

The Witness

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FEBRUARY Worship Schedule

Sundays

10:30 a.m.

Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

FEBRUARY

Dates of Interest:

ABCCR Board	5
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IM Board Meeting	23-26
Transfiguration Sun	27

From the Pastor's Desk Follow Jesus Online and In Person

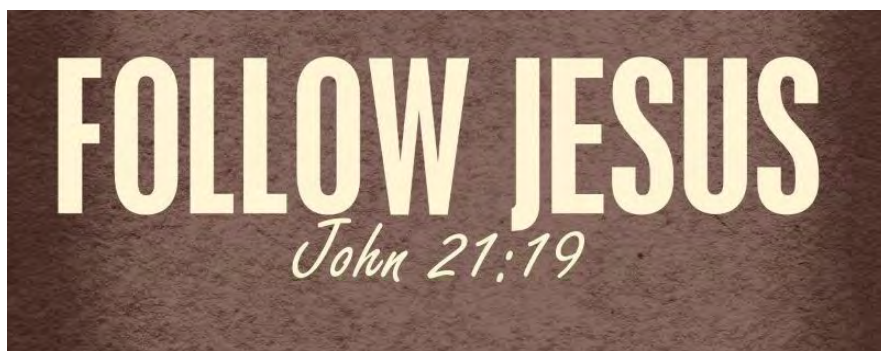
Have you visited the church's website recently? Notice any changes? A visitor sent me a question: "Are you a Christian church? Do you follow Jesus? If so, why isn't there information on your website about how to follow Jesus?" "WOW! I thought this basic information was on there! No. So, I went to my computer at ten o'clock at night to fix the problem.

The Bible teaches the way to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ!

Find more information at

<https://wsbctopeka.org/follow-jesus>. The Christian church's primary purpose is inviting and making fully-devoted followers of Jesus Christ! Yes. We do a lot of other things in Jesus' name (mission, service, justice, teaching, feeding, etc.) but our first focus is making disciples of Jesus Christ (Matthew 28). Are you one?

I spend quite a hours a week updating the website and social media to share information about upcoming activities, events and programs. Let me know what you like, what's missing, and how we can improve our online presence. This is the #1 way people are connecting to churches before they enter the doors of our buildings. Blessings, Pastor Ivan+
pastor@wsbctopeka.org



Council President's Corner

2021 Annual Report Available

The 140th Annual Report "Celebrating the Work of God" is ready and available for you to read. Download a copy of the 2021 Annual Report at <https://wsbctopeka.org/newsletter>. It was sent electronically to all members and friends of the congregation. Please call the Church Office to request a printed copy to be mailed to your home address.

— Pat Carpenter, Church Moderator

VISIT US ONLINE AT WWW.WSBCTOPEKA.ORG

Church Treasurer's Report...

Our income for December was \$16,182.80. Our total income for 2021 was \$283,130.72. We budgeted \$213,689.00 for the year so we finish the year at 132.5%.

Our expenses for December total \$29,422.50. Our total expense for 2021 was \$246,428.98. We budgeted \$243,779 for the year so we finish the year at 101.09%.

The difference of income to expenses for the year is \$36,701.74. Part of this difference was due to the \$29,487 from the federal Paycheck Protection Program income paid in September and \$1,000 administration costs of several outreach grants also paid in September.

The 2021 year-end individual giving statements have been distributed. If you did not get yours, please let me know and I'll make you a copy. Also, after you review your report, please contact me if you have any questions. If you would like more information on your designated giving, I would be glad to print you a detailed report.

The 2022 tithing envelopes have been distributed. Anyone not receiving your envelopes should check with me. The envelopes this year are NOT dated as in past years. They can be used for any giving to the church at any time throughout the year.

Be sure to review the 2021 Annual Report. Finance reports included are: the year-end profit and loss statement, the memorial fund gifts and expenditures, a review of the designated monies and how much will carry over into 2022, the two capital campaign reports (2008 campaign and new 2022-2024 campaign) and the approved 2022 budget.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

Nancy Lindberg, Treasurer



CHURCH OFFICE



BIRTHDAYS

3rd Malcolm Smith
8th David Greuter
8th Nadine Manley
11th Macy Greuter
23rd Markayla Calloway
24th Brinley Cripe
25th Matt Smith
26th Tony Carreno
29th Colleen Smith

Closed President's Day -

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, Feb. 21 for the Federal Holiday. The Office will open on Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 8:30 am.

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday-Fridays, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

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EDUCATION



BIBLE STUDY OPTIONS

BIBLE STUDIES, SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, & SMALL GROUPS

Join a Bible Study, Sunday School Class, or Small Group by Scanning the QR code or visit the church website at



www.wsbctopeka.org. Classes are free and taught by gifted leaders and teachers for adults, beginners, and women.

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS WED. AM BIBLE STUDY

Join us for “The Book of Amos” and then “Obadiah” at 10:30 am on Wednesdays *online or in-person* in Holmer Hall. All students are welcome!



WWW KIDS' BIBLE CLUB—WEDNESDAYS at 5:30 PM. FREE SUPPER adults and kids—5:30-6:00 pm! Bible classes for children, youth, and adults start at 6:00 pm to 7:00pm. Activities include creative Bible stories, fun games, easy-to-learn songs, and the Bible Buck store. Call for a ride – (785) 233-4241.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

T.A.C.O.S. ACTIVITIES

Middle school (grades 6-8) and High school students (grade 9-12) are invited to participate in these church sponsored activities. See Ashley and Matt Smith for costs, details, and registration forms. ***All Students must have a signed Medical Release Form to participate.***

YOUNG CHRISTIANS WEEKEND - Fri., Sat. & Sun., April 1-3: Silver Dollar City. A special teen event. See info: www.silverdollarcity.com

GET DOWN & GET DIRTY—Sat., April 23 - 10 AM - 12 PM.
Keep America Beautiful—Topeka / Shawnee Co. part of this community's Earth Day cleanup.

QUEST YOUTH CAMP (Green Lake) - Sun.-Friday, June 26-July 1. Anyone completed 6th–12th grade.

SQUARE STORE – Donate safely online to the general fund, memorials, mission offerings, and designated funds through the Church's Store at <https://squareup.com/store/west-side-baptist-church>



YOUTH GROUP COLLECTING For Doorstep, Inc.

Cans of Soup
Boxes of Crackers
Loose Coins

Give on or before
Super Bowl Sunday
Feb. 13, 2022

DOORSTEP - In 2021, Doorstep spent \$342,434 on emergency services; this is over \$91,000 more compared to 2020. It was a challenging year, and our small staff is incredibly grateful to our volunteers who kept coming in week after week to help us provide services, sort donations, and help clothing room clients. We also feel very blessed by the support we have received from the Topeka community during this time!

Souper Bowl Sunday is February 13th and we are again asking our member congregations to collect soup and crackers to help stock our food pantry! Watch for sales and gather your donations! We can use all varieties of soup, and crackers. A successful Souper Bowl Sunday can stock our pantry with these items into the Spring months!

In June we had our 55th Anniversary Kick-off to raise funds for a new HVAC system at Doorstep. The current system, original to the building, is over 60 years old. At year end, we had donations of \$50,000! That is 1/3 of the amount needed. we have another \$100,000 to go! We are working on a match donation opportunity in February, and more information will be coming...

Unfortunately, with COVID still an issue, we will not have Operation Soup Line in 2022.

Finally, **Thank You** to everyone who donated money, blankets, games, puzzles and hygiene items for **Doorstep's Christmas Project** this past December! We assisted a total of **259 households with 822 individuals!** Hopefully, next year we can be back to 'normal' with the actual Christmas Store.



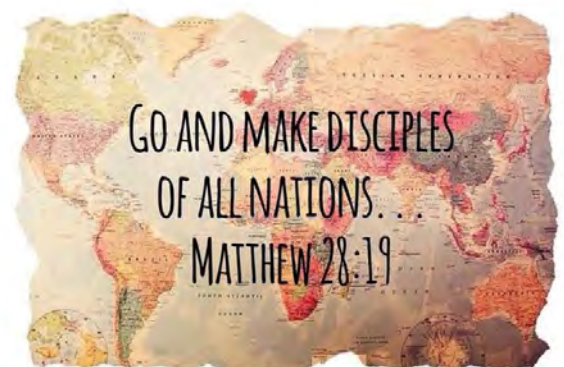
VENMO – Give to God using VENMO – an easy-to-use, secure phone app. Download from the App Store or iTunes. Search for the church **@wsbctopeka** or scan the QR code. You can donate to the General Fund, designated funds, mission offerings, and others.

MISSION

Global Servant Spotlight

Ann & Bill Clemmer - ANN and BILL reside in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) on the Congo-Rwanda border where they serve as regional consultants working with IM partners, HEAL Africa and IMA World Health, in the town of Goma. Bill provides support to health care workers, hospitals, and clinics that provide life-saving maternal and child health services, while Ann supports educational and relief assistance to orphans and vulnerable children. The Clemmers began their service with International Ministries in January 1993 and have served in DRC, South Sudan, and Haiti with interim assignments in Somalia, Yemen, Burundi, and other countries to meet urgent and short-term needs.: <https://www.internationalministries.org/author/ab-clemmer/>

Jim Goodnow, Missions



OUTREACH

BABY CLOSET

MONDAYS - 9:00-11:00AM
WEDNESDAYS - 3:30-6:30 PM
THURSDAYS - 1:00-3:00 PM

The Baby Closet of Topeka had an \$1,800 renovation/expansion project completed to better serve families in our neighborhood and community. Cabinets were moved to double the side of the room, and shelves were installed. Tour in person or see the pictures at <https://www.facebook.com/babyclosettopeka>. Thank to the donors and workers!



FOOD PANTRY
MOST WEDNESDAYS
3:30 - 5:30 PM

*All food is available free of cost!

We Need Your Help...

If you are looking for a service opportunity within our church, Outreach and Evangelism has many needs for volunteers.

The most critical need is in evangelism. We are presenting new visitors with a loaf of banana bread or similar (without nuts) to thank them for their visit. I need people to make the bread and I need people to visit and drop the bread off to the visitors. The names and contact information will be provided so that you can arrange a visit.

If you like to organize and run activities, I need you to take over our regular and special events. Our regular events include Super Bowl Sunday, Easter egg hunt, and Trunk or Treat. Other events may include game nights, movie nights, and other events that will attract people into our church.

We run a weekly food pantry every Wednesday weather and food availability permitting. We need people sorting food before the start of the food pantry when needed. We need people to interview and gather necessary information from our clients wanting food. We need people to load the food into vehicles. Boxes may weigh up to 25 lbs but often there are smaller loads that need to be handled. Set up and take down help is needed before and after the food pantry. Every 3rd Wednesday, we also give away milk which we need to account for separately.

Baby Closet is open for 3 time periods during the week. Help is needed to greet clients at the door and direct them to the Baby Closet. Help is needed to gather the necessary information from the clients and assist them in obtaining items. Help is also needed to sort clothes and items donated and to assist in seasonal change over of clothing items.

Every year, our church is asked to participate with other churches and non-profit organizations in events to provide needed services for our community. "Get Down and Dirty" and "Sharefest" are two of the events where we spend a half of a day cleaning up and improving specific areas around the city. I would like to see more representation of our church at those events. We are a part of Midtown Community Services, an organization of churches, schools, and other volunteers to provide services for our immediate neighborhoods. Help is needed to coordinate our part in providing these services

I would like to set up one day a month to volunteer at our Harvester warehouse in sorting food. They are in constant need of help and we depend on them for our weekly food and supplies for our pantry, kitchen, and baby closet.

This is what we do. We can do more. We need your help.

Jack Janway, Outreach Coordinator
Pat Carreno, Director of the Baby Closet

WORSHIP with US...

...We're Better Together!

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

FEBRUARY USHERS

**Harry Carpenter Nathan Poe
David Greuter David Martin**

**Interested in serving as an Usher??
See Clarence Payne, Head Usher**



2022 Communion Servers Needed - The Lord's Supper or Holy Communion is a sacred ceremony commemorating the life-giving death and resurrection of our Lord and Messiah, Jesus Christ. The Bible teaches that serving at the Lord's Table is an honor and a serious responsibility (1 Cor. 11) open to any baptized believer. The Ministry of Worship is looking for Communion Servers for 2022. Would you be interested in serving at the Table of the Lord? **We will happily train anyone interested in serving at the Lord's Table! Sign-up to be a Communion Server at <https://www.signupgenius.com>.** Speak with me if

WORSHIP

The Revised Common Lectionary Texts for Worship

- ♦ FEB. 6 - Epiphany 6
Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13)
Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11
- ♦ FEB. 13 - Epiphany 7
Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm 1
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Luke 6:17-26
- ♦ FEB. 20 - Epiphany 8
Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
1 Corinthians 15:35-50
Luke 6:27-38
- ♦ FEB. 27 - Transfiguration
Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)

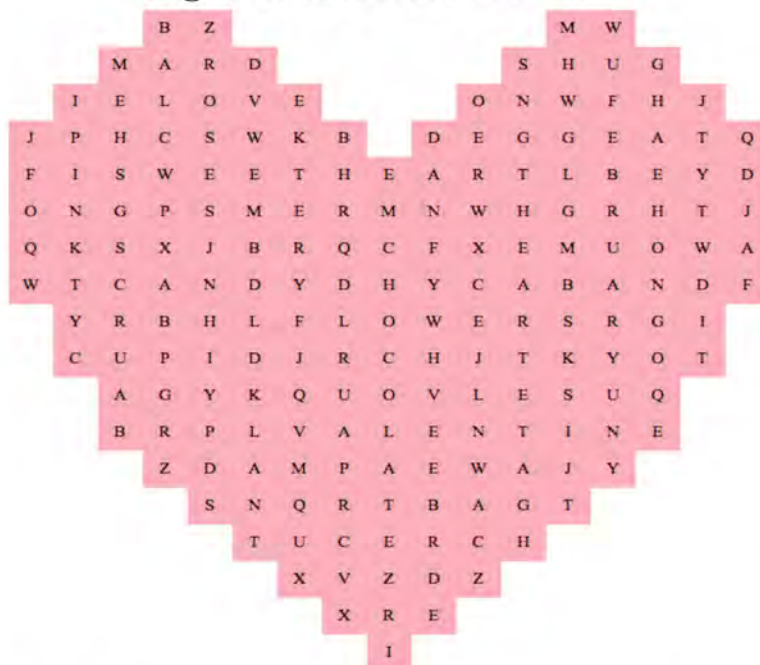
Reader: Pat Carpenter



LENTEN BEGINS
Ash Wed.
March 2



Valentine's Day Word Search



LOVE
CHOCOLATE
PINK
VALENTINE
ROSES

CUPID
FEBRUARY
RED
HUG
FLOWERS

CANDY
HEART
SWEETHEART
CARD
SWEET

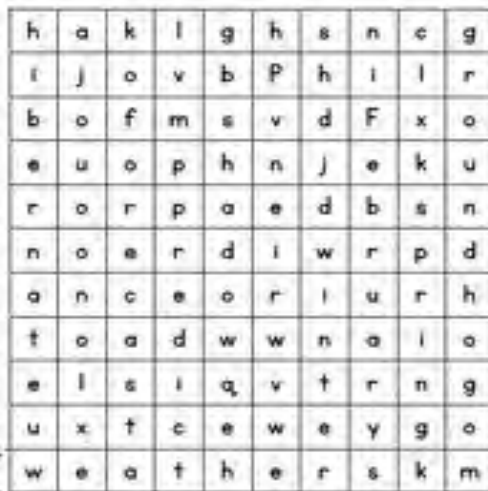


You never know
how **STRONG** you are
until being **STRONG**
is the only
choice you have



Groundhog Day

Find each word in the search.
Words go 1, 4, and 5.



groundhog	shadow
winter	spring
forecast	weather
hibernate	six
predict	February
Phil	burrow



F E B R U A R Y

		1	2 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Harvester's 3:30 pm Baby Closet 5:30 pm WWW 5:30 pm TOPS	3 1:00 pm Baby Closet 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study	4	5 1:30 pm Worship Team
6 COMMUNION 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	7 9:00 am Baby Closet	8 6:00 pm Council Meeting	9 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Harvester's 3:30 pm Baby Closet 5:30 pm WWW 5:30 pm TOPS	10 1:00 pm Baby Closet 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study	11	12 1:30 pm Worship Team
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20 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	21 9:00 am Baby Closet 	22 6:00 pm Outreach meeting	23 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Harvester's 3:30 pm Baby Closet 5:30 pm WWW 5:30 pm TOPS	24 1:00 pm Baby Closet 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study	25	26 1:30 pm Worship Team
27 TRANSFIGURATION SUN 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	28 9:00 am Baby Closet 6:00 pm DAR	Pastor Ivan will be out-of-the-office for the International Ministries Board of Directors Meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 22 thru Saturday, Feb. 26. The meeting was originally scheduled to meet in Orlando, Florida but it has been moved online to Zoom. Call the Church Office if you have an emergency. The Council approves his conference, denominational service, and vacation schedule each year. 				