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"REMEMBER RENEWAL"

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

♦ Johnson, Douglas	Baptism	August 14, 1949	70 Yrs
♦ Read, Cindy	Experience	August 22, 1954	65 Yrs
♦ Guthrie, Helena	Baptism	August 07, 1957	62 Yrs
♦ Rowand, Edith	Letter	August 27, 1967	52 Yrs
♦ Perine, Stan	Baptism	August 01, 1976	43 Yrs
♦ Hill, Kathleen	Baptism	August 20, 1978	41 Yrs
♦ Garza, Debbie	Baptism	August 20, 1980	39 Yrs
♦ LeMastres, Christi	Baptism	August 21, 1980	39 Yrs
♦ Roudybush, David	Baptism	August 22, 1982	37 Yrs
♦ Blair, Jennifer	Letter	August 12, 1987	32 Yrs
♦ Nickoley, Tisa	Baptism	August 29, 2000	19 Yrs
♦ Penny, Theo	Letter	August 01, 2001	18 Yrs
♦ Wolgast, Krista	Baptism	August 05, 2001	18 Yrs
♦ Chambers, Becky	Letter	August 24, 2003	16 Yrs
♦ Chambers, Joseph	Letter	August 24, 2003	16 Yrs
♦ Schmitt, Cassidy	Letter	August 24, 2003	16 Yrs
♦ McCall, Tamara	Baptism	August 15, 2010	09 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

LABOR OF LOVE YOUTH WEEKEND - Labor of Love is a weekend long event (Labor Day Weekend) that is hosted by the TAU Institute at Ottawa University, Kansas. This will be the 3rd annual Labor of Love conference! This fun-packed weekend is full of Bible practice, hands-on learning, and outdoor activities. Thanks to our Lilly Endowment grant, this event is 100% FREE,

WORSHIP WITH US!

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

- ♦ **August 4**
Hosea 11:1-11
Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21
- ♦ **August 11**
Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40
- ♦ **August 18**
Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56
- ♦ **August 25**
Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-179

SUNDAY WORSHIP
10:30 AM



but is limited to only high school aged students. Students will be asked to complete a variety of events to earn advocational credit that they can use for future employment, resumes, and even college applications. We will provide meals, housing, and staff; all the kids need is a ride to Camp Chippewa. Spots are limited, so register today to reserve your place!

The TAU Institute is part of Ottawa University in Ottawa, Kansas. If you have any questions about the event, please email our Midwest program coordinators Ryland Miller and Sydney Meyer.

Contact Information:

Ryland Miller @ ryland.miller@ottawa.edu

Sydney Meyer @ sydney@winterc4rj.org

Register: <https://www.facebook.com/T.A.U.Institute/>
www.theologyactionandunderstanding.com



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** to the first sixty students registered at Meadows Elementary school. Watch for more information. See Ivan for details.



MADE FOR MORE

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TO BLESS THE WORLD
AROUND YOU

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perspectivesks@gmail.com
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OUR CHURCH FINANCES – May 2019 Report

We are half-way (50%) through the year and are managing our budget pretty well. The income for June was \$22,414.76 and to date totals \$149,059.43 or 55.66% of the year. We have transferred \$20,000 from investments this year which is included in this total.

Our expenses for June totaled \$19,169.98 and to date totals \$152,758.12 or 57.04%.

Our net income for the year is \$-3,698.69 compared to \$-11,982 last month. Our checking account at the end of June was \$8,308.98. This includes \$3,382.61 in the Youth Fund and \$2,119.50 in the Major Building Repairs gifts.

Jim Lagerberg and I met with Chris McGee of Wells Fargo on Friday, July 19th. We discussed the church's investment and decided not to make any changes. Our \$208,783 investment has grown by 15.0% to date this year.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

~ Nancy Lindberg, Treasurer

NEWS FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ROAR!

That was the theme for our very fun and successful VBS this year. We had a wonderful crew of volunteers working on the "front line" and "behind the scenes"! Thanks to all the leaders, helpers, cooks, clean-up, dramatists, scenery/prop builders...it takes a village! We also want to thank First Baptist Church of Manhattan for sharing with us many posters and items to use. We hosted 18 children for the week and were able to feed both breakfast and lunch to them and our crew. Everyone commented on what a wonderful, smooth week we had. The lesson theme was "God is Good". We agree...He is good and we were richly blessed.

Summer Sunday School Cinema has also been a great time of fellowship, entertainment, and study. We have watched "The Greatest Showman" and "Paddington 2". We are now sharing the new movie, "Breakthrough", based on a true story of love, hope, and miracles. We plan to watch "Pete's Dragon" beginning Aug 18. Reviewing "Pete's Dragon" Movie guide says, "The movie's point is to open your eyes to faith. It is a very satisfying, enjoyable, lovable fantasy." We hope you'll join us 8/18, 8/25, and 9/1. Regular Sunday School will begin on Sept 8 @ 9:15.

WWW will kick-off with a fun Safari-themed night on August 28. It's for all ages from Kdg-adult. Supper is served at 5:30 with age-appropriate Bible Study from 6:00 -7:00. Come join us for our Wednesday evening programming during this new school year. God has blessed us with the individuals and families we are able to serve through Harvester's food give-away, Baby Closet, Supper and Bible study classes. West Side Baptist is the place to be on Wednesday evenings! Hope to see you there!

Alice Payne, C.E. Coordinator



2nd Dick Jr, & Nancy May
14th Larry & Shirley Dell
24th Ivan & Rexanne Greuter
28th Harry & Pat Carpenter



6th Dan Decker
13th Mark Arnold
15th Randall Carrier
16th Jim Goodnow
17th Wayne Cottril
19th Nelda Janway
19th Hazel Tindall - Smith
22nd Kim Maggard
24th Jay Stevenson
28th Betty Arnold

Tuesday,
5:30 pm Ladies Night Out @ HHB
906 S. Kansas Ave

Tuesday,
5:30 pm Men's Night Out @ HHB
906 S. Kansas Ave

Jesus

August 2019

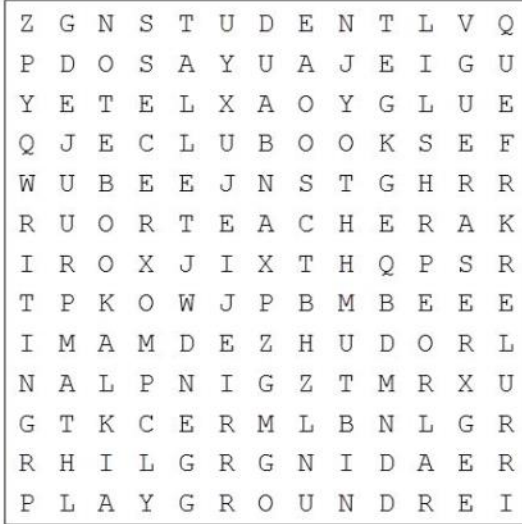


Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1 1 pm Baby Closet	2	3 1 pm Worship Team Practice
4 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 2 pm Youth Scavenger Hunt @ The Mall	5 9 am Baby Closet	6 5:30 pm Ladies Night Out @ HHB 5:30 pm Men's Night Out @ HHB 6 pm Men's Chorus	7 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Harvester's 5 pm Baby Closet 7 pm Choir	8 1 pm Baby Closet 3 pm Back to School Bash	9	10 1 pm Worship Team Practice
11 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	12 9 am Baby Closet	13 6 pm Council Meeting 6 pm Men's Chorus	14 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Harvester's 5 pm Baby Closet 7 pm Choir	15 1 pm Baby Closet	16	17 1 pm Worship Team Practice
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25 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	26 9 am Baby Closet 6 pm DAR	27 6 pm Outreach Mtg 6 pm Men's Chorus	28 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Harvester's 5 pm Baby Closet 7 pm Choir	29 1 pm Baby Closet 6 pm NIA	30	31 1 pm Worship Team Practice



Back to School



BOOKS
DESK
ERASER
GLUE
LUNCHBOX
MATH

NOTEBOOK
PAPER
PENCIL
PLAYGROUND
READING
RECESS

RULER
STUDENT
TEACHER
WRITING



Back to School



Saw My Teacher on a Saturday



Saw my teacher on a Saturday!
I can't believe it's true!
I saw her buying groceries,
like normal people do!

She reached for bread and turned around,
and then she caught my eye.
She gave a smile and said, "Hello."
I thought that I would die!

"Oh, hi . . . hello, Miss Appleton,"
I mumbled like a fool.
I guess I thought that teacher types
spend all their time at school.

To make the situation worse,
my mom was at my side.
So many rows of jars and cans.
So little room to hide.

Oh, please, I thought, don't tell my mom
what I did yesterday!
I closed my eyes and held my breath
and hoped she'd go away.

Some people think it's fine to let
our teachers walk about.
But when it comes to Saturdays,
they shouldn't let them out!



GOD MADE TEACHERS ...

God understood our thirst for knowledge, and our need to be led by someone wiser; He needed a heart of compassion, of encouragement, and patience; Someone who would accept the challenge regardless of the opposition; Someone who could see potential and believe in the best in others ... So He made Teachers

— Author Unknown

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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: AUGUST

Acolytes – Jessamine Greuter and Aaron Poe

Communion Servers in Service – Pat Carreno, Steve May, Jan Mansfield, and Don Johnson

Communion Homebound Ministers - Pastor Ivan

Scripture Readers – Jan Mauck

Technology Team – Harry Carpenter, Tom Mansfield, Brice Smith, and Bruno Sprengs

Ushers – Mark Arnold, Don Johnson, Steve May, Clarence Payne, and John Swain