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# The Witness

THE NEWSLETTER OF WEST SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH OF TOPEKA, KS



1st Sunday in Advent..... 27

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Epiphany of the Lord... 1/6

## From the Pastor's Desk:

"The people living in darkness have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of the shadow of death  
a light has dawned" (Isaiah 9:2)

Let me be honest: Who enjoys daylight savings? Does anyone like changing their clocks to see early sunsets, longer nights, or driving home in the dark? I'm not a fan. People get confused about the time, and I look at my phone and wristwatch more often. Living in the dark is no fun and causes havoc on depression.

The people of God know the drawbacks of living in difficult times, having been defeated by the Babylonians (587 BC). Their beloved capital city was defeated and destroyed. The Temple was burned. Sons and daughters were marched into exile hundreds of miles away. They were forced to live in a foreign land under oppressive conditions with only a promise that God would rescue them one day (continued pg 2).



*Light in the Darkness*  
**Christmas  
Eve Candlelight  
Communion  
Service**  
**DEC. 24 AT 7:00 PM**

## December 2022

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**BUDGET BREAKFAST & ELECTIONS MEETING** – The Church Council has called a Congregational Business Meeting for **Sunday, December 4 at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall (downstairs cafeteria)**. Bring a breakfast casserole, bread, and/or side item to share. There will be no Sunday School. We will vote on the 2023 Slate of Officers and next year's Proposed Budget (see newsletter). Call me if you have questions. ~ Pat Carpenter, Church Moderator

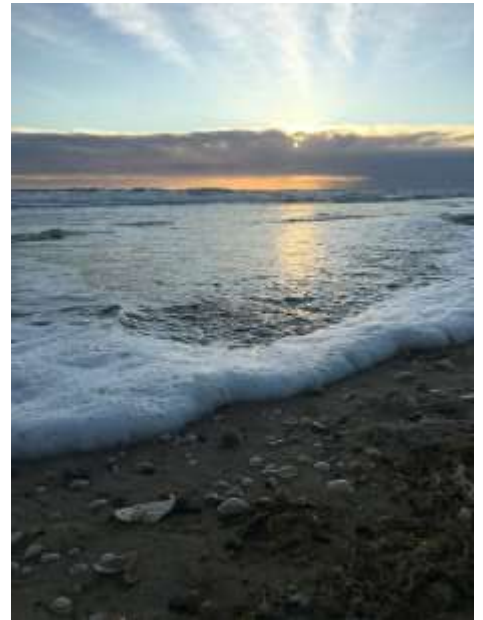
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# CONTINUED FROM PASTOR'S DESK

All the people had during this dark time was HOPE!

Advent—the four weeks before Christmas - is all about HOPE! Christians use this time to remember God's promise to rescue, redeem, resurrect, and return to His people. It's a season to remember Jesus Christ's Second Coming, not his birth. God promised to send a Savior, AND HE DID by sending Jesus as a babe of Bethlehem. Advent reminds us that God promised to send Jesus again on the last day. Our faith is built on the word of God's promise: God will come. Jesus will redeem us. God will rescue us and be with us forever - Emmanuel! As we prepare for Christmas 2022, keep saying to yourself, "He is Coming!" It's a promise God plans to keep!

My recent trip to the Outer Banks (OBX) of North Carolina for a missionary conference was full of worship, work, and wrestling with difficult decisions. It was a work trip, and we worked eight to ten hours daily. Nevertheless, I wanted to see the sunrise on the beach as a spiritual moment.



I rose early each morning (5:00 am) to walk to the beach in the dark. I sat quietly while listening to the waves and prayed before dawn (just as Jesus did in the Gospels). It was well worth my energy and effort! I captured this remarkable picture at sunrise one of the mornings.

Yes! It was cold and windy, and I was tired, but I could not miss the opportunity to be reminded: ***"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness"*** (Lamentations 3:22-23). May God's tender mercies find you this Advent season to remind you: God's coming! He is coming! Amen.

Advent blessings

Pastor Ivan+

## SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP TO LIBERIA, WEST AFRICA in JANUARY 2023

The Liberia Baptist Theo. Seminary (LBTS) in Monrovia, West Africa and International Ministries (Am. Baptist Foreign Mission Society) invited Dr. Ivan E. Greuter to voluntarily **teach Christian New Testament Theology in January 2023**. *The Church Council approve the trip and sponsor Pastor Ivan on this trip.* He plans to take a mission partner with him from the congregation. **The COST is \$3,500.00 per person.** Donations are welcome and tax-deductible. Give your donation to Church Office marked "Liberia Mission" or GIVE ONLINE at <https://west-side-baptist-church.square.site>



# CHURCH OFFICE Our Staff



12/05 Bob Roesler  
12/09 Pat Carreno  
12/18 Janet Nyfeler  
12/23 Jack Janway



12/12 Doug & Jan Mauck  
12/22 Corey & Jessica  
Gilmore  
12/27 Tony & Pat Carreno



**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](mailto: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 meeting.



**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**  
MONDAYS - CLOSED

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

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

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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



**CHILDREN'S PROGRAM** – Come enjoy the Children's Christmas Pageant Program on Wednesday, **December 7 at 6:00 pm.** Kids, camels, angels, and JESUS! We want everyone to know ***Jesus is the reason for the Christmas season.*** Join us for a free supper for the whole family at 5:30 pm. RSVP on your Connection Card or Call the Church office.

**WWW KIDS BIBLE CLUB** - FREE SUPPER on Weds, 5:30 - 6:00 pm, followed by Bible lessons for children, youth, and adults. \*All food is available for free.

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.

## **DEC. BIBLE LESSONS**

Christmas Program.....07

Winter Break 14, 21, 28, Jan. 4  
No Supper or WWW Clubs

**Have a Healthy & Happy  
Christmas!**

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS**

Our fall semester of WWW will be coming to a close on December 14. We will have our annual Christmas program following our 5:30 pm supper. Please join us for this joyful event. **We will begin our spring session on January 11, 2023.** We are in need of additional help in the kitchen preparing the meal and cleaning up, as well as substitute teachers.

Many thanks to all who supported the youth during our pie auction on November 20. They will be having a gift wrapping service in the month of December. If you aren't excited about wrapping your Christmas gifts, let the youth do the work for you! Donations will be gratefully accepted. Watch for more information to come in the News in the Pews.

Middle School youth have an opportunity to attend the **Middle School Winter Weekend on January 27-28, 2023 at First Baptist Church in Ottawa, KS.** If you have a middle schooler who is interested, please contact the church office for a registration form. **Cost is \$35.00, but if registration is completed by November 30 the cost will be covered by the church.**

Thank you again for your support in all of our Christian Education activities!

~ Colleen Smith, Christian Ed Coordinator





# TREASURER'S REPORT

Our income for October was \$35,088.91 with a total of \$210,770.65 for the year. We are at 79.56% of our budget. 10/12 of the budget year is 83.33%. The income for this month included the \$1,500 grant for Blessing Boxes.

Our expenses for October totaled \$22,735.66 with a yearly total of \$230,754.35 which is 89.42% of our budget.

The difference of income to expenses for the first ten months of the year is \$-19,983.70 compared to last month difference of \$-32,604.83. Once again, we have enough money in our checking account for cash flow because of the capital campaign funds.

We received a check for \$32,898.94 from our insurance company to cover the repairs to the air conditioner from the storm damage. Most of the repairs have been paid.

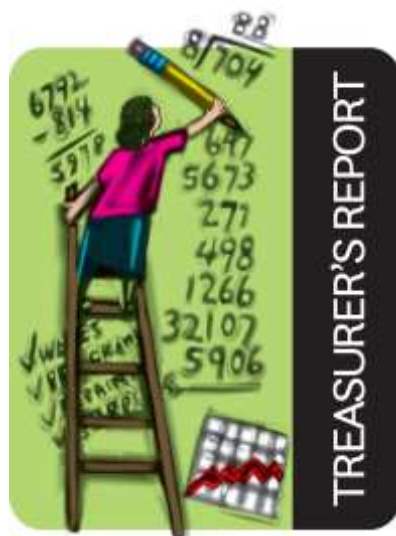
Our checking/savings account balance in our main account shown on the balance sheet is \$70,553.74. This includes the capital campaign, youth, and outreach funds.

The Benevolent Fund balance is \$6,179.17.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks. ~ Nancy Lindberg



**P.S.** I hope you will plan to attend the Christmas breakfast on Sunday, December 4 at 9:00 am. We will be discussing the 2023 budget. Also, if you haven't turned in your pledge for 2023, you can do so until the end of the year. Put your pledge in the offering plate or in the black box outside the Church office. You can complete an **2023 Estimate of Giving** at <https://forms.gle/RgpkVDRCK2Umugo78>. Cards welcome until Dec 31.



**ONLINE GIVING**  
<https://west-side-baptist-church.square.site>



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**Use Your  
Smart Phone**

**ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS - DONATIONS must be RECEIVED by December 31 to count on this year's giving statements.** The Stewardship Secretary will mail annual giving statements to our members before January 31, 2023. In the United States, donors cannot claim a tax deduction without a written receipt from the Church. Please wait for your giving statement. Contact Nancy Lindberg if you have any questions or needs assistance.

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|                           |  | <b>2022<br/>Budget</b> | <b>2023 Budget<br/>Recommendation</b> |
|---------------------------|--|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Income</b>             |  |                        |                                       |
|                           | 4110 · Checks & Envelopes                        | 250,000                | 250,000                               |
|                           | 4115 · Sunday School Offering                    | 200                    | 125                                   |
|                           | 4120 · Loose Offering                            | 750                    | 500                                   |
|                           | 4135 · Endowments & Other Revenue                | 0                      | 0                                     |
|                           | 4151 · Topeka Community Foundation               | 8,000                  | 8,000                                 |
|                           | 4152 · Topeka Community Foundation-#2            | 4,330                  | 4,330                                 |
|                           | 4450 · Rent/Property                             | 250                    | 750                                   |
|                           | 4470 · Building Maintenance                      | 0                      | 2,250                                 |
|                           | 5160 · WWW - meals only                          | 0                      | 0                                     |
|                           | 5310 · Flowers                                   | 400                    | 400                                   |
|                           | 5420 · Baby Closet Donations and Grants          | 1,000                  | 1,000                                 |
|                           | 5430 · Food Pantry                               | 0                      | 0                                     |
|                           | 5440 · Milk 2 Plate                              | 0                      | 0                                     |
|                           | 5460 · Outreach Projects                         | 0                      | 0                                     |
|                           | 5465 · School Supplies                           | 0                      | 0                                     |
| <b>Grand Total Income</b> |  | <b>264,930</b>         | <b>267,355</b>                        |
| <b>Expenses</b>           |  |                        |                                       |
|                           | <b>PROFESSIONAL EXPENSES</b>                     |                        |                                       |
|                           | 6111 · Senior Pastor Salary & Flex Plan          | 53,938                 | 59,427                                |
|                           | 6112 · Housing Allowance                         | 17,393                 | 22,500                                |
|                           | 6113 · Social Security Offset                    | 5,588                  | 6,076                                 |
|                           | 6121 · Pension Benefit (MMBB)                    | 12,307                 | 13,680                                |
|                           | 6122 · Excess Life - Church Pd (MMBB)            | 464                    | 464                                   |
|                           | 6131 · Medical & Dental Insurance                | 0                      | 0                                     |
|                           | 6141 · Auto Allowance                            | 1,500                  | 1,500                                 |
|                           | 6142 · Book Allowance                            | 250                    | 250                                   |
|                           | 6143 · Conference Expenses                       | 1,000                  | 500                                   |
|                           | 6144 · Professional Allowance                    | 250                    | 150                                   |
|                           | 6221 · Office Manager Salary                     | 27,456                 | 28,293                                |
|                           | 6222 · Office Manager M&M Pension                | 1,000                  | 1,000                                 |
|                           | 6223 · Office Manager Medical & Dental Insurance | 700                    | 2,616                                 |
|                           | 6240 · Choir Director                            | 5,000                  | 5,000                                 |
|                           | 6250 · Custodial Services                        | 14,581                 | 15,065                                |
|                           | 6260 · Nursery Attendant                         | 6,000                  | 5,000                                 |

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|  |  | <b>2022<br/>Budget</b> | <b>2023 Budget<br/>Recommendation</b> |
|--|--|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|  | 6270 · Organist/Accompanist                    | 3,000                  | 6,000                                 |
|  | 6271 · Bells Director                          | 2,000                  | 2,000                                 |
|  | 6280 · Miscellaneous Salaries                  | 1,000                  | 1,000                                 |
|  | 6311 · Direct Deposit Fee                      | 300                    | 300                                   |
|  | 6350 · Employer Payroll Taxes                  | 4,500                  | 4,500                                 |
|  | <b>Total 6101 · Pastoral and Staff Payroll</b> | <b>158,227</b>         | <b>175,321</b>                        |
|  | <b>7000 · MISSION GIVING</b>                   |                        |                                       |
|  | 7101 · ABCCR                                   | 10,050                 | 5,000                                 |
|  | 7110 · ABWM                                    | 200                    | 200                                   |
|  | 7110 · Missions for Murrow Trip                | 1,050                  | 0                                     |
|  | 8440 · Mission Education                       | 50                     | 250                                   |
|  | <b>Total 7000 · MISSION GIVING</b>             | <b>11,350</b>          | <b>5,450</b>                          |
|  | <b>7500 · STEWARDSHIP</b>                      |                        |                                       |
|  | 7511 · New Equipment/Furniture                 | 250                    | 250                                   |
|  | 7520 · Insurance                               | 9,900                  | 11,200                                |
|  | 7530 · Facility Operations                     | 3,100                  | 3,200                                 |
|  | 7540 · Technology Operations                   | 1,000                  | 1,000                                 |
|  | 7550 · Capital Contingency                     | 1,000                  | 1,000                                 |
|  | 7570 · Stewardship Program                     | 500                    | 500                                   |
|  | 7625 · Office Operations                       | 6,500                  | 6,700                                 |
|  | 7629 · Phone/Internet                          | 4,200                  | 4,200                                 |
|  | 7651 · Van Operating Costs                     | 500                    | 500                                   |
|  | 7652 · Van Tags/Taxes                          | 400                    | 200                                   |
|  | 7653 · Van Insurance                           | 650                    | 650                                   |
|  | 7655 · Van Repairs/Maintenance                 | 1,000                  | 1,000                                 |
|  | 7710 · Building Facility Maintenance           | 13,000                 | 13,000                                |
|  | 7720 · Minor Maintenance/Improvements          | 2,000                  | 2,500                                 |
|  | 7730 · Organ/Piano Maintenance                 | 600                    | 500                                   |
|  | 7810 · Utilities - Electricity                 | 9,500                  | 11,000                                |
|  | 7820 · Utilities - Gas                         | 8,500                  | 9,000                                 |
|  | 7840 · Utilities - Trash                       | 540                    | 540                                   |
|  | 7850 · Utilities - Water/Sewer                 | 1,600                  | 1,600                                 |
|  | 7900 · Misc Exp - Stewardship                  | 1,000                  | 1,000                                 |
|  | <b>Total 7500 · STEWARDSHIP</b>                | <b>65,740</b>          | <b>69,540</b>                         |

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|  |   | <b>2022<br/>Budget</b> | <b>2023 Budget<br/>Recommendation</b> |
|--|---|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|  | <b>8100 · CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b>               |                        |                                       |
|  | 8110 · Camping Program (Scholarships)           | 600                    | 600                                   |
|  | 8120 · Children's Committee (Children's Church) | 0                      | 0                                     |
|  | 8125 · Nursery Supplies                         | 0                      | 0                                     |
|  | 8150 · Sunday School Supplies (Curriculum & Su  | 400                    | 400                                   |
|  | 8155 · VBS/Summer Program                       | 1,000                  | 1000                                  |
|  | 8160 · WWW Meals                                | 1,000                  | 2,000                                 |
|  | 8165 · WWW Program (Curriculum & Supplies)      | 300                    | 300                                   |
|  | 8180 · Kids Activities & Graduation gifts       | 250                    | 250                                   |
|  | 8190 · American Baptist College Scholarship     | 12,000                 | 12,000                                |
|  | <b>Total 8100 · CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b>         | <b>15,550</b>          | <b>16,550</b>                         |
|  |   |                        |                                       |
|  | <b>8200 · FELLOWSHIP &amp; MEMBERSHIP</b>       |                        |                                       |
|  | 8230 · Funerals                                 | 200                    | 200                                   |
|  | 8250 · Hospitality                              | 300                    | 300                                   |
|  | 8270 · Receptions                               | 50                     | 50                                    |
|  | 8290 · Misc Exp - Fellowship                    | 50                     | 50                                    |
|  | 8310 · Flower Expenditures                      | 750                    | 750                                   |
|  | 8330 · Homebound Ministry                       | 100                    | 100                                   |
|  | 8350 · NE Area Dues                             | 50                     | 50                                    |
|  | 8370 · Subscriptions                            | 200                    | 200                                   |
|  | 8380 · Supplies - Membership                    | 100                    | 100                                   |
|  | <b>Total 8200 · FELLOWSHIP &amp; MEMBERSHIP</b> | <b>1,800</b>           | <b>1,800</b>                          |
|  |   |                        |                                       |
|  | <b>8400 · OUTREACH &amp; EVANGELISM</b>         |                        |                                       |
|  | 8415 · Advertising                              | 850                    | 850                                   |
|  | 8420 · Baby Closet Expenses                     | 1,000                  | 1,000                                 |
|  | 8430 · Evangelism Program                       | 200                    | 200                                   |
|  | 8470 · Outreach Projects                        | 1,000                  | 1,000                                 |
|  | <b>Total 8400 · OUTREACH &amp; EVANGELISM</b>   | <b>3,050</b>           | <b>3,050</b>                          |
|  |   |                        |                                       |
|  | <b>8500 · WORSHIP</b>                           |                        |                                       |
|  | 8530 · Music Resources                          | 500                    | 500                                   |
|  | 8535 · CCLI/CVLI Licenses                       | 650                    | 700                                   |
|  | 8540 · Programs & Resources                     | 600                    | 700                                   |
|  | 8550 · Pulpit Supply                            | 600                    | 800                                   |
|  | <b>Total 8500 · WORSHIP</b>                     | <b>2,350</b>           | <b>2,700</b>                          |



## November 8, 2022

|  |  |                |                |                               |
|--|--|----------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
|  |  |                | 2022<br>Budget | 2023 Budget<br>Recommendation |
|  |  |                |                |                               |
|  |  |                |                |                               |
|  |  | Total Expenses | 258,067        | 271,361                       |
|  |  |                |                |                               |
|  |  |                |                |                               |
|  |  |                | \$258,067      | 271,361                       |
|  |  |                | \$264,930      | 267,355                       |
|  |  |                |                |                               |
|  |  |                | \$6,863        | -\$4,006                      |

## 2023 Slate of Officers, Coordinators, and Leaders

Term Ending December 31

Senior Minister<sup>†‡</sup> ..... The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter

Moderator . . . . . Sonia Roling (2023-2025)<sup>1</sup>

Coordinator of Christian Education . . . . . Colleen Smith (2023-2025)<sup>1</sup>

Coordinator of Mission . . . . . Don Johnson (2023-2025)<sup>1</sup>

Assistant Stewardship Secretary . . . . . Nancy Ohse (2023-2025)<sup>1</sup>

CHRISTMAS DAY  
Scandinavian  
Worship Service

YES!

We will have worship  
on Sunday, Dec. 25  
at 10:30 AM

A family-friendly Swedish  
themed service with  
sweet bread, hot cider,  
and familiar Christmas  
songs. COME!

***Alla är Välkomna***  
All are Welcome!

# MISSION MOMENTS



## Annual Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO)

We will be collecting the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO) in December. The theme for RMMO 2022 is: "For all they've done". "I thank my God every time I remember you." - Phil. 1:3

We all remember the pastor or missionary who made a difference in our lives. The ones who were with us in the big moments and small. With leadership, listening, wisdom, condolence or just the right prayer when needed most, their selfless service has a lasting effect. The Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering is a way to give back. Please prayerfully consider a contribution to support those who have been faithful in following God's call through the years.

**Our goal is \$1750.00.**

## GLOBAL SERVANT SPOTLIGHT

Anita & Rick Gutierrez - Family doctors ANITA and RICK train and equip local

missionaries, or Health Builders, to combat lifestyle-related diseases like HIV/AIDS, high blood pressure, heart and artery disease, diabetes, and



and malaria in homes, schools, places of worship, and marketplaces. Health Builders also receive training in gardening and poultry skills so that they can promote good nutrition and create income, and they lead Bible study groups in their communities.

<https://www.internationalministries.org/author/ar-gutierrez/>. Prayerfully and financially partner with the Gutierrez family with a monthly donation of support.

~ Missions, Jim Goodnow

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    | \$2,140.00 |
| Retired Ministers & Missn | \$ 200.00  |

## ABCUSA MISSIONARIES

|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Becky & Larry Stanton | \$1,100.00 |
|-----------------------|------------|

## ABWM - WOMEN'S MIN.

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Love Gift             | \$ 588.00 |
| Rainbow Acres Project | \$ 747.00 |

## LOCAL MISSIONS

|                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Doorstep, Inc         | \$1,786.00   |
| Benevolent (Recvd)    | \$3,314.25   |
| Rent & Utility Assist | (\$2,538.98) |

## Liberia Africa

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| Mission Trip Goal    | \$7,000.00 |
| Received toward Trip | \$1,400.00 |

Amounts as of 11/22/2022

**SHARING**  
**BRINGS JOY**  
TO US. TO OTHERS. TO GOD.

# OUTREACH & EVANGELISM

Thank you for the generous donations to the Outreach Projects that have benefited children and their families that we have held lately.

**Trunk or Treat** was a huge success bringing needed smiles to everyone. We gave away 100 hotdogs in 45 minutes, and lots and lots of candy. Pastor counted over 100 kids in one hour.

You helped 16 families from **Lowman Hill Elementary** enjoy a **Thanksgiving meal**. Thank you for giving money for 8 hams. We also collected and shared 34 boxes of stuffing, 16 yellow cake mixes, 100 cans of vegetables, 16 cans of fruit, 16 bags of muffin mix, 16 cans of soup, 16 canned hams, 3 cranberry sauces, and a box of instant potatoes.



We are helping **50 Meadows Elementary families** enjoy the Christmas Holidays. **We are still taking donations of spaghetti and sauce for Meadows until the 8th of December.** Donate bags or boxes of spaghetti noodles and cans/jars of pasta sauce.

I would also like to thank the volunteers that make Outreach happen. Thank you for the Food Pantry volunteers that work very hard week in and week out under all weather conditions to distribute needed food. Thank you for the Baby Closet volunteers that serve our youngest clients 3 times a week. Thanks to those who hand the candy out and sit at the door guiding our Baby Closet visitors.

Thank you, thank you and thank you.  
~ Outreach, Jack Janway

P.S. Call Pastor Ivan if you or your family need food for the holidays! We take care of our church members and help pay utilities bills for families in the Ward Meade neighborhood.

## 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](http://wsbctopeka.org/get-help/baby-closet)

***NEED THIS MONTH:  
BABY SHOES (ANY SIZE)***

**We've helped 1,110 children in 414 families so far this year**

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

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

[wsbctopeka.org/get-help/food-pantry](http://wsbctopeka.org/get-help/food-pantry)

No Food Pantry on the 5th Wednesday of the month

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!  
SEE JACK JANWAY TO HELP!**

**We've shared 116,981 pounds of food  
with 12,624 persons in 3982 families**



# WORSHIP

## The Revised Common Lectionary Texts

Reader: Ashley Smith

### December 4th Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12

### December 11th Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

### December 18th Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-16

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-25

### December 24 @ 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

Isaiah 9:2-7

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

### Christmas Day December 25th

#### "Julotta" Scandinavian Service

Isaiah 62:6-12

Titus 3:4-7

## DECEMBER USHERS

Jack Janway, David Greuter, Ernie Longstaff  
Clarence Payne, Harry Carpenter

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

## DECEMBER COMMUNION SERVERS

Colleen & Brice Smith

Carla & Tom Donnelly

## CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION SERVERS

Colleen & Brice Smith

Alice & Clarence Payne

# Christmas



# Eve Service

**CHRISTMAS INVITATIONS** – Invite your family or friends to our **Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service on December 24 at 7:00 pm** simply by sharing their contact information with the Church Office – on a Connection Card. The Church will send a postcard invitation to the Christmas Eve, along with an email. We will use the information only for this purpose. Questions? See Pastor or email [pastor@wsbctopeka.org](mailto:pastor@wsbctopeka.org).



# REGISTER NOW

MIDWINTER

MISSION



**IM Global Servants**  
**DR. RICK & DR. ANITA**  
**GUTIERREZ**  
SERVING IN SOUTH AFRICA

**JANUARY 20-21, 2023**

**FIRST BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
600 E Marlin St

& EVANGELISM

CONFERENCE

REGISTER ONLINE  
[www.abccr.org](http://www.abccr.org)



REGISTER BEFORE  
JANUARY 5



# 5 EASY WAYS TO BE A MISSION ADVOCATE



## 1. DECIDE

Say "YES" to God's work in the world! Being informed and engaged in God's work is one of the hallmarks of our Baptist faith. Decide now to come to the Midwinter Mission & Evangelism Conference.



**REGISTER  
NOW**

## 2. LEARN

Learn about God's global mission work at the MMMC by registering online or completing a paper registration and mailing it TODAY.

## 3. WELCOME

Be friends with God's global servants! Invite them into your home, hearts, and churches. Get to know the servants God is using to spread the Good News.



## 4. GIVE

Prayerfully and financially support God's global servants by partnering with them each month. A free-will offering will be received.

## 5. PRAY

Ask God to release His supernatural blessing, so persons receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and churches are strengthened and grow.



**TRAVEL SAFELY  
TO THE MidWinter  
Mission & Evangelism  
Conference**



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McPherson KS 67460  
620-241-6400  
[www.fbcmcpherson.com](http://www.fbcmcpherson.com)

**SCAN  
QR CODE  
TO  
REGISTER**



# HOTELS

**Hampton Inn**  
620-480-2990

**Holiday Inn Express**  
620-241-5566

**Best Western Plus**  
620-420-2667

**Holiday Manor**  
620-241-5343

**Fairfield Inn**  
620-504-5353

**McPherson Inn**  
620-241-3690

**Executive/Knights Inn**  
620-241-8881

**\*Lodging options\* - All located within 5-10 minutes of the church. \* Each attendee will need to make a reservation and pay for their hotel or lodging.**



# ACTIVITY PAGE



Let it snow!

BLIZZARD  
COAT  
COLD  
DECEMBER  
EARMUFFS  
FEBRUARY  
FIREPLACE  
FLURRIES  
FROZEN  
GLOVES  
HOT CHOCOLATE  
ICE  
ICE SKATES  
ICICLE  
JANUARY  
MITTENS  
SCARF  
SHOVEL  
SLED  
SLUSH  
SNOWBALL  
SNOWFLAKE  
SNOWMAN  
SWEATER  
WINTER



*Recipe for a Merry Christmas*

*A dash of joy mixed with  
a touch of Peace,  
add a pinch of Magic  
and stir with Hope.*

*Garnish with Love and  
have a Wonderful Holiday!*

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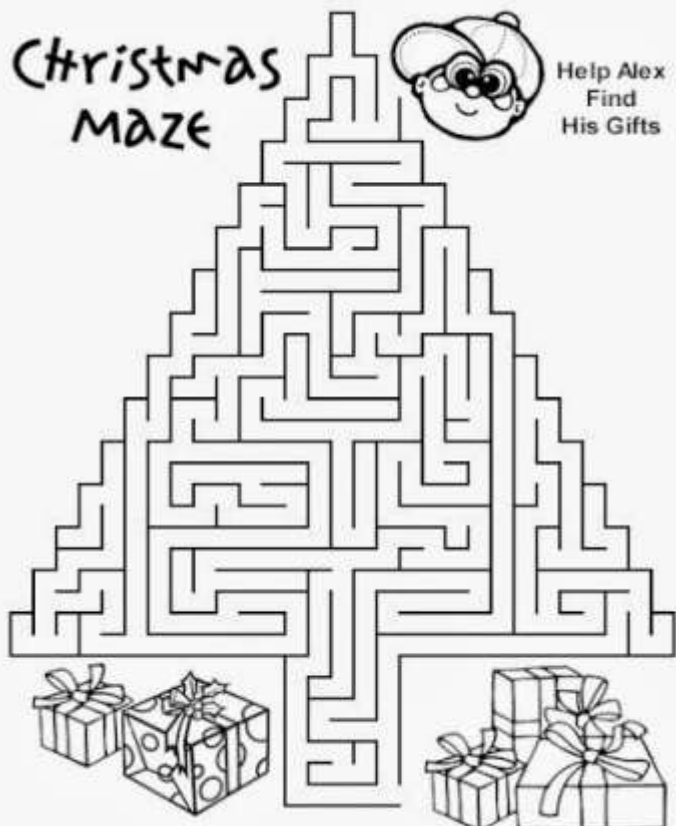
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Christmas  
MAZE



Help Alex  
Find  
His Gifts



*Winter Compound Word Search*

WYYRESUHTARNGT  
DHFEDNIIFGAPNLI  
DUQKORORZMXIMUR  
EAVCOFUCWDMPOUE  
YOEANI KOERYJLAP  
JZYRTENOENGZLBI  
DDSCBSVPYFISAUA  
LUATBRPEXZVPBIC  
JKDUWEEVRYIAWOE  
ERTNPYLGKGQIOLC  
QNORMNCZNERWNFE  
TAOCREVOVIHESZD  
WINTERTIMEGMEEF  
FMOUITGMESEOTNB  
XDQGGJOYALNTTXKL

Evergreen  
Fireplace  
Fruitcake  
Gingerbread  
Nutcracker  
Overcoat  
Peppermint  
Pinecone  
Snowball  
Snowman  
Wintertime

Happy Holidays!



**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

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|   |   |   |   | 1<br>1:00-3:00 pm<br>Baby Closet  | 2  | 3   |
| 4 <b>ADVENT 2</b><br><b>COMMUNION</b><br>9:00 Budget &<br>Election Breakfast<br>9:15 No S.S.<br>10:30 WORSHIP | 5<br>9:00-11:00 am<br>Baby Closet<br><br>5:00 pm<br>Cornerstone<br>Christmas Dinner | 6<br><br>5:30 pm<br>Christian<br>Education<br>Meeting     | 7 <b>FOOD DEADLINE</b><br>10:30 am Bible Study<br>3:30 pm Baby Closet<br>3:30 pm Harvesters<br>Food Pantry<br>5:30 pm Free Supper<br>6:00 pm Kids Xmas<br>Program<br>7:00 pm Choir Reh. | 8<br>1:00-3:00 pm<br>Baby Closet  | 9  | 10  |
| 11 <b>ADVENT 3</b><br>9:15 am Sunday<br>School<br>10:30 WORSHIP   | 12<br>9:00-11:00 am<br>Baby Closet  | 13<br>6:00 pm<br>Council<br>Meeting                       | 14<br>10:30 am Bible Study<br>3:30 pm Baby Closet<br>3:30 pm Harvesters<br>Food Pantry<br>NO Supper or WWW<br>7:00 pm Choir Reh.  | 15<br>1:00-3:00 pm<br>Baby Closet | 16 | 17<br><br>1:00 pm<br>Greuter Open<br>House Cookie<br>Party            |
| 18 <b>ADVENT 4</b><br>9:15 am Sunday<br>School<br>10:30 WORSHIP   | 19<br>9:00-11:00 am<br>Baby Closet  | 20  | 21<br>No Bible Study<br>3:30 pm Baby Closet<br>3:30 pm Harvesters<br>Food Pantry<br>NO Supper or WWW<br>7:00 pm Choir Reh.  | 22<br>1:00-3:00 pm<br>Baby Closet | 23 | 24<br><b>Christmas Eve</b><br><br>7:00 pm<br>Christmas Eve<br>Service |
| 25<br><b>Christmas Day</b><br>No Sunday<br>School<br>10:30 WORSHIP  | 26<br><b>CLOSED</b><br>No Baby Closet   | 27<br><b>CLOSED</b><br><br>6:30 pm<br>Outreach<br>Meeting | 28<br>NO Bible Study<br>NO Baby Closet<br>3:30 pm Harvesters<br>Food Pantry<br>NO Supper or WWW<br>NO Choir Reh.  | 29<br>1:00-3:00 pm<br>Baby Closet | 30 | 31  |