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The Witness

THE NEWSLETTER OF WEST SIDE
BAPTIST CHURCH OF TOPEKA, KS

SCRIPTURE TEXTS IN OCTOBER

- ♦ **OCTOBER 3 - PENT. 20
WORLD COMMUNION SUN**
Job 1:1; 2:1-10
Psalm 26
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16
- ♦ **OCTOBER 10 - PENT. 21**
Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Psalm 22:1-15
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31
- ♦ **OCTOBER 17 - PENT. 22**
Job 38:1-7, (34-41)
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45
- ♦ **OCTOBER 24 - PENT. 23**
Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52
- ♦ **OCTOBER 31 - PENT. 24
REFORMATION SUNDAY**
Ruth 1:1-18
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:11-14
Mark 12:28-34

**SUNDAYS ARE BETTER
TOGETHER!**

WORLD MISSION OFFERING

Pastor's Corner - Through International Ministries' World Mission Offering, thousands across the country celebrate and support ministries that God is using to transform the world. Will you join us?

For more than two hundred years, International Ministries (also known as the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society), has combined resilience, adaptability, and creative approaches to cross-cultural ministry with faithfulness to Scripture. We serve together with and learn from our many local partners in ministry around the globe.

During the 2021 World Mission Offering, you can see highlights of the work of Global Servants **Ketly and Vital Pierre** in the Dominican Republic, as they provide education, Bible studies, language classes, a micro-loan program, legal counseling, and more for Haitian immigrants facing inequity and maltreatment in the Dominican Republic. You can hear from Global Servants **Alise and Mark Juanes**, as they talk about their ministry of practical care and love for the hill tribe children in Chiang Mai, Thailand. You can also see the impact of Global Servant **Ricardo Mayol-Bracero's** ministry, as he serves and stands alongside communities in Latin America trying to access clean water and air.



Through these three ministries you can see a glimpse into what God is doing through International Ministries' 120+ global servants, 900+ volunteers, home staff, and 250+ international partners in 70 countries. Join with us, as we work 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.



Please give generously - and sacrificially - to the World Mission Offering.

Global Blessings,
Pastor Ivan+

OUR CHURCH FINANCES

The Long-Range Planning Committee met to address the building and property needs of our church on Thursday, September 16, 2021. The committee created a final wish list of the items suggested by the congregation. Thanks to all who chose to submit their survey. The fundraising goal and plans for the launch of the capital campaign to recommend to the council and congregation were decided. After the discussion at the all-church meeting on Sunday, September 12th, Tom Mansfield is talking with Chris Cazier at Modern Masonry about the \$10,000 tower project and what the additional cost would be to rebuild the parapets on the tower. Clarence ordered the materials for the ladder for the \$4,500 roof project. Both of these projects will be paid from the capital campaign fund.

Council members are working with their committee members on program budgets for the October council meeting so we can begin creating a proposed 2022 budget.

Our income for August was \$23,298.79. Our total income for the year to date is \$185,067.76. Our budget percentage of income through August is 86.61%. Our budget year is 66.67%.

Our expenses for August totals \$17,277.43. Our expenses total for the year is \$156,491.03, which is 64.19% of our budget.

The difference of income to expenses for the year shown on the finance reports is \$28,576.73.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

Thanks,
Nancy Lindberg, Treasurer

NEWS FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION...

After a year and a half off, **Wonderful West Side Wednesdays** have finally returned! I am so grateful to all of our talented and willing volunteers that make this program go. We love hosting our neighbors and children once again. Their enthusiasm is contagious, and we are blessed to be able to share the gospel with them. Please join us in prayer for this program and the participants that we may be able to safely meet to provide a meal, a loving atmosphere, and the stories of our Savior.

Sunday School participants are gathering to view the renowned series, "The Chosen" every Sunday morning at 9:15. Everyone is welcome to join us. Speaking of Sunday School....We are looking for an individual (or a pair) to teach the Middle School and High School class. They are presently participating in watching "The Chosen" with the adults. They are a small group of great young men with much potential. If you'd like more information or have questions, please contact me. I know God has someone chosen to facilitate this group. We're looking forward to discovering who that might be.

Bible Study groups are also meeting at various times during the week:

- ◆ Wednesday mornings @ 10:30, with Pastor Ivan, presently studying Book of James
- ◆ Wednesday evenings @ 6:00 with Jim Goodnow, using "The Gospel Project, Jesus the Messiah." (Supper @ 5:30)
- ◆ Thursday afternoons @ 4:30, on Zoom, Rexanne Greuter is leading a study for women called "Jesus in Me".
- ◆ Sunday evenings @ 6:00 pm, Pastor Ivan is beginning a new bible study for couples.

We hope you choose to participate in any or all of these educational opportunities. Come fellowship with us!

Alice Payne, C.E. Coordinator



Religious Education

MILK 2 MY PLATE - Milk 2 My Plate handout will be the 13th of October in conjunction with Food Pantry.

TRUNK OR TREAT - We will be hosting a Trunk or Treat in the north parking lot on the 31st of October from 5:30 until 7:00 PM or until the candy runs out. A sign up sheet for people wanting to hand out candy from their vehicle (decorated?) will be on the bulletin board.

Those wanting to donate candy or money to purchase candy should turn them into the Church Office.

Jack Janway, Outreach



WORLD MISSION OFFERING

We will be collecting the World Mission Offering in October with a goal of \$1,500. Our theme for this year ("We've been surprised by God's glory") is a celebration of the ways in which we've seen God enter into the grief and difficulties of our pandemic year to work through video-conferenced events, to raise up new global servants, to provide generous support through you for our global partners as they faced food scarcity and critical needs during the pandemic. In dark, lonely, and difficult times, God has surprised us with hope and provision.

GLOBAL SERVANT SPOTLIGHT

Carlos Bonilla & Mayra Giovanetti - CARLOS and MAYRA have been used by God in discipleship in churches and with ethnic groups in Colombia through UNIBAUTISTA. This includes the Wayuu in The Guajira-Northern Region. Hereafter it will also include Chile, Spain, Nicaragua and the wider regional context of Iberoamerica and the Caribbean. The BGs serve, since 2000 through International Ministries, registered as the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society. Carlos and Mayra regularly write Acts and Love in Action—BGs Et Al. They love intentionally (Rom. 12:15) while correctly explaining the word of truth (2 Tim. 2:15), knowing God provides the growth (1 Cor. 3:6-9): <https://www.internationalministries.org/author/c-bonilla-m-giovanetti/>



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.

DOORSTEP

Doorstep is beginning to plan how we will operate our Christmas Store this year. We will still adopt 260 households with 800+ individuals from the Christmas Bureau as we do every year. How distribution will be handled is being planned, and we will update our member congregations once we know the details.

We are now through the first quarter of our 55th Anniversary year, and donations for the 55th Anniversary Fund to replace our HVAC have brought in over \$31,000 so far. We feel incredibly blessed to have received this amount! We need at least another \$129,000 to replace the HVAC system which is 60+ years old. Anything over the HVAC amount will go to help more of our neighbors in need with basic needs such as rent and utility assistance. We are asking our supporters to donate a minimum of \$55 per person towards our 55th Anniversary Fund...

Please consider making your donation to Doorstep. You can mail donations to: Doorstep, Inc., 1119 SW 10th Ave, Topeka, Ks 66604. You can also donate through PayPal on our website: www.DoorstepTopeka.org under the Donate tab, note the anniversary fund with your donation.

The purpose of service is so God can reach others through our hands. In II Cor. 9:12-13, the Bible says that the service we provide not only meets needs but expresses thanks to God and leads others to praise God. The Bible also says that service builds up the "body of Christ."



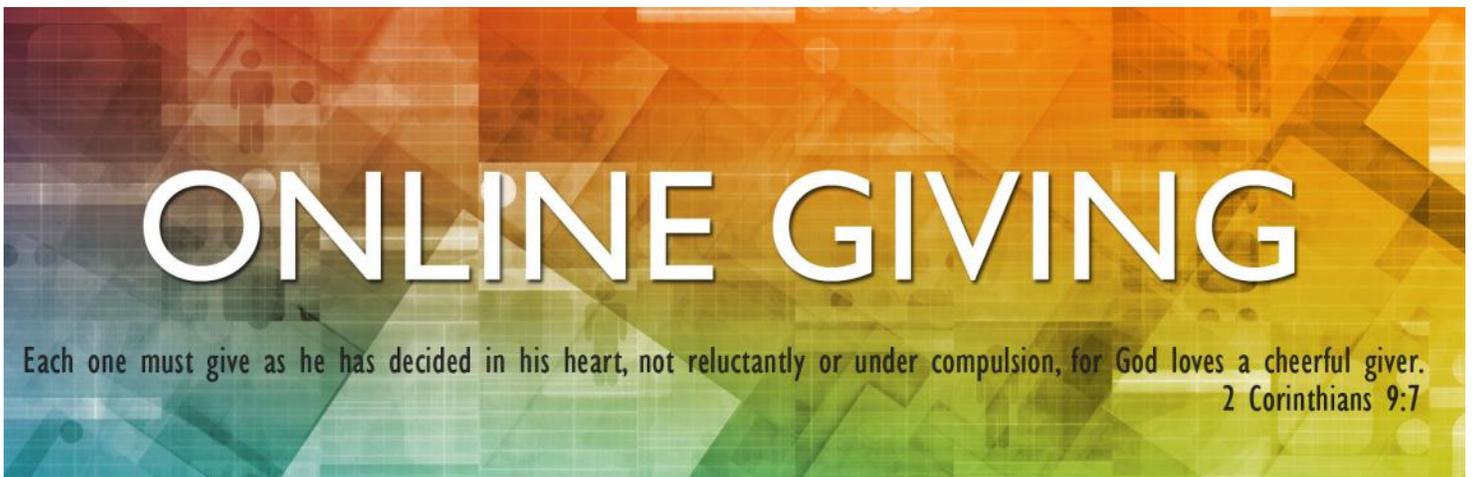
News & Announcements

VENMO – Give to God using VENMO – a phone app. Search for the church @wsbctopeka or scan the QR code. We appreciate all your donations and generosity. Questions? Call the Church Office for help.



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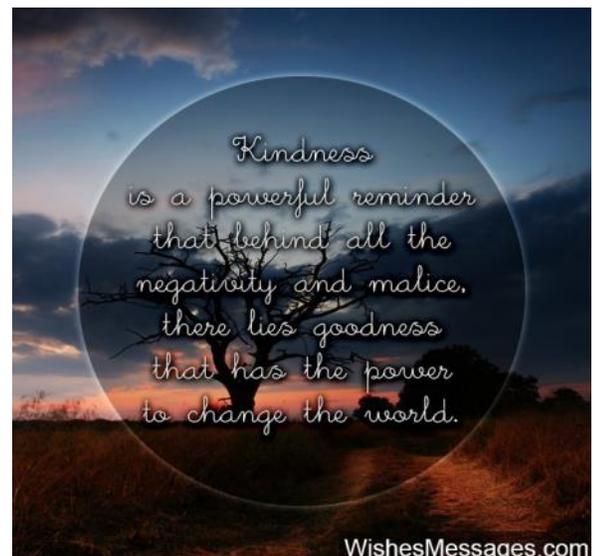
GIVE ONLINE – Donate safely online to the general fund and designated funds through the Church's Store at <https://squareup.com/store/west-side-baptist-church>



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

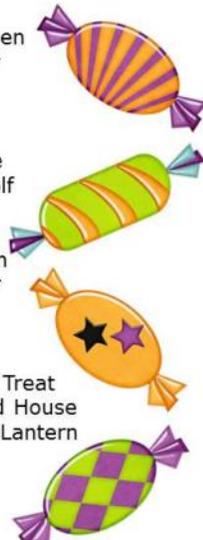
federal, state, and local government health orders. Services are broadcast LIVE (as internet is available) and RECORDED. WATCH the service online at:

- 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.



HALLOWEEN WORD SEARCH

- Halloween
- October
- Spooky
- Scary
- Ghost
- Vampire
- Werewolf
- Witch
- Zombie
- Skeleton
- Monster
- Black
- Orange
- Candy
- Trick or Treat
- Haunted House
- Jack O' Lantern
- Boo
- Spider
- Bats



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WITH
GOD
ALL THINGS ARE
POSSIBLE



All About Fall!

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Apple Picking Word Search

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Let's honor our leaders

**OCTOBER IS
 PASTORAL
 APPRECIATION
 MONTH!**

and show our appreciation!



Birthdays & Anniversaries

30th Don & Sandra Johnson

4th Sharon Donnelly

5th Mark Calloway Jr.

7th Zach Smith

8th Pat Carpenter

12th Steve May

16th Bruce Smith

16th Katelyn Hersh

16th Carla Donnelly

16th Dewey Freeman

22nd Chelle Decker

29th Teddy Decker

OCTOBER

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1	2 1:30 pm Worship Team
3 JAN MAUCK 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Couples Bible Study	4 9:00 am Baby Closet	5	6 No Bible Study 3:30 pm Baby Closet 3:30 pm Harvester's 5:30 pm WWW	7 1:00 pm Baby Closet 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study	8	9 1:30 pm Worship Team
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31 Reformation JAN MAUCK 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm TRUNK OR TREAT	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>October is</u> Adopt a Shelter Dog Month Go to your local shelter <u>Helping Hands Humane Society 785-233-7325</u></p> 					



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October is
Pastor Appreciation Month
...thank your pastor!

October
Be present.
Let the day flow with grace.
Expect nothing. Give thanks.
Surrender. Be open.
Speak only kindness.
Impart only love.
Never forget you're not alone.
Give so you may receive.
See goodness in others. mary davis
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