

THE NEWSLETTER OF WEST SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH OF TOPEKA, KS

# The Witness

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## ***“REMEMBER RENEWAL”***

**Pastor’s Corner** - Over the years a number of people have joined our congregation during the month of January. You can recognize them in worship services by the golden ribbon we will give them the first Sunday in January.

On the first Sunday of each month, those celebrating an anniversary are recognized in the worship service, and we use a brief litany to dedicate them to God once more.

Our anniversary celebrants in January are:

♦ Michelle Acker	Letter	01-31-2006	13 Years
♦ David Burlew	Baptism	01-28-1972	47 Years
♦ Pat Carreno	Letter	01-21-2001	18 Years
♦ Elizabeth Church	Letter	01-01-1979	40 Years
♦ John Church Jr.	Letter	01-01-1979	40 Years
♦ Laura Danielson	Letter	01-18-1981	38 Years
♦ Ivan Greuter	Letter	01-31-2016	3 Years
♦ Macy Greuter	Letter	01-31-2016	3 Years
♦ Rexanne Greuter	Letter	01-31-2016	3 Years
♦ David Hill	Letter	01-14-1976	43 Years
♦ Sheila Hill	Letter	01-14-1976	43 Years
♦ Connie Laughon	Letter	01-14-1981	38 Years
♦ Michael Laughon	Letter	01-14-1981	38 Years
♦ Rhonda Marsh	Baptism	01-15-2006	13 Years
♦ Janet Nyfeler	Letter	01-18-2004	15 Years
♦ Eric Sims	Baptism	01-13-1980	39 Years
♦ Bruno Sprenks	Baptism	01-15-2006	13 Years
♦ Mike Tharpe	Baptism	01-13-1980	39 Years
♦ Dale Vaugh	Letter	01-17-1974	45 Years

Please offer them your congratulations and rejoice with them in the celebration of another year of giving and service to God through West Side Baptist Church. During this month they will be recommitting their prayers, presence, gifts, and service in the discipleship of Jesus Christ.



New Year Blessings,  
Pastor Ivan

**KEEP SEEKING HIM**

## **WORSHIP WITH US!**

Worship God with us on the  
Christian Sabbath: Sunday!

- ♦ **Jan. 6 - Epiphany**  
Isaiah 60:1-6,  
Ephesians 3:1-12  
Matthew 2:1-12 -  
***“Rise and Shine!”***
- ♦ **Jan. 13 - Baptism of the Lord**  
Isaiah 43:1-7-  
Acts 8:14-17  
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22  
***“You are Mine.”***
- ♦ **Jan. 20 - Epiphany #2**  
Isaiah 62:1-5  
1 Corinthians 12:1-11  
John 2:1-11  
***“Called By a New Name”***
- ♦ **Jan. 27 - Epiphany #3**  
Nehemiah 8:1-6, 8-10  
1 Corinthians 12:12-31  
Luke 4:14-21  
***“The Joy of the Lord is Your Strength.”***

**SUNDAY WORSHIP  
@ 10:30 AM**



**CHRISTIAN ED** - Happy New Year! We are looking forward to a great year in 2019 and the Christian Ed. Committee has started making plans for the New Year. On Sunday mornings there are three choices of classes for adults and also classes for all children and youth. Please join us for Sunday School at 9:15. Wonderful West Side Wednesdays starts up again Jan 9 and goes thru May 1. These evenings include supper at 5:30 and Bible Study for kids and adults from 6:00 to 7:00. By Feb 1, the Camping Scholarship program will be underway for children and youth to earn up to \$100 each to help them go to a summer camp sponsored by ABCCR. We are also planning a repeat of our Summer Sunday School Cinema and need recommendations for good films. Plans are also being made for Vacation Bible School, July 15-19. Watch for more details soon and prayerfully consider how you might support and participate in any or all Christian Ed. activities.



~ Alice Payne, C.E. Coordinator

**END-OF-THE-YEAR DONATIONS** – Please consider giving an **End-of-the-Year financial gift by mail or in person.**

West Side Baptist Church is registered 501(c)(3) religious not-for-profit organization under the Internal Revenue Code. Donations may be tax deductible as provided by law. **All donations for 2018 must be received on or before December 31 to be included in your Financial Giving statement.**

See Bill Merrifield, Stewardship Secretary, for an up-to-date giving record. See Nancy Lindberg, Church Treasurer, to donate stocks, bonds, IRA distribution, or other securities.



## OUR CHURCH FINANCES -

### November 2018 Finance Report

- We are reviewing 91.67% of our budget year. Our income for November is \$17,580.56 and to date totals \$243,392.39 or 89.19% of our annual budget. The total income includes \$27,084.54 in our fundraising efforts for new sign, boiler repair, and concrete work. It also includes \$1,100 in memorial gifts and \$2,763.64 in the youth fund among other smaller income items.
- Our expenses for November total \$19,801.68 and total for the year is \$252,244.04 or 92.53% of our budget. There were no extraordinary expenses for November. We are waiting on the repair of the boilers to be completed before we get the bill for that major expense.
- We have \$9,439.78 in our checking account at the end of November. This includes the monies in the Youth Fund and Baby Closet with the remainder of the money collected for the boiler replacement/repairs. Our checking account without these three funds would be -\$18,381.80.
- Our fundraising efforts continue. The envelope for a Christmas offering was provided to the congregation. This offering through the Christmas season will go towards the major repairs minus 10% to the Habitat for Humanity house in the neighborhood.
- No money has been transferred from our Wells Fargo investment account this year. We wait for the bill from McElroy's to make the transfer.
- Our year-end report will be in the annual report prepared later in January.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

~ Nancy Lindberg, Treasurer

## THANK YOU from the GREUTERS –

Praise the LORD! God has blessed us with many wonderful friends! Thank you for the gracious gifts of candies, charitable donations in our names, cookies, restaurant and store gift cards, cards, and monetary surprises. We are truly grateful for the generosity shown to us during the holidays. God bless you all with a happy and healthy New Year!

~ Ivan, Rexanne, Jessa, Macy, and David



**THANK YOU** - A big Thanks for the gifts and the Christmas Bonus. May 2019 be a year for all of us. It doesn't seem possible that I have been with you all since November 2009. Time really does fly by when you love what you do.

God Bless,  
Lynda Cokeley



Thank you for the generous Christmas Gift and the support that you have given me this past year.

~ Ernie Longstaff



There are so many ways to say thank you, yet so difficult to have it mean as much to the people I say it to as I feel in my heart. I have loved the work I do for West Side Baptist and am so grateful to have had the chance to add another church family to my life. The Christmas bonus is very much appreciated. I thank you and wish all of you the very best is 2019.

*Love to all, Janet Nyfeler*

**FRUIT & VEGETABLE FOOD PANTRY – Free bread, fruits, and vegetables on Wednesdays from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm or while supplies last. November Food Pantry Report - 741** Individuals (369 adults, 304 children, and 68 seniors) in 207 families were able to receive free bread, fruits, vegetables, and other items (total 4,305 pounds) from the Food Pantry during November 2018. Y-T-D totals: 7,768 individuals (3,745 adults; 3,700 children plus 677 Seniors) received 32,666 lbs.

~ Pastor Ivan, Coordinator

happy birthday



3rd Ethan Sturgeon  
9th Marie Merrifield  
12th Jillian Campbell  
16th Stella Maggard  
18th David Martin



happy anniversary

1st Wayne & Nancy Cottril  
1st Mark & Betty Arnold

*Ladies*  
Night Out

**There will be no Ladies Night Out in January 2019**

**Men's Night Out**

Food, Fellowship & Faith

**No Men's Night Out in January 2019**

**MIDWINTER MISSION & EVANGELISM CONFERENCE** – The Am. Baptist Churches of the Central Region (ABCCR) **Midwinter Mission and Evangelism Conference will be held on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 18-19 at the Cross Wind Conference Center in Hesston, Ks.** Speakers: Rev. Glynis LaBarre and Missionaries Barbara & Dwight Bolick. Register online: <https://abccr.org/mid-winter-mission-evangelism-conference>



## WINTER WORD SEARCH



Created by  
Don Lindblad  
Grand Falls, Maine  
2010



See how many of these words you can find in the puzzle. The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

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|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. Snow    | 5. Shovel    | 9. Slippery  | 13. Scarf    |
| 2. Snowman | 6. Cold      | 10. Slide    | 14. Hat      |
| 3. Winter  | 7. Freezing  | 11. Sledding | 15. Earmuffs |
| 4. Weather | 8. Snowflake | 12. Skating  | 16. Mittens  |

## Winter Word Search



chilly  
fireplace  
frost  
hibernate  
hot chocolate  
migrate

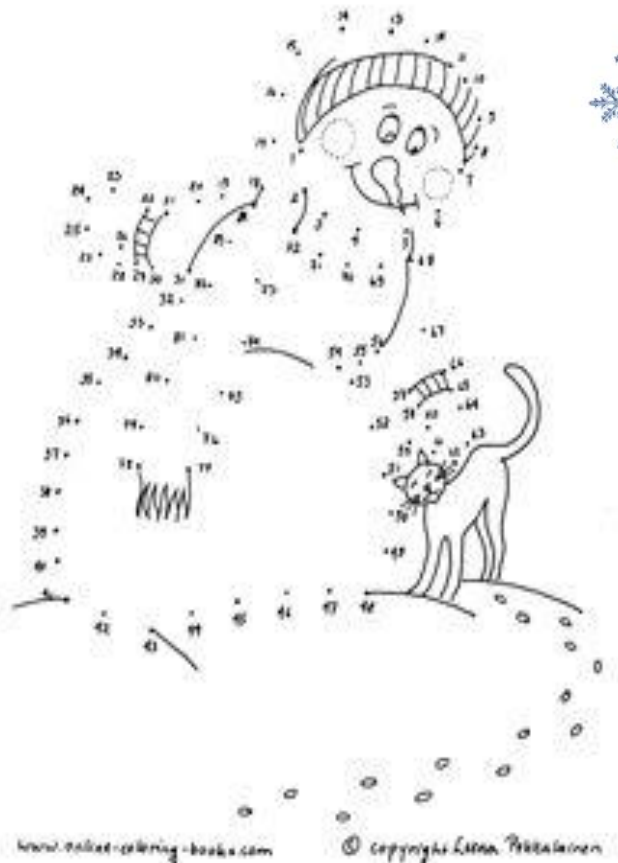


penguin  
polar bear  
snowflake  
snowman  
white  
winter



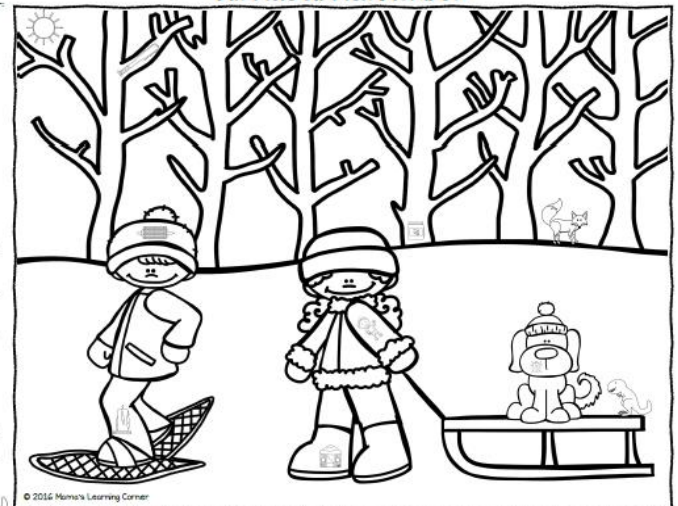
“Out of the south comes the storm, And out of the north the cold. From the breath of God ice is made, And the expanse of the waters is frozen.”

~Job 37:9-10



### Find the Hidden Pictures!

Look for:



# January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b> 10:30 am Bible Study No Harvester's No WWW 5 - 7 pm Baby Closet No Choir	<b>3</b> 1 pm Baby Closet	<b>4</b>  Pastor's Day Off	<b>5</b> 1 pm Worship Team Practice
<b>6</b> 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	<b>7</b> 9 am Music Meeting 9 am Baby Closet	<b>8</b> 6 pm Men's Chorus	<b>9</b> 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Harvester's 5:30 pm WWW 5 - 7 pm Baby Closet 7 pm Choir	<b>10</b> 1 pm Baby Closet	<b>11</b>  Pastor's Day Off	<b>12</b> 1 pm Worship Team Practice
<b>13</b> 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	<b>14</b> 9 am Music Meeting 9 am Baby Closet	<b>15</b> 6 pm Council Members Mtg  6 pm Men's Chorus	<b>16</b> 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Harvester's 5:30 pm WWW 5 - 7 pm Baby Closet 7 pm Choir	<b>17</b> 1 pm Baby Closet	<b>18</b>  Pastor's Day Off	<b>19</b> 1 pm Worship Team Practice
<b>20</b> 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 2:30 pm Missions Mtg	<b>21</b> 9 am Music Meeting 9 am Baby Closet	<b>22</b> 5:30 pm Christian Ed Mtg 6 pm Men's Chorus	<b>23</b> 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Harvester's 5:30 pm WWW 5 - 7 pm Baby Closet 7 pm Choir	<b>24</b> 1 pm Baby Closet	<b>25</b>  Pastor's Day Off	<b>26</b> 1 pm Worship Team Practice
<b>27</b> 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 12:00 pm Luncheon Annual Mtg	<b>28</b> 9 am Music Meeting 9 am Baby Closet  6 pm DAR	<b>29</b> 6 pm Outreach Mtg  6 pm Men's Chorus	<b>30</b> 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Harvester's 5:30 pm WWW 5 - 7 pm Baby Closet 7 pm Choir	<b>31</b> 1 pm Baby Closet  6:30 pm NIA Meeting		