

The Witness

THE NEWSLETTER OF WEST SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH OF TOPEKA, KS

From the Pastor's Desk **Dynamic Expansion!**

There is one word that defines the holy season of Eastertide (fifty days from Easter to Pentecost): **dynamite!** Jesus told his apostles after the Resurrection - before his glorious Ascension— “I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high” (Luke 24:49, NIV). In Greek, the word dynamite means “might, power, physical force, ability, efficacy, energy, meaning, marvelous works” (Strong’s Concordance).

The Easter season is marked by selected readings from the book, **Acts of the Apostles**, to showcase the powerful work of the Spirit in and through God’s people. The early church will experience the power of God first-hand: in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, in the conversion of thousands, and the dynamic expansion of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. To help us understand this phenomenon, I will



start a new six-week sermon series on May 1, called **CHANGED**. Come discover how your life can **CHANGE** for the better with the Power of God!!

Eastertide blessings!
~ Pastor Ivan+

Council President's Corner **Quarterly Business Meeting**

The Council has set the next **Quarterly Business Meeting & Potluck Luncheon** for **Sunday, May 22 at 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall**. The Congregation will receive reports and carry out the business of the church. All business meetings shall include, but not be limited to, reports of the Pastor, the Council, other groups as appropriate and items for membership consideration and/or action. Individuals having an item of concern or a motion they wish considered at a business meeting must present such item to the Council at the regular Council meeting prior to the business meeting.

— Pat Carpenter, Church Moderator

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SUNDAY Schedule

Sunday School
9:15 a.m.

**SUNDAY
WORSHIP**
10:30 a.m.

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CHURCH OFFICE

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 Hurting
- ♦ 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

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:

- ♦ 01 - 07 May - Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan
- ♦ 08 - 14 May - India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka
- ♦ 15 - 21 May - Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal
- ♦ 22 - 28 May - Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, and Seychelles
- ♦ 29 May - 04 June - Angola, and Mozambique

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**

PRAYER MINISTRY



13th Barbara Amos
13th Church Cozad
14th Juliano Bennett
14th Almira Collier
17th Izavis McKnight
17th Marianne Spano
18th Alice Payne



8th Tom & Jan Mansfield
10th John & Jan Swain
21st Russ & Fran Hunter

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

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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!

- ♦ **MAY 04** **1 JOHN 2:3-27**
- ♦ **MAY 11** **1 JOHN 2:28-4:6**
- ♦ **MAY 18** **1 JOHN 4:7-5:5**
- ♦ **MAY 25** **1 JOHN 5:6-21**

NO WWW KIDS' BIBLE CLUB RESTARTS AUGUST 31

WWW Kids Club finished the year with a Carnival on April 27. The new year will start on Wed., August 31.



MONDAY-FRIDAY—JULY 25-29



CONGRATULATIONS

Christian Education wishes to recognize all of our graduates (High School, College, and Graduate Programs) during the worship service on Sunday, May 22. Please call the Church Office or speak with Colleen if someone in your family is graduating.

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!

Thanks for helping with the Easter Egg Hunt - especially the Bunny!

MISSION

AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING - Thank you for your generous support for the America for Christ Offering! Praise God we received **\$2,132.00** toward our goal of **\$1,750.00**.



FROM THE DESK AT DOORSTEP - We are fully in to spring now, and the flowers, trees and grass will be adding color to our outside world again; hopefully, bringing some sunshine and enjoyment to a still unsteady world.

I'm sure we all thought more than two years into this pandemic that we would be 'normal' again... If we didn't think it, we surely hoped! And, yet, here we are. As much as we would like to return to pre-COVID ways of providing services at Doorstep, we aren't there yet. But, we continue providing food, clothing, household items, rent, utilities, prescriptions, pet food, hygiene kits, diapers, dental and gas vouchers, and local bus tickets by appointment or via phone intake.

It would be wonderful to have an **Annual Banquet and Quilt Drawing** again, perhaps sometime this year we will feel comfortable having these events and celebrating our dedicated volunteers and Doorstep!

We will have **Christmas in July** focusing on specific donations, and our **3rd Summer Cash Bash** with matching funds already secured!

Speaking of matching funds... Our wonderful supporters and donors met the **HVAC Match Challenge** in less than 3 weeks' time! And, while that didn't get us all the way to the goal line... we have received additional funds, and pledges, that will get us to the \$180,000 budget for the new HVAC system!! YAY! We have signed the contract to lock in prices, the equipment has been ordered, and we expect to start the project in mid-September. We cannot thank all of those who donated to this special project enough for your support of this need. We have been blown away by the generosity of so many who believe in the mission of Doorstep!



GLOBAL SERVANT SPOTLIGHT

Annie & Jeff Dieselberg - ANNIE and JEFF serve in Bangkok, Thailand. Annie is the founding CEO of NightLight International, a global organization compelled by love to reach out to, rescue, and restore the lives of those who have been negatively affected by sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation. NightLight Bangkok has assisted over 190 Thai women through employment and repatriated over 230 trafficked women to their home countries. Jeff serves as a chaplain for NightLight and as co-pastor of Song Sawang Church, which was founded with women from NightLight and has grown to include their children, extended family members, and neighbors.

www.internationalministries.org



WORSHIP

Church Treasurer's Report...

Our Church Finances

First quarter statements have gone out. I'm hoping you reviewed your statement to make sure your gifts are recorded and the pledges – offerings and/or capital campaign – you made are correct. If not, please let me know so that we can check on it for you.

We are healthy financially. Here are the numbers:

Our income for March was \$17,231.67 with a total of \$66,108.78 for the year. This is 24.95% of our budget. ¼ of the budget year is 25%.

Our expenses for March totaled \$31,451.53 with a total of \$74,564.48 which is 28.89% of our budget. Our biggest expenditures for March included a \$11,094 annual insurance bill and Youth Fund expenditures of \$526.20.

Our checking account balance shown on the balance sheet is \$101,071.55. The majority of this is the new Capital Campaign monies totaling \$134,667.07 which includes a Mission portion of \$5,643. It also includes Outreach funds totaling \$10,486.52 and our Youth fund of \$5,673.40.

The Benevolent Fund balance is \$5,442.31.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

Nancy Lindberg, Treasurer

The Revised Common Lectionary Texts

Reader: Don Johnson

♦ MAY 1 - EASTERTIDE 3

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

♦ MAY 8 - EASTERTIDE 4

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

♦ MAY 15—EASTERTIDE 5

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

♦ MAY 22 - EASTERTIDE 6

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John 14:23-29

ASCENSION DAY—MAY 26



♦ MAY 29 - EASTERTIDE 7 MEMORIAL DAY

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12-14,
16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26

MAY USHERS

Chuck Cozad Sonia Roling
Aaron Poe Clarence Payne
Harry Carpenter

Interested in being an Usher??

See Clarence Payne,
Head Usher

MAY COMMUNION SERVERS

Angie Foster, Ernie Longstaff
Jay & Marty Stevenson



Background on Rainbow Acres

Founded in 1974, Rainbow Acres is a Christian community with heart that empowers adults with developmental disabilities to live to their fullest potential with dignity and purpose. We provide exceptional special needs housing, life-enriching programs, and loving, holistic healthcare in a safe, vibrant, inclusive ranch-style community. We're located in Arizona's scenic high desert of Verde Valley, just 1 ½ hours north of Phoenix and a short drive from Sedona. Our residents, affectionately called Ranchers, live, work, and socialize with their peers in a safe and caring environment. Love, hope, and faith create a community of authentic joy and growth.

Heart and Home at Rainbow Acres

Rainbow Acres facilities include homes equipped to service special needs of 10 residents per house, a state-of-the-art health and wellness center, multi-purpose community center, educational classrooms, arts enrichment creative and performance spaces, a barn for horses and other animals and functional greenhouses for year-round harvests and much more.

Special Needs of Rainbow Acres Resident Ranchers

Rainbow Acres serves a population of 90 to 125 adults from ages 18 to 80s who have relocated from across the U.S. and been diagnosed with a wide range of illnesses, intellectual and developmental disabilities such as Down Syndrome, Autism, Fragile X, Cerebral Palsy, Stroke, Memory Impairment, OCD, Bipolar, etc. Most of the resident Ranchers manage other significant health issues such as Anxiety, Diabetes, Eyesight and Hearing Impairment and severe allergy or dietary restrictions. We offer a cultural-rich living environment, and all faiths are welcome

How Am. Baptist Women of the Central Region (ABWCR) is going to help

The Frese House is a place to call home for some of the more mature female residents and is one of the oldest residential houses at Rainbow Acres. This home needs a complete refurbishment since its construction over 20 years ago. We will be raising \$30,000 to help with this need including the following:

Upgraded suite of new heavy duty and energy efficient appliances including electric stove/oven, microwave, dishwasher, refrigerator, washer and dryer

Suite of Great Room furniture including large sofa with durable leather upholstery, dining room table and chairs ensemble to set 12 individuals, glider recliners (4) suitable for physical challenges, flat screen smart TV for entertainment and video/streaming education

Replace water heaters (4)

Replace HVAC heat pump

Pray and then give generously to the project. Monies are to be sent to the treasurer:

Alice Gruber

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Project Associate – Sherill Carlson

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ACTIVITY PAGE



Mother's Day Word Search



B N A M D N A R G D J V K B E C P U
 I S N O S S E L X Q N T C N D O R J
 M V K J J R Z G L F M O T H E R E K
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Happy Mother's Day
 to all moms, both
 here on Earth and
 up in Heaven.

Memorial Day

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 Communion 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	2 9:00 am Baby Closet	3	4 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Baby Closet 3:30 pm Harvester's 7:00 pm Choir	5 1:00 pm Baby Closet 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study	6	7 1:30 pm Worship Team
8 Mother's Day 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am	9 9:00 am Baby Closet	10 6:00 pm Council Meeting	11 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Baby Closet 3:30 pm Harvester's 7:00 pm Choir	12 1:00 pm Baby Closet 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study	13	14 1:30 pm Worship Team
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