



"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:

- ♦ **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 - Guest Speaker: Reverend Janet Crawl (Pastor at World Mission Conference and International Ministries Board of Director meeting in Green Lake, Wisc.)**
- ♦ **July 15 - Guest Speaker: Reverend James Calloway (Pastor on Vacation)**
- ♦ **July 22 - Mary Magdala Sunday**
- ♦ **July 29 - Contemporary Fifth Sunday Sing, Quarterly Business Meeting & Potluck Luncheon**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP
@ 10:30 AM**

First Sunday Communion

WHO IS THIS GUY?

Pastor's Corner - Who is He? The fourth, fifth, and sixth grade campers and I had a great time trying to answer this question during Heartland Day Camp: **Who is Jesus?** Everyone in the bible had an answer: A miracle worker. A prophet. A superhero back from the dead (i.e., John the Baptist). The kids had their own answers too:

- A good guy who did great things for people
- A strange, homeless man who lived along time ago
- A miracle worker/magician
- A super hero (boys watching too many cartoons)
- My friend, etc.

Traditionally, people have come to one of three conclusions about Jesus. He was:

1. A lunatic (a crazy homeless man ranting insanity)
2. A liar (a deceiver who fooled everyone), or
3. The Lord (exactly who he said, God in the flesh)

The Gospel readings for worship this summer ask the same question: **Who is he** that controls the waves (Mark 4:35-41)? **Who is he** that heals the sick and raises the dead back to life (Mark 5:21-43)? **Who is he** that feeds the 5,000 and walks on water (Mark 6:30-56 and John 6:1-24)? **Who is he** who claims to be bread from heaven (John 6:24-59)?

The Christian faith asks important questions: Who are we as humans? How should we live and act towards one another? Is there life after dead? Is Jesus unique or is just one among the many spiritual leaders? I invite you to join us as we ask the important question: Who is He?

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Pastor Ivan

GETTING READY FOR WORSHIP:

Prepare for worship this month by meditating on these texts:

JULY 1 - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ♦ 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
- ♦ Psalm 130
- ♦ 2 Corinthians 8:7-15
- ♦ Mark 5:21-43

JULY 8 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ♦ 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
- ♦ Psalm 48
- ♦ 2 Corinthians 12:2-10
- ♦ Mark 6:1-13

JULY 15 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ♦ 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19
- ♦ Psalm 24
- ♦ Ephesians 1:3-14
- ♦ Mark 6:14-29

JULY 22 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ♦ 2 Samuel 7:1-14a
- ♦ Psalm 89:20-37
- ♦ Ephesians 2:11-22
- ♦ Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

JULY 29—Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ♦ 2 Samuel 11:1-15
- ♦ Psalm 14
- ♦ Ephesians 3:14-21

OUR CHURCH FINANCES

Our income for May is \$19,527.24 and to date totals \$113,533.64 or 41.60% of our annual budget. Our expenses total \$120,358.75 or 44.11% of our budget. Therefore, our net income for the first five months of the year is - \$6,825.11.

We have \$7,980.77 in our checking account at the end of May which includes \$4,116.20 in the Youth Fund and \$913.07 in the Baby Closet Fund.

Several pledges for the boiler and sign campaign have been signed and returned. In last month's newsletter I wrote about these two major expenses that we are facing as a congregation. First, a new sign was installed to help us better communicate with our neighborhood. The sign and city permit totaled \$4,650 and the expenditure was approved by the congregation in March.

Second, at our last business meeting we approved repairing the boilers in order to have heat in our church this winter. The repairs are scheduled late this summer. This gives us a few months to raise the necessary funds. McElroy Electric will do the repairs for \$42,915.

By the end of May we had \$1,015 for these two projects. As of the writing of this newsletter article our first two Sundays in June have added \$12,640.07 for a total of \$13,655 of our \$47,565 goal. **We have raised 29% of our goal!** Thank you!

If you did not get a pledge form last month or have misplaced your form, another copy is available on the table outside the church office. With prayerful consideration I ask you to complete the form and return it in the offering plate or to the church office along with your gift. The pledge can be made over a one, two or even three year period and should be in addition to your regular tithe. We don't plan to launch a full blown campaign like we have in the past 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



One Great Hour

O F S H A R I N G

MISSION - We have received \$530.00 for the **One Great Hour of Sharing** in June toward the goal of \$1,500.00. We will continue taking the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering in July.

Your offering to the One Great Hour of Sharing provides. Emergency relief available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for urgent or acute needs brought about by disasters of natural or 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 build by volunteers this summer. Speak with Don Johnson if you would like to volunteer at the work site. The Habitat for Humanity’s director is currently working on the excavation and on some tree removal and coordinating with their plumber and concrete contractor regarding the foundation work that should be starting soon! They are very close to being able to start setting the build schedule for volunteers.

Donation for “Habitat House” will be received.

~ Don Johnson, Coordinator of Mission

DID YOU KNOW— In the last two years, the **Topeka Rescue Mission Ministries** division, now called Restore Hope, reached out in love, rescue and restoration to more than 130 victims of human trafficking who were residing in our own city. Unfortunately, we are confident this is just the beginning of what lies ahead. According to statistics given by the Kansas attorney general’s office, there were 44 identified cases of human trafficking in 2012 in the state of Kansas. In 2015, three short years later, there were more than 400. At the Topeka Rescue Mission, in spite of the enormity of suffering and injustice that we see every day, we still believe in miracles. However, after three decades in this ministry, I still find myself crying out to God and all too often in desperation asking Him, “God, why don’t You do something?” Time and again, that still small voice of gentleness speaks back to me and says, “I am doing something, that’s why I have sent you. Now go and do, be My hands, be My feet, be My voice.” While I do not pretend to be an adequate representative of such an assignment, I realize I am not alone. He has surrounded me with an army of compassionate soldiers equipped by His love. His Spirit compels us to stand in the gap on behalf of those so wounded. Because of the nature of this ministry, you, our loyal and generous donors, volunteers and supporters won’t see posts on Facebook or other detailed information being shared. Just know that we are hard at work to see women and children know that Jesus loves them and free from sexual slavery.



2nd Don Morris
2nd Theresa Milton
6th Jan Mansfield
7th Rose Carrier
8th Doug Mauck
13th Reg Kirby
13th Molly Morris
14th Mark Calloway Sr.
15th Virginia Mansfield
15th Ken Paslay
15th Nancy Lindberg
15th Madeleine Martinson
20th June Cunningham
29th Sage Poe
30th Dick May Jr.
31st Fran Seymour-Hunter

Ladies Night Out
@ Jason’s Deli on
Wanamaker on
Tuesday, July 3rd
at 5:30 pm.



Men’s Night Out
on Tuesday,
July 3 at Freddy’s
6:00 pm

1 Peter 4:9 *Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.*

DAY 1—We had a wonderful day meeting the kids and starting our first day of camp. This year we have four groups; Blue, Red, Yellow, and Orange (We'll get to learn what they picked today for their official team names and mascots in the future). Beginning with a group introduction and learning about each other was awesome. Today's lesson was about who God is to us. In our groups we read and went over Matthew 16. We spent the day doing games like GaGa Ball, 9 Square in the Air, archery, and building with pool noodles. Next it was time for lunch! With the help of our amazing kitchen crew our bellies were full of yummy hot dogs and tasty fruits and veggies, along with a well needed bag of chips. After story time we had arts and craft and water time to make the day ten times better. Last we made our way to worship where we finished off our day. Today was fun and it was sad it went by so fast. But! No frowning here because we still have four more days left of our Heartland Day Camp. We'll see you tomorrow for Day 2!



DAY 2—The Blue Crew, Orange Popsicle, Red Eagles, Yellow Dabbing- Unicorns had another great day learning to be "Friends." Jesus and Zacchaeus the Tax Collector were friends. We want to be Jesus' friend, too.



DAY 3—In small groups we talked about how Jesus

is the teacher (Matthew 25) and how not to be a fool, but to be wise. We got to enjoy new games like Hungry Hungry Hippos, Dodge Ball, Beach Day, Charades, and much more. We had chicken nuggets, tatter totes, beans, and peaches for lunch made by our talented kitchen crew. After story and nap time we had water games with; Water 9 Square in the Air, a Giant slip-n-slide, and Sponge games. Next it was time for afternoon worship where we went over our day and sang songs. Last we said our goodbyes. And that's the end of day three. Two more days left of our Heartland Day Camp.



DAY 4—It's already day four and there's only one more to go. We aren't ready to say goodbye yet. It's been fun. Our topic today was, Jesus is our healer. We prayed for God to heal our family and our friends.



DAY 5—Was a successful day along with riding the bus to Sk8way. Everyone enjoyed skating. It was a very eventful week!



News from Christian Education -

We are so grateful to the volunteers who helped with Heartland Day Camp. Thanks to all of you for your unwavering support, during such a hot week, to impact the lives of so many children. The Christian Ed. Committee will be meeting in July to evaluate and plan next summer's program.

On July 17 @ 6:30 the Christian Ed. Committee will meet with all WWW volunteers to plan for the fall. If you are interested in helping with Wonderful West Side Wednesdays, please come. We need van drivers/riders, kitchen workers, registration helpers, teachers, and teacher aides. It's an exciting ministry with which God has blessed us. Please consider joining us in our mission. Summer Sunday School Cinema is off to a great start. We are watching and discussing the film "Wonder". There is a fellowship time with delicious treats, the movie segment, discussion groups, and a door prize drawing each week. Come each Sunday @ 9:15 for this time with your church family. It's for everyone! ~ Alice Payne, Coordinator of Christian Education



4th of July Word Search



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CONNECTICUT
DELAWARE
ENGLAND
FIREWORKS
FLAG
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JULY
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NEW HAMPSHIRE
NEW JERSEY
NEW YORK
NORTH CAROLINA
PARADE
PENNSYLVANIA
RHODE ISLAND
SOUTH CAROLINA
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TAXES
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DOORSTEP'S CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Each year we adopt 250 households for Christmas. There will be 700+ individuals in these households & we need your help in providing gifts & necessities.

Below are specific items we need this Christmas.

Health Kit Items

Towels (new) bath, hand & washcloths,
Combs, Bar Soap, Deodorant,
Toothpaste/brushes, Shampoo, Razors



Toys

Games - All Ages
Baby Dolls, Balls - Football, Soccer, Basketball
Teen Girls Gifts - Make Up & Nail Kits
Back Packs
Color/Reading Books
School Supplies
Toys for Ages 2-12

**CHRISTMAS
IN JULY**



Household Gifts

Quilts, Blankets & Sheet Sets (Full, Queen & King)
Dish Sets, Toasters, Hand Mixers, Crockpots, Silverware,
Glass/Cup Sets, Pots & Pans, Coffee Makers, Etc.



Adult Gifts

Flashlights, Tool Sets, Small Radios, Watches, Aftershave, Playing Cards.
Perfume, Body Wash & Lotion Sets, Jewelry, Etc.

Please Bring Items To Worship Or Doorstep In July For Families Who Will Be Adopted This Christmas.

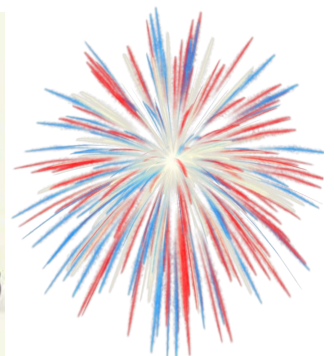


We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

Declaration of Independence, 1776

I feel like I should
clean the
house,

So I'm going
to lay down
and nap until
that feeling passes.



July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 No Sunday School Movie and Breakfast 10:30 am Sarsaparilla Sunday at Ward Meade	2 9-11 am Baby Closet 6-9 pm Mens Chorus	3 9 am Music Comm mtg 5:30 pm Ladies night out @ Jason's Deli 6:00 pm Mens night out @ Freddy's	4 No Bible Study No Harvester's No Baby Closet 	5 1-3 pm Baby Closet	6	7
8 9:15 am Sunday School Movie and Breakfast 10:30 am Worship	9 9-11 am Baby Closet 6-9 pm Mens Chorus	10 9 am Music Comm mtg 6 pm Council Members Mtg	11 No Bible Study No Harvesters 5-7 pm Baby Closet	12 1-3 pm Baby Closet Office Closed	13 Office Closed	14 9 am Xyzer's Breakfast @ Perkin's
15 9:15 am Sunday School Movie and Breakfast 10:30 am Worship 2 pm Mission mtg	16 9-11 am Baby Closet 6-9 pm Mens Chorus Office Closed	17 9 am Music Comm mtg 5:30 pm Christian Ed mtg 6:30 pm WWW planning mtg	18 10:30 am Bible Study 4-6 pm Harvesters 5-7 pm Baby Closet	19 1-3 pm Baby Closet	20	21
22 9:15 am Sunday School Movie and Breakfast 10:30 am Worship	23 9-11 am Baby Closet 6-9 pm Mens Chorus	24 9 am Music Comm mtg 7:15 pm Outreach mtg	25 10:30 am Bible Study No Harvesters 5-7 pm Baby Closet	26 1-3 pm Baby Closet 6 pm NIA	27	28
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