

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 July. 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 July:

♦ Remington, Ingrid	Baptism	July 07, 1957	62 Yrs
♦ Johnson, Roger	Baptism	July 29, 1962	57 Yrs
♦ Lawrence, Diane	Baptism	July 29, 1962	57 Yrs
♦ May, Steve	Baptism	July 29, 1962	57 Yrs
♦ Zimmerman, Milford	Baptism	July 29, 1962	57 Yrs
♦ Manley, Nadine	Letter	July 10, 1963	56 Yrs
♦ Walker, Cole	Letter	July 10, 1963	56 Yrs
♦ Spiker, Mary	Letter	July 11, 1974	45 Yrs
♦ Ward, Roger	Letter	July 11, 1974	45 Yrs
♦ Merrifield, Bill	Letter	July 10, 1985	34 Yrs
♦ Merrifield, Marie	Letter	July 10, 1985	34 Yrs
♦ Lindberg, Nancy	Letter	July 31, 1988	31 Yrs
♦ Allison, Kathryn	Experience	July 14, 1991	28 Yrs
♦ Poe, Christopher	Baptism	July 25, 1993	26 Yrs
♦ Cope, Kim	Letter	July 17, 1994	25 Yrs
♦ Cope, Larry	Letter	July 17, 1994	25 Yrs
♦ Fellis, Laura	Letter	July 17, 1994	25 Yrs
♦ Feltis, Harold	Letter	July 17, 1994	25 Yrs
♦ Feltis, Judith	Letter	July 17, 1994	25 Yrs

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

**MISSION TRIP TO COSTA RICA** - Pastor will be leading the ABCCR 4TEN Youth Mission Trip to Camp Ochomogo, Costa Rica, starting Saturday, July 6 through Monday, July 15. Jessamine will be traveling with him. He will be leading Bible studies for young adults and preaching in local churches. Please call the Church Office for all pastoral needs: (785) 233-4241.

## **WORSHIP WITH US!**

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

- ♦ **July 07 - General Time**  
The Rev. Dr. Cheryl Henson  
2 Kings 5:1-14;  
Psalm 30  
Galatians 6:1-16  
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
- ♦ **July 14 - General Time**  
The Rev. Dr. Cheryl Henson  
Amos 7:7-17;  
Psalm 82  
Colossians 1:1-14  
Luke 10:25-37
- ♦ **July 21 - General Time**  
Vacation Bible School Sunday  
Amos 8:1-12;  
Psalm 52  
Colossians 1:15-28  
Luke 10:38-42
- ♦ **July 28 - General Time**  
Quarterly Business Meeting  
Hosea 1:2-10  
Psalm 85  
Colossians 2:6-19  
Luke 11:1-13

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**9:00 AM**

**WORSHIP**  
**10:30 AM**

## OUR CHURCH FINANCES

The income for May was almost the exact same as for April. We received \$15,624 and to date our total receipts are \$126,640 or 47.29% of our budget for the year. Our expenses for May totaled \$23,358 and to date totals \$133,703 or 51.76% of our budget. Our net income for the year is \$-11,982 compared to \$-671.60 at the end of last month. This includes the \$20,000 transferred from our investments earlier this year.

Our checking account at the end of May was \$4,578.07. This includes \$3,131.14 in the Youth Fund and \$1,759.50 in the Major Building Repairs gifts. Thanks to all of you who are supporting either or both of these funds – Youth and Building Repairs.

It's time for us to have our annual review with our investors at Wells Fargo. I will be asking Jim Lagerberg to join me in a meeting with Chris McGee sometime over the next month and will let you know if we decide to make any changes to the account.

Last month I mentioned that with the few dollars we have left in the 2008 Capital Campaign account, it is time that we begin a new major gift campaign. With our aging building and long range needs, I asked the council to begin the process of creating a new campaign. At the June 11<sup>th</sup> council meeting, it was approved that I begin asking members to serve on a capital campaign committee which will work to identify the long range needs for our church. If you're interested, please talk with me. I hope you'll consider serving on such a committee.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

~ Nancy Lindberg, Treasurer



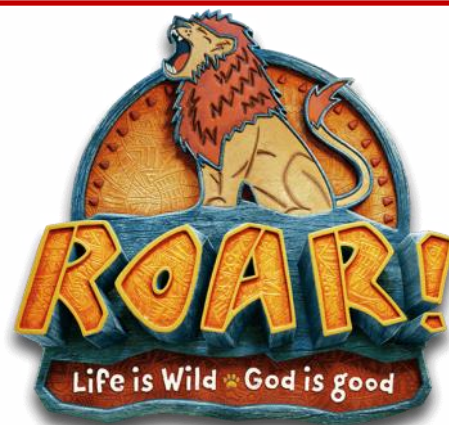
## NEWS FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**Summer Sunday School Cinema** has been a great time of fellowship, viewing of popular films and thoughtful discussions. If you have not participated yet, please join us any Sunday morning @ 9:00 a.m. The second film chosen for Summer Sunday School Cinema is "Paddington 2". The planned viewing dates are June 30, July 7, and July 14. It's a delightful story for children and adults. In one of the songs, the characters sing..."Life would be easier, time would be breezier, if you loved your neighbor." This film is humorous and touching, with a heartfelt message of being kind. Thanks to all who have shared delicious breakfast treats.

The C.E. Committee is inviting all **WWW Teachers/Workers** to a planning meeting on July 30 @ 6:30 p.m. in Holmer Hall. Please come to discuss ideas for Opening Night and any changes or improvements you'd like to see for the fall semester. Curriculum will be distributed.

We have many great volunteers at **Wonderful West Side Wednesdays**, but can always use more help. We have lots of jobs to fill, such as helping in classrooms or helping in the kitchen with prep, serving or clean-up; helping with van transportation (need people to drive or ride along); or subbing for teachers, when they have to miss...there are lots of jobs. We would love to welcome you to our team that faithfully provides this important outreach to our community. We meet on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:00, supper included.

Alice Payne, C.E. Coordinator

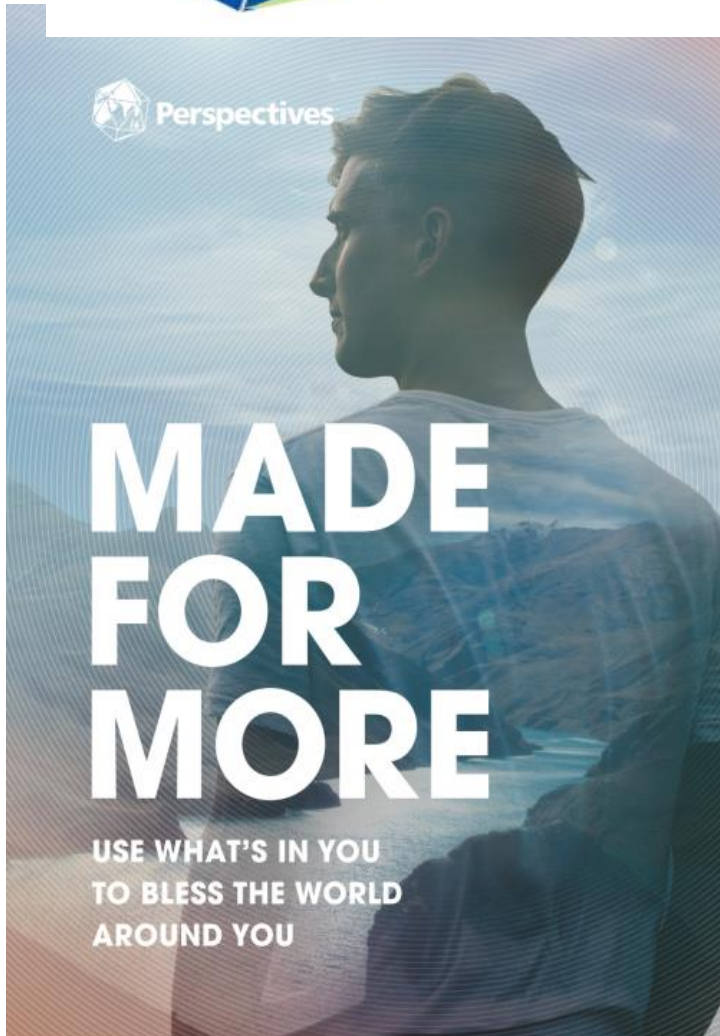


**VBS** - Come roar with us at VBS where kids will learn that God is good all the time. Join our African safari as we experience Wild Bible adventures, experiment in Imagination Station, learn about how God loves others in KidVid Cinema and practice what we've learned in Stampede Sports. Registration is available for children who have completed kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Join us from July 15-19, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Breakfast and lunch will be served. If you would like to help, please contact Rexanne Greuter or Colleen Smith. We look forward to seeing you at our safari celebration.

**There are limited spots available so register today!**



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**SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR MEADOWS**

**ELEMENTARY** – Help purchase school supplies for elementary students at our neighborhood school: Meadows Elementary. Please bring the following purchased items to the church **before Wed., August 7:**

- 1 - Backpack (new, no wheels)
- 3 - Plain folder with inside pockets (any color)
- 2 - Spiral notebook, wide-rule, 70
- 2 - Composition book
- 2 - Crayons, 24 count box
- 1 - Colored markers, 10 count
- 2 - Pencils, #2, 12 count packages
- 1 - Colored pencils, 12 count package
- 2 - Highlighter, yellow
- 2 - Eraser, big pink



- 1 - Pencil box, plastic
- 1 - Headphones (no earbuds)
- 6 - Glue stick, jumbo, no gel
- 1 - Elmer's glue, 4 oz bottle
- 1 - Scissors, blunt or sharp

Cash donations are also welcomed.  
Mark donation: "school supplies."  
Place your donations in the Church Office or Mission Box in the sanctuary.

**BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR** - Midtown Community Services will distribute school supplies and used clothing on **Friday, August 9** for the first sixty students registered at Meadows Elementary school. Watch for more information. See Ivan for details.



# One Great Hour OF SHARING

## MISSIONS - ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

*Thank you for giving generously to the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Offering! We have received \$1,985.00 toward our goal of \$1,500.00.* The OGHS offering is our American Baptist denomination's response to worldwide disaster relief and development. One Great Hour of Sharing in cooperation with other denominations, is a channel for national and international aid in times of crisis. West Side Baptist Church receives the OGHS Offering in June and throughout the year when there is a disaster. Give generously - and sacrificially - to help flooding in the Midwest and disaster relief around the world.

Don Johnson, Coordinator of Mission

**QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING** - The next meeting of the Congregation is set for **Sunday, July 28 at 12:00 PM.** See Pat Carpenter, Moderator, for agenda items.

QUARTERLY  
Business  
Meeting

**FOOD PANTRY - NO Fruit & Vegetable Food Pantry** on Wednesdays during the month of July, 2019. The Church will be CLOSED on Wednesday afternoons. **The Free Fruit & Vegetable Food Pantry will open on Wednesday, August 7 from 3:30 to 5:30 pm.** Call the Church Office at (785) 233-4241 for more information.

**May 2019 Report:** 922 individuals (468 adults, 362 children, plus 92 senior citizens) in 259 families were able to receive for free 5,199 pounds of bread, fruit, milk, vegetables, and other items from the Fruit & Vegetable Food Pantry on Wednesday nights at West Side Baptist Church, 1008 SW. 4th St., Topeka. Y-T-D totals: 4,039 individuals (1,968 adults; 1,602 children plus 438 senior citizens) in 1,124



families have received 23,114 lbs of free food in 2019. \*All food is available at no costs. Equal Opportunity. Contact the Church Office with concerns or questions: (785) 233-4241.

~ Dr. Ivan Greuter, Program Coordinator.



**BIBLE STUDY** - Come Wednesday mornings at 10:30 to Holmer Hall (first floor parlor) for an ecumenical Bible study lead by Pastor Ivan. He will start the Old Testament the **BOOK OF JUDGES** on Wed., July 24. The Bible study is taught one book at a time via *Lectio Continuum* (the early church pattern of reading an entire book or

entire books of the Bible and expounding passages of Scripture in an ongoing way). No exams or quizzes, but you can ask questions! No prior knowledge of the Bible needed to join this ecumenical group. All translations of the Bible are welcome.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL** — The Outreach & Evangelism Committee has planned an Ice Cream Social for **Wednesday, July 17 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

See Jack Janway for details.



**MONTHLY MEETINGS** - Join one or more of these committee meetings:

- ♦ **Church Council** - Tues., July 9 @ 6 pm (HH)
- ♦ **Outreach & Evangelism** - Tues., July 23 @ 6 PM (HH)
- ♦ **Christian Education** - Tues., July 30 @ 5:30 PM (HH)

**YOUTH EVENT** - The Middle and High School Students (grades 6-12th) will be enjoying an afternoon of **free swimming at Shawnee County North pool on Friday, July 19 from 1:00-4:00 pm.** See Pastor Ivan for details or to sign-up. Bring a modest swim suit and money for the concession stand. We will leave the church at one o'clock. We will return to the church around 4:15 pm. See Ivan.



Please look over the Christmas in July flyer and see how you can help. Doorstep continues to be successful helping people in need because of our member congregations who are working together to provide for their neighbors in need. If everyone pitches in just a little, big things will happen!

## DOORSTEP'S CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Each year we adopt 250 households for Christmas. There will be 750+ individuals in these households and we need your help in providing gifts & necessities.

Below are specific items we need this Christmas.

### Health Kit Items

Towels (new) bath & hand, and washcloths,  
Combs, Bar Soap,  
Deodorant,  
Toothpaste/brushes,  
Shampoo, Razors

### CHRISTMAS IN JULY

### Household Gifts

Quilts, Blankets &  
Sheet Sets  
(Full, Queen & King)  
Dish Sets, Toasters,  
Hand Mixers, Crockpots,  
Silverware,  
Glass/Cup Sets,  
Pots & Pans,  
Coffee Makers, Etc.

### Toys

Games - All Ages  
Baby Dolls, Balls -  
Football, Soccer,  
Basketball  
Teen Girls Gifts -  
Make Up & Nail Kits  
Back Packs  
Color & Reading Books  
School Supplies  
Toys for Ages 2-12

### Adult Gifts

Flashlights, Tool Sets,  
Small Radios, Watches,  
Aftershave, Playing Cards.  
Perfume, Body Wash & Lotion Sets,  
Jewelry, Etc.

Please Bring Items To Worship or Doorstep In July For Families Who Will Be Adopted This Christmas.

**DID YOU KNOW?** July was originally Quintilis, the fifth month of the year in the Roman calendar and consisted of 31 days. It was changed around 45 BC when January became the first month of the year. Its name was changed during the Julian calendar reform in 45 BC to honor Julius Caesar.

In modern times, July also has 31 days. It is the warmest month of the year in the Northern Hemisphere and coldest month in the Southern Hemisphere.

The month of July starts on the same day of the week as April during [common years](#) and as January during [leap years](#). July does not end on the same day of the week as any month in a common year but ends on the same day of the week as January in a leap year.



7th Jay & Marty Stevenson  
27th Clarence & Alice Payne




2nd Don Morris  
2nd Theresa Milton  
6th Jan Mansfield  
8th Doug Mauck  
13th Molly Morris  
15th Virginia Mansfield  
15th Ken Paslay  
15th Nancy Lindberg  
20th June Cunningham  
29th Sage Poe  
30th Sonia Roling  
30th Dick May Jr.  
31st Fran Seymour Hunter

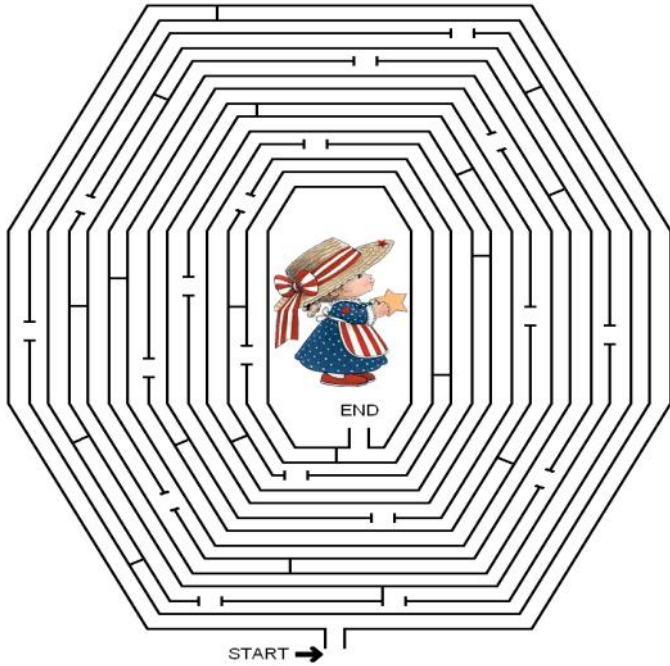
Ed Perkins has moved to his own place:  
1405 SW Harrison  
Topeka, KS 66612-1692  
785-338-1797

*Tuesday, July 2*  
*5:30 pm Ladies Night Out @ HHB Barbecue*  
*@ 906 S. Kansas*

*Tuesday, July 2*  
*5:30 pm Men's Night Out @ HHB Barbecue*  
*@ 906 S. Kansas*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 9 am Baby Closet	<b>2</b> 5:30 pm Ladies Night Out @ HHB Barbecue 5:30 pm Men's Night Out @ HHB Barbecue 6 pm Men's Chorus	<b>3</b> No Bible Study No Harvester's 5 pm Baby Closet No Choir	<b>4</b> Closed No Baby Closet 	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 1 pm Worship Team Practice  <b>Pastor Gone</b>
<b>7</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship  <b>Pastor Gone</b>	<b>8</b> 9 am Baby Closet  <b>Pastor Gone</b>	<b>9</b> 6 pm Council Meeting  6 pm Men's Chorus  <b>Pastor Gone</b>	<b>10</b> No Bible Study No Harvester's 5 pm Baby Closet No Choir  <b>Pastor Gone</b>	<b>11</b> 1 pm Baby Closet  <b>Pastor Gone</b>	<b>12</b>  <b>Pastor Gone</b>	<b>13</b> 1 pm Worship Team Practice  <b>Pastor Gone</b>
<b>14</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship  <b>Pastor Gone</b>	<b>15</b> 9 am Baby Closet  <b>Pastor Gone</b> <b>Vacation Bible School</b>	<b>16</b> 6 pm Men's Chorus  <b>Vacation Bible School</b>	<b>17</b> No Bible Study No Harvester's 5 pm Baby Closet No Choir 6 pm Ice Cream Social <b>Vacation Bible School</b>	<b>18</b> 1 pm Baby Closet  <b>Vacation Bible School</b>	<b>19</b>  <b>Vacation Bible School</b>	<b>20</b> 1 pm Worship Team Practice
<b>21</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 2:30 pm Mission Mtg	<b>22</b> 9 am Baby Closet  6 pm DAR	<b>23</b> 6 pm Outreach Mtg  6 pm Men's Chorus	<b>24</b> 10:30 am Bible Study No Harvester's 5 pm Baby Closet No Choir	<b>25</b> 1 pm Baby Closet  6 pm NIA	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 1 pm Worship Team Practice
<b>28</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 12:00 pm Quarterly Business Meeting	<b>29</b> 9 am Baby Closet	<b>30</b> 5:30 pm Christian Ed 6:30 pm WWW teachers 6 pm Men's Chorus	<b>31</b> 10:30 am Bible Study No Harvester's 5 pm Baby Closet No Choir			



## July 4th word search

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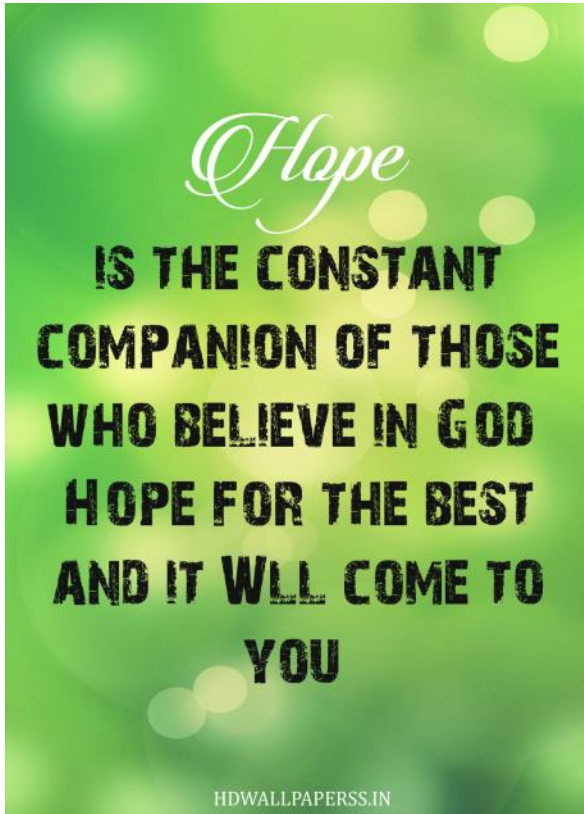
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**RIDE TO CHURCH** - If you or your children would like a ride to/from a worship **call Harry Carpenter, Bus Driver at (785) 608-3937 [no text messages] on Saturday.** The van leaves at 8:15 AM on Sunday mornings for Sunday School. Volunteers are needed 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 (July)** – Becky Poe and Nathan Poe

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

**Communion Servers (July)** – Marinane Spano, Dave Martin, John Swain, Fran Seymour-Hunter

**Communion Homebound Ministers** - Jack Janway and Don Johnson

**Ushers (July)** – John Swain (Head Usher), Ernie Longstaff, Jack Janway, Doug Mauck, Steve May, and Ernie Reed