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"REMEMBER RENEWAL"

Pastor's Corner - Over the years a number of people have joined our congregation during the month of May. 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 May:

♦ Pierce, Phyllis	Baptism	May 22, 1955	64 Yrs
♦ Perney, Linda	Baptism	May 05, 1957	62 Yrs
♦ McGriff, Fredrick	Letter	May 14, 1958	61 Yrs
♦ Carlson, David	Baptism	May 18, 1958	61 Yrs
♦ McGriff, Pat	Baptism	May 18, 1958	61 Yrs
♦ Collier, Almira	Letter	May 18, 1960	59 Yrs
♦ Ranker, Della	Letter	May 03, 1961	58 Yrs
♦ Ranker Sr., Ken	Letter	May 03, 1961	58 Yrs
♦ Ellis, Linda	Baptism	May 03, 1964	55 Yrs
♦ Miller, Duane	Baptism	May 03, 1964	55 Yrs
♦ Rose, Jean	Experience	May 26, 1968	51 Yrs
♦ Allen, Dale	Baptism	May 06, 1973	46 Yrs
♦ Haggard, Judie	Baptism	May 11, 1975	44 Yrs
♦ Johnson, Judy	Baptism	May 11, 1975	44 Yrs
♦ St. Louis, Eileen	Baptism	May 09, 1976	43 Yrs
♦ Seymour-Hunter, Fran	Letter	May 04, 1980	39 Yrs
♦ Johnson, Fred	Baptism	May 10, 1981	38 Yrs
♦ Allbert, Portia	Experience	May 09, 1984	35 Yrs
♦ Wolgast, Donald	Letter	May 13, 1984	35 Yrs
♦ Adams, Rita	Letter	May 14, 1986	33 Yrs
♦ Handshy, Kristie	Letter	May 14, 1986	33 Yrs
♦ Martin, David	Letter	May 14, 1986	33 Yrs
♦ Nickoley, Bob	Letter	May 13, 1987	32 Yrs
♦ Nickoley, Shirley	Letter	May 13, 1987	32 Yrs
♦ Laughon, Ryan	Baptism	May 17, 1987	32 Yrs
♦ Lundgren, Sean	Baptism	May 17, 1987	32 Yrs
♦ Roudybush, Pam	Baptism	May 17, 1987	32 Yrs
♦ White, John	Baptism	May 17, 1987	32 Yrs
♦ White, Matthew	Baptism	May 17, 1987	32 Yrs
♦ Cozad, Chuck	Letter	May 20, 2007	12 Yrs
♦ Reyes, Enrique	Baptism	May 20, 2018	04 Yrs

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WORSHIP WITH US!

Worship God with us on the Christian Sabbath: Sunday!
Prepare for Worship by reading these texts:

- ♦ **May 05 - Eastertide #3**
*Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19
- ♦ **May 12 - Eastertide #4**
*Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30
- ♦ **May 19 - Eastertide #5**
*Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35
- ♦ **May 26 - Eastertide #6**
*Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
John 14:23-29

SUNDAY WORSHIP
@ 10:30 AM

*During Eastertide a reading from Acts of the Apostles is often substituted for the lesson from the Hebrew Bible to focus on the history of God's global mission movement.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

WWW BIBLE CLUB – May 1, 2019 – We need your help! To celebrate our successful year we will be hosting a carnival on Wednesday, May 1 from 5:30-7:00 pm. We are asking for donations of baked goods for the Cake Walk and cans or small bottles of soda for the Ring Toss. One cake mix can be made into two small cakes, or a batch of cookies or brownies can be divided into several bags for multiple treats from one batch. The kids love getting baked goodies so the Cake Walk is always one of our favorite activities. They also love tossing a ring over a pop to take home. In the past we have found that the 2 Liter size is too much for them to carry, so we'd appreciate just the regular size cans or plastic bottles. We also are needing volunteers to help that night. Please consider donating your time to this worthy and fun cause. There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board. We have been blessed to have had these children as guests in our church all year and want to treat them to a fun-filled evening.



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL CINEMA - Begins June 2nd. All classes will meet together this summer for food, flicks, fun and fellowship on Sunday mornings. Breakfast treats will be served at 9:00 am. Film watching will begin at 9:15 am. We will then have small group discussions and be finished in plenty of time for worship service. We had a great response last summer and hope you will join us this year for another season of fellowship, as we watch different films and discuss them from a Christian perspective.

Alice Payne, C.E. Coordinator



**GRADUATION SUNDAY –
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2019
GRADUATES!**

Katelyn Hersh	University of Kansas
Jessa Greuter	Topeka High School
Sage Poe	Highland Park High School

We also would like to recognize Nathen Poe and Ricky Reyes who will be promoted from Middle School to High School.

God's Global Servants



HOW TO SUPPORT A GLOBAL SERVANT: We have fallen for a disaster lie! The devil has convinced the church in North America that our job as "Mission Senders" is simply to give missionaries our money and prayers, and then wait for their newsletters. This mindset disconnects us from the real work God is doing in the world, and our role as partners in God's global mission.

There are **SEVEN** action steps you can take to be a great mission sender for God's global servants (i.e., missionaries) in the world:

1. **LEARN** - Who are your missionaries? What are they doing? What nation or ethnic group are they trying to serve? How long have they been serving? What unreached people groups still need to hear the Gospel in their country of service? What is an unreached people group? There is a plethora of information to learn about our missionaries and God's work. Where can you find information about your global servants?
2. **PRAY** - The church is called to pray for and with our missionaries. Many of them send prayer requests via email with regular updates. Pray for God's global servants. Ask God to give boldness and open doors. Pray for the people who need to hear the call of God
3. **SEND** - Send them personal letters and emails. Send them birthday cards!
4. **GO!** - Go visit them! Yes! Go visit your missionaries on a Short-Term Mission trip. There are discovery trips (no labor) and work trips. Attend the World Mission Conference.
5. **GIVE** - Donate your time, talent, and treasures. Give a reoccurring, monthly financial gift PLUS give to the World Mission Offering.
6. **MOBILIZE** - Roll bandages, gather supplies, host a Tea, get involved with White Cross.
7. **WELCOME** - There is nothing that says, "I love you" and "I missed you" more than being greeted at the airport by family and friends. Welcome missionaries in your home!

Over the next several months, I will share with you practical steps you can take to help support God's global servants in the world.

Global blessings, Pastor Ivan



MISSIONARIES VISITING –
Corenne Smith, ABCUSA
 Global Servant in Brazil, will
 be visiting WSBC this
Wednesday, May 1 at 6:00

pm. With the blessing of the National Baptist Convention of Brazil, Corenne and Philip minister to children who are part of a residential program that rescues homeless street children and youth ranging in age from 8 to 18. Find more information at:
<https://www.internationalministries.org/author/cp-smith>.

TREASURER'S REPORT OUR - CHURCH FINANCES



The income for March was \$49,604.45. We have completed ¼ or 25% of the year and our income total for the year represents 37.77% of the budget.

Expenses for March totaled \$28,474.32. To date we have spent 33.95% of the budget. Our net income for the year is \$10,224.23 which includes a \$20,000 transfer from our investments which I informed you about last month.

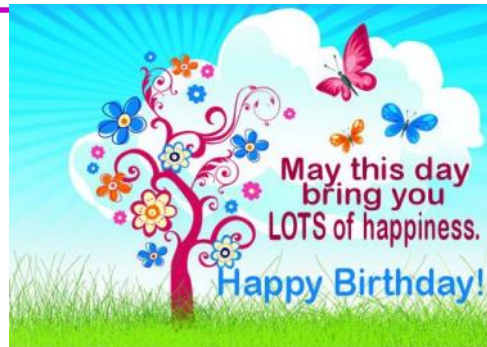
Our checking account at the end of March was \$31,675.47 which included the investment transfer along with \$3,899.65 in the Youth Fund, \$32.07 in the Baby Closet Fund and \$594.50 in the Major Building Repairs gifts.

If you recall, we decided to spend \$2,000 from memorial funds of Barbara Edds for the kitchen counter top project. The new counter tops were installed and they look great! The bill was paid in March. This \$2,000 transfer from investments was made along with an additional \$18,000 from our Wells Fargo investment fund to assist in cash flow as well as repay the \$7,000 we owed the Capital Campaign when we were repairing the boilers. The \$7,000 will be paid back later in April.

Thank you for your continued gifts to our building repairs fund. This is important! These gifts are being used for the costs of the boiler repairs.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

~ Nancy Lindberg, Treasurer



4th Etta Landis

13th Barbara Amos

13th Chuck Cozad

14th Julianano Bennett

14th Almira Collier

17th Marianne Spano

18th Alice Payne

28th Portia Allbert



2nd Don & Molly Morris

8th Tom & Jan Mansfield

10th John & Jan Swain

21st Russ & Fran Hunter

COMMUNION MINISTERS – Please sign-up on the bulletin board to deliver the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) to our Nursing Home and Homebound members on the first Sunday of a month. Lay Ministers will be working in pairs of two or teams. Pastor Ivan will provide training for all communion ministers. We currently have eighteen Nursing Home and Homebound members to visit each month.

MOTHER'S DAY- Mother's Day is May 12, 2019 and in honor of Mother's we are asking for donations of size 5 diapers for the Baby Closet. We give so many of size 5 diapers out that we have a hard time keeping them in stock. So, we are asking for your help. The Mother's express how thankful they are to receive these diapers.



Thank you. Pat Carreno

RIDE TO CHURCH - If you or your children would like a ride to/from a worship or Wednesday nights, **call the Church Office before noon at (785) 233-4241 or Harry Carpenter, Bus Driver at (785) 608-3937 [no text messages]**. The van leaves at 8:30 AM on Sunday mornings for Sunday School, and 4:30 pm on Wednesday evenings. Volunteers are needed to ride along with our driver to transport children on Sundays and Wednesdays. See Harry Carpenter for more information or to volunteer.

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Acolytes (May) – Lonna Hersh and Tera Triggs

Communion Servers (May) – Nancy Lindberg, Colleen and Brice Smith

Scripture Readers – Pat Carpenter, Nancy Cottril, Macy Greuter, Nathan Poe, and Jan Mauck

Audio/Video Technicians – Harry Carpenter, Tom Mansfield, Brice Smith, and Bruno Sprengs

Ushers (May) – John Swain (Head Usher), Jack Janway, Ernie Longstaff, Doug Mauck, Don Morris, and Chuck Cozad

OUTREACH & EVANGELISM

FRUIT & VEGETABLE FOOD PANTRY – Free bread, fruits, and vegetables on **Wednesdays** from 3:30 to 5:30 pm, while supplies last at West Side Baptist Church, 1008 SW 4th St, Topeka. **PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY:** Clients must be currently living in the Topeka area (zip code 66601-66619). **ID REQUIRED:** Clients must bring a government issued PHOTO ID. **RESIDENCY**

REQUIRED: Clients must bring a recent piece of US Mail with the client's NAME and CURRENT ADDRESS as proof-of-residency. **INCOME GUIDELINES:** None.

HOUSEHOLDS: One household per address. **BAGS:** Clients are encouraged to bring reusable grocery bags.

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE: The building is handicapped accessible with ramps and elevator.

PARKING: Park on the north side of the church, enter north-west doors. Call the Church Office at (785) 233-4241 for weather-related closures or more information. *All food is available at no cost.

April Pantry Report: 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.

Year-to-Date Pantry Report: 7,768 individuals (3,745 adults; 3,700 children plus 677 Seniors) received 32,666 lbs.

~ Jack Janway, Coordinator

CPR classes have been rescheduled for Thursday May 9, 2019 at 6 p.m. here at the church. For any questions please see Pat Carreno. Thank you.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Worship is the primary work of all Christians.



♦ **Ascension Sunday**

(May 8) – the first on the list of special Sundays is “Ascension of the Lord:” the 40th day after Easter when Christ’s followers remember He went up into heaven with the promises to send the Holy Spirit and Come Again (Acts 1). The Church has numerous customs to commemorate the day including releasing doves or balloons.

♦ **Mother's Day (May 8)** - A civic day but we will honor *all woman of faith* with a special recognition. Women are encouraged to wear a hat, scarf or a memento from their mother or grandmother! Yellow is the traditional color for the day.

♦ **Pentecost Sunday (May 15)** – the fiftieth day after Easter when we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church (Acts 2). Everyone is encouraged to wear red!

♦ **Trinity Sunday (May 22)** – This day we celebrate the doctrine of the Trinity: God - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This Sunday marks the transition between the Easter Season and General Time when the church focuses on spiritual growth in character, discipleship, and spiritual disciplines.

♦ **Memorial Day (May 29)** – A civic holiday, we will celebrate this Day to remember all of the Saints of God. Wear a Flower on Memorial Day to honor a loved one during our Memorial Day Worship service on May 29, 2016. Men and women are encouraged to wear a rose, carnation or other flower to remember a loved one. Wear a live, silk, plastic, or metal flower:

- ♦ **BLUE** flower to remember a father or grandfather
- ♦ **FORGET-ME-NOT** flower to honor a fallen comrade
- ♦ **RED** flower to honor a military veteran
- ♦ **WHITE** flower to remember a spouse
- ♦ **YELLOW** flower to remember a mother or grandmother.

These special services will help us not only connect with God but move us from the ordinary to the extraordinary days of summer. It's time to celebration - Join us!



Mother's Day Word Search



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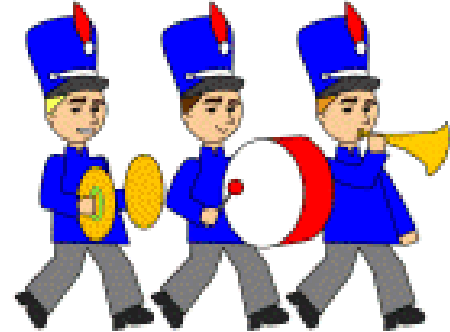
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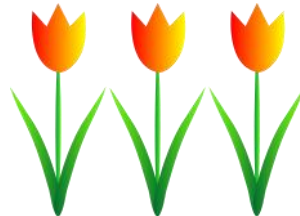
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Memorial Day Word Search

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AMERICA
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PARADE
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SOLDIER
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**Memorial
Day**
Never Forget
Ever Honor

Mess cleanin'
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omework helpin'
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May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Food Pantry 5:00 pm Baby Closet 5:30 pm Carnival 7:00 pm Choir	2 1:00 - 3:00 pm Baby Closet	3	4 1:00 pm Worship Team
5 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	6 9:00 am Baby Closet	7 5:30 pm Ladies Night Out @ Wheel Barrel 5:30 pm Men's Night Out @ Wheel Barrel 6:00 pm Men's Chorus	8 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Food Pantry 7:00 pm Choir	9 1:00 - 3:00 pm Baby Closet 6:00 pm CPR Class	10	11 1:00 pm Worship Team
12 Mother's Day 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	13 9:00 am Baby Closet	14 6:00 pm Council Members Mtg 6:00 pm Men's Chorus	15 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Food Pantry 7:00 pm Choir	16 1:00 - 3:00 pm Baby Closet	17	18 TPS 501 Graduation 1:00 pm Weddding
19 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Honoring Graduates 2:00 pm Mission Mtg	20 9:00 am Baby Closet	21 5:30 pm Christian Ed Mtg 6:00 pm Men's Chorus	22 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Food Pantry No Choir	23 1:00 - 3:00 pm Baby Closet	24 5:00 pm Pizza and movie "The Prince of Egypt"	25 1:00 pm Worship Team
26 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	27 Memorial Day CLOSED 9:00 am Baby Closet 6:00 pm DAR	28 6:00 pm Outreach Mtg 6:00 pm Men's Chorus	29 10:30 am Bible Study No Food Pantry No Choir	30 1:00 - 3:00 pm Baby Closet 6:00 pm Ward Meade NIA	31 4:00 pm Youth Camping Adventure	

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