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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. Anniversary celebrants in February are:

♦ Marilyn Allen	Letter	02-11-1973	46 Years
♦ Dorothy Brooks	Letter	02-09-1994	25 Years
♦ Mel Brooks	Letter	02-09-1994	25 Years
♦ Mark Calloway Sr.	Baptism	02-18-2007	12 Years
♦ George Comstock	Baptism	02-13-1977	42 Years
♦ Michelle Decker	Letter	02-22-2004	15 Years
♦ Larry Dell	Letter	02-22-2004	15 Years
♦ Shirley Dell	Letter	02-22-2004	15 Years
♦ Johnathan Dickey	Letter	02-01-1995	24 Years
♦ Karen Edleman	Baptism	02-20-1972	47 Years
♦ Jack Janway	Letter	02-18-2018	01 Years
♦ Nelda Janway	Letter	02-18-2018	01 Years
♦ William Luse	Baptism	02-27-1949	70 Years
♦ Paula Martin	Baptism	02-18-1996	23 Years
♦ Craig Martinek	Baptism	02-07-1960	59 Years
♦ Cindy Mellot	Baptism	02-20-1972	47 Years
♦ Truman Miller	Letter	02-12-1969	50 Years
♦ Rogene Moody	Letter	02-27-1963	56 Years
♦ Don Morris	Letter	02-17-1988	31 Years
♦ Molly Morris	Letter	02-17-1988	31 Years
♦ Patti Nash	Baptism	02-20-1972	47 Years
♦ Tyson Nickoley	Baptism	02-10-1993	26 Years
♦ Rebecca Poe	Baptism	02-20-1972	47 Years
♦ Tena Varney	Letter	02-19-1971	36 Years
♦ John Williams	Baptism	02-23-1986	33 Years
♦ Diana Zin	Baptism	02-25-1990	29 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.

Pastor Ivan

WORSHIP WITH US!

Worship God with us on the Christian Sabbath: Sunday!

- ♦ **Feb. 3 - Epiphany #4**
Jeremiah 1:4-10
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30
“Consecrated for Christ’s Kingdom”
- ♦ **Feb. 10 - Epiphany #5**
Isaiah 6:1-13
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11
“If You Say So, Lord”
- ♦ **Feb. 17 - Epiphany #6**
Jeremiah 17:5-10
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Luke 6:17-26
“Dogwoods, Oaks, and Apple Trees”
- ♦ **Feb. 24 - Epiphany #7**
Genesis 45:3-15
1 Corinthians 15:35-50
Luke 6:27-38
“Let Them Bring Out the Best in You”

SUNDAY WORSHIP
@ 10:30 AM

NEWS FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION -



It's been cold and snowy outside, but Christian Ed is warming up with plans for summer. We will kick off our Church Camp Scholarship Program soon. The young people interested in attending church camp will begin working on various projects and activities to earn scholarships to help pay their way to camp. They will have approximately 3 months to complete a variety of Christian Service projects. Our goal is to not only help them financially, but also to help them experience what it is like to be an active, participating member of a thriving congregation. It will take commitment, as well as, their time and talents. Watch for pics on the Sunday slides before Worship and give an encouraging word when you see them in action. Please feel free to visit with me any time with questions or suggestions. As always, thanks for your support.

Alice Payne, C.E. Coordinator

I am writing a thank you along with my good-bye for now. I have decided to retire at the age of 73 and take out on a new adventure! In March, I will be moving to Apache Junction, Arizona, to a 55+ park with warm weather, swimming year-round, and many activities going on all the time, and new friends to make. It has been a life-long dream to do this and I thank God that I am still able to make the move at this time. It is extremely difficult for me to leave Topeka (my church friends and families as well as other friends and family). I will miss each and every one of you. I have a home with 2 bedrooms, so I will be looking forward to visitors from Topeka. My address will be: 3400 S. Ironwood Drive # 140, Apache Junction, AZ 85120. For a while, I will continue with the same cell phone number 785-438-8495. I am counting on God to send exactly who you need for music ministry at West Side. I cannot express how wonderful it has been to serve as your minister of music here at WSBC for the past 15+ years! It has been the most spiritually gratifying position I have ever held in a job. I pray that I will find a congregation to be a part of in Arizona that is even a little bit as wonderful as the WSBC congregation has been for me. My blessings to this church and all its people. May you continue to grow and thrive as a congregation praising and worshipping God and Building Bridges for Gods Glory.

Much love, Janet

OUR CHURCH FINANCES - 2018 Year-end Finance Report

I want to thank you, the congregation, for your generosity in giving in 2018. Our receipts throughout the year have kept up with our spending and that's not always easy to do. This report takes a look at December and provides a year-end report of our receipts and expenditures. Because of the campaign to pay for the new sign in the parking lot and the two boilers, we start the new year in a strong financial position.

Our income for December was \$41,000.65 which included \$14,000 from our investments at Wells Fargo. Our income for the year totals \$284,393.04 or 104.21% of our 2018 annual budget. The total income includes \$30,273.34 in our fundraising efforts for the 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 December total \$68,617.63 and total for the year is \$ 320,759.82 or 117.54% of our budget. The repairs to the boilers were paid to McElroy's and that's why we see such a large expense. The campaign money was in the checking account and paid for the new parking lot sign and almost half of the boiler repairs. The remainder for the boiler was paid from the Capital Campaign's account.

We have \$18,265.36 in our checking account at the end of December. This includes the monies in the Youth Fund and Baby Closet.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.
~ Nancy Lindberg,
Treasurer



AGAPE BENEVOLENCE FUND – West Side

Baptist Church receives a benevolence offering for the poor and those in need the **first Sunday of each month after the Lord's Supper**. These funds are shared with persons in the church and neighborhood. Please see the Pastor, Church Office, or the Moderator to complete an Application for Assistance.



MISSIONS COMMITTEE -

Jesus calls all of us to "Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples; baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you". (Matthew 28: 19 – 20)

We will be collecting crackers and soup for Doorstep's "Souper bowl Sunday" February 3rd. Door Steps 19th Annual Operation Soup Line will be February 27, 2019 at the Kansas Expo Centre's Ag Hall, 11:00am – 2:00 pm.

We collected \$1,420.91 for Retired Ministers & Missionaries (RMM) offering. America for Christ Offering will be taken in February and March. The America for Christ (AFC) 2019.

Your gift to the AFC Offering helps American Baptist Home Mission Societies, in partnership with individuals, congregations and other organizations, to cultivate dynamic Christian leaders who are culturally and spiritually competent, in touch with their churches and communities, and passionate about ministry and helping people. Highly developed Christ-honoring leaders are called to advance the mission of peace, hope and love in their churches and communities with resilience, faithfulness and proficiency.

We here at West Side Baptist need to plan our missions outreach for 2019 at 2:00pm in Holmer Hall. We will be planning the programming for the year. Some of the topics we will be looking at:

- Mission trip to Murrow Indian Children's Home in Muskogee
- Mission trip to Cross Wind conference center, Hesston, Kan.
- Bethel Neighborhood Center in Kansas City
- Pick a Missionary to support

Don Johnson, Missions



BIRTHDAY'S

- 4th *Ophelia Hammond*
- 8th *David Greuter*
- 8th *Nadine Manley*
- 10th *Skyler Walters*
- 11th *Macy Greuter*
- 14th *Reanna Campbell*
- 23rd *Markayla Calloway*
- 25th *Matt Smith*
- 26th *Tony Carreno*
- 29th *Colleen Smith*



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 -

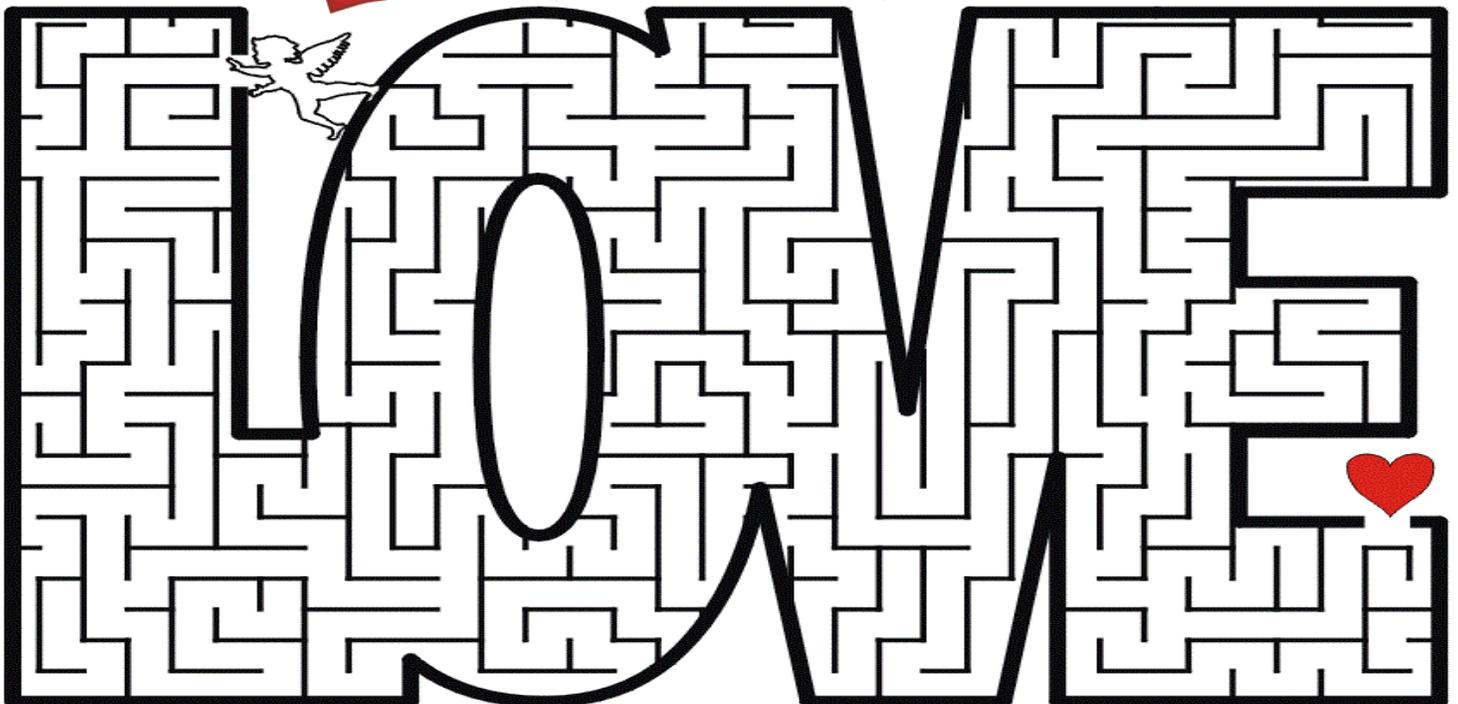
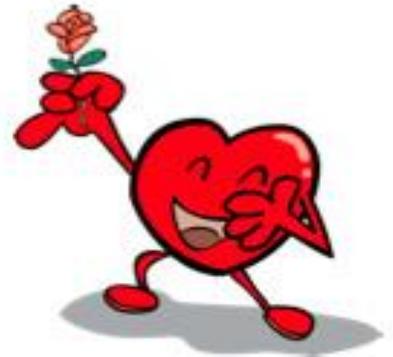
741 Individuals (369 adults, 304 children, and 68 seniors) in 207 families were able to receive free bread, fruits, vegetables, and other items (total 4,305 pounds) from the Food Pantry during November 2018. Y-T-D totals: 7,768 individuals (3,745 adults; 3,700 children plus 677 Seniors) received 32,666 lbs.



~ Pastor Ivan, Coordinator



APPLES
FIBER
NUTS
ACTIVE
HEART
FRUIT
BEANS



February 2019

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

					1 Pastor's Day Off	2 1 pm Worship Team
3 8:30 am Breakfast 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 4 pm Chili 5:30 pm Super Bowl	4 9 am Baby Closet	5 5:30 pm Ladies Night Out @ Cook's Grill 5:30 pm Men's Night Out @ Schlotzsky's 6 pm Men's Chorus	6 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Harvester's 5 - 7 pm Baby Closet 5:30 pm WWW 7 pm Choir	7 1 - 3 pm Baby Closet	8 Pastor's Day Off	9 1 pm Worship Team
10 8:30 am Breakfast 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	11 9 am Baby Closet 9 am Music Committee Mtg	12 6 pm Council Meeting 6 pm Men's Chorus	13 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Harvester's 5 - 7 pm Baby Closet 5:30 pm WWW 7 pm Choir	14 1 - 3 pm Baby Closet 	15 6 pm Youth Valentine Banquet (fundraiser) Pastor's Day Off	16 1 pm Worship Team
17 8:30 am Breakfast 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 2 pm Mission Mtg	18 9 am Baby Closet	19 5:30 pm Christian Ed Meeting 6 pm Men's Chorus	20 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Harvester's 5 - 7 pm Baby Closet 5:30 pm WWW 7 pm Choir	21 1 - 3 pm Baby Closet	22 Pastor's Day Off	23 1 pm Worship Team
24 8:30 am Breakfast 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Janet's retirement party	25 9 am Baby Closet 9 am Music Committee Mtg 6 pm DAR	26 6 pm Outreach Meeting 6 pm Men's Chorus	27 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Harvester's 5 - 7 pm Baby Closet 5:30 pm WWW 7 pm Choir	28 1 - 3 pm Baby Closet		