pm Food Pantry 5-7 pm Baby Closet 5:30 pm WWW Carnival 7:00 pm Choir	3 National Day of Prayer 1-3 pm Baby Closet <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Lynda On Vacation Office Closed</div>	4	5 1:00 pm Worship Team Practice
6 8:30 Breakfast 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 Worship 4:00 pm Contemporary Service	7 9-11 am Baby Closet 6-9 pm Men's Chorus	8 9:00 am Music Committee Mtg 6:00 pm Council Members Mtg	9 10:30 am Bible Study 4-6 pm Food Pantry 5-7 pm Baby Closet 7:00 pm Choir Practice	10 1-3 pm Baby Closet	11	12 8 - Noon Garage Sale 9:00 am XYZer's Breakfast @ HyVee 1:00 Worship Team Practice
13 8:30 Breakfast 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 Worship 4:00 pm Contemporary Service	14 9-11 am Baby Closet 6-9 pm Men's Chorus	15 9:00 am Music Committee Mtg 5:30 pm Christian Ed Meeting	16 10:30 am Bible Study 4-6 pm Food Pantry 5-7 pm Baby Closet 7:00 pm Choir Practice	17 1-3 pm Baby Closet	18	19 1:00 Worship Team Practice
20 8:30 Breakfast 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 Worship 2:00 pm Mission Meeting 4:00 pm Contemporary Service	21 9-11 am Baby Closet 6-9 pm Men's Chorus 6:00 pm Daughters of the Am. Revolution (HH)	22 9:00 am Music Committee Mtg 7:15 pm Outreach Meeting	23 10:30 am Bible Study 4-6 pm Harvesters 5-7 pm Baby Closet 7:00 pm Choir Practice	24 1-3 pm Baby Closet 6:30 pm NIA	25	26 1:00 Worship Team Practice
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