

The Witness

THE NEWSLETTER OF WEST SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH OF TOPEKA, KS

September 2022

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SCHEDULE

Sunday School
9:00 a.m.

WORSHIP
10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY
Bible Study
10:30 a.m.
7:00 p.m.

From the Pastor's Desk

Is there any greater sense of achievement than harvesting fresh tomatoes out of your garden? Honestly, yes! But picking ripe tomatoes and fresh vegetables cannot be beat...especially the taste. This summer's temperatures and wild weather made me concerned that my crops were not going to ripen. I watched and waited for the tomatoes to turn to a deep red but they stayed green for the longest time. I consulted experts (you know, neighbors and older growers). They all had one thing to say, "they're ripen when they're ready." I was ready!

The writer of Ecclesiastes knew the importance of waiting for God's timing. He wrote, "God has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, the Lord has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end" (3:11). In the right moments - chronological and God's *karios* timing - the Lord delivers on his promises: rains arrive, crops ripen, leaves fall, harvest comes, birds fly south, snows glisten, and so on. It is a sign of maturity when we can find contentment in the seasons of life - neither wanting or rushing but enjoying what is right now.

September is a time for families to set rhythms for the autumn season. Schools start as summer gives way to regular schedules of work, rest, fun, and free time. *I hope Sunday school, worship, and Wednesday night Bible Club will be part of your regular routines. A little investment of time with God each day and with your church family each week will yield a rich harvest of good fruit in due season for you and your kids!*

Please take this 2-minute survey to answer four basic questions:
[SURVEY LINK](#) to help us serve you better this Fall.

Sunflower Blessings, Pastor Ivan+



CONVENTIONS & GATHERINGS - September is a time for area, regional, and national conventions. I will be attending the International Ministries Board of Directors Meeting, NE Area meeting, ABC Central Region Gathering, and the ABHMS National Conv., etc. Call my cellphone if you need to talk, pray, or have an emergency.

VISIT US ONLINE AT WWW.WSBCTOPEKA.ORG

CHURCH OFFICE



HOSPITAL VISITS & EMERGENCIES – If you or a loved one is admitted to the hospital for an emergency or for surgery, the hospital staff and chaplains' office will NOT contact the Church Office or the Pastor. You or a family member must call the Church at (785) 233-4241 or the Pastor at (785) 224-7234. Pastor is willing to visit the hospital and pray prior to surgeries.

Share Prayer Concerns and Download the Weekly Prayer Sheet at

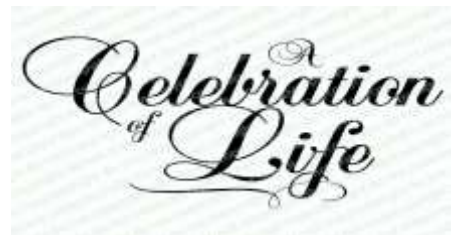
<https://wsbctopeka.org/get-help/prayer-request>

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>



9th Ivan Greuter
11th Tom Mansfield
13th Mark Arnold
14th Alice Kieffer
16th Marty Stevenson
26th Clarence Payne
28th Betty Arnold
30th Selena Jaimez
30th Lonna Hersh



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

Call for a Pastoral Visit
Pastor's Day Off: Fridays

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Church Treasurer's Report...

Our Church Finances

Our income for July was \$16,318.61 with a total of \$138,538.22 for the year. We are at 54.11% of our budget. 7/12 of the budget year is 58.33%.



Our expenses for July totaled \$21,161.30 with a yearly total of \$168,793.45 which is 65.41% of our budget. Our expenditures for July to highlight include: #7720 - Minor Maintenance/Improvements - \$1,520.69; #7810 - Electricity - \$2,683.78; #8530 - Music Resources - \$403.89; #8550 - Pulpit Supply - \$380.00; and #8685 - Youth Fund Expenditures - \$352.61.

The difference of income to expenses for the first seven months of the year is
\$-25,451.26.

Our checking/savings account balance in our main account shown on the balance sheet is \$53,656.89.

The Benevolent Fund balance is \$5,873.49.

In July we received the 5% distribution from the 2nd investment fund at the Topeka Community Foundation created from the estate of Vern and Portia Allbert. This fund is designated for music and offsets our music expenses in the budget. The amount received was \$4,435.57.

I gave an overview of our Capital Campaign at the church picnic/quarterly business meeting a few weeks ago. The newest projects - north parking lot and the parapets on the church steeple - were completed this summer. And now I am pleased to report the five windows in the office suite have been replaced. Be sure to stick your head in the church offices to see how nice they are.

The Memorials Committee met to recommend the Don Morris memorial gifts totaling \$5,090 be used with Don's life insurance gift of \$50,000 to pay for the costs of the north parking lot. That recommendation was approved. The memorials committee will be meeting to discuss a request by the worship committee to use some memorial dollars for new hymnals that the committee has purchased.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

Nancy Lindberg, Treasurer

A.C. Repairs: New Compressor



A.C. Repairs: Midwest Coating Inc. Crain



Office Windows Replaced: \$1,120 each



OUTREACH & EVANGELISM



BABY CLOSET

MONDAY - 9:00-11:00AM
WEDNESDAY - 3:30-6:30 PM
THURSDAY - 1:00-3:00 PM

wsbctopeka.org/get-help/baby-closet
NEED DONATIONS OF DIAPERS

FOOD PANTRY

MOST WEDNESDAYS
3:30 - 5:30 PM

***All food is available free of cost!**

wsbctopeka.org/get-help/food-pantry

No Food Pantry on the 5th Wednesday of a month

OUTREACH - Outreach is planning a game night for either the Thursday of the 7th or 14th of September. Please be thinking about which games and snacks you could bring to share.



The stores are filling up with Halloween costumes and of course, candy. Please consider purchasing a bag of candy for our Trunk or Treat that we hold on the 31st of October.

If you have any suggestions for Outreach or would like to help in our activities, please let me know.

Jack Janway,
Outreach &
Evangelism



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

WWW KIDS BIBLE CLUB - Beginning on Wednesday, Sept 7. We will provide supper for free Wednesdays, 5:30 - 6:00 pm, and a group Bible lesson for children, youth, and adults. Again, we will be counting on volunteers to carry out this mission. There are jobs to help with transportation, cooking, serving, clean-up, teaching, playing, singing, and more. You are invited to be a part of WWW. Come join the fun and invite someone to come along.

WWW BIBLE LESSONS

Week 1 September 7 Unit 22

- Lesson 1 Jesus Healed Ten Men

Week 2 September 14 Unit 22

- Lesson 2 Jesus Healed a Woman & Girl

Week 3 September 21 Unit 22

- Lesson 3 Jesus Healed a Man who was Lame

Week 4 September 28 Unit 22

- Lesson 4 Jesus Healed a Man who was Blind



SUNDAY SCHOOL - Our ADULT Sunday School class will be led by Jack Janway in Holmer Hall. He plans to spend the first five weeks studying John 1-3.

After that, he is hoping to begin season three of "The Chosen".

Our HIGH SCHOOL class will meet in the youth room. Janice Kirby will be teaching it until we find a permanent teacher. She plans to begin the year with some object lessons.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH in grades K-8 will meet upstairs. Colleen Smith will teach the primary children and Fran Seymour-Hunter and Pat Carpenter will teach the intermediate students.

NEW CLASSES - we are looking for leaders and students interested in starting new or restarting classes. We would love to have full classes this year. Bring your children, grandchildren or neighbor children as we study and learn together. Colleen Smith, Christian Ed



9:00 am

SUNDAY MORNINGS



MISSION



BETHEL NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER - Our church often provides a meal and devotional message at the Bethel Neighborhood Center worship service in Kansas City, KS, whenever there is a 5th Friday in a month. Mark your

calendars for the next "5th Friday" on September 30!

GLOBAL SERVANT SPOTLIGHT



Ruth Fox - RUTH serves as IM's Global Coordinator for Education identifying, reporting, networking, encouraging, and resourcing ministries of education for IM global servants and

partners. Continuing and expanding upon 20 years of work as a global servant in Thailand and as a regional consultant in Southeast Asia, Ruth works with IM's area directors, global servants, and partners to pursue goals set forth in IM's Responding to the Call strategic plan related to the ministry priority of education. This includes identifying opportunities and assisting in recruitment of long-term and short-term global servants, developing and sharing resources, facilitating STEP (Student Tuition Expense Program) projects to support students, and monitoring and reporting progress in IM-related educational initiatives around the globe.

www.internationalministries.org/author/r-fox/



DOORSTEP'S LIST OF FOOD, CLOTHING, AND HYGIENE NEEDS:

Food Needs:

- ☐ Pancake Mix & Syrup
- ☐ Peas
- ☐ Hamburger Helper
- ☐ Canned Beans – any variety
- ☐ Canned Milk
- ☐ Spaghetti O's & Ravioli
- ☐ Tuna
- ☐ Canned Fruit – any variety
- ☐ Dry Pinto Beans
- ☐ Jelly – any flavor
- ☐ Cereal – any variety
- ☐ Boxed Potatoes – Scalloped, Mashed, etc
- ☐ Canned Vegetables (**NO Corn or Green Beans Please**)

Beans Please)

- ☐ Canned Tomatoes – variety
- ☐ Pork & Beans
- ☐ Macaroni & Cheese
- ☐ Cake & Brownie Mixes

Hygiene Items:

- ☐ Shampoo & Conditioner (**2-in-1 or individual bottles**)
- ☐ Toothpaste
- ☐ Deodorant
- ☐ Combs & Brushes

Clothing Room:

- ☐ Queen sized sheet sets & Comforters
- ☐ Twin sized sheet sets & Comforters
- ☐ Men's Jeans waist sizes 29 – 36
- ☐ Men's Shorts waist sizes 29 – 34
- ☐ Pots & Pans
- ☐ Electric Hand Mixers
- ☐ Manual Can Openers

Impact Avenues needs furniture for their families once they are housed.

If you have used furniture to donate, please contact Carrie at 785-368-4456 or chiggins@topeka.org OR Stephanie at 785-368-4461 or scarrillo@topeka.org.

ABW - Would like to take this time to Thank all of you on giving to the ABW Project and ABW Love Gift

**Project income is at \$697.00
Love gift is at \$588.00**



We have written two checks for the project for a total of \$497.00 which gives a balance on the Project of \$200.00

Thanks again Marianne Spano

WORSHIP

The Revised
Common Lectionary
Scripture Texts
Reader: Karen Kirby

September 4
Jeremiah 18:1-11
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

September 11
Jeremiah 4:11-12,22-28
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

September 18
Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

September 25
Jeremiah 32:1-3a,6-15
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31

Worship
WITH US ONLINE

SEPTEMBER USHERS

David Martin, Aaron Poe,
Tom Donnelly, Clarence Payne and
Harry Carpenter

Interested in being an Usher??
See Clarence Payne,
Head Usher

SEPTEMBER COMMUNION SERVERS

Jack & Nelda Janway
Jared & Amy Cripes



CHOIR REHEARSALS - Join the Choir for rehearsals on **WEDNESDAY'S** at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary . There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary if you are new and would like to join the Choir.

~ Matt Smith, Choir Director

Let me know if you or someone you know would like to perform special music!

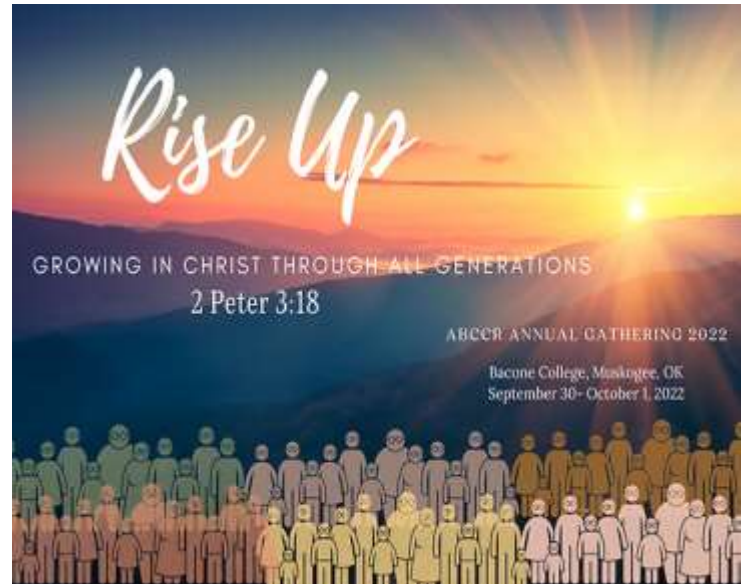
WORSHIP ONLINE – The Church is committed to the continual praise and worship of Almighty God in the Name of Jesus Christ. Church leaders and our clergy hold services regularly in the Sanctuary in compliance with all published federal, state, and local government health orders. Services are broadcast 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.

American Baptist Churches USA

REGIONAL GATHERING

The ABCCR Annual Gathering will be held on **Friday-Saturday, Sept. 30-Oct. 1** at **Bacone College in Muskogee, Oklahoma**. See Pat Carpenter, Church Moderator, if you would like to volunteer as a **Voting Church Delegate** to this important meeting. Register Online at <https://www.abccr.org/annual-gathering-2022>. American Baptist Churches of the Central Region (ABCCR) serves ABC Churches in Kansas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma (<https://www.abccr.org>).



Northeast Area Annual Meeting

SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2022

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF TOPEKA
3033 SW MACVICAR
TOPEKA, KS 66611

REGISTRATION: 4:30 PM
WELCOME CENTER DOOR C

DINNER & BUSINESS MEETING: 5:00 PM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

MENU: FRIED CHICKEN, MASHED POTATOES,
GREEN BEANS, SALAD, ROLLS, DESSERT
DONATIONS ACCEPTED

WORSHIP & PROGRAM: 6:00-7:00 PM
IN THE SANCTUARY - PRAISE TEAM NE KANSAS
AREA CHURCHES

OFFERING: SUPPORT UKRAINE FAMILIES
ARRIVING IN KANSAS



Yana Ross (pictured) - Guest Speaker
Update on Ukraine Families in Kansas

Marie Ratman - Guest Soloist

Gregg Hemmen - Guest Speaker
Update from the Central Region

RSVP TO PASTOR JANET BY SEPTEMBER 20TH
JANET@FIRSTBAPTISTTOPEKA.ORG



ACTIVITY PAGE

SEPTEMBER

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A F A L L N D A E L U B
C O N L E R R I U Q S A

ACORN
APPLES
AUTUMN
BOOKS

BREEZE
FALL
FRIENDS
HARVEST

HOMEWORK
LABOR DAY
LEAVES
RAKE

RED
SCHOOL
SQUIRREL
YELLOW



Bird Word Search

DIRECTIONS: Find and circle all of the bird names. They may be horizontally, vertically, or diagonally placed.

ALBATROSS
BLUE JAY
CANARY
CARDINAL
COCKATOO
CRANE
DOVE
EAGLE
EMU
FALCON
FLAMINGO
HAWK
HERON
HUMMINGBIRD
IBIS
KIWI
MAGPIE
MOCKINGBIRD
OSTRICH
PARAKEET
PARROT
PARTRIDGE

B X M J Y V D R I B G N I K C O M X
F P Q K H H R E P M I Z I S C W A C E
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PELICAN
PENGUIN
PIGEON
QUAIL
RAVEN
ROADRUNNER

ROBIN
SHRIKE
STORK
TOUCAN
VULTURE
WOODPECKER

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Autumn Word Search

H E O F H C P V U P R X P A P S Y N A I
C S F O R M K J E V T F M U C R M C U Q
W E A I D F M G O U R D V E M N B E T N
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X K I L M I V R G N O A K Y Y W F E T U
M C P R J E Y H O G O C N P J I D J N
Q P Y S S I Y H F J C K H C G I C M A Q
A L T S J I J H O D U U G W O S Y Q Y Q

Acorn
Apple
Autumn
Chill
Cool
Crisp
Fall
Gourd
Harvest
Hayride
Leaves
Maize
November
October
Pumpkin
Rake
Scarecrow
Season
September
Squash

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Sun

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|  | |  | | 1 1:00-3:00 pm Baby Closet | 2 | 3 1:30 pm Worship Team |
| 4 Communion 9:00 am Sunday 10:30 am Worship | 5 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY Office Closed 9:00-11:00 am Baby Closet | 6 | 7 10:30 Bible Study 3:30 pm Harvester's Food Pantry 3:30 pm Baby Closet 5:30 pm Free Supper 6:00 pm WWW 7:00 Choir | 8 1:00-3:00 pm Baby Closet | 9 | 10 1:30 pm Worship Team |
| 11 Grandparent SUNDAY 9:00 am Sun. School 10:30 am Worship | 12 9:00-11:00 am Baby Closet | 13 6:00 pm Council Meeting | 14 10:30 Bible Study 3:30 pm Harvester's Food Pantry 3:30 pm Baby Closet 5:30 pm Free Supper 6:00 pm WWW 7:00 Choir | 15 1:00-3:00 pm Baby Closet | <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> Pastor at Int. Ministries Board Meeting in Philadelphia </div> | |
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| 25 9:00 am Sunday 10:30 am Worship 4:30 pm NE Area Meeting | 26 9:00-11:00 am Baby Closet 6:00 pm DAR | 27 6:30 pm Outreach Meeting | 28 10:30 Bible Study 3:30 pm Harvester's Food Pantry 3:30 pm Baby Closet 5:30 pm Free Supper 6:00 pm WWW 7:00 Choir | 29 | 30 4:00 pm Bethel Dinner | |