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SCRIPTURE TEXTS IN NOVEMBER

- ♦ **NOVEMBER 7 - PENT 25**
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS
COMMUNION SUNDAY
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
Psalm 127
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44
- ♦ **NOVEMBER 14 - PENT 26**
1 Samuel 1:4-20
Psalm 16
Hebrews 10:11-25
Mark 13:1-8
- ♦ **NOVEMBER 21 - PENT. 27**
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
THANKSGIVING SUNDAY
Joel 2:21-27
Psalm 126
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Matthew 6:25-33
- ♦ **NOVEMBER 28 - YEAR C**
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

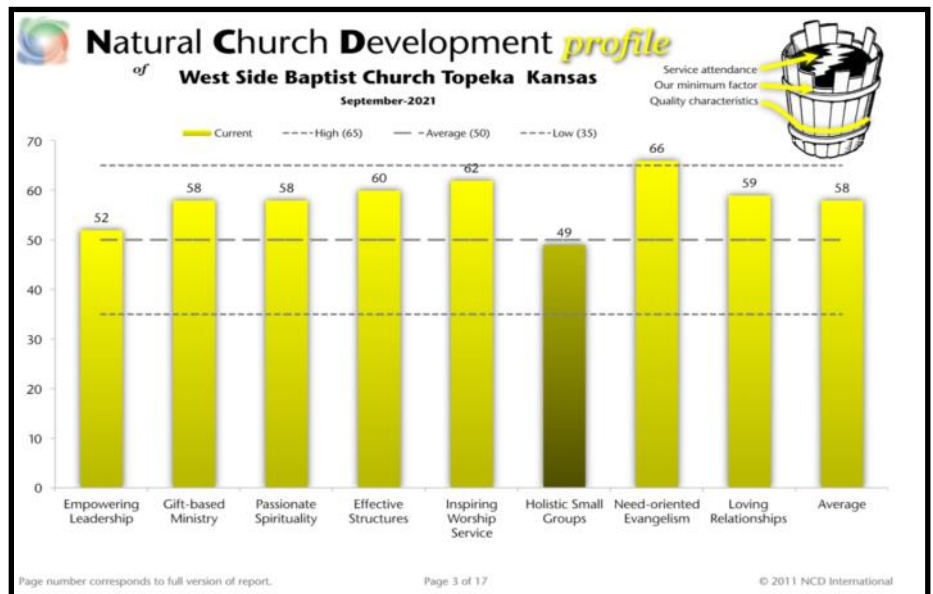
**“I will give thanks to you,
Lord, with all my heart”**
Psalm 9:1

WE'RE A HEALTHY, GROWING CHURCH

Pastor's Corner - Great news! Did you know we were a “healthy, growing church”? You probably knew intuitively. Now, we have the survey evidence to support our hopes! Thanks to the thirty persons who completed the Natural Church Development (NCD) survey! There was a broad segment of active participants who answered ninety questions which NCD processed and sent us the results (see below). The good news: **we are healthy and growing**, AND we have potential for greater growth in the coming years!

The survey results showed we are an “above average” church compared to bigger and smaller churches in the US. We are strongest in Need Oriented Evangelism - helping people with tangible needs (e.g., food, clothing, counseling) through compassionate programs and making newcomers feel welcome. The church is strong in ministry, spiritual, governance, loving relationships, and worship. In fact, the results confirmed what the Council recently learned: people connect with God and enjoy the worship services so we do not need to make any major changes at this time.

The area we need the greatest amount of work is... Holistic Small Groups and Vision Casting.



Holistic Small Groups is rooted in the belief that "Jesus' followers grow stronger together." We need each other to develop our faith, and joy as we support and encourage one another. The Bible teaches us:

***"As iron sharpens iron,
so one person sharpens another."***

Proverbs 27:17

Join me as we work to develop spiritually-oriented communities that multiply disciples, integrate newcomers, by providing a safe place for learning and sharing.

I invite you to learn more about the **NCD Survey Results** on **Saturday, October 30 at 10:00 AM** or **Thursday, November 4 at 7:00 PM** in **Holmer Hall** or on **Zoom**. We will talk about the results and ask serious questions about how we can move forward as a stronger, healthier church.

Thanksgiving Blessings, Pastor Ivan

OUR CHURCH FINANCES

Thanks to all who completed the survey from the Long-Range Planning Committee in mid-October. There were 21 items on our **Fortifying our Foundation for the Future** building and grounds wish list. Next steps are to ask everyone to **pray** for our \$300,000 capital campaign and how you can help; **pledge** what you feel you can give now and over the next 3 years; and **praise** God for our church and how He works through us for His glory.

At the October Council meeting a draft 2022 budget was approved. The budget will be presented to you for your approval at our December 5th Stewardship Breakfast.

Our income for September was \$39,394.55. Our total income for the year to date is \$224,462.31. Our budget percentage of income through September is 105.04%. Our budget year is 75.0 %.

Our expenses for September totals \$19,877.34. Our expenses total for the year is \$176,749.19 which is 72.5% of our budget.

The difference of income to expenses for the year shown on the finance reports is \$47,713.12.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Nancy Lindberg, Treasurer



NEWS FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION...

Dear Church Family,

Please join us for a Thanksgiving Celebration Dinner on Wed, November 17 at 5:30 PM. Feeding our neighbors and the kids has always been an important part of our WWW program. Our participation numbers have been down this fall, we think due to the uncertainties that the pandemic brought on, as well as, the "new normal" of staying home. We are practicing patience and perseverance as we continue to strive to revive this program that was closed for 18 months. We still wish to be a light in this neighborhood... a safe place for children and adults to be accepted, loved, and fed physically and spiritually. **You** could help us by participating in our community dinner of Thanksgiving. If you'd like to bring a side dish, like a vegetable or salad, that would also be helpful, but not required. Just come and join us in thanksgiving for all God has done for us and continues to do as we navigate these waters of the "new normal."

Thanks,

Alice Payne, CE Coordinator

WORLD MISSION OFFERING

Thank you for your generous support of the World Mission Offering in October! So far we have collected **\$1,760.00**. The theme for this year was "We've been surprised by God's glory" and it was a celebration of the ways in which we've seen God enter into the grief and difficulties of the pandemic year. "In dark, lonely, and difficult times, God has surprised us with hope and provision." Thank you for being a big part of that provision!

GLOBAL SERVANT SPOTLIGHT

Ann & Bruce Borquist - ANN serves as Global Consultant for ministry "From Everywhere to Everyone" to build capacity in contextualized theological education, servant leadership, cross-cultural skills development, church-based holistic community transformation and work with refugees. BRUCE serves as Global Consultant for Holistic Community and Economic Development to promote faith-based social entrepreneurship, servant leadership, cross cultural skills development, and church-based holistic community transformation. They work alongside a wide range of Baptist partners including those in Brazil, Cambodia, Indonesia, New Zealand, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam, and others. Ann and Bruce have also served in the Philippines, the U.S. and Brazil since 1987

<https://www.internationalministries.org/author/ab-borquist/>

Jim Goodnow, Missions



Poinsettias for Christmas

I (We) would like to order poinsettias as indicated below to help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas:

Quantity

_____ 6½ inch (5-7 blooms) - \$ 7.95 = _____
_____ 8 inch (3 plants per pot.) - \$ 16.75 = _____
_____ 10 inch (4 plants per pot) - \$ 24.79 = _____

These prices are with foil, picked up at Jackson's

Please circle the color (S) you want.

All Sizes:

Red Glitter, Christmas Red, Marble, Cortez
Burgundy.
White, Pink

Ice Crystal only available in 6 1/2 inch

Your Name _____

Please make checks payable to West Side Baptist Church.
Return your order and payment to Lynda in the office by
November 10th. Orders after the 10th will cost more or be
unavailable.

My plant(s) purchased is/are in memory or honor of:

I know it is early to be thinking Christmas already, but they give us a better price if ordered by that date



QUILLING (PAPER CRAFT) CLASS – Deborah Edwards will be conducting a QUILLING CLASS in Holmer Hall beginning **Saturday, November 13 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm.** This is a six weeks long class. If anyone is interested in getting involved, please contact the office for more information

BABY CLOSET - The volunteers in the Baby Closet are busy putting out the winter clothing for the children and packing away summer clothes.

It is time to prepare for the personal care Christmas bag given out to Baby Closet families in

December. We are asking for donations from our church to help fill these bags. These bags are filled with personal care items such as shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste, lotion, body wash, razors, Band-Aids and miscellaneous items. There will be a Christmas box in the sanctuary during November for donations.

Thanks to all for your support of the Baby Closet.



Doorstep

We have started early in organizing, arranging, and promoting needed items. Our dedicated volunteers have been going through the basement and pulling out all of the previously donated items that we can use for 2021. But, we will still need more blankets, household items, and games/puzzles.

Doorstep will adopt the 260 households and 800+ individuals from the Christmas Bureau like before. However, this year we are adding to what the families will receive. We will provide our regular Christmas food package, a \$20 gift card for each family member, a health kit, blanket or quilt, a household item such as coffee pot, crockpot, sheet set, school supplies, and a family pack of games, puzzles and toys.

What we need for Christmas at this time is:

Full/Queen and King Blankets (new)
Coffee pots, Crockpots, Toasters, Skillet Sets and Electric Skillets (new)
Board games and puzzles (new)
Monetary Donations

Proceeding with the Christmas Project this way does increase our costs overall with the gift cards (\$16,000) and the regular food order (\$12,000), but it is the safest way to proceed for 2021.

We need your monetary donations to purchase the gift cards, the food, and any of the above items not donated. You can mail your tax deductible donations to: Doorstep, Inc., 1119 SW 10th, Topeka, Ks 66604 or go to our website (www.doorsteppeka.org) to donate by credit card.

Thank you in advance for helping your neighbors in need this holiday season!

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>

ONLINE GIVING

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7

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.




The Milk 2 My Plate distribution for November will be on the 17th in conjunction with the food pantry.

Luke 4:18-19 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."




Thanksgiving

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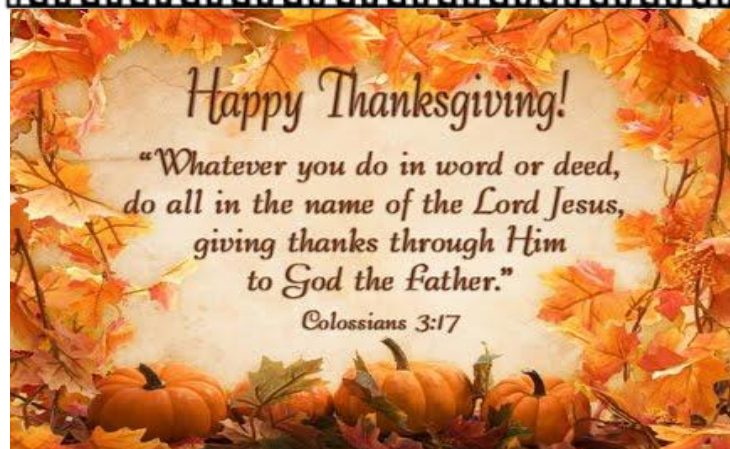
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Word Box:

Thanksgiving	tradition
family	pilgrims
feast	gobble
turkey	November
pumpkin	harvest
thanks	holiday

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9th Dan & Chelle Decker
26th Terry & Becky Poe

1st Mariah Calloway
1st Nathan Triggs
2nd John Swain
9th Aaron Poe
11th Rita Adams
15th Grace Goodnow
18th Brady Smith
18th Austin Cripe
27th Chris Poe
30th Brice Smith

Veteran's Day word search

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AMERICAN	RESPECT
ARMY	SALUTE
FLAG	SERVICEMEN
HONOR	SERVICEWOMEN
MARINES	THANKS
NAVY	TROOPS
NOVEMBER	VETERANS



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:00 am Baby Closet	2	3 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Harvester's 3:30 pm Baby Closet 5:30 pm WWW	4 1:00 pm Baby Closet 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study (Zoom)	5 Pastor's Day Off	6 9AM Youth @ Braving Disc. Ottawa Uni. 1:30 pm Worship Team
7 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship No Couples Bible Study	8 9:00 am Baby Closet 4:00 Long Range Plan- ning Com	9 6:00 pm Council Members Mtg	10 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Harvester's 3:30 pm Baby Closet 5:30 pm WWW	11 CLOSED Veteran's Day 1:00 pm Baby Closet 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study (Zoom)	12 Pastor's Day Off	13 10:00 am Worship Committee 1:00 Quilling Art Class 1:30 pm Worship Team
14 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Couples Bible Study	15 9:00 am Baby Closet	16 5:30 pm Christian Ed Meeting	17 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Harvester's 3:30 pm Baby Closet 5:30 pm WWW	18 1:00 pm Baby Closet 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study (Zoom)	19 Pastor's Day Off	20 1:00 Quilling Art Class 1:30 pm Worship Team
21 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Couples Bible Study	22 9:00 am Baby Closet 6:00 pm DAR	23 6:00 pm Outreach Mtg	24 No Bible Study 3:30 pm Harvester's 3:30 pm Baby Closet No WWW Kids	25 CLOSED Thanksgiving No Baby Closet No Women's Bible Study	26 CLOSED	27 1:00 Quilling Art Class 1:30 pm Worship Team
28 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship No Couples Bible Study	29 9:00 am Baby Closet	30				

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Dear Church Family,

We were truly made speechless by your overwhelming generosity and lovingly lavish gift for Pastor Appreciation month!! Your friendships, care, compassion, encouragement, loving-kindness, patience, honesty, support, motherly and fatherly advice, and generosity are among the many things we praise God for this holiday season. We count it a pure blessing to have served Jesus Christ among you these past five years...and we look forward to many more years of cooperative work and serving together.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Your Pastoral Family,
Rexanne, Ivan, Jessa, Macy, & David