

The Witness

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship the Lord with us on the Christian Sabbath:

- ♦ **Sept. 2 - Mark 7:1-23**
"They're Not Following the Rules"
- ♦ **Sept. 9 - Mark 7:24-37**
"He's Not from Around Here"
- ♦ **Sept. 16 - American Baptist Women's Ministry Sunday**
- ♦ **Sept. 23 - Mark 9:30-37**
"We're #2"
- ♦ **Sept. 30 - Mark 9:38-50**
"Trials by Fire"

SUNDAY WORSHIP
@ 10:30 AM

**NORTHEAST AREA
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION .
ANNUAL MEETING**
Sunday, September 9
5:00 - 7:00 PM
**Theme: "Connecting with
Young Adults"**
First Baptist Church of
807 Constitution
Emporia, KS

THE MISSION IS AT OUR DOORSTEPS!

Pastor's Corner - Experts in church growth, evangelism and global mission all agree: "Christians do not need to go overseas to do God's work anymore; mission is at our doorsteps." Two-hundred-years ago, American Christians commissioned volunteers to sail around the world on their behalf, to remote *new* places, to share the practical and spiritual love of God with people in need. Today, we only need to open our doors to discover persons in need. Thankfully, Christians are rediscovering the theological conviction that *all baptized believers are commissioned global servants*. All of us are called to serve around the world and at our doorsteps!

West Side has witnessed growth in our neighborhood work! The Fruit & Vegetable Food Pantry has grown exponentially! In 2016, we shared approximately 330 pounds of free food with 22 families each week (75 persons). In 2017, the number grew to 800 pounds of free bread, fruits, and vegetables to 42 families (140 persons; 55 of them children). This fall, we are now sharing 1,300 pounds of free feed each week with 55 families (175 individuals; 60 children and 20 senior citizens). Today, 340 different families have received food from the Food Pantry. Thank you to our volunteers who make this ministry possible! We can use more help!

The new Habitat for Humanity house being built at 422 SW Taylor is also a testimony to our local mission work. This house was made possible because of our partnership with the Ward Meade NIA. Contact Habitat for Humanity to help!

God is working in our neighborhood and world! I hope you will join Him! Blessings,
Pastor Ivan

PS. Donate food and time for the *Our Community Can* food-drive, September 22-30. This campaign unites everyone in the fight against hunger.
www.harvesters.org/occ



VISIT US ONLINE wsbctopeka.org

FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE:

Please feel free to attend the Music Committee meetings which will be held each Monday morning at 9:00 am in Holmer Hall.



~ Jan Mauck - Worship Coordinator

"THE SURVEY SAYS..."

Summer Sunday School Cinema was a success. There was also a definite interest in having another session next summer.

Thanks to all who attended, participated in discussion, contributed

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Together
in Faith**

food, and submitted their surveys. We plan to wrap up the session on Sept 2.

The survey also helped give us ideas for this fall with classes

beginning Sept 9. There will be classes for all **children and youth**. We will be offering a new **Sunday School Class for Women**, led by **Rexanne Greuter**. Ladies are invited to come on the 9th to help choose a topic/book for study. The **Mauck's class for adults** with video and discussion of "Reading Biblical Literature from Genesis to Revelation" will start up again, and plans are currently being worked on for yet **another adult class** offering with more details to be shared soon. Please consider joining one of these classes as we seek to grow in our Christian faith and knowledge.

Other opportunities for adult Bible Study are offered on Wednesday mornings @ 10:30 taught by Pastor Ivan and on Wednesday evenings from 6-7:00 pm taught by Jim Goodnow (beginning Sept 5).

It takes many dedicated people to present all these study opportunities and we are blessed to have such willing teachers in our congregation. May God continue to bless our mission of education as we start this new season of learning.

~ Alice Payne, C.E. Coordinator

ABW - American Baptist Women's Ministry (ABWM) Sunday is September 16. The service will highlight the local, regional, and national work of ABWM. Rexanne's mother, Linda Wallace, will be the guest speaker. Share your song requests and worship ideas with Rexanne Greuter or Janet Nyfeler.

American Baptist
**Women's
MINISTRIES**

BABY CLOSET - The Baby Closet received a donation from the Diaper Depot. Those items donated were several boxes of diapers, pull ups, and baby wipes. This donation was a big help to keep our diapers in stock. Community Action is now in charge of the Diaper Depot. We are so grateful to the Diaper Depot for their donation.



~ Pat Carreno

OUR CHURCH FINANCES

Our income for July is \$21,365.53 and to date totals \$163,759.08 or 60.01% of our annual budget. The income includes \$19,385.07 in our fundraising efforts for the sign and boiler repair.

Our expenses for July are \$19,212.99 and total to date \$160,424.57 or 58.79% of our budget.

We have \$10,961.01 in our checking account at the end of July. This includes \$2,017.88 in the Youth Fund and \$892.85 in the Baby Closet Fund. The total in the fundraising fund is \$18,385.07. This differs from our fundraising efforts because \$1,000 was used to help pay for the sign and will be reimbursed by the capital campaign fund once the boiler is paid.

Our fundraising efforts for the repair of the boiler and our new sign in the parking lot will continue with the major expense to be paid once the boiler is repaired in September. The money collected to date has remained in the checking account and has allowed us to use it for our cash flow. We will transfer money from the investment account to our checking account to replace the amount we pay for the boiler. The remainder of the boiler repair bill not collected will be paid out of the capital campaign fund's money market. Please continue to help us in our fundraising efforts for the boiler and new sign. We are almost half-way to our goal of raising the total amount needed to pay the two bills: \$47,565. Thank you!

Let me know if you have any questions.

~ Nancy Lindberg, Treasurer

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WORLD MISSION OFFERING -

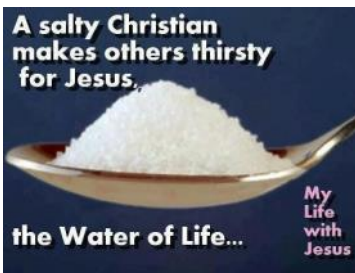
The scriptures for this year WMO is based on Jesus' statement to his followers in Matthew 5:13, "**You are the salt of the earth**". Salt, as ordinary and plentiful as it is, possesses a very special and unique power when added to foods. Unlike any other seasoning, salt unlocks the subtle flavors, enhancing and bringing new sensations to our taste buds. When our Lord says to his followers, "you are the salt of the earth," he is urging them to go into the whole world and enhance the good that he is doing so others can be touched by the power of the saving grace of God. As followers of Christ, we are the salt of the earth, seasoned with the love of the gospel and called to carry that love to all the earth.

It's time for the World Mission Offering (WMO), this year's WMO focus is on three Ministry Priorities: **Health and Wellness, Abolishing Global Slavery and Economic and Community Development**. These priorities do not encompass all the ministries of International Ministries but they do illustrate what God is doing worldwide through our 120 global servants, 900+ volunteers, 43 home staff and 240+ global Christian partners. Your gifts to the World Mission Offering powerfully connect you to all of the challenging, life-changing work of the Lord through International Ministries. We will be taking up the WMO in September, our goal is \$1,500.00.

~Don Johnson, Missions

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - The Habitat house will be built by volunteers, anyone can volunteer – no special skills or abilities are required. There will be volunteer build days on most Tuesdays and Thursdays from either 7:30am – 12:30pm or from 8:00am – 4:00pm and Wednesday evenings from 4:30pm – 7:30pm. Saturdays from August to December 2018 are set aside for churches. To volunteer to work on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, each person will need to sign-up online: <http://WWW.topekahabitat.org/volunteer>. Saturday is for churches to sign-up, West Side Baptist Church will be working on October 20th. The Saturdays work days will have two shifts first 7:30am to 10:30am; 10:30am to 11:30am is lunch and the second shift is from 11:30am to 3:30pm.

We will be taking up donations to support the building costs, provide food and water for volunteers, or donate in-kind services/goods. In addition to financial donations, Habitat for Humanity is currently seeking in-kind donations to help off-set the building costs such as; roofing, windows, HVAC system, flooring, etc. If your company is interested in partnering with Topeka Habitat contact Janice Watkins at 785-234-4322.



9th Ivan Greuter
11th Tom Mansfield
11th Rogene Moody
13th Mark Arnold
14th Alice Kieffer
15th James Carrier
16th Marty Stevenson
19th Helen Farrar
25th Gerald Haney
26th Clarence Payne
28th Betty Arnold
30th Selena Jaimez
30th Lonna Hersh

*Ladies Night Out @
on Tuesday,
September 4 at
5:30 pm at
Burger & Co.*



*Men's Night Out @
on Tuesday,
September 4 at 5:30
pm at Schlotzsky's
29th and Topeka*

**Church
Family Night**
EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING



WWW begins on August 29th 5:30 - 7:00 pm. We are in need of volunteers to help clean up after dinner. If you would be willing to help please call the church office.

Fall Fest

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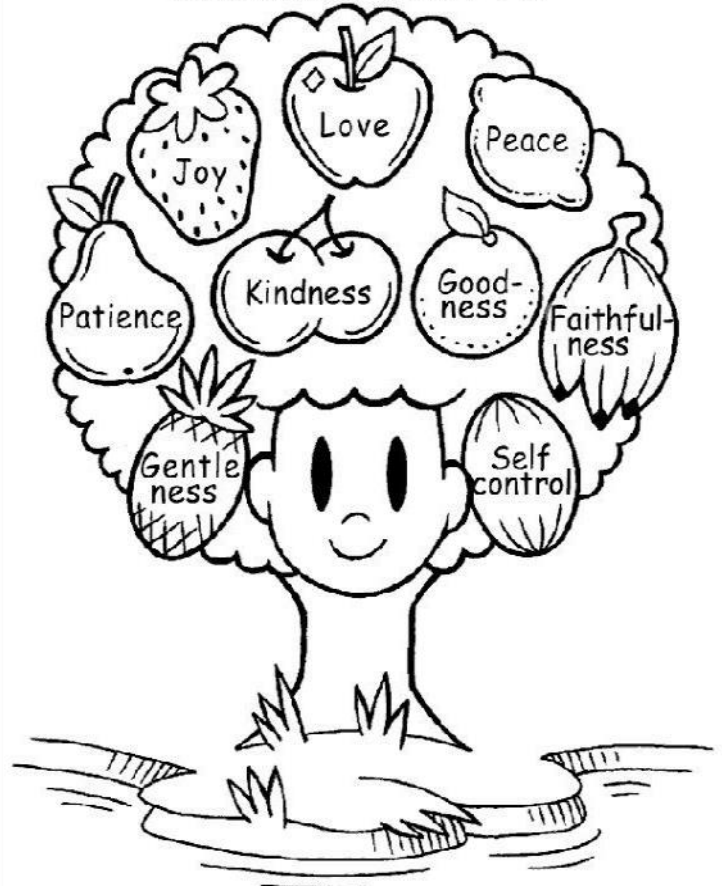
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Carnival
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Fall
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Gourd
Harvest
Hay Ride
Leaves

October
Pumpkin
Scarecrow
Squash
Straw

Fruit Of The Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23



I'm a tree planted by the water

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Jelly Bean Prayer

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1-red 2-green 3-yellow 4-pink 5-orange



Red is for the blood He gave.



Black is for the sins we made.



Green is for the grass He made.



White is for the grace He gave.



Yellow is for the sun so bright.



Purple is for the hour of sorrow.



Orange is for the edge of night.



Pink is for our new tomorrow.

September 2018

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

						1 1 pm Worship Team
2 9 am Breakfast 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 Worship 9 pm Christ N Bowl	3 Labor Day No Music Committee Mtg No Baby Closet 6 pm Men's Chorus	4 5:30 pm Ladies Night Out @ Burger & Co. 5:30 pm Men's Night Out @ Schlotzsky's at 29th & Topeka	5 10:30 am Bible Study 4 pm Harvester's 5:30 pm WWW 7 pm Choir Practice	6 1 pm Baby Closet	7	8 9 am Xyzer's Breakfast @ Perkin's 1 pm Worship Team
9 9 am Breakfast 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 Worship	10 9 am Music Committee Mtg 9 am Baby Closet 6 pm Men's Chorus	11 6 pm Council Members Mtg	12 10:30 am Bible Study 4 pm Harvester's 5:30 pm WWW 7 pm Choir Practice	13 1 pm Baby Closet	14	15 1 pm Worship Team
16 9 am Breakfast 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 Worship 2 pm Mission Meeting	17 9 am Music Committee Mtg 9 am Baby Closet 6 pm Men's Chorus	18 5:30 pm Christian Ed Meeting	19 10:30 am Bible Study 4 pm Harvester's 5:30 pm WWW 7 pm Choir Practice	20 1 pm Baby Closet	21	22 1 pm Worship Team
23 9 am Breakfast 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 Worship	24 9 am Music Committee Mtg 9 am Baby Closet 6 pm Men's Chorus 6 pm DAR	25 7:15 pm Outreach Meeting	26 10:30 am Bible Study 4 pm Harvester's 5:30 pm WWW 7 pm Choir Practice	27 1 pm Baby Closet 6 pm NIA Mtg	28	29 8 am Rummage Sale 1 pm Worship Team
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