

The Witness

THE NEWSLETTER OF WEST SIDE
BAPTIST CHURCH OF TOPEKA, KS

SCRIPTURE TEXTS IN SEPTEMBER

- ♦ **SEPTEMBER 5 - PENT. 16
COMMUNION SUNDAY**
Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Psalm 125
James 2:1-17
Mark 7:24-37
- ♦ **SEPTEMBER 12 - PENT. 17
GRANDPARENT'S DAY**
Proverbs 1:20-33
Psalm 19
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38
- ♦ **SEPTEMBER 19 - PENT. 18
AM. BAPTIST WOMEN'S DAY**
Proverbs 31:10-31
Psalm 1
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37
- ♦ **SEPTEMBER 26 - PENT. 19
CHRISTIAN ED. SUNDAY**
Esther 7:1-10, 9:20-22
Psalm 124
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

HAPPY LABOR DAY!

"Whatever you do,
work at it with all your heart,
as working for the Lord"
Colossians 3:23

"WISDOM FOR HARD TIMES"

*"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God,
who gives generously to all without finding fault,
and it will be given to you." James 1:5*

Pastor's Corner - We are living in the Information Age. Facts and figures are at our fingertips. If we want to know something, all we have to do is ask our voice prompted electronic friends to tell us. What is the weather forecast? What should I wear today? What is a good meal to fix tonight that includes black beans? We can even ask our electronic friends to tell us a joke. They will even turn on and off the lights. With all of this immediate access to information and technology, are we wiser? Are we living happier, fuller, more wholesome lives?

Over the next five Sundays (starting August 29), I will offer a new sermon series on: **"Wisdom for Hard Times,"** a study of the Book of James. What can Jesus teach us about living happier, healthier, more wholesome lives during tough times? I hope you will be able to join us!

Sundays are Better Together

Autumn Blessings,
Pastor Ivan+





OUR CHURCH FINANCES

The Long Range Planning Committee met again on Saturday, August 14th. A survey from the committee was sent via e-mail to the Congregation asking for any suggestions on repairs, replacements, or new items for our church building and grounds that you would like considered for at least the next 10 years. It was also posted on Facebook and was included in some of the second quarter giving statements. If you have suggestions and haven't submitted them to the church office yet, please do so as soon as possible. Any items suggested will be added to the list created by the committee members. Once the list is finalized and a cost estimate prepared, we will bring to the Council and then to the Congregation to prioritize for our next capital campaign.

Our income for July was \$15,155.30. Our total income for the year to date is \$148,429.62. Our budget percentage of income through July is 69.46%. Our budget year is 58.3%.

Our expenses for July totals \$15,800.47. Our expenses total for the year is \$139,208.60, which is 57.1% of our budget.

The difference of income to expenses for the year is \$9,221.02. This does not include the \$29,487 from our second Payroll Protection Program (PPP). Good news! We received notice from Capitol Federal Bank that the PPP loan has been forgiven. It will be reflected in next months financials.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks, Nancy Lindberg, Treasurer



News from Christian Education...

Wonderful West Side Wednesdays (WWW) begins September 1. Supper will be served at 5:30. From 6:00 to 7:00 there will be classes for all ages from Kdg thru Adults. Join us for a meal, Bible study, music, and games.

Sunday School – We have had an enjoyable time of fellowship this summer with our annual cinema program. The last session will conclude on Labor Day Weekend. Thanks to all who have participated. Our regular schedule for Sunday School begins again at 9:15 on September 12.

Adults and MS/HS Youth are invited to join Jack Janway's class in Holmer Hall, where we will continue enjoying episodes from "The Chosen". Classes for children will be upstairs with Colleen Smith, Fran Seymour-Hunter, & Pat Carpenter.

Bible Study – Pastor Ivan will continue to teach his Wednesday morning study at 10:30 in Holmer Hall. It is also available on Zoom.

Rexanne Greuter will continue her Bible Study for women on Tuesday afternoons at 4:30 on Zoom. Contact the church office for more information on how to join online.

Alice Payne, Christian Education Coordinator



FALL MISSION PROJECT UPDATE

Thank you to all who have expressed an interest in a Fall Mission Project. Due to conflicts with schedules and the continuing virus situation, we have decided to pursue opportunities closer to home and shorter in duration. If you would be interested in a day project, please let me know. I can be contacted at jim.goodnow@sbcglobal.net or 246-1807.

GLOBAL SERVANT SPOTLIGHT

Barbara & Dwight Bolick - BARB and DWIGHT are on a special assignment, based currently in College Station, Texas. Barb is completing a PhD in Youth Development, in order to make the Talita Cumi Girls' Clubs Project both evidence based and effective. She is introducing the Girls' Clubs in Bolivia, and continues supporting the program in Chile, as she provides mentor training and contextualized written materials. Dwight is training partners in Central America in rainwater harvesting, installing model systems, and encouraging the use of this water-collection method in addressing the severe water crises throughout the region.:

<https://www.internationalministries.org/author/bd-bolick/>

~ Jim Goodnow, Missions



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9th Ivan Greuter
11th Tom Mansfield
13th Mark Arnold
14th Alice Kieffer
16th Marty Stevenson
25th Gerald Haney
26th Clarence Payne
28th Betty Arnold
30th Selena Jaimez
30th Lonna Hersh



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.

MILK2MY PLATE - The September date for the Milk2My Plate distribution will be Wednesday, September 15th in conjunction with the food pantry.

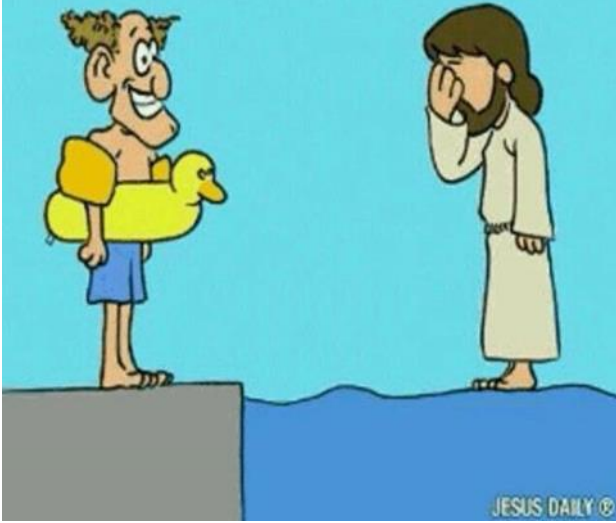
Jack Janway, Outreach

Psalm 104:19

He made the moon for the seasons;
The sun knows the place of its setting.



SOMETIMES WE JUST MISS THE POINT



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Famous Names of the Bible

E W Z H P E S O J R K A W L I
V M W N U S N R C E X H D X C
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ABRAHAM MARY
ADAM MATTHEW
DANIEL MOSES
DAVID NOAH
ELIJAH PAUL
EVE PETER
GABRIEL TIMOTHY
ISAAC
JACOB
JEREMIAH
JESUS
JOB
JOSEPH
LUKE
MARK



Autumn Word Search



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bonfire
leaves



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September 2021



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Sat

			1 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Harvester's 3:30 pm Baby Closet 5:30 pm WWW	2 1:00 pm Baby Closet	3	4 1:30 pm Worship Team
5 Labor Sunday 9:00 am Sunday Cinema 10:30 am Worship	6 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED No Baby Closet	7 Rosh Hashana 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study	8 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Harvester's 3:30 pm Baby Closet 5:30 pm WWW	9 1:00 pm Baby Closet	10	11 1:30 pm Worship Team
12 Grandparent's Day 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	13 9:00 am Baby Closet	14 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Council	15 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Harvester's & Milk to plate 3:30 pm Baby Closet 5:30 pm WWW	16 Yom Kippur 1:00 pm Baby Closet	17	18 Pastor @ ABCCR Board Mtgs 1:30 pm Worship Team
19 AB Women's Sunday 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	20 9:00 am Baby Closet	21 Int. Day of Peace 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Christian Ed Meeting	22 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Harvester's 3:30 pm Baby Closet 5:30 pm WWW	23 Pastor @ IM Board Mtgs 1:00 pm Baby Closet	24 Pastor @ IM Board Mtgs	25 Pastor @ IM Board Mtgs 1:30 pm Worship Team
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