

The Witness

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From the Pastor's Desk

JESUS IS ALIVE! LET'S CELEBRATE!

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What is your favorite Easter advertisement? The cute cartoon with two chocolate bunnies? Picture of eggs, baskets, and children in spring dresses? The one that has stuck with me the most was the simplest: **Jesus is Alive! Let's Celebrate!**

Christians have a lot to celebrate!! God has defeated sin, death, alienation, separation, shame and the grave by raising Jesus from the dead. The Apostle Paul encouraged believers to rejoice with these words: *"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"* (1 Cor. 15:55-57). I invite you to celebrate the miracle of the resurrection with us this Easter as we acknowledge the significant day that changed lives and the world.

Happy Easter! Pastor Ivan+




7:00 AM
April 17, 2022
Easter Sunrise Service

HE IS ALIVE!

Let's Celebrate

 HISTORIC 1880 EVEREST CHURCH
OLD PRAIRIE TOWN AT WARD-MEADE
HISTORIC SITE AND BOTANICAL GARDEN
124 NW FILLMORE ST, TOPEKA, KS 66606

He Has Risen!
Easter Sunday
CELEBRATE JESUS' RESURRECTION



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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



BIBLE STUDY OPTIONS

BIBLE STUDIES, SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, & SMALL GROUPS

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS NEW STUDY STARTING "1, 2 & 3 JOHN"

WED. AM BIBLE STUDY

Come at 10:30 am on Wednesdays *online or in-person* in Holmer Hall. All students are welcome!

- ♦ APRIL 6 - 1 JOHN Overview
- ♦ April 13 - 1 John 1:1-2:2
- ♦ April 20 - No Bible Study
- ♦ April 27 - 1 John 2:3-27

WWW KIDS' BIBLE CLUB WEDNESDAYS

5:30-6:00 PM - FREE SUPPER

6:00-7:00 PM - BIBLE CLUB

- ♦ April 6 – WWW Kids Club
- ♦ April 13 – NO WWW Club
- ♦ April 20 – WWW Kids Club
- ♦ April 27 – WWW Carnival



Bible classes for children, youth, and adults. Activities include creative Bible stories, fun games, easy-to-learn songs, and the Bible Buck store. Call for a ride – (785) 233-4241.

Christian Education Committee met for the first time in 2022 on Tuesday, February 15. We welcomed Matt and Ashley Smith as new youth leaders.

We joyfully celebrated the return of WWW Kids Bible Club & Adult Bible Studies on February 9 with most everyone returning and several new students joining us. There's room for more so please consider coming for **dinner at 5:30 and classes and adult Bible study from 6:00 - 7:00 pm.**

We spent the rest of the meeting planning and discussing events for the year.

CAMP - Students will begin working towards a camp scholarship that will help pay towards camp or Quest at Green Lake.

WWW CARNIVAL - We will be hosting a carnival April 27 to celebrate the end of WWW for the year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CINEMA - We will once again have our Sunday School Cinema during the months of June and July.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is scheduled for July 25-29 in the evenings.

We feel blessed to be able to share the love of God in these ways. If you would like to be a part of this ministry there are many volunteer opportunities available.



We will be accepting donations for baked goods and cans or small bottles of pop for our **WWW carnival**. Individuals are needed to help provide children's sermons during Pastor Ivan's absences. We will need many volunteers for Vacation Bible School. If you would like to help in any way, please contact me.

~ Colleen Smith, CE coordinator



OUTREACH

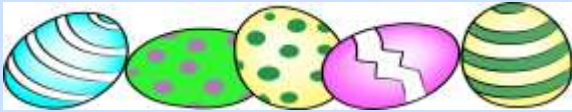
BABY CLOSET

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

FOOD PANTRY MOST WEDNESDAYS

3:30 - 5:30 PM

*All food is available free of cost!



EASTER EGG HUNT - An Easter Egg Hunt will be held **Saturday, April 16 2022 at 1 PM at Meadows Elementary School**. Looking for an Easter Bunny and helpers to hide the eggs at noon prior to the hunt. If you would like to run this event or help, please let Jack Janway know.



REGISTER NOW!

TOPEKA
SHAREFEST
April 30th

Register now at sharefesttopeka.com

We Can Do More Together!

DOORSTEP, Inc. News ~ April, 2022

Thank you again to everyone who donated towards Doorstep's **SuperBowl Sunday** collection of soup and crackers. A total of **5,342 pounds** of food was donated from our member congregations!!!!

Match Challenge Met, But Our Goal... Not Yet!

We feel very blessed that in roughly two weeks, with several larger donations, our Match Challenge of \$20,000 for raising \$40,000 was met! What an honor that businesses, individuals, and organizations stepped up so quickly to help us meet that Challenge!

While it is exciting that the Match Challenge has been met... we have not met our goal yet! We still need donors to help get us to the finish line, by May 31st! We still need another \$25,000 to meet the projected cost to have our 60+ year old HVAC system updated.

Please consider donating to our HVAC upgrade project. As we have said before, any funds we raise over what is needed for the purchase and installation of the new HVAC system, will be used towards additional rent and utility assistance for our neighbors in need. Rest assured, your donation will be used for the benefit of Doorstep, and the people we serve.

Once the new system is installed, we can expect to see a 10% increase in efficiency on the electric, and a 20% increase in efficiency on the gas. With prices going up, this is a great savings, and we will have updated equipment which will be under warranty!

Please send your donations to: Doorstep, Inc., 1119 SW 10th, Topeka, Ks 66604. You can also visit our website: www.DoorstepTopeka.org, and donate through PayPal. Make sure to note the HVAC fund on any donation you send for this project.

SHAREFEST 2022— SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER!

Sharefest is an annual event where churches from Topeka and Shawnee County come together to perform work projects at schools and other non-profit sites. **Sharefest is on April 30th 8AM - Noon**. Nelda and I have signed up to work at the Southard Campus which includes Capital City HS and the Avondale Academy which are contained within the Hummer Park complex. You may sign up for any listed school or site.

Go to www.sharefesttopeka.com to sign up, choose what you wish to do and where you wish to work. If you sign up before April 18th, you can also order a T-shirt. You must be at least 12 years old to sign up. A celebration will be held at all work sites at the end of the work. See Jack Janway for details.

MISSION

AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2022

"I will praise you and testify about what you have done." PSALM 22:22

AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING

Thank you for your generous support for the America for Christ Offering! So far we have collected \$1,585.00 toward our goal of \$1,750. As a reminder, the AFC Offering has recently supported communities distressed by the devastation of COVID-19, as the pandemic swept our country and Puerto Rico. It also helped families who lost homes to floods, wildfires and storms, along with children living on the edge because of poverty, and seminarians preparing to devote their lives to sharing the Good News.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING - UKRAINE

We had two Sunday's of gifts for One Great Hour of Sharing for Ukraine that totaled \$950. The pastor completed the paperwork and sent in these gifts to International Ministries for Ukraine. Once again you have shown how caring and generous you are!



BACK TO BETHEL

We will be going to the Bethel Neighborhood Center in Kansas City, KS on Friday, April 22nd to serve a meal and provide a devotional message for their worship service that evening. This is always a lot of fun and it's a special time of service with lots of good memories. We usually leave the church by 4:00pm and transportation is provided. We will return around 8:30pm. If you would be interested in going with us and participating in this worthwhile project, please let me (Jim Goodnow) know at church, or phone: 785-246-1807 or by email: jim.goodnow@sbcglobal.net



GLOBAL SERVANT SPOTLIGHT

Hermelinda & Jorge Damasceno - HERMELINDA and JORGE serve with the Baptist Churches in the East Anglia region of the United Kingdom. They assist churches in reaching communities of Portuguese-speaking migrant workers by visiting, assessing needs and developing strategies to welcome and provide services for the migrants to grow in their understanding of God's love, truth and justice. The Damascenos previously served Albania and now serve in the UK as jointly appointed missionaries of International Ministries and JAMI, the cross-cultural mission agency of the National Baptist Convention (CBN) in Brazil. They also serve in Tanzania with Health Amplifier, an NGO partner co-founded by Jorge and where he serves as executive director. Health Amplifier delivers affordable and community-focused medical care to remote areas in Tanzania.: www.internationalministries.org/author/jh-damasceno.

PRAYER MINISTRY

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Join Your Church Family in unceasing prayers, petitions, praise, and intercessions for our world, nation, state, city, church, and families:

- ♦ Cancer Patients, Survivors and Families
- ♦ Coronavirus (COVID 19) Pandemic
- ♦ Grieving and Hurt
- ♦ Holistic Small Groups – NCD minimum factor
- ♦ Homebound and Shut Ins, Nursing/Assisted Living
- ♦ Human Trafficking / Sexual Slavery
- ♦ International Ministries and Global Servants
- ♦ Lost, Hurting Persons, and Worldwide Evangelism
- ♦ National Guard and Military Personnel – Active Duty
- ♦ Refugees, Displaced Persons, and European hosts
- ♦ Russia-Ukraine Military Conflict and Wars
- ♦ Veterans & Persons Missing In Action
- ♦ Youth Trip to Young Christians Weekend

Share Prayer Concerns and Download the Weekly Prayer Sheet at wsbctopeka.org/get-help/prayer-request

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle "In God's Hands: The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle takes us through every region of the world over the course of a year. Praying for each place on earth and its people at least once a year, we affirm our solidarity with Christians all over the world, brothers and sisters living in diverse situations, experiencing diverse problems and sharing diverse gifts. Pray with us!

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND PEOPLE IN:

- ♦ March 27 - 02 April - Czech Rep., Poland, Slovakia
- ♦ April 03 - 09 - The Balkans - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, and Slovenia
- ♦ April 10 - 16 - Bulgaria, Hungary, and Romania
- ♦ April 17 - 24 - Belarus, Moldova, Russia, and Ukraine
- ♦ April 24 - 30 - Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia

Prayer is at the very heart of the ecumenical movement. Jesus prayed that we – his followers – may all be one. When we pray with and for one another, we can feel God's gift of unity. Prayer sustains us on our way towards a unity that all can see, "so that the world may believe". (John 17:21) Learn more at www.oikoumene.org.



**World Council
of Churches**



LEARN TO PRAY FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE and Missionaries reaching **ETHNIC GROUPS** by visiting the joshuaproject.net. The Joshua Project is a Christian agency in Colorado Springs which seeks to coordinate the work of missionary organizations to track the ethnic groups of the world with the fewest followers of evangelical Christianity. To do so, it maintains ethnologic data to support Christian missions.

PRAY FOR PERSECUTED believers suffering for Jesus! Learn what it is, where it is happening, who is doing it, and what you can do to help stop suffering. Prayer and visit:

www.persecution.org

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.





WORSHIP

The Revised Common Lectionary Texts for Worship Reader: Ashley Smith

SUNDAY, APRIL 10 – PALM SUNDAY

- ♦ **PROCESSION OF THE PALMS @ 9:00 AM** – Children and adults are welcome to march with palms to Potwin Presbyterian to join WS Christian in a passion parade. Meet Pastor Ivan at the front steps and wear your walking shoes! We will be back for a delayed start to Sunday School.
- ♦ **WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10:30 AM** with special prelude music by Jan Mauck, Church Pianist.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SEDER SUPPER, APRIL 14 @ 7:00 PM

– The Seder is the traditional Passover meal that includes reading, drinking unfermented juice, telling stories, eating special foods, singing, and other traditions on THURSDAY, APRIL 14 at 7:00 pm. RSVP at <https://forms.gle/7CbkwpW1u3LnMw9g9> or call the Office.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, APRIL 15 at 7:00 PM – a quiet, reflective service of Jesus' last words on the Cross of Calvary in the Sanctuary.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17

- ♦ **SUNRISE SERVICE AT 7:00 AM** – Join us in the Chapel at Old Prairie Town for a celebration of the resurrection. Park opens at 6:30 AM. Sunrise at 6:43 AM. Holy Communion will be observed.
- ♦ **Easter Breakfast and Sunday School at 8:00 AM** – bring a breakfast casserole, quick bread, or fruit to share, followed by Sunday school.
- ♦ **Easter Celebration Service at 10:30 AM** with Holy Communion.

♦ **APRIL 3 - LENT 5**

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

♦ **APRIL 10 - PALM SUN.**

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 22:14-23:56

♦ **APRIL 17 - EASTER**

Isaiah 65:17-25
Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Luke 24:1-12
John 20:1-18

♦ **APRIL 24 - EASTER 2**

Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 118:14-29
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Sundays

10:30 a.m.



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. JOIN US IN PERSON OR ONLINE at:

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

Mitigation practices to prevent the spread of diseases are encouraged - such as wearing a mask — but not required. See the Center for Disease Control and Prevention website



APRIL USHERS

Pat Carpenter
Jared Cripe

Don Johnson
Harry Carpenter



Interested in
serving as an
Usher??

See
Clarence
Payne,
Head Usher

APRIL COMMUNION SERVERS

Pat Carpenter, Angie Foster,
Jim Goodnow, and Don Johnson

DID YOU KNOW...



Community Rewards

**DILLONS
COMMUNITY
REWARDS** -
West Side
Baptist Church
(#63996) is

now enrolled in the **Dillon Community Rewards program**. If you shop at Dillon for your groceries or prescriptions, you can select West Side Baptist Church to receive a small donation from Dillon based on the dollars you spend. **WSBC has received a total of \$156.30 in donations in 2021. The Office can help with sign up!**

UKRAINE RELIEF - West Side donated \$950.00 this past week toward Ukraine Relief through the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering (OGHS). This initial gift is the collection received the first Sundays in March to help our European partners respond to the needs of refugees, displaced persons, and families suffering from the war. Thank you for giving! You can give to Ukraine Relief online at <https://west-side-baptist-church.square.site> or mail your donations to the church. Read more about American Baptist Churches USA work on behalf of Ukraine at <https://www.abc-usa.org>.



Our Northeast Area Baptist Association (ABCCR) approved \$1,000.00 be sent to the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Offering for Ukraine Relief. West Side Baptist Church is a volunteer mission partner with thirty-nine Am. Baptist churches in northeast Kansas for mutual support and encouragement, as well as combining resources for common goals. The Area is funded by annual dues and donations. More at <https://www.abccr.org>.

Church Treasurer's Report...

Our Church Finances

My report for this newsletter is short. We are healthy financially and our income continues to be ahead of our expenses for the year. Here are the numbers:

Our income for February was \$18,196.31 with a total of \$48,877.11 for the year. This is 18.43% of our budget. 1/6 of the budget year is 16.67%.

Our expenses for February totaled \$17,964.31 with a total of \$42,888.41 which is 16.62% of our budget.

The difference of income to expenses for the first two months of the year is \$5,988.70.

Our checking account balance is \$110,431.62. The majority of this is the new Capital Campaign monies totaling \$83,192.07. It also includes Outreach funds totaling \$10,686.84 and our Youth fund of \$6,199.60.

The Benevolent Fund balance is \$5,823.25.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

~ Nancy Lindberg, Treasurer

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>



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
At The Cross
PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION

**SUNDAY
APRIL 10
10:30 AM**

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 Connect

Jan Mauck plans to play a special piano prelude "The Palms" on Palm Sunday, April 10 at 10:30 am. Come enjoy her gift!

CHURCH OFFICE



1st Bev McCurdy
3rd Nancy Cottril
3rd Russ Hunter
6th Jessa Greuter
6th Matthew Peck
7th Mike Henson
10th River Nelson
17th Emily Hersh
25th Ernie Longstaff
26th Adelynn Cripe
29th Jan Mauck
30th Harry Carpenter



4th Jared & Amy Cripe
18th Brian & Lonna Hersh
24th Dewey & Tera Freeman

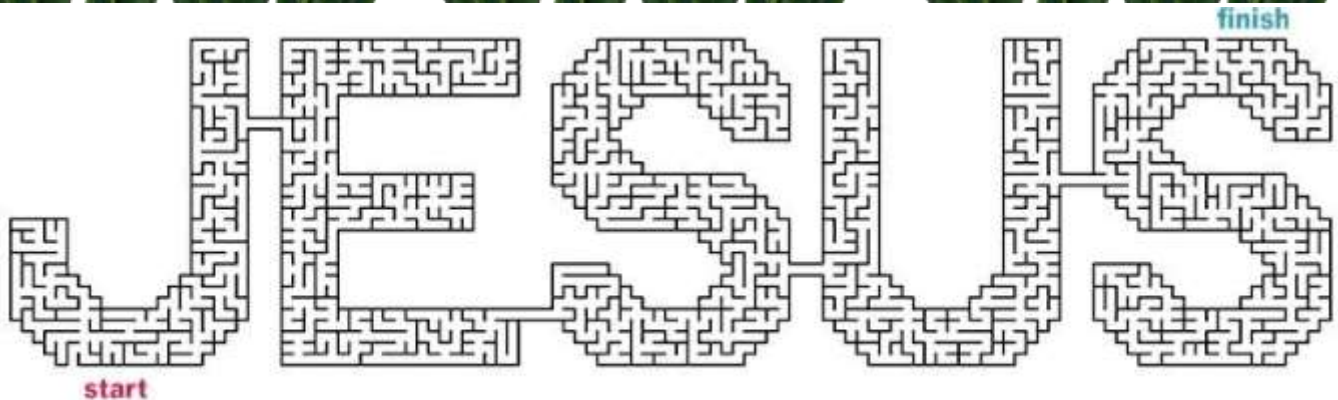
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Tuesday-Fridays
8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

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ACTIVITY PAGE





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