



"Building Bridges for God's Glory"

The Witness

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THE NEWSLETTER OF WEST SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH OF TOPEKA, KS

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship the Lord with us on the Christian Sabbath days:

- ♦ **JUNE 3 - Religious Liberty Sunday (Guest Speaker: Rev. James Calloway)**
- ♦ **June 10 - Baptist Youth Day of Prayer**
- ♦ **June 17 - Father's Day**
- ♦ **June 24 - Jesus in the Midst of Life's Storms**
- ♦ **July 1 - Sarsaparilla Sunday - Worship in the Ward Meade Botanical Gardens at Old Prairie Town (Potluck Luncheon to follow inside the Ward Meade Mansion)**
- ♦ **July 8 - Pastor on Vacation (Guest Speaker)**
- ♦ **July 15 - Pastor on Vacation (Guest Speaker)**
- ♦ **July 29 - Quarterly Business Meeting & Potluck Luncheon**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP
@ 10:30 AM**

Unity Through the Scriptures

Pastor's Corner - Pastor, why do you read so much scripture in worship? The heart of worship is connecting with God - personally and collectively. Our worship is focused on hearing God (e.g., scripture, Spirit, sermons, etc.) and asking God to hear us (e.g., prayer, petitions, singing, etc.). The best way to hear the Lord is listening to His Word and Spirit. Each Sunday, we listen for God's voice from an assigned text in the Old Testament (the Book of Acts during Eastertide), a Psalm, a letter from the Apostles (i.e., Epistle), and most importantly, from Jesus our Master Teacher in the Gospels.

Using a standard schedule of scripture readings helps us hear the whole message of God's word. The practice of using a set schedule of readings in worship dates back to the time of the Babylonian Exile (600 BC) or earlier. God's people read assigned text each week in worship according to the Talmud (Megilah 32a). In Luke 4:17-21, Jesus followed this tradition when he publicly read the assigned scripture text from the Prophet Isaiah and preached in the synagogue. The Early Church continued this tradition of reading assigned scripture texts, each selection corresponding with the seasons. After the Reformation, each tradition crafted a list of lessons to be read during worship. These lists of lessons or "lectionaries" became a sign of church unity, with many in the free-church-tradition (e.g., Baptists) leaving the weekly scripture lessons to personal or pastoral preference.

In 1969, the Second Vatican Council marked a turning point in reforms in worship and ecumenical relations. Anglican and Mainline Protestant formed a small group, known as the "Consultation on the Common Text (CCT)," to sift through the various lectionaries to create a common list of scripture readings as a way of expressing our common unity as Christians in the United States. Expert in worship (i.e., liturgist)

and representatives from each denomination participated, including:

- ♦ American Baptist Churches, USA
- ♦ Community of Christ
- ♦ Disciples of Christ
- ♦ Episcopal Church in the United States of America
- ♦ Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- ♦ King's Chapel, Boston (an autonomous Unitarian Universalist church in the Anglican tradition)
- ♦ Moravian Church in America
- ♦ Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod
- ♦ Presbyterian Church USA
- ♦ Reformed Church in America
- ♦ United Church of Christ
- ♦ United Methodist Church
- ♦ Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

The Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) was the product of this joint effort to unify the list of readings. The RCL was presented to the various traditions and adopted as the standardized scripture schedule for worship in the US. Worshippers in the various mainline churches will hear the entire Bible read aloud in a three year cycle (Years A, B, and C) regardless of denominational affiliation.

As a preacher, I have adopted the use of the Revised Common Lectionary to help me teach the entire Biblical message, not just the scriptures which are easier or more familiar. This helps me stay with the season of the church, and express our common unity as Christians. The RCL also helps us to hear and learn the whole Gospel to grow spiritually mature.

You can find more information about the Revised Common Lectionary at:

- ♦ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Revised_Common_Lectionary
- ♦ <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>

Pastor Ivan

JUNE 3 - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

- ♦ 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20) or Deut. 5:12-15
- ♦ Psalm 139:1-18 and Psalm 81:1-10
- ♦ 2 Corinthians 4:5-12
- ♦ Mark 2:23-3:6

JUNE 10 - Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

- ♦ 1 Samuel 8:4-1-20 or Genesis 3:8-15
- ♦ Psalm 138 or Psalm 130
- ♦ 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
- ♦ Mark 3:20-35

JUNE 17 - Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

- ♦ 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 or Ezekiel 17:22-24
- ♦ Psalm 20 or Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
- ♦ 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17
- ♦ Mark 4:26-34

JUNE 24 - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

- ♦ Isaiah 49:1-6
- ♦ Psalm 139
- ♦ Acts 13:22-26
- ♦ Luke 1:57-66, 80



OUR CHURCH FINANCES

Four months or 33.3 % of our budget year have passed. How do we stand with our finances?

- Our income for April is \$17,824.31 and to date totals \$93,977.15 or 34.44% of our annual budget. This is the first month of the year with five Sundays and is the lowest monthly income for the year which is not what I expected.
- Our three months of expenses total \$98,482.90 or 36.09% of our budget.
- Therefore, our net income for the four months is -\$4,505.75. This is the first month of the year for our expense total to exceed our income.
- We have \$9,431.57 in our checking account at the end of April. This includes \$4,172.56 in the Youth Fund and \$978.41 in the Baby Closet Fund.

Last month I wrote about the two major expenses that we needed to prepare for. The first one is the new sign recently installed. It provides us the opportunity to better communicate with our neighborhood. The sign and city permit were \$4,650. At our March business meeting we agreed to purchase the sign with the understanding that everyone will need to help pay for it.

The second major expenses relate to repairing our boilers in the basement. At our last business meeting it was reported that the boilers must be repaired if we are to have heat in our church this winter. The repairs are scheduled late this summer to give us a few months to raise necessary funds. McElroy's will do the repairs for \$43,000.

To date \$1,015 that has come in for these two projects.

Included in this newsletter is a pledge form.

With prayerful consideration I ask you to complete the form and return it in the offering or to the church office along with your first gift. The pledge can be made over a one, two or even three year period and should be in addition to your regular tithe. At this time we don't plan to launch a full blown campaign like we did in 2008 when we built the elevator, the handicapped restroom and renovated Holmer Hall. But, it is important for us to understand the critical nature of this effort.

Thank you and let me know if you have any questions.

~ Nancy Lindberg, Treasurer



Caleb Payne, grandson of Alice & Clarence Payne and great-nephew of Nancy Lindberg, received the \$1,000 Opportunity Scholarship provided annually by the American Baptist Churches of the Central Region (ABCCR). It was presented to him at Manhattan First Baptist on Sunday, May 20th by Dr. Joe Kutter Interim Executive Minister. Caleb is active in his church and plays the guitar in their praise band. He plans to attend K-State this fall.



The Christian Education Committee is feeling very blessed. We just finished a wonderful semester of WWW Kids Bible Club. Thanks to all who helped and especially to our extra carnival workers who came out and helped make that celebration a success. We are also excited about our campers we are sending to camp this summer. May God richly bless their camp experiences and draw them closer to Him. Heartland Day Camp has over 20 campers registered and again we want to thank those of you that are planning to help. We need you. Also we're excited for our big SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL CINEMA experiment. The plans are made, and we can't wait to share a fun and enriching time of fellowship with our church family. Please join us on Sunday mornings this summer at 9:15 a.m.



Alice Payne, Coordinator of Christian Education



Summer is almost here! Can you believe it? One thing that means is the choir is on summer break. and that means we need volunteers to sign up for summer specials for worship. It doesn't have to be a song that is sung. It can be a piano special song or any other instrument. Dust off your skills and talents and bring them to share in church on a Sunday morning this summer.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside of the church office. When you sign up please include the best way to get in touch with you, so we can get information for the church bulletin. If you feel like you don't want to sign up for a special, please let Janet Nyfeler know who you **wish** would sign up so we can get them to come share their talent. Let's work together to keep music and arts going all summer long. Janet Nyfeler 271-9460 or janetnyfeler@gmail.com

World Mission Conference, July 4–7, 2018

The World Mission Conference, sponsored by International Ministries (IM), brings a wonderfully diverse group of IM global servants and international partners together to meet with God's people in a beautiful 1,100-acre retreat setting. The four-day event runs from July 4 through July 7 at the [Green Lake Conference Center](#) in Green Lake, Wisconsin. All are welcome to attend, and [registration](#) is open now.



AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES USA, would like to thank West Side Baptist Church, Topeka, KS for the \$18,388.78 in United Mission support in 2017 earning your church the ranking of **#57** in the entire denomination! Congratulations, and thank you for your continued support!

One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be taken in June our goal is \$1500.00. The One Great Hour of Sharing 2018 theme is "More than we can imagine". It is easy to feel overwhelmed when we look at all the areas of need in God's world: there is hunger, sickness, and injustice in so many communities. It is easy to feel that we are too small, too insignificant to make a difference, to believe that there's nothing we do can help. We can feel trapped by hopelessness and fear that there is little we can do to truly make an impact. But there is hope! Better yet: we are that hope! For, as the Apostle Paul writes, ". . . by the power at work within us," God is able to "accomplish abundantly more than we can ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20).

The goal for One Great Hour of Sharing is \$1,500.00. Your offering to the One Great Hour of Sharing provides emergency relief 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for urgent or acute needs brought about by disasters of natural and human origin. And development projects focused on meeting chronic human needs by enabling individuals or maintain a more adequate quality of life.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – The Congregation voted unanimously during its Quarterly Business Meeting on April 29th to partner with Habitat for Humanity in the "Build on Faith" project at 422 SW Taylor. A new Habitat house will be built by volunteers this summer. Speak with Don Johnson if you would like to volunteer at the work site.



DOING GOD'S WORK
with our hands



4th

Esther Carrier
13th Jared Cripe
15th Amy Cripe
16th Cole Clay
19th Karen Kirby
19th Becky Poe
22nd Larry Dell



9th Ernie & Judy Longstaff
21st Brice & Colleen Smith

Ladies Night Out
@ Margarita
Jalisco on Tuesday,
June 5th at
5:30 pm.



Men's Night Out @ Cook's
American
Grill on
Tuesday,
June 5th at
6:00 pm



BRIDAL SHOWER: To all the ladies of the Church you are invited to a Bridal Shower and Brunch for Marty Rosa on Saturday, June 23 @ 10:30 am in Holmer Hall. Please RSVP to Jan Mauck (235-2103) or Lonna Hersh 608-3728.

Father's Day Word Search

Father's Day is Sunday, June 19. Can you find these words that have to do with dad?

ATHLETIC FUNNY
BRAVE GOLF
DAD KIND
DADDY SPORTS
ESPN TENNIS
FATHER TIE
FISHING TOOLS
FOOTBALL

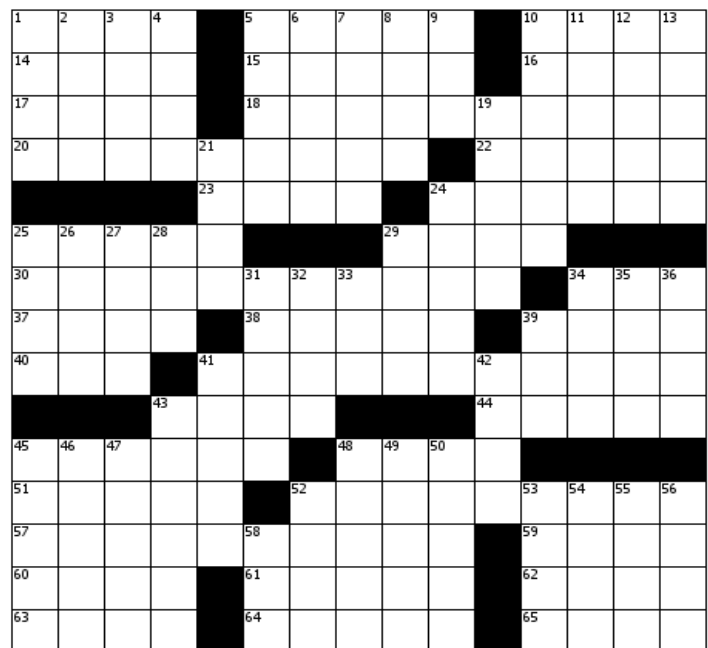
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A F U S R R H W E S P N W
O T E N N I S T I U S E R

Happy Father's Day!



Across

1. Bridge coup
5. Gambler's bankroll
10. ___ mater
14. Fabric rib
15. Made a mistake
16. Open wasteland
17. Declare
18. Washington waterway
20. Art Garfunkel's ex-partner
22. Extremely
23. Salary limits
24. Kind of lab burner
25. Pear variety
29. "Doggone it!"
30. Sports gambler's concern
34. "Be prepared" org.
37. Fashion magazine
38. Appears dramatically
39. Persuade with flattery
40. URL punctuation
41. Investment swindle
43. Litter cries
44. Buenos ___
45. Affectionate touch
48. Paying close attention
51. Not together
52. Toy on a spring
57. 1964 Beatles hit, and this juggle's title
59. River through Russia
60. Gambling city
61. Valentine's Day symbol
62. Steak order
63. Helper: abbr.
64. Spread out
65. Big celebration



Down

1. Trade
2. Volcano's output
3. Baseball's Felipe, Matty, Jesus or Moises
4. Whimper
5. Brown-toned photo
6. "The Apprentice" host
7. Ancient Greek city
8. Very sharp, as wit
9. Summer hrs. in Mass.
10. Quantity
11. ___ XIV
12. Three-card game
13. "As You Like It" forest
19. "The Mod ___"
21. Rabbit's tail
24. Orchestra section
25. Imitated
26. ___ contendere: court plea
27. Leave at the altar
28. Binary digit
29. Moore of movies
31. Decelerates
32. Soprano Lily
33. "Frasier" role
34. Afrikaans speaker
35. "If it's all the ___ to you..."
36. Chopping tools
39. Greek X
41. Sauce made with basil
42. Musical with Rum Tum Tugger and Mungojerrie
43. Red wine grape
45. "Lost Horizon" director Frank
46. Vaulted recesses
47. More than drizzles
48. Kingly
49. Old Greek assembly area
50. Like a sullen child
52. "Not a ___ out of you!": "Shh!"
53. Gang's territory
54. Wrath, to Romulus
55. Golfer's transport
56. Swiss painter Paul
58. Videotape format

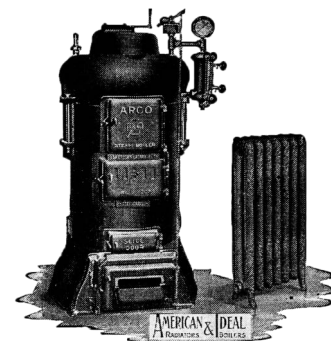


June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 8:30 am Breakfast 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	4 9-11 am Baby Closet 6-9 pm Men's Chorus	5 9:00 am Music Committee Mtg 5:30 pm Ladies Night Out @ Margarita's 6:00 pm Mens Night Out @ Cooks Grill	6 10:30 am Bible Study 4 - 6 pm Harvester's Food Pantry	7 1 - 3 pm Baby Closet	8	9 9:00 am Xyzer's Breakfast @ Hyvee
10 9:00 am Breakfast 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	11 9 - 11 am Baby Closet 6 - 9 pm Men's Chorus Heartland Day Camp	12 9:00 am Music Committee Mtg 6:00 pm Council Members Meeting (HH) Heartland Day Camp	13 No Bible Study No Food Pantry Heartland Day Camp	14 1 - 3 pm Baby Closet Heartland Day Camp	15 Heartland Day Camp	16
17 9:00 am Breakfast 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 2 pm Mission Mtg FATHER'S DAY	18 9 - 11 am Baby Closet 6 - 9 pm Men's Chorus	19 9:00 am Meadows School 9:00 am Music Committee Mtg 5:30 pm Christian Ed	20 10:30 am Bible Study 4 - 6 pm Harvesters Food Pantry	21 1 - 3 pm Baby Closet SUMMER BEGINS	22	23
24 9:00 am Breakfast 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	25 9 - 11 am Baby Closet 6 pm DAR 6 - 9 pm Men's Chorus	26 9:00 am Music Committee Mtg 7:15 pm Outreach Meeting (HH)	27 10:30 am Bible Study No Food Pantry	28 1 - 3 pm Baby Closet 6:30 pm NIA Meeting (HH)	29	30

**West Side Baptist Church
1008 SW Fourth Street - Topeka, KS 66606**

**Major Repairs (Boiler and New Sign)
West Side Capital Campaign Pledge Form**



Name(s) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

As an investment in West Side Baptist, I/we hereby make a pledge to West Side Baptist Church to be paid in cash, IRA Rollover, or other property of equivalent value and to be used by West Side Baptist in the Major Repairs for West Side Capital Campaign.

Please make checks payable to: **West Side Baptist Church.**

TOTAL PLEDGE (1, 2 or 3 year commitment): \$ _____

Gift Enclosed _____ (cash)

Balance Due \$ _____

Pledge Method of payment: _____ Date to Start: _____

_____ Amount Monthly _____ Amount Yearly

Do you wish to use an Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) from your checking account? Form available in the church office or from Nancy Lindberg.

Estimated cost of items included in campaign: \$43,000 - boiler; \$4,959 - new sign. I want my gift(s) to be used for ____ boiler ____ sign ____ No preference. Please check.

It is understood that this form is for church records only. It is not legally binding upon you.

Signed _____ Date _____

Signed – (Joint pledges) _____ Date _____

100% of your gift will go to support the Major Repairs for West Side Capital Campaign. All gifts are tax deductible. Please return this form and your check in the offering plate or to the church office! Thank you.