

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 March. You can recognize them in worship services by their golden ribbon. 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. Those celebrating an anniversary membership renewal in March :

♦ Lundgren, Hilda	Baptism	3/28/1948	71 Years
♦ Schmidt, Beverly	Baptism	3/28/1948	71 Years
♦ Johnson, Maggie	Baptism	3/25/1951	68 Years
♦ Farrar, Helen	Letter	3/29/1953	66 Years
♦ Stoops, James	Baptism	3/20/1957	62 Years
♦ Pointer, James	Baptism	3/12/1958	61 Years
♦ Tate, Billie	Letter	3/19/1958	61 Years
♦ Tate, RL	Letter	3/19/1958	61 Years
♦ White, Victoria	Letter	3/27/1963	56 Years
♦ Goodnow, Jim	Baptism	3/23/1969	50 Years
♦ Horenstine, James	Letter	3/15/1970	49 Years
♦ Wendt, Debbie	Letter	3/05/1972	47 Years
♦ Ward, Marilynn	Letter	3/14/1973	46 Years
♦ Strasser, Brenda	Letter	3/14/1974	45 Years
♦ Gamble, Kay	Baptism	3/24/1974	45 Years
♦ Perine, Scott	Baptism	3/24/1974	45 Years
♦ Gordy, Diane	Letter	3/01/1979	40 Years
♦ Gordy, Don	Letter	3/01/1979	40 Years
♦ Carpenter, Pat	Letter	3/30/1980	39 Years
♦ Young, Kathie	Experience	3/14/1990	29 Years
♦ Mills, David	Baptism	3/11/1992	27 Years
♦ Lynn, Cathy	Letter	3/12/1997	22 Years
♦ Greuter, Jessamine	Letter	3/08/2016	3 Years
♦ Carrier, Caroline	Experience	3/13/2016	3 Years
♦ Carrier, Esther	Experience	3/13/2016	3 Years
♦ Carrier, James	Experience	3/13/2016	3 Years
♦ Carrier, Laura	Experience	3/13/2016	3 Years
♦ Carrier, Randall	Experience	3/13/2016	3 Years
♦ Poe, Aaron	Baptism	3/24/2016	3 Years
♦ Poe, Nathan	Baptism	3/24/2016	3 Years
♦ Poe, Sage	Baptism	3/24/2016	3 Years
♦ Roach Jr., Brian	Baptism	3/24/2016	3 Years

WORSHIP WITH US!

Worship God with us on the Christian Sabbath: Sunday!

Our Lenten Theme: **Jesus’ Everyday Spirituality**

Mar. 3 - Transfiguration
Exodus 34:29-35
Psalms 99
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Luke 9:28-43a

♦ **Mar. 10 - Lent #1**
Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalms 91
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13

♦ **Mar. 17 - Lent #2**
Genesis 15:1-18
Psalms 27
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 13:31-35

♦ **Mar. 24 - Lent #3**
Isaiah 55:1-9
Psalms 63
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9

SUNDAY WORSHIP
@ 10:30 AM

◆ Bennett, Juliano	Baptism	3/27/2016	3 Years
◆ Greuter, David	Baptism	3/27/2016	3 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. If you have information for a missing member, please contact the Church Office.

Blessings,
Pastor Ivan

OUR THEME FOR THE SEASON OF LENT - (Latin: *Quadragesima*, meaning “fortieth”) is a solemn religious observance in many Christian worship churches that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends approximately six weeks later, on Maundy (Latin: *mandatum*, meaning “commandment”) Thursday. The season recalls Moses’ forty-days with God on the mountain receiving the Ten Commandments, and Jesus Christ’s forty-days in the desert being tempted by the devil. Many Christians use these forty-days to reflect on their life and renew their commitment to the spiritual disciplines, such as sacrifice and fasting. We will use this time to recall **Jesus’ Everyday Spirituality**. We will use Barbara Brown Taylor’s book, “An Alter in the World: A Geography of Faith” to learn about Jesus’ teachings on daily spiritual disciplines in the Gospel of Luke.

Barbara Brown Taylor is a New York Times best-selling author, teacher, and Episcopal priest. Her first memoir, *Leaving Church* (2006), won an Author of the Year award from the Georgia Writers Association. Her last book, *Learning to Walk in the Dark* (2014), was featured on the cover of *TIME* magazine. She has served on the faculties of Piedmont College, Columbia Theological Seminary, Candler School of Theology at Emory University, McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University, and the Certificate in Theological Studies program at Arrendale State Prison for Women in Alto, Georgia. She currently serves on the Board of Trustees for Mercer University and is working on her fourteenth book, *Holy Envy*, forthcoming from HarperOne in 2019. Her work has been translated into five languages.



OUR CHURCH FINANCES

We start 2019 with our first month's income of \$24,349.94 (9.09%) and expenses of \$24,254.36 (9.06%). Our net income for the month is \$95.58. Our income includes the one-time payment of \$7,885 from the Topeka Community Foundation (Hill and Woodin estate gifts). Our checking account at the end of January was \$5,064.47. This included \$3,377.16 in the Youth Fund, \$246.10 in the Baby Closet Fund and \$35.00 in the Major Building Repairs gifts.

The remaining McElroy's bill of \$18,150 for the boiler repairs was paid on February 11th from the Capital Campaign's Money Market. We have less than \$20,000 remaining in this account that, at one time, was more than \$400,000. The fund was created in 2008 with our “Strengthening our Foundation for Missions” campaign as a way for our West Side congregation to support special projects of the church. It includes ongoing expenses of the elevator and special missions projects.

The family of Barbara Edds was contacted after the Council's recommendation for \$2,000 from her memorial fund be used for the kitchen counter top project. The family was pleased with the decision. There will be \$623.60 remaining in her memorial fund.

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

Philippians 4:19

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.



FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

*Our Camp Scholarship program has just begun. Watch for pics on the Sunday slides of the campers and their activities. The campers may earn up to \$100 to apply to church camp tuition. Eligible campers are the children and youth that attend regularly on Sunday mornings. They earn their scholarships with attendance and doing various service projects at church and in the community.



*The C.E. Committee has also begun making plans for Summer Sunday School. We had such positive feedback last summer, we're excited to begin working on a similar program for this year. The fellowship and food were popular, as well as, the films and intergenerational discussion groups. It was great to be together as a church family, and it also served the purpose of giving our regular teachers a much-needed break. If you have suggestions for films you'd like us to consider, let us know.

*WWW has certainly been hit with snow days this year! Hopefully better weather will soon be the norm! Two more scheduled dates off are March 13, for Spring Break and April 17, for Holy Week. Our final session for the year is May 1. Watch for details soon about our celebration carnival for that last evening. Thanks to all the volunteers that make this program successful. If you'd like to share in this wonderful ministry, join us for supper @ 5:30 on Wednesday evenings.

Alice Payne, C.E. Coordinator

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



BIRTHDAY'S

2nd Brian Hunter
3rd Laura Carrier
3rd Jill Roesler
4th Aaron Hunter
8th Nathan Poe
12th Caroline Carrier
12th Don Johnson
16th Rexanne Greuter
20th Brian Roach Jr.
20th Tera Triggs
21st Shelby Hersh
22nd Janice Kirby
22nd Trena Ansell
27th Wally Goodnow
29th Kate Olsen



Anniversaries

8th Bill & Marie Merrifield
26th Bob & Jill Roesler

MISSION

The mission committee will be planning local mission work projects for 2019. We would like to know what projects you are interested in doing.

We will not be traveling to Bethel Neighborhood Center in Kansas City on Friday March 29, 2019 because of construction.

America for Christ Offering will be taken in March. The America for Christ (AFC) 2019 theme is **“Healing Communities,” – based on Galatians 6:9-10 (“Let us not become weary in doing good”)** reminds American Baptists that mission and ministry are rooted in service and that God’s grace extends to all, regardless of location.

Your gift to the AFC Offering impact thousands-through ministries with marginalized children, disaster response, prisoner re-entry and aftercare, immigration and refugee resettlement, public witness and advocacy, resources that equip Christian leaders, chaplains who bring comfort to those in hospitals and nursing homes, and so much more.

The America for Christ Offering (AFC) 2019 encourages us to engage in service to the church and the community. For many, that may be the way they experience the love of Christ in us. This year’s AFC offering goal is \$1,400.00.

DOORSTEP is in need of the following items.

Food Room: Spaghetti sauce, pinto beans, ramen noodles and tuna.

Clothing Room:

Men's shoes (especially size 9 and up)

Men's jeans

Pots & pans

King & queen sized sheets

Blankets (all sizes)

Children's clothing, pajamas and underwear – Size 3 and up

Feminine Hygiene Products (pads & tampons)

Please drop any of these items off in the big blue tub's outside of the office.



Proverbs 19:17

Whoever is generous to the poor
lends to the LORD, and he will repay
him for his deed.



Love. Grow. Serve.

• TOPEKA RESCUE MISSION - Critical Needs:

- Coffee
- Gallon Cans of Vegetables & Fruits
- Sack lunch items (i.e. granola bars, fruit cups, pudding cups, snack crackers)
- Canned Tuna/Chicken
- Cereal
- Jelly
- Peanut Butter
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Soup
- Ravioli

Baby formula (Similac Advanced and Similac Sensitive)

Spring Word Search



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Goodbye
Winter
So Long
Snow
It's time
to watch the
Flowers Grow!



Word Bank

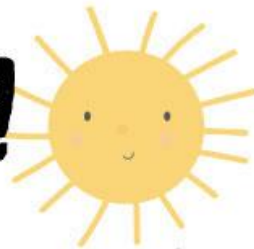


Spring	butterfly	bees	garden
March	Easter	bird	growing
April	eggs	rain	sprout
May	flower	tree	bloom
Earth	chicks	grass	windy

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Think Spring!



APRIL
FLOWERS
MAY
SHOWERS
SPRING



A	I	W	S	I	S	Z
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March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6:00 pm Board Game Night (HH)	2 1 pm Worship Team Practice
3 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	4 9 am Baby Closet	5 5:30 pm Ladies Night Out @ AJ's Pizzeria 5:30 pm Men's Night out @ Red Lobster	6 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Harvester's 5-7 pm Baby Closet 5:30 pm WWW	7 1- 3 pm Baby Closet	8	9 1 pm Worship Team Practice
10 SPRING FORWARD 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	11 9 am Baby Closet 9 am Music Committee Mtg	12 6 pm Council Members Mtg 6:00 pm Men's Capital City Chorus	13 No Bible Study No Harvester's 5-7 pm Baby Closet No WWW	14 1- 3 pm Baby Closet	15	16 1 pm Worship Team Practice
17 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 2 pm Mission Mtg	18 9 am Baby Closet	19 5:30 pm Christian Ed Mtg 6:00 pm Men's Capital City	20 No Bible Study 3:30 pm Harvester's 5-7 pm Baby Closet 5:30 pm WWW	21 1- 3 pm Baby Closet	22	23 1 pm Worship Team Practice
24 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	25 9 am Baby Closet 9 am Music Committee Mtg 6 pm DAR	26 6 pm Outreach Meeting 6:00 pm Men's Capital City Chorus	27 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Harvester's 5-7 pm Baby Closet 5:30 pm WWW	28 1- 3 pm Baby Closet 6 pm NIA Mtg	29	30 1 pm Worship Team Practice
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