

The Witness

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OVERCOMING!

Pastor's Corner - A friend recently shared a story which stuck with me: Before becoming a Christian, every time she shared about her personal struggles and daily difficulties, her friend would say, "I know a guy who can fix your problems." When she would ask, "Really? Who?" The other person would answer: "Jesus."

The answer seems obvious, but how many times do we really call upon the Lord in the middle of our troubles? We are all wrestling with something inside and out!

"Victories that are cheap are cheap. Those only are worth having which come as the result of hard fighting."
Henry Ward Beecher

We all battle addictions, financial worries, job insecurities, low self-esteem, homelessness, pride and arrogance, body image issues, our weight... you name it. Even the Apostle Paul knew of the "war within" and the "fight" when he wrote his letter to the believers in Rome. (**Romans 7:21-25**)

Jesus's teachings in the Gospel lessons for this season highlight the internal and external struggles of a Christian's life. The Good News is: Jesus gives us the secrets to "OVERCOMING" life's labors. Join us as we look at Jesus's answers in the Gospel of Mark: OVERCOMING!

Victorious blessings,
Pastor Ivan

PS. Thank you for giving generously to the World Mission Offering!

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WORSHIP WITH US!

Worship the Lord with us on the Christian Sabbath: SUNDAYS!

- ♦ **Oct. 7 - World Communion Sun.**
Mark 10:2-16 - "Overcoming Our Hurts and Pains"
- ♦ **Oct. 14 - Laity Sunday**
Mark 10:17-31 - "Overcoming Our Own Stumbling Blocks"
- ♦ **Oct. 21 - Mark 10:35-45**
"Overcoming Our Grand Plans"
- ♦ **Oct. 28 - Reformation Sunday**
Mark 10:46-52 - "Overcoming People Who Stand in the Way"

SUNDAY WORSHIP
@ 10:30 AM

Sundays Facebook Live:
www.facebook.com/wsbctopeka

OVERCOMING



NEWS FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Wow, Wonderful West Side Wednesdays is off and running! It seems we are serving more meals all the time. The Harvesters Food Program has been a tremendous blessing, not only for the people who come for the food give-away, but for enabling us to serve nutritious, low-cost meals each week. We are blessed with people who cook, serve, and clean up every week. Also thanks to the ones who pick up all that food, bring it back to the church, carry, set up and distribute it. Their service is much appreciated. After supper the kids, youth, and adults head off to their classes. The Bible Study topic for this semester is from the Book of Acts and is entitled "The Church on Mission". We have loved introducing the kids to the Holy Spirit and soon to learning about Paul's journeys. We have so many children that are "unchurched" and hearing these stories for the first time. We are blessed with dedicated teachers who faithfully share with these kids, not only the Bible stories, but also God's love. They are much appreciated. Also to successfully run our program we use many other adult volunteers. We have some to drive and chaperone in the van so that people without transportation can safely get here and home again. We have a "Bible Bucks Store", where kids can spend their "Bible Buck" rewards they've earned for attendance and making good behavior choices. We have registration and attendance forms to be filled out every week. We have a game coordinator who plans recreational activities. It also takes people who are willing to substitute in these roles when our regulars are gone. THANK YOU to all who have stepped up to help. You are a blessing to us and make this program possible. **To everyone in the congregation, I want to invite you to come some Wednesday night and just see your church at work.** It is a busy, bustling place, sometimes seeming noisy or confusing, but God is working here. He has blessed us by giving us the means, the people, and the property in this neighborhood to spread His Good News.

Thanks be to God.

Alice Payne,
Coordinator of
Christian
Education



OUR CHURCH FINANCES

The budget year is 2/3's of the way over. Our income for August is \$23,113.31 and for the year totals \$186,872.39 or 68.48% of our annual budget. The income



includes \$20,210.07 in our fundraising efforts for the sign and boiler repair.

Our expenses for August are \$26,733.76 and for the year totals \$187,724.29 or 68.79% of our budget.

We have \$15,493.51 in our checking account at the end of August. This includes \$2,017.88 in the Youth Fund and \$155.11 in the Baby Closet Fund and the money from our fundraising efforts for the new sign and boiler repair.

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 \$47,565 needed. What is not raised will need to be taken from our capital campaign fund's money market. We recently voted as a church to also pay out of the capital campaign fund's money market for the stone masonry work needed on the front of the church. This is an additional \$2,500+. We won't have much left in this fund if more doesn't come in from our fundraising efforts. Thank you.

The van repair of \$2,120 was made in August as well as the insurance reimbursement of \$1,620.02. Also, if you review the finance report posted on the church bulletin board you will note that we had three pay periods fall in August.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

~ Nancy Lindberg, Treasurer

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH - Always remember to thank your pastor not just in October... He gives of his time at a moment's notice.. to people from all walks of life and circumstances.



TRUNK OR TREAT – The Outreach and Evangelism Committee will sponsor a one-night Trunk or Treat at West Side Baptist Church on **Wednesday, October 31 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm in the North Parking Lot.**



Individually-wrapped candy donations are needed. Reserve a space for your “trunk” by contacting the Church Office. The Ward Meade Neighborhood Improvement Association will hold their Chili Feed Cook-off and hot dog sale during the Trunk-or-Treat. All proceeds from the evening will be donated to the church’s Agape Benevolence Fund to help children at Meadows Elementary School. See Mark Calloway for more details.

FRUIT & VEGETABLE FOOD PANTRY – Free bread, fruits, and vegetables on **Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30 pm**, while supplies last.



PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY: Households living in Topeka area (zip code 66601-66619). **INCOME GUIDELINES:** None. **ID**

REQUIRED: Client must bring a PHOTO ID AND A PIECE OF US MAIL with client's name and current address for identification. **HOUSEHOLDS:** One household per address. All food is available at no cost. West Side does not participate in Client Track.

ABCCR ANNUAL GATHERING – The annual American Baptist Churches of the Central Region (ABCCR) gathering is at Cross Winds Camp and Conference Center

(Hesston, KS) on **Friday, October 12 and Saturday, October 13.** The Director of International Ministries, Sharon Koh, will be the keynote speaker. Dr. Dan and Sharon Buttry, IM global consultants, will also speak. Friday night worship will celebrate ethnic diversity and feature different modes of worship, painting, music and native hymns. See Pat Carpenter, Church Moderator, if you would like to serve as a Voting Delegate from West Side Baptist Church. 2018 Annual Gathering All Church Registration: <http://www.123formbuilder.com/form-4122367/2018-Annual-Gathering-All-Church-Registration>



**1st Shirley Dell
5th Mark Calloway Jr.
7th Zach Smith
8th Pat Carpenter
12th Steve May
16th Katelyn Hersh
20th Elijah Hammond
22nd Chelle Decker
29th Teddy Decker**



30th Don & Sandra Johnson

*Ladies Night Out
on Tuesday,
October 2 at
5:30 pm at
El Dorado
3627 SE 29th St.*

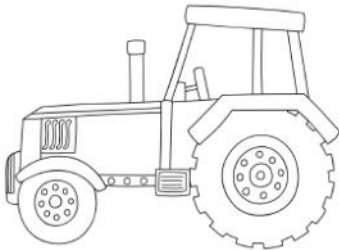


*Men's Night Out on
Tuesday, October 2
at 5:30 pm at
El Dorado
3627 29th St*

XYZer's meet for breakfast at 9:00 am on the second Saturday of every month at Perkin's. If you are 55 or older feel free to attend.

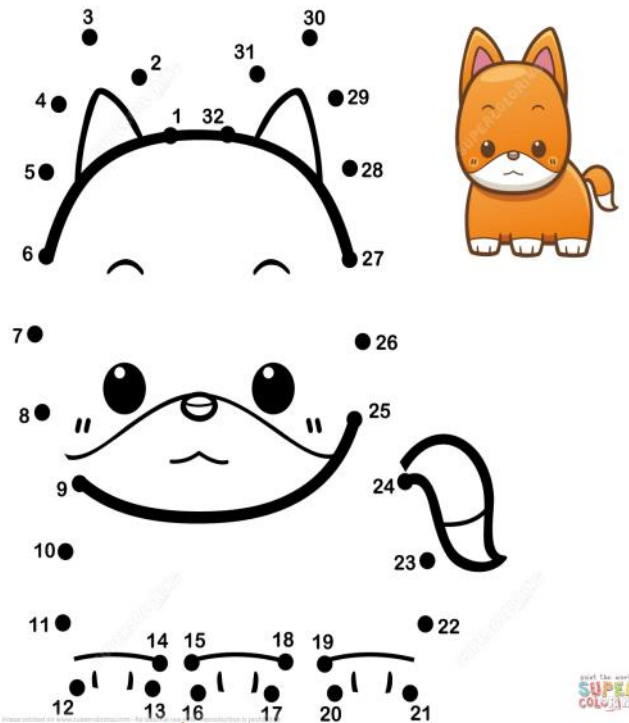
Harvest Time

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crops	farmer
ripe	gather
work	field
sell crops	sow and reap



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WORD SEARCH

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GREAT NATION	HAGAR
ISAAC	PHILISTINES
SARAH	SEVEN LAMBS
SHEEP AND OXEN	SOJOURNED
WATER	WILDERNESS

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Sun

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	1 9 am Music Committee Mtg 9 am Baby Closet 6 pm Men's Chorus	2 5:30 pm Ladies Night Out @ El Dorado 5:30 pm Men's Night Out @ El Dorado	3 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Harvester's 5:30 pm WWW 7 pm Choir Practice	4 1 pm Baby Closet	5	6 1 pm Worship Team
7 9 am Breakfast 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 Worship	8 9 am Music Committee Mtg 9 am Baby Closet 6 pm Men's Chorus	9 6 pm Council Members Mtg	10 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Harvester's 5:30 pm WWW 7 pm Choir Practice	11 1 pm Baby Closet	12	13 9 am Xyzer's Breakfast @ Perkin's 1 pm Worship Team
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