

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 September. 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 September:

♦ John Summers	Baptism	September 12, 1954	65 Yrs
♦ Betty Hoy	Baptism	September 22, 1963	56 Yrs
♦ Neil Johnson	Letter	September 30, 1966	53 Yrs
♦ Dawn Cook	Letter	September 27, 1970	49 Yrs
♦ Joye Kratochvil	Letter	September 06, 1970	49 Yrs
♦ Connie Ellis	Letter	September 15, 1971	48 Yrs
♦ Steve Varney	Letter	September 19, 1971	48 Yrs
♦ William Varney	Letter	September 19, 1971	48 Yrs
♦ Linda Manley	Baptism	September 12, 1972	47 Yrs
♦ Greg Pukach V.,	Baptism	September 13, 1981	39 Yrs
♦ George Wheeler	Letter	September 14, 1980	39 Yrs
♦ Eric Rosa	Baptism	September 18, 1983	36 Yrs
♦ Michelle Varney	Baptism	September 09, 1984	35 Yrs
♦ Timothy Pasley	Letter	September 14, 1988	31 Yrs
♦ Shirley Green	Letter	September 14, 1994	25 Yrs
♦ Penny Monthey	Letter	September 14, 1994	25 Yrs
♦ Allison Kimble	Baptism	September 27, 1998	21 Yrs
♦ Conrad Metcalfe	Baptism	September 27, 1998	21 Yrs
♦ Zachary Smith	Baptism	September 27, 1998	21 Yrs
♦ Kevin Young	Baptism	September 27, 1998	21 Yrs
♦ Matthew Smith	Baptism	September 24, 2006	13 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

## **WORSHIP WITH US!**

Worship God with us on the  
Christian Sabbath: Sunday!

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

- ♦ **September 1**  
Jeremiah 2:4-13  
Psalm 81:1, 10-16  
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16  
Luke 14:1, 7-14
- ♦ **September 8**  
**Grandparents Day**  
Jeremiah 18:1-11  
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
Philemon 1:1-21  
Luke 14:25-33
- ♦ **September 15**  
Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28  
Psalm 14  
1 Timothy 1:12-17 •  
Luke 15:1-10
- ♦ **September 22**  
**Am. Baptist Women's**  
**Ministry Sunday**  
Luke 16:1-13
- ♦ **September 29**  
Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15  
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 •  
1 Timothy 6:6-19 •  
Luke 16:19-31

Get Ready for Worship by  
reading these texts



**CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPT. 2**  
**IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY.**



## NORTHEAST AREA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

**MEETING** - I want to cordially invite you, your congregation,

and friends to the Annual Meeting of all the Northeast Area American Baptist Churches. This year our annual meeting will be **September 8, 2019 from 5 to 7 pm, at the First Baptist Church, 2121 Blue Hills Road, Manhattan, Kansas.** A free will donation for dinner will be accepted and an offering received as indicated on the flyer. Dinner will be served at 5:00 pm, followed by a very short business meeting, and then praise music and presentations by Amber Wilhelm (a literal miracle), Roger and Jody Will (missionaries in training), and Gregg Hemmen, ABCCR Executive Minister, .You do not need to make a reservation. However, if you can estimate the number from your church who plan to attend, would you please email that number to Pastor John Parsley, [fbcpastorjcp@gmail.com](mailto:fbcpastorjcp@gmail.com). Thank you so much and I hope to see you all there.

~ Theola Carter, Northeast Area Moderator

## OUR CHURCH FINANCES – July 2019 Report

July's income was \$18,275 with income for 2019 totaling \$167,334.43. This is 62.48% of our annual budget. July's expenses were \$22,992.96 with expenses for 2019 totaling \$175,739.24 or 65.62% of our budget. Our checking account at the end of July was \$3,365.32.

Many of you are choosing to contribute to building repairs. Thank you! The checking account has \$2,594.50 that was given earmarked for Major Building Repairs. Because the air conditioner in Holmer Hall had to be repaired, in August we are using this money to help pay the \$8,500 cost for that repair. Any additional gifts earmarked for building repairs over the next few weeks will also be used to pay for the air conditioner repair.

We transferred \$20,000 in March from our investments to the checking account for cash flow. It won't be long before I will need to transfer another \$10,000 to help pay expenses. We built our 2019 budget with the plans to use \$30,725 from our investments. At the end of July we had \$206,198.01 in our Wells Fargo investment account.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

~ Nancy Lindberg, Treasurer



Rogene's family is having a 90th birthday celebration for Mom and wanted to extend the invitation to her Westside family Invitation:



**CELEBRATING A 90 YEAR BLESSING:**

**Rogene Moody's Birthday**

**When: Saturday, September 7th, 2:00-4:00pm**

**Where: Homestead of Topeka  
5820 SW Drury Ln  
Topeka, KS 66604**

Who: Anyone who loves Mrs. Moody, Rogene, Mom, RoRo.

If you are unable to attend, we invite you to send a card to her at the above address. She loves getting cards.

We also invite you to share this invitation.

Correspondence systems have changed so much and we want to be sure those who love her know about this.

Love,

Janine, Chris, and Erin

**BABY CLOSET** - On July 25, 2019 the Baby Closet welcomed Jan Shirey, Sheryl Stemmors, Delores Dohrn and Diane Moore from the First Baptist Church of McLouth. They came to volunteer in the Baby Closet. They brought donations of diapers, wipes, clothing and miscellaneous items to be used in the Baby Closet. They helped put items away, and counted diapers and wipes. We enjoyed their help, and their generous donations. It was a pleasant afternoon.

Pat Carreno

Baby Closet





## NEWS FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION...

We have had a great summer of fellowship while viewing and discussing 4 different movies during Sunday School. We want to thank everyone who participated. A special thanks to all who brought treats to share and to Ernie for setting up chairs and tables and making coffee early every Sunday.

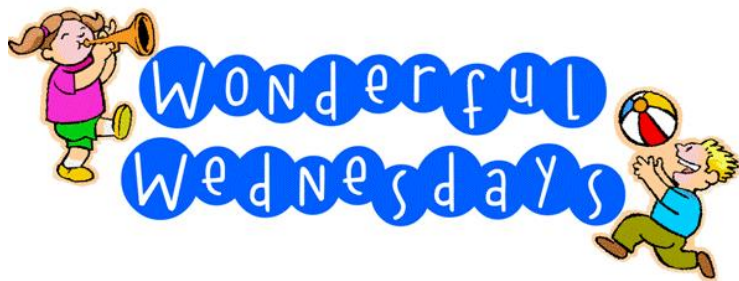
**Regular Sunday School begins again on Sept 8 @ 9:15 am.**

- K-3, taught by Colleen Smith meets downstairs by the Nursery.
- Grades 4-8 taught by Fran Seymour-Hunter and Pat Carpenter meet upstairs in the NW corner classroom.
- Grades 9 -12 taught by Pastor Ivan meets downstairs in the Youth Room.

### For Adults there are three choices:

- "Reading the Bible as Literature" (a video series) taught by Doug Mauck in Holmer Hall;
- "The Explicit Gospel" (video) taught by Jack Janway upstairs in the NE classroom;
- Max Lucado's Outlive Your Life taught by Rexanne Greuter (for women) upstairs in the SE classroom.

We hope you will choose to join us for Sunday School this fall.



Everyone is also invited to join us for Wonderful West Side Wednesdays. Supper is served @ 5:30 pm and Bible Study is from 6:00-7:00 pm. There are Bible classes for children and youth, Grades K-12, including games and music times. There is also a class for Adults taught by Jim Goodnow. This fall our curriculum covers Samuel and King Saul; Great King David; and Wise King Solomon. We would love for you to come and join us for supper and see what an exciting time Wednesdays are at West Side. If unable to attend, please join us in prayer, that God will continue to bless our programming in this community and give us the strength and resources we need, so that we may glorify Him.  
Alice Payne, C.E. Coordinator



9th Ivan Greuter  
11th Tom Mansfield  
11th Rogen Moody  
14th Alice Kieffer  
15th James Carrier  
16th Marty Stevenson  
19th Helen Farrar  
25th Gerald Haney  
26th Clarence Payne  
30th Selena Jaimez  
30th Lonna Hersh



**Tuesday, September 3  
5:30 pm Ladies Night Out @  
El Torito's  
3000 NW Topeka Blvd**

**Tuesday, September 3  
5:30 pm Men's Night Out @  
El Torito's  
3000 NW Topeka, Blvd**

**Growing  
Together  
in Faith**

# 2019 4TEN Mission Trip to Costa Rica

## REPORT TO THE ABC of the CENTRAL REGION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The sky was dark, and there was little traffic on the roads when we landed after midnight at the San Jose airport in Costa Rica. Peter McCurdy, global servant for International Ministries, greeted our mission team on Sat., July 6, after we cleared Immigration/ Border Control and Customs. Eight youth from the 2018-2019 ABCCR 4TEN Youth program, two young adults, the



Special Assistant to Short Term Missions with International Ministries (Dr. Cindy Falk), and I, headed to our bus for the ninety-minute drive to the *Campamento Bautista en Ochomogo* (Baptist Camp). After a very short night, we had our first breakfast (thankfully, not beans and rice) before we arrived for worship with our Tico hosts (Costa Ricans call themselves, “Ticos”) in Cartago. The youth at the *Primera Iglesia Bautista* (First Baptist Church) had prepared a bilingual Sunday school class with worship in Spanish. The rest of the afternoon was spent at the Rosti Pollo restaurant, watching the new Spiderman movie at the mall (in English with Spanish subtitles), and resting at the camp.

The goal of the mission trip was to travel as God’s guests to a cross-cultural setting in hopes of building long-lasting friendships between youth from the United States and Costa Rica. The *Federacion de Asociaciones Bautistas en Costa Rica* (FABCR) hosted our group at their mountainside camp (5,000 ft. elevation) in Ochomogo. Mr. Roberto Azofeifa, Director of Youth



Programs for FABCR, plus thirty-four Tico youth arrived on Monday morning and stayed thru Friday afternoon. We played team-based games (lots of water sports and soccer), studied in bilingual small groups, ate lots of delicious food (including beans and rice thanks to our camp cooks, Margoth and Laura), and completed work projects during the nine days of service. A few memorable experiences were daily chapel services in English and Spanish (simultaneously), the obstacle course concluding with a mud pit, Lawson celebrating his 17<sup>th</sup> birthday in Tico style, and the USA youth sharing one of their camping customs by teaching the CR youth how to make S’mores. Most of the Ticos had never enjoyed these chocolate delights.





Our mission journey was interspersed with two daytrips: First, to the Irazu Volcano National Park, the abandoned tuberculosis sanatorium, the *Basílica de Nuestra Señora de los Ángeles*, and Pops Ice Cream shop. Many of the Costa Rican adults and students were able to visit these sights for the first time. Second, our USA mission team spent several hours learning about the environment at the Café Cristina organic coffee plantation (fulfilling our educational commitment for IM's generous financial support of the trip) before touring Lake Cachí, the church ruins in Ujarrás, a pedestrian swinging bridge, and the *Iglesia de San Jose* in the Orosi Valley with our IM guides, Sarah and Peter McCurdy and Sue Hegarty. Of course, we also enjoyed a final day of worship at Roberto's church (*Primera Iglesia Bautista*) en Desamparados where I was invited to preach. We enjoyed an afternoon of

shopping at the artisans' market and the San Jose mall before resting at our hotel before our early morning trip back home.

The trip was a success despite a couple sprained ankles, a trip to the doctor, and an emergency visit to a dentist! The students and adults accomplished all the goals of the trip by building long-lasting friendships between students in the USA and Costa Rica. Hopefully, this trip will be the first of many cross-cultural exchanges between the ABCCR and FABCR.

Respectfully,  
Dr. Ivan E.  
Greuter





# September 2019

**Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat**

<b>1</b> Communion 9:00 am Sun. School Cinema 10:30 am Worship	<b>2</b> <b>LABOR DAY</b> <b>CLOSED</b>  No Baby Closet	<b>3</b> 5:30 pm Ladies Night Out @ El Torito's 5:30 pm Men's Night Out @ El Torito's 6 pm Men's Chorus	<b>4</b> 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Harvester's 5 pm Baby Closet 5:30 pm Supper WWW 7 pm Choir Practice	<b>5</b> 1 pm Baby Closet	<b>6</b>  Pastor @ ABCCR Board of Directors Meeting in Hesston	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Grandparents Day 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	<b>9</b> 9 am Baby Closet	<b>10</b> 6 pm Council Members Mtg   6 pm Men's Chorus	<b>11</b> <b>Patriot Day</b> 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Harvester's 5 pm Baby Closet 5:30 pm WWW 7 pm Choir Practice	<b>12</b> 1 pm Baby Closet	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
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<b>22</b> Women's Sunday 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	<b>23</b> Autumn 9 am Baby Closet  6 pm DAR	<b>24</b> 6 pm Outreach Meeting  6 pm Men's Chorus	<b>25</b> 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Harvester's 5 pm Baby Closet 5:30 pm WWW 7 pm Choir Practice	<b>26</b> 1 pm Baby Closet  6 pm Ward Meade NIA	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	<b>30</b> 9 am Baby Closet				<p><i>Give Thanks</i> <b>TO THE Lord for</b> <b>He is Good.</b> His Love Endures <i>Forever. psalm 136:1</i></p>	

# Apple Picking Word Search

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autumn  
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The Lord is true to His  
promises;  
He will hold you up and guard  
you against the evil one.

2 Thessalonians 3:3

# GOD PROVIDES

# Autumn Word Search



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Autumn  
Chill  
Cool  
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Fall  
Gourd  
Harvest  
Hayride  
Leaves  
Maize  
November  
October  
Pumpkin  
Rake  
Scarecrow  
Season  
September  
Squash

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# TEAM UP to CLEAN UP TOPEKA

## WARDE MEADE

We are celebrating the Warde Meade Neighborhood by bringing Team Up to Clean Up to you. You are one of two neighborhoods chosen this year and we are excited to partner with you for full concentration on your neighborhood.

- Brent Trout, City Manager

During the months of September and October City of Topeka staff will be in the neighborhood assessing the needs. Opportunities for residents will include personalized DIY classes from Habitat for Humanity, Resource Guides, Fire alarm installations and much more.

**RESOURCE FAIR | NIA MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 7, 2019 - 6:00PM-8:00PM**  
**WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH (4TH AND FILLMORE)**



Look for us in the neighborhood and come say hi! We are here to help and see what we can do for you in the community.



RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED  
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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: September**

**Acolytes** – Pat Carpenter and Aaron Poe

**Communion Servers in Service** – Pat Carpenter, Amy Cripe, Don Johnson, Jim Lagerberg

**Communion Homebound Ministers** - Jack Janway

**Scripture Readers** – Jan Mauck

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

**Ushers** – Chuck Cozad, Doug Mauck, Dick May, Steve May, Aaron Poe

We will receive the **WORLD MISSION OFFERING (WMO)** during the month of October to *prayerfully and financially* support God's global servants, persons preparing for service, and International Ministries (IM), also known as the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society. IM works cross-culturally to invite people to become disciples of Jesus Christ and to proclaim, through both word and deed, God's reign of justice, peace and abundant life for all creation. Thank you in advance for your generous gifts!

