

From the Pastor's Desk:

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6



TRUST is an essential element of our Christian faith - along with TRUTH (knowledge) and SUBMISSION (assent). The Spirit calls us to have "a firm belief in the reliability, truth, ability, or strength of someone or something greater than ourselves"— the Lord! God is trustworthy! God is reliable! God speaks truth! The Apostles tell us "Our God is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think" — Ephesians 3:20.

This year's stewardship theme is "**TRUST in the LORD**" from Prov. 3. In the midst of a global crisis, personal struggles, financial instability, crazy markets, rapid inflation, employment fluctuations, wars and rumors of wars, etc., we may wonder, *who or what can we trust*? The Bible is very clear, we are not to *trust* (continued on page 2)

Dear Members and Friends of West Side Baptist Church:

Sunday, November 20, is our congregation's Stewardship Sunday. I urge you to now plan to attend the two important events: Sunday morning worship and the Celebration Luncheon immediately following worship (a catered meal, not a potluck dinner).

This spiritual-growth-oriented process is designed to enrich our biblical understanding of Christian giving. Rather than focusing on the need of the church to receive, the experience concentrates on the need of the giver to give for their spiritual development.

We believe that you are concerned enough to attend on Stewardship Sunday and make your financial commitment as an act of worship in the church sanctuary.

No one will call on you at your home for a pledge. But we will contact you personally to secure your commitment to attend morning worship on Stewardship Sunday and the Celebration Luncheon immediately after worship. Cordially, ~ Pat Carpenter, Moderator



UPCOMING EVENTS:



November 2022								
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Money or Human Plans. The writer of wisdom, King Solomon, told us in Proverbs 11:28: "He who trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like the green leaf."

Giving our time, talents and treasurers (financial gifts) to God through the local church is a act of faith. When we give (tithe the first 10% of our income to God), we tell the world, "I trust the Lord." God comes first, and we pledge our hope in God's promise to provide. When we prayerfully ponder the spiritual question, we not only ask ourselves, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give through my local church?" but we also ask, "If I give, will I have enough for my wants and needs?" Essentially, can I trust God to take care of my family and me? Our faith says, "Yes!" We can trust God to provide for our loved ones and us because God Loves Us! Faith trusts God's promises who has been, is, and will be faithful!

As we prepare for Stewardship Sunday on November 20, I invite you to prayerfully consider the question, **"What percentage of my income is God calling me to give through my local church?"** Then, join us as we celebrate God's dependable faithfulness in providing all we need for our families, faith community, and futures!

See you in worship on Sunday!

Harvest blessings, Pastor Ivan+



Treasurer's Report

Our income for September was \$17,469.06 with a total of \$175,681.74 for the year. We are at 66.29% of our budget. 9/12 of the budget year is 75.00%.

Our expenses for September totaled \$18,788.45 with a yearly total of \$208,286.57 which is 80.69% of our budget. I don't have any specific expenditures for September to highlight.

The difference of income to expenses for the first nine months of the year is \$-32,604.83 compared to last month difference of \$-31,055.24. We have enough money in our checking account for cash flow because capital campaign funds are in this account at this time.

Our checking/savings account balance in our main account is \$70,911.87. This includes the capital campaign account.

The Benevolent Fund balance is \$6,179.17.

After Council members had submitted their recommendations, a first draft of the 2023 budget was presented at the October council meeting. We will continue to work on the budget, so it will be ready for the congregation discussion at our December Breakfast meeting.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

Nancy Lindberg, Treasurer

https://west-sidebaptistchurch.square.site









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Enjoy your extra hour of sleep! See you at church!

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

SET CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR

It's time to FALL BACK one hour to end Daylight Savings on Sunday, November 6 at 2:00 AM (or before you go to bed on Saturday). DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS

ANNUAL REPORTS – It is that time again for all the Council members to start thinking of what you want in your report. Please submit your report to Lynda (office@wsbctopeka.org) The Annual Meeting and Potluck Luncheon will be held in January. See Pat Carpenter for more information and agenda items. Annual reports will be distributed prior to the



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAYS - CLOSED

TUESDAYS-FRIDAYS 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

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RIDE TO CHURCH - If you or your children would like a ride to/from church **call the church office (785)233-4241 Friday before 3:00 pm.** The van leaves at 8:15 AM on Sunday mornings for Sunday School. Volunteers are needed to ride along with our driver to transport children on Sundays and Wednesdays.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUPPER on Wednesdays, 5:30 - 6:00 pm, followed by Bible lessons 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 FOR NOVEMBER

- **NOV. 2 -** Unit 24: Lesson 1, P.154 Jesus Calmed a Storm
- NOV. 9 Unit 24: Lesson 2, P. 170 Jesus Fed a Crowd
- NOV. 16 Unit 24: Lesson 3, P. 186 Jesus Walked on Water
- NOV 23 NO WWW (Thanksgiving)

NOV 30 - Unit 24: Lesson 4, P. 202 Jesus Showed His Glory

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SUPPER Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 5:30 PM

BRING A SIDE DISH TO SHARE!





SUNDAY SCHOOL -

- Jack Janway in Holmer Hall -Beginning November 6th, the Adult Sunday School Class will begin a new study series, "The New Testament You Never Knew" by Dr's N.T. Wright and Michael F. Bird. This eight-session series will explore the context, purpose, and meaning of the story of God.
- "The Chosen" season 3 will show Episodes 1 and 2 in theaters on November 18, so regular viewing should be available sometime after that.
- Janice Kirby is teaching a series of lessons called "Backpack for Life". Grades 9-12.
- **Colleen Smith** will teach the primary children. Children and youth in grades K-8 will meet upstairs.
- Fran Seymour-Hunter and Pat Carpenter will teach the intermediate students.

9:15 am SUNDAY MORNINGS

FELLOWSHIP & MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS:

Our Church Family warmly welcomes and extends the Right Hand of Fellowship on Sunday, Nov. 6 to these new members:

- Barbara Amos She accepted Jesus Christ at a younger age and was baptized in a Baptist church. She will be joining by Christian experience.
- Myrtle "Myrt" Blasdel She loves Jesus and was baptized at a younger age, having been raised in the Lutheran and Methodist churches. She joins by transfer of letter from First United Church in Sioux Rapids.
- Marion Blasdel He returns to join the church after a brief leave to First United Church in Sioux Rapids, Iowa.

CHRISTIAN BAPTISMS

We will celebrate the **Ordinance of Christian Baptism on Sunday, November 27 at 10:30 AM.** See Pastor if you want to take this faith step to follow Jesus into the waters of baptism.

BUDGET BREAKFAST - Dec. 4

We will host our annual BUDGET BREAKFAST on Sunday, December 4 - breakfast casseroles, breads, and fruits are needed. The Church will VOTE on its annual Budget plus elect officers for 2023. The Nominating Committee is working on recruiting volunteers to serve next year. The proposed draft 2023 Budget will be distributed to the congregation on Sunday, Nov. 27. Call the Church Office if you have any questions.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING <u>SUPPER</u>

You are INVITED to join our annual Community Thanksgiving Supper on Wed. November 16 at 5:30 PM in Fellowship Hall (downstairs cafeteria). The turkey will be provided by the church.

Sign Up to Bring a side salad, vegetable, potatoes or stuffing and/or dessert to share.

The Kitchen will also provide plates, drinks, and silverware.

RSVP to the Church Office by Sunday, Nov. 13



Happy Thanksgiving!



HOLIDAY FOOD FOR LOWMAN HILL & MEADOWS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

During the Holidays, we partner with Midtown Community Services to help our local schools put together Holiday Boxes for families of students that need help celebrating the holidays. We have helped **Meadows Elementary School** for years with Christmas Boxes. We now have the opportunity to help the less fortunate families at **Lowman Elementary School** for Thanksgiving.

Lowman is preparing 16 boxes for their needy. I told them that I would provide eight hams. I have also ordered 16-holiday boxes from Harvesters with fruit, vegetables, baking and gravy mixes. If you would like to assist with the ham purchase, please contact the church office or me. You can also bring boxes of stuffing, cans of cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, etc. No Corn. All items are due at the school by Nov. 17, so bring your donations to church by Sunday, Nov. 13.

Meadows is preparing 50 boxes for Christmas. We have been assigned 25 hams and other items for this cause. I do not know what the other items are, but I will provide them when I get them. Last year we donated ham, tuna, pasta and pasta sauce. **These items will be due December 8th.**

We will be donating cold-temperature clothing items such as **hats, gloves and socks for both schools**. Help decorate the tree in the Sanctuary. ~Jack Janway

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 THIS MONTH: BABY SHOES (ANY SIZE) 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 the month

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! SEE JACK JANWAY TO HELP!

MISSION THE FOUR ANNUAL OFFERINGS

Each quarter, American Baptist Churches receive one of the Four Special Annual Offerings to support God's Mission.

AMERICA FOR CHRIST - Your gifts to the America for Christ **Offering** impact thousands – through

ministries with marginalized children, mission trips that transform lives torn asunder by hurricanes, resources that



cultivate Christian leaders, chaplains who bring comfort to hospitals and nursing homes, and much more. Two-thirds of received offerings are directed to the American Baptist Home Mission Societies and one-third are directed to the ABC of the Central Region. This offering is promoted in March.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING - One Great Hour



of Sharing supports disaster relief, ministries to displaced persons, and development projects of the American Baptist Churches and its partners. The **SHARING** fund is administered by the World Relief Committee of the Board of

General Ministries of American Baptist Churches USA. This offering is promoted in June.

WORLD MISSION OFFERING -

During the World Mission Offering, promoted in October, we have the opportunity to join the transformational work God is doing around the world through International Ministries' 120 plus



global servants and 250 plus global partners. God can use your participation not only to change lives internationally, but also to deepen your own discipleship in Christ. You can take part in what the Holy Spirit is doing to bring God's kingdom "on earth as it is in heaven."

RETIRED MINISTERS & MISSIONARIES -

The Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering is a longstanding tradition established in 1977 which supports ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses who have devoted 15 or more years of their lives to service in



ABCUSA. This offering is promoted in December.

ANNUAL DUES

96 Active Members There are 96 active members at West Side Baptist Church. The church pays annual "dues" or mission allocations to the regional and national organization for each active member of the congregation (regardless of age) to fund our broader denomination.

We give per member:

- **\$50.00** United Mission (funds ABCUSA & ABCCR administration)
- **\$3.00** ABWomen Min (sign up with Marianne)
- **\$0.50** Area Baptist Assoc.

Thank you for giving weekly and generously - to the General Fund so we can share God's riches with our **ABCUSA** family.

American Baptist Churches USA (ABCUSA) is one of the most diverse Christian denominations today. Approximately 5,000 local

congregations comprised of 1.3 million members across the

United States and Puerto Rico.

www.abc-usa.org

American Baptist Churches of the Central Region

https://www.abccr.org

MISSION MOMENTS

Global Servant Spotlight

Amanda & Jon Good - AMANDA and JON

serve through ministries of evangelism, discipleship, education, and theological education in partnership with the **Baptist Union** of Hungary.



Amanda assists with education at the school managed by the Baptist Church in Debrecen and those managed by Hungarian Baptist Aid (HBAid). She also helps with discipleship ministries of the Baptist Church in Debrecen. Jon assists the Baptist Church in Debrecen with its evangelistic outreach, church planting, and church development ministries. He also helps train Christian leaders through the Union's seminary. Amanda and Jon both work with the church planting efforts of HBAid.

www.internationalministries.org/author/aj-good

World Mission Offering

Thank you for your generous support of the World Mission Offering in October! **So far we have collected \$1,995.00.** The theme for this year was "God is doing something new" and we have

gotten a glimpse of the amazing things God is doing through the work of His church and Global Servants around the world. Your contributions play a vital role in fulfilling this work. Thank you! ~ Jim Goodnow, Coordinator of Mission

MISSION GIVING THANK YOU FOR GIVING GENEROUSLY TO GOD'S WORK IN THE WORLD!

ABCUSA OFFERINGS

America for Christ	\$2	,132.00
One Great Hour Sharing	\$2	,798.13
World Mission Offering	\$ 1	,995.00
Retired Ministers & Missn	\$	200.00

ABCUSA MISSIONARIES

Becky & Larry Stanton	\$	900.00
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ABWM - WOMEN'S MIN.

Love Gift	\$ 588.00
Rainbow Acres Project	\$ 747.00

LOCAL MISSIONS

Doorstep, Inc	\$1,786.00
Benevolent (Recvd)	\$2,703.25
Rent & Utility Assist	(\$2,338.98)
Amounts as	of 09/30/2022





Donations Needed for Our Christmas Project

Doorstep is adopting 260 households with 800+ individuals from the Christmas Bureau again this year. We have been collecting items for a few months now to help spread out the requests.

We need the following NEW items:

*Blankets - Full/Queen & King Only (Please NO THROWS)

*Skillets Sets

*Crock Pots (variety of sizes)

*Money for Gift Cards *Bakeware Sets



*Basketballs, Footballs & Soccer Balls (regular size)

*Pots & Pans

*Small Laundry Baskets & Cleaning Supplies

We need donations of gift items by December 1st. This will give us time to get what we need for distribution week. However, we will still take donations after that date.

Each household we adopt will receive:

Blanket ~ Health Kit ~ School Supplies (if appropriate) ~ One household item ~ Christmas food order ~ gifts and toys for household members ~ clothing ~ \$20 gift cards per person in the household.

We have Volunteer Opportunities this year!

Sunday, December 11th ~ from 2:00pm - 5:00pm ~ move clothing from Doorstep to First Nazarene Church, start setting up and unboxing the items.

Monday, December 12th ~ from 8:30am – 2:30pm (2 shifts), finish clothing set-up, and begin selecting items for families picking up on Tuesday. (No lunch provided)

Tuesday, December 13th ~ opportunities from 8:30am – 12:30pm and 12:30pm – 5:30pm. (Lunch provided)

Wednesday, December 14th ~ opportunities available from: 8:30am – 1:30pm and 1:30pm – 7:30pm. (Lunch and dinner provided)

Thursday, December 15th ~ opportunities available from 8:30am – 12:30pm and 12:30pm – 5:30pm. (Lunch provided)

Friday, December 16th we will be cleaning up, packing clothing back up to move back to Doorstep from 8:30am – 12:30pm.

Call Doorstep, (785) 357-5341, to sign up & help during distribution week!

Doorstep is located at 1119 SW 10th, 66604 (10th & Buchanan). Donation hours are Monday - Friday, 9am - 2pm. You can mail your monetary donations, or use our website: DoorstepTopeka.org under the Donate Tab.

WORSHIP

The Revised Common Lectionary Texts Reader: Nancy Lindberg

NOVEMBER 6

HOLY COMMUNION ALL SAINTS SUNDAY Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Psalm 149 Ephesians 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-31

NOVEMBER 13

Isaiah 65:17-25 Isaiah 12 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19

NOVEMBER 20



THANKSGIVING SERVICE

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 46 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43



NOVEMBER 27 FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44

NOVEMBER USHERS

Ernie Longstaff, Chuck Cozad, Don Johnson, Clarence Payne, Harry Carpenter

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

NOVEMBER COMMUNION SERVERS Rexanne Greuter, Jim Goodnow Sonia Roling, Don Johnson

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) – \$ 8.20 =	
8 inch (3 plants per pot.) - \$ 17.00 =	
10 inch (4 plants per pot) - \$ 26.00 =	

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 & Cinnamon only available in 6 1/2 inch

Your Name

Please make checks payable to West Side Baptist Church.

<u>Return</u> your order and payment to Lynda in the office by November 10th. Orders after the 10th may cost more or be unavailable.

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

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

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November 3



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6 FALL BACK Communion 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	7 CLOSED 9:00-11:00 am Baby Closet 7:00-8:30 pm JUMP Meeting	8 Election Day 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 7:00 pm Choir	10 1:00-3:00 pm Baby Closet	11 CLOSED Veteran's Day HOLIDAY	12 1:30 pm Worship Team
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20 Stewardship 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 12:00 pm Luncheon &	21 CLOSED 9:00-11:00 am Baby Closet	22 6:30 pm Outreach & Evangelism	23 NO Bible Study 3:30 pm Harvester's 3:30 pm Baby Closet NO WWW Supper NO WWW Clubs 7:00 pm Choir	24 CLOSED thanks- giving day	25 CLOSED THANKS - GIVING HOLIDAY	26 10:00 am Hanging of the Greens (S) 1:30 pm Worship Team
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