



The Witness

THE NEWSLETTER OF WEST SIDE
BAPTIST CHURCH OF TOPEKA, KS

SCRIPTURE TEXTS SUNDAYS IN JULY

- ♦ **AUGUST 1 - Pentecost 10
COMMUNION SUNDAY**
2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a
Psalm 51:1-12
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35
- ♦ **AUGUST 8 - Pentecost 11**
2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
Psalm 130
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
John 6:35, 41-51
- ♦ **AUGUST 15 - Pentecost 12**
1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
Psalm 111
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58
- ♦ **AUGUST 22 - Pentecost 13**
1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43
Psalm 84
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69
- ♦ **AUGUST 29 - Pentecost 14**
Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

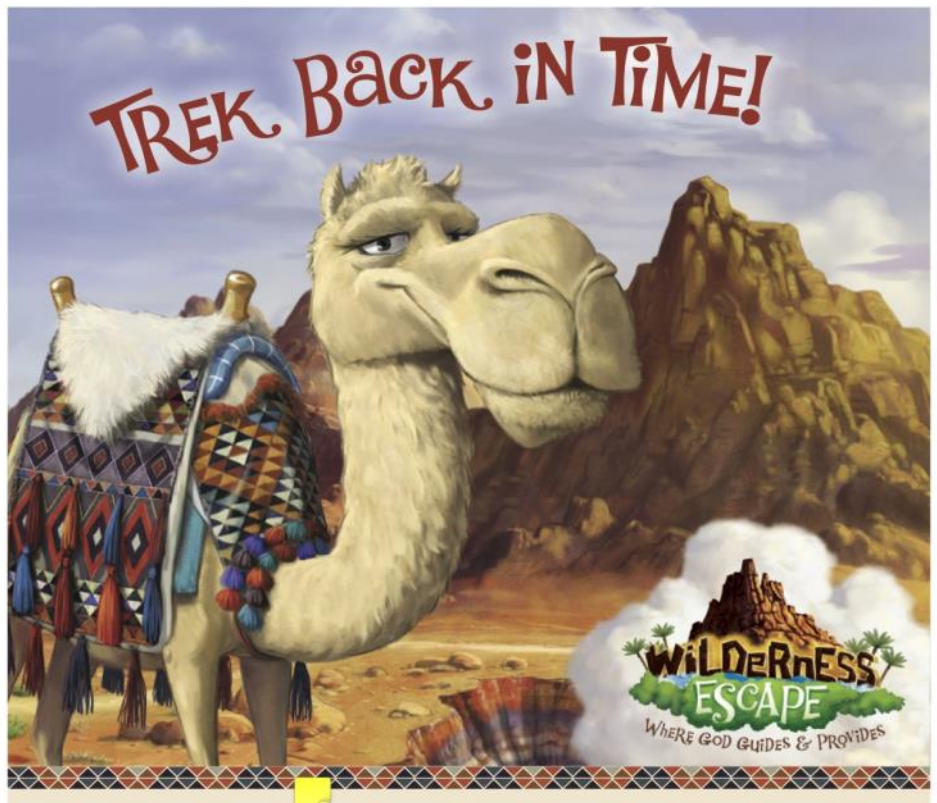
**“How Lovely is Your Dwelling
Place, O Lord of hosts!”
Psalm 84:1**

JOIN US FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

*“The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.” Psalm 145:18*

Pastor's Corner - Do you remember summers when you were younger? Three things didn't change for me: the heat, chores, and boredom. The one adventurous highlight of my summers was Vacation Bible School. Our pastors would tell us: “There is no vacations from God! You can go anywhere - but God is still with you.” Genuine faith and spiritual disciplines remain a part of our daily lives all the time, everywhere. God's doesn't take a vacation...nor should we take one from God.

Christian education leaders and volunteers have spent a lot of time and energy preparing for an awesome week for kids: Monday, July 26 thru Friday, July 30. I hope you will join us for this special event. Supper will be served nightly at 5:00 pm. We want every kid to know and receive Jesus Christ as Lord. **REGISTER for FREE at <https://vbspro.events/p/wsbc2021>.**



OUR CHURCH FINANCES - Last month I reported on the first meeting of the Long Range Planning Committee. This is the committee to address the building and property needs of our church. We had a second meeting on June 26th and decided we would like suggestions/recommendations from the congregation. Therefore, you will be receiving a survey in with your second quarterly giving statement. If you have any suggestions on repairs, replacements or new items for our church building and grounds that you would like considered, we ask you to complete the form and put it in the offering plate or in my mailbox outside of the church office. Once the list is finalized and a cost estimate prepared, we will prioritize and then complete our capital campaign.

Our income for June was \$12,204.05. Our total income for the year to date is \$133,274.32. Our budget percentage of income through June is 62.37%. Our budget year is 50%.

Our expenses for June total \$21,472.97. Our expenses total for the year is \$121,559.07, which is 49.86% of our budget.

The difference of income to expenses for the year is \$11,715.25. This does not include the \$29,487 from our second Payroll Protection Program (PPP). We hope to have the loan forgiveness paperwork completed by the end of the month.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Nancy Lindberg, Treasurer



NEWS FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION...

The last week of July we are hosting **VBS**. I want to extend a big thanks to all the volunteers who are doing so much to make this a success. Our theme is "Wilderness Escape - Where God Guides and Provides." Please be in prayer for the children and adults this week as we spread God's message and love.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CINEMA - We've had another summer of enjoyable movie time in our **Summer Sunday School Cinema**. We will finish watching and discussing "Courageous" on August 1. We will plan on watching one more film this summer. Watch for more details on the next movie in News in the Pews. Check the bulletin board to sign up to help with refreshments. The fun begins each Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.

Alice Payne, C.E. Coordinator

We are planning to restart our **Wonderful West Side Wednesdays**, aka **WWW**, in the fall. This has been such a vital and important program for our neighborhood and church the past several years. Beginning on Wednesday, Sept 1, we will provide supper and a group Bible lesson for children, youth, and adults. Again we will be counting on volunteers to carry out this mission. There are jobs to help with transportation, cooking, serving, clean-up, teaching, playing, singing, and more. You are invited to be a part of WWW. Come join the fun, and invite someone to come along.

CPR Class - On Tuesday, August 17, 2021, there will be a Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Class from 4:30 to 7:00 P.M. This will keep us updated on our certifications for CPR. If you are interested in this training, there is a signup sheet on the bulletin board or contact Pat Carreno at 250-2194.



GLOBAL SERVANT SPOTLIGHT



LAURAN BTHELL -

Since 1986, LAURAN has been passionate about sharing Jesus' hope and healing with victims of human trafficking and prostitution and offering prevention opportunities for those at risk.

She served as the first director of the New Life Center in Chiang Mai, Thailand,

for 14 years before God led her in 2001 to share her

pioneering experiences as a global consultant. Based in Europe for 18 years, Lauran traveled extensively throughout the world to encourage Christians in anti-trafficking endeavors. Now living in California, she continues her ministry with victims of trafficking and the organizations serving them globally, advising, networking and conferencing in multiple and creative ways.:

<https://www.internationalministries.org/author/l-bethell/>



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Happy Anniversary

2nd Dick Jr & Nancy May
24th Ivan & Rexanne Greuter
28th Harry & Pat Carpenter

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

6th Dan Decker
16th Jim Goodnow
17th Wayne Cottril
19th Nelda Janway
24th Jay Stevenson

STREAMING LIVE



WORSHIP ONLINE – The Church is committed to the continual praise and worship of Almighty God in the Name of Jesus Christ. Church leaders and our clergy hold services regularly in the Sanctuary in compliance with all published federal, state, and local government health orders. Services are broadcast LIVE (as internet is available) and RECORDED. WATCH the service online at:

- Facebook LIVE – <https://www.facebook.com/wsbctopeka>
- YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/WSBC>
- Order a free copy of the service on DVD by contacting the Church Office.

**MILK 2 MY PLATE
DATES AND TIME FOR
AUGUST**



- Monday 16 August 9 AM - 11 AM
- Wednesday 18 August 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM
- Thursday 19 August 1 PM - 3 PM

Milk will be available for no charge in the Fellowship Hall. We will be asking for the number of people in the household and their ages. Jack Janway, Outreach

Food Pantry - Harvester's will start back up on Wednesday, August 4 beginning at 3:30 pm.



School Supplies for Meadows - We, along with our partners in the Midtown Community Services, will be collecting school supplies to fill 40 backpacks for needy children. Keep a lookout in the "News in the Pews" for specific items to purchase. If you would like someone else to do the shopping, please drop off your monetary donation at the Church Office.



MISSION MOMENTS FALL MISSION PROJECT

I would like to determine if there is interest in a Fall mission project. I have not contacted any place yet; I would like to see how many are interested first. If there are enough people, we can consider an out-of-state project like Murrow, or something closer to home. We can discuss that later. Please let me know if you are interested in participating in a Fall mission project and if you have a specific project preference. I can be contacted at 246-1807 or jim.goodnow@sbcglobal.net



Doorstep News & Needs – How You Can Help!

Doorstep offers many services to help our neighbors in need every day. But, there are two programs in the community that we have really been at the heart of, doing what we can to help.

The first program, **Impact Avenues**, is a program through the City of Topeka which helps homeless families with at least one school aged child. The families attend a series of classes, and once completed are placed into a home. Doorstep has helped at times with rent assistance, gas vouchers, utility assistance car repairs, food, clothing and more. The piece most people don't know about is that Doorstep also helps provide household & kitchen items, bedding, towels, lamps, and other items when the family is placed into their new home.

Items we need to best help these families are: (Gently used, not new)

- Queen & Twin comforters and blankets (Impact helps with beds in these sizes)
- Pillows (new preferred)
- Small Household Appliances – toasters, mixers, coffee pots, etc
- Curtains, Silverware, Lamps

The other program is still a new adventure! It is **MAP (Mobile Access Partnership)**, this is truly a community effort. In a partnership between Valeo and Topeka Rescue Mission there will be a food trailer from TRM, health trailer from Stormont Vail, and currently, the Shower & Laundry Trailer is open. The trailer(s) moves to different locations within the city each week to allow people who are homeless or in need of a shower, laundry services or bathrooms the opportunity to use the trailer. Doorstep has been providing clothing for men and women, in a variety of sizes, to the program so people accessing the showers can have a new set of socks and underwear (from TRM), and a fresh set of clothing (from Doorstep) to put on afterwards. We continue to stock our clothing room for clients who need that service, and provide clothing to the MAP shower trailer as well. All of these items come from donations brought to Doorstep by our member congregation members, and the community at-large. Some of our member congregations are host locations for the trailers. Our volunteers and the staff feel very proud to be a part of this wonderful new service that has been created. And, currently, we are the only agency providing the clothing.

Items we currently need to help MAP are: (Gently used)

- Men's Jeans: Waist Sizes 30, 32, 40 and 42
- Men's & Women's Shorts – All Sizes
- Women's Sun/Summer Slip-on Dresses – Sizes Large, X-Large and XX-Large

Lastly, Doorstep Basic Needs:

- Hygiene Kit Items: Shampoo, Conditioner, Razors, Body Lotion & Hair Brushes
- Baby Wipes
- Food: Vegetable Soup, Egg Noodles, Jelly, Canned Fruit, Ramen Noodles, Pancake Mix & Syrup.

Donations can be brought to 1119 SW 10th Avenue (10th & Buchanan), South Door, Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 9am – 2pm.

BACKYARD FUN

Word Search Puzzle



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BARBECUE	LEMONADE	SUNSHINE
BASEBALL	PLAYHOUSE	SWIMMING POOL
CATCH	RELAX	SWING SET
DOGS	SANDBOX	TIRE SWING
FRISBEE	SEESAW	TRAMPOLINE
GARDEN	SHADE TREE	TREEHOUSE
ICE CREAM	SLIDE	WATERMELON

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Playground Fun

Find each word in the search.
Words go T, -3, and 3.

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slide	swings
play	run
sandbox	monkey bars
seesaw	ball
hopscotch	sunshine
jump rope	merry go round



Every Weakness
you have is an opportunity
for God to show
His strength in your life.

My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.

2 Corinthians 12:9



Back-to-School

It's time to get back to the books



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BACKPACK
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LUNCH
MATHEMATICS
NOTEBOOK
PAPER
PENCILS
READING
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SCHOOL
SCIENCE
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August 2021



Sun

Mon

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Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	2 9:00 am Baby Closet	3 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study	4 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Baby Closet 3:30 pm Harvester's	5 1:00 pm Baby Closet	6	7 1:30 pm Worship Team
8 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	9 9:00 am Baby Closet	10 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Council Meeting	11 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Baby Closet 3:30 pm Harvester's	12 1:00 pm Baby Closet	13	14 1:30 pm Worship Team
15 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	16 9:00 am Baby Closet	17 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study 4:30 pm CPR Class	18 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Baby Closet 3:30 pm Harvester's	19 1:00 pm Baby Closet	20	21 1:30 pm Worship Team
22 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	23 9:00 am Baby Closet 6:00 pm DAR	24 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Outreach Meeting	25 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Baby Closet 3:30 pm Harvester's	26 1:00 pm Baby Closet	27	28 1:30 pm Worship Team
29 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	30 9:00 am Baby Closet	31 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study	Lynda will be on vacation August 17 –20			

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John 7:14

But when it was now the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and began to teach.

