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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:

- ♦ **Aug. 5 - John 6:24-35: "Jesus is the Bread of Life"**
- ♦ **Aug. 12 - John 6:35, 41-51: "We're Suppose to Do What with Him?"**
- ♦ **Aug. 19 - John 6:51-58: Jesus said, "Eat Me"?**
- ♦ **Aug. 26 - John 6:56-69: "We're Out of Here"**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP
@ 10:30 AM**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO:
NORTHEAST AREA
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION .
ANNUAL MEETING**

**Sunday, September 9
5:00 - 7:00 PM
Theme: "Connecting with
Youth Adults"
Free Supper!
First Baptist Church of
807 Constitution
Emporia, KS**

YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH!

Pastor's Corner - Have you been encouraged to reduce the amount of salt in your diet? Have you started a low-sodium or no salt diet? Not at the 2018 World Mission Conference! Instead of reducing our saltiness (savory flavor), we were encourage to increase the amount of salt in the world; not physically but spiritually and missionally!

The Rev. Sharon Koh, Executive Director of International Ministries, asked several provocative questions about how we influence other people's lives. Do we add value and flavor to our family and friend's lives by influencing them for God. Or, are we tasteless Christians? *Blah!* She preached from Jesus' words in Matthew 5:13: *"You are like salt for everyone on earth. But if salt no longer tastes like salt, how can it make food salty? All it is good for is to be thrown out and walked on"* (CEV).

She was not alone! The morning Bible studies were led by a gift teacher and preacher from Lebanon. IM Global Servants shared transformative stories of God's work around the world. In the afternoon, we attended inspiring workshops led by church leaders from Asia, Africa, Central and S. America, and home staff. I always come away from the conference renewed and inspired by God's amazing work. Find anew your saltiness—your unique contribution to God's work in the world! Share your flavor!

Global blessings,

Pastor Ivan

PS. Plan to join us for the next World Mission Conference at the Green Lake Conference Center, Wis.: July 14-20, 2020
www.internationalministries.org



VISIT US ONLINE wsbctopeka.org

NEWS FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our Summer Sunday School Cinema has been a wonderful time of fellowship and discussions. Thanks to Pastor Ivan for his thought-provoking questions and to everyone who's shared yummy treats. We plan to run through Labor Day weekend.

We need everyone to please fill out the Sunday School Survey to help us plan our fall programs. It's our intent to offer relevant and interesting classes, and we need your input.

We're also gearing up for Wonderful West Side Wednesdays to begin with a Western Round-up on Aug 29. We still need some volunteers to help with some simple tasks. Consider joining this wonderful mission of our church where we work to feed our neighbors both physically and spiritually. God has blessed us with this task and we look forward to this new season of activities where we can share His message and love.

Alice Payne, C.E. Coordinator

Growing Together in Faith



Saturday, August 4
at 6:30 pm West
Side Baptist
Church will have
Bingo night. Come
and bring a friend.
Fun night for
some fellowship.

OUR CHURCH FINANCES

Our income for June is \$18,351.84 and to date totals \$131,885.48 or 48.33% of our annual budget. Our expenses for June is 19,694.89 and to date total \$137,898.46 or 50.53% of our budget. Therefore, our net income for the first six months of the year is -\$6,012.98.

We have \$22,515.47 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. The large balance in the checking account which has helped us with cash flow this summer is mainly due to the additional gifts made for the sign/boiler campaign

I'd like to give you an update on the campaign. We need to raise \$47,565 to pay for the new sign (\$4,650) and the upcoming repairs to the boiler (\$42,915). In May we received a number of additional gifts and pledges bringing our total received to \$18,855.07.

We have raised 39.6% of our goal! I don't have a pledge total to give at this writing. To all of you who have been able to make one or more additional gifts, thank you!

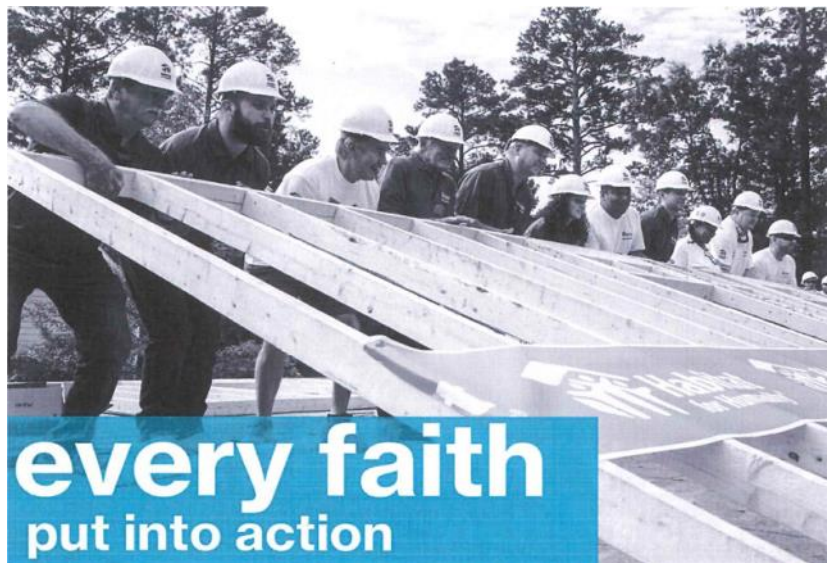
If you did not get a pledge form or misplaced yours, another copy is available on the table outside the church office. With prayerful consideration I ask you to complete the form and return it in the offering plate or to the church office along with your gift. The pledge can be made over a one, two or even three year period and should be in addition to your regular tithe. We have a couple more months before the boiler repairs will be made.

I want to thank Jim Lagerberg for joining me in a meeting last week with our church financial advisor at Wells Fargo, Chris McGee. We reviewed how our \$225,000 investment at Wells Fargo has been doing and discussed if we wanted/needed to make any change. We decided not to make any changes. We did decide to move \$15,000 into cash in preparation of the shortage in the general fund once the boiler expenses are paid. It will be the capital campaign money market fund that will be used to pay for the balance of the boiler after we take out of the general fund the additional gifts that have been made throughout these few months.

Let me know if you have any questions.

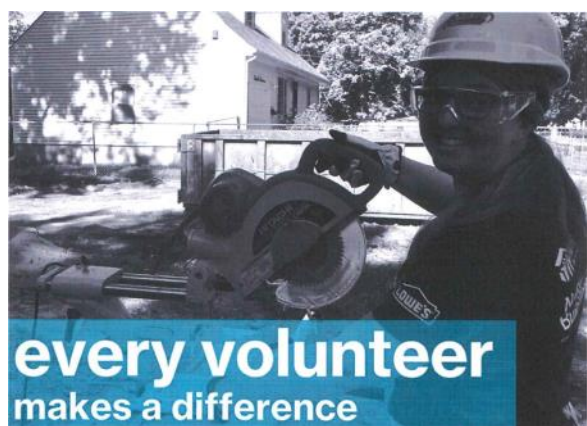
~ Nancy Lindberg, Treasurer





Join together with other congregations and the community on Saturday August 4th at 2 pm at 422 SW Taylor as we raise the walls for the Faith Build project.

We look forward to blessing this home and praising God for this wonderful opportunity.



Habitat for Humanity@ Faith Build Volunteer Opportunities:

Build with us!
Sign-up online

at topekahabitat.org or see your Faith Build liaison to build with other congregations on Tues, Wed evenings and Thurs. You may also sign-up through your congregation to build with your fellow church members on a Saturday.

Nourish our volunteers. If you would like to provide lunch for 6-12 volunteers or bottled water and ice please contact Nikki at 234-4322 or volunteer@topekahabitat.org

Youth opportunities available for those under 16 yrs old in the Topeka Habitat Restore or neighborhood cleanup.

If you have other talents you would like to share with us such as data entry, cleaning and organizing, digital marketing, etc. please consider serving with Topeka Habitat.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

2nd Dick Jr. & Nancy May
14th Larry & Shirley Dell
24th Ivan & Rexanne Greuter
28th Harry & Pat Carpenter

6th Dan Decker
15th Randall Carrier
16th Jim Goodnow
17th Wayne Cottril
19th Nelda Janway
19th Hazel Tindall—Smith
22nd Kim Maggard

Ladies Night Out @
Gyroville on
Wanamaker on
Tuesday, August 7
at 5:30 pm.



Men's Night Out
@ on Tuesday,
August 7 at 5:30
pm at Blue Moose



IT'S KARAOKE NIGHT! Saturday, August 25 at 6:30 pm. Bring on the best talent you have and enjoy the evening, There is a sign up sheet for everyone on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary. Please sign it if you plan to attend.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR MEADOWS ELEMENTARY –

Help purchase school supplies for elementary students at our neighborhood school: Meadows Elementary. Please bring the following purchased items to the church **before Wed., August 8:**

Plain folder with inside pockets: 3 (any color) per child

Spiral notebook, wide-rule, 70 pages: 2 per child

Composition book: 1 per child

Crayons, 24 count box: 2 per child

Colored markers, 10 count: 1 per child

Pencils, #2, 12 count: 2 per child

Colored pencils, 12 count package: 1 per child

Highlighter, yellow: 1 per child

Eraser, big pink: 1 per child

Pencil box, plastic: 1 per child

Glue stick, jumbo, no gel: 6 per child

Elmer's glue, 4 oz bottle: 1 per child

Scissors, blunt: 1 per child

Cash donations are also welcomed. Mark donation: "school supplies."



Back to School!

Find each word in the search.

Words go ↑, →, and ↘.

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teacher	school
backpack	friends
books	lunch
desk	pencils
notebook	field trip
crayons	library



August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:30 am Bible Study 4—6 pm Harvester's 5—7 pm Baby Closet	2 1—3 pm Baby Closet	3	4 1:00 pm Worship Team Practice 6:30 pm Bingo "Bring a Friend"
5 9:15 am Breakfast and Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	6 9 am Baby Closet 6—9 pm Mens Chorus	7 9 am Music Committee meeting 5:30 pm Ladies Night Out at Gyroville 5:30 pm Mens Night Out at Blue Moose	8 10:30 am Bible Study No Harvester's 5—7 pm Baby Closet	9 1—3 pm Baby Closet	10	11 9 am Xyzer's Breakfast @ Perkin's 1:00 pm Worship Team Practice
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19 9:15 am Breakfast and Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 2:30 pm Missions Meeting	20 9 am Baby Closet 6—9 pm Mens Chorus	21 9 am Music Committee meeting 5:30 pm Christian Ed Meeting	22 10:30 am Bible Study No Harvester's 5—7 pm Baby Closet	23 1—3 pm Baby Closet	24	25 1:00 pm Worship Team Practice 6:30 pm Karaoke "Bring your Talent"
26 9:15 am Breakfast and Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	27 9 am Baby Closet 6—9 pm Mens Chorus 6 pm DAR	28 9 am Music Committee meeting 7:15 pm Outreach Meeting	29 10:30 am Bible Study 4—6 pm Harvester's 5—7 pm Baby Closet 7 pm Choir Practice	30 1—3 pm Baby Closet 6:30 pm NIA	31	