



The Witness

THE NEWSLETTER OF WEST SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH OF TOPEKA, KS

From the Pastor's Desk: "STRONG IN THE LORD"

We are excited to share with you the wonderful insights and blessings we have received during our recent **All Church Vision Quest** event. Over the course of our time together, we delved deep into understanding what makes our church unique and strong, guided by the wisdom of Scripture. Every person contributed to helping us discover our five core strengths:

- 1. Solid Biblical Foundation:** Our faith journey is sustained by a strong Biblical foundation. As Proverbs 3:5-6 reminds us, **"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."** Our commitment to studying and living out God's Word is the bedrock of our identity and common-unity.
- 2. Caring Friends and Fellowship:** 1 Thessalonians 5:11 tells us to **"encourage one another and build one another up."** At our church, we have experienced the truth of this verse firsthand. Our sense of community and genuine care for one another creates a place where individuals can grow in faith and love. It is important that every person feels like they belong!
- 3. Generous Giving and Strong Financial Stability:** Through the generosity of our church members and friends, we have not only maintained strong financial stability but have also been able to extend our outreach and support to those in need.
- 4. Talented Lay and Clergy Leaders:** Ephesians 4:11-12 highlights the importance of leaders in the church: **"And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,**

to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." We are blessed with a gifted caring pastor and gifted lay leaders who guide us in our faith journey.



**SUN. SCHOOL
9:15 AM**

**WORSHIP
10:30 AM**

**EVENTS IN
OCTOBER:**

- World Communion Sunday..... 1**
- Council 10**
- Worship Com.... 14**
- Vision Quest 15**
- Christian Ed..... 17**
- Newsletter Due.. 19**
- Mission Com 22**
- Outreach Com .. 24**
- Reformation Sun 29**
- Trunk or Treat.. 31**

October 2023						
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PASTOR'S PAGE

5. **Volunteers Willing to Serve:** Galatians 5:13 reminds us of our calling: *"For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."* Our volunteers exemplify this spirit of service, making our church a vibrant and welcoming place where real needs are met.

As we reflect on these strengths, let us give thanks to God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us. Together, we will continue to build upon these foundations, strengthening our church and fulfilling our mission in the name of Jesus Christ. Come to our final All Church Vision Quest session on Sunday, October 15 at 12:00 noon in Holmer Hall. Lunch will be served before we dig into the strategic ways God will use our strengths to grow His church. Your voice matters, so please come!



NORTHEAST AREA ABCCR CHURCHES -

The churches of the Northeast Area of the Central Region, your love and generosity know no bounds. We had set a goal of \$2,500 to help build a building for chickens and provide 250 chickens for Monrovia, Liberia. Any excess would go to purchase additional chickens, pigs, and bags of rice.

Out of your compassion through Christ the American Baptist Churches of the Central Region in the Northeast Area raised over \$8,500. All funds will be sent through our partner, International Ministries. **Praise the Lord and thank you!**

Ivan promises to take pictures and send updates during his January 2024 trip.

2024 LIBERIA AFRICA MISSION TRIP – The Church Council voted unanimously to approve the request from International Ministries (IM) for Pastor Ivan to return to the Liberia Baptist Theological Seminary in West Africa to teach classes next January 8-31, 2024. He will be teaching two classes: (1) The Writings of the Apostle Paul, and (2) Biblical Foundations of Missions.

Help the pastor raise the \$5,000.00 needed to cover all expenses, including visas, insurance, pulpit supply, shipping books, during his time away.

The Rev. Art Campbell agreed to serve as the Pastor in Residence next January. The church pays no costs for pastor's service work with International Ministries.



CHURCH OFFICE Our Staff



10/05 Mark Calloway Jr
10/07 Zach Smith
10/08 Pat Carpenter
10/08 Jack Harden
10/12 Steve May
10/16 Carla Donnelly
10/16 Katelyn Hersh
10/18 Jan Swain
10/22 Michelle Decker
10/29 Teddy Decker



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAYS - CLOSED

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

FRIDAYS
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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

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Happy Anniversary!

10/30 Don & Sandra Johnson



VISION QUEST RETREAT – Pastor will lead the third session of our Vision Quest on **Sunday, October 15, from noon to 4:00 p.m.** in Holmer Hall. We will discuss ways to fulfill our opportunities and address our weaknesses as a church using our strengths from the TOWS matrix. All are welcome, even if you did not participate in the first session. Questions? The pastor is happy to share information with interested persons.



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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



WWW KIDS' BIBLE CLUB – Join us for fun, **WWW has begun.** 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. **WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

- ◆ **5:30 pm – Free Supper** (*All food is available at no cost*)
- ◆ 6:00 pm – Bible Club and Bible Buck Store
- ◆ 7:00 – Finished and Dismiss

Call for a RIDE: (785) 233-4241



THE GOSPELS BIBLE STUDY

Join our Bible Study of The Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM and 6:00 PM in Holmer Hall.

The same lesson will be taught in the morning and evenings. The class is free and open to the public.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - We are pleased to announce some new (fifteen-week. Classes start at 9:15 am and end at 10:00 am (or whenever the teacher is finished!) Then please join us from 10:00 am-10:25 am in Fellowship Hall for refreshments and fellowship before heading to worship service.

BOOK OF JAMES - Rexanne Greuter will lead a study in the Book of James. This class will be in the adult Sunday School room upstairs.

HARMONIZING FAITH - Matt Smith will lead a class titled "Harmonizing Faith: The Stories Behind Our Hymns." You will embark on an exploration of our cherished hymns. You will explore the rich cultural and historical contexts that gave birth to these spiritual songs and become acquainted with the inspiring figures who penned them and the remarkable narratives behind their compositions. This class will be in Holmer Hall.

THE CHOSEN – A class will begin watching the mini-series, "The Chosen," downstairs in the youth room. If you missed it the first time it was shown, please feel free to join them.

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST (starts October 1) – Pastor Ivan+ will teach a twelve-week class for persons who are spiritually curious, and interested in knowing more about Jesus Christ, the church, and Jesus' Way of Love. New believers and the newly baptized are encouraged to attend. Classes are held on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall (downstairs cafeteria).

We hope you will join us during the Sunday School hour for one of these great options.

You're Never to OLD for SUNDAY SCHOOL

OUTREACH & EVANGELISM



Jack is in need of volunteers to help distribute food out to people. If you are interested in helping please let the office know or talk with Jack.

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

TRUNK OR TREAT - Trunk or Treat will be held in the north parking lot **Tuesday, October 31st at 6 pm.** Signup sheet to participate is on the bulletin board outside the church office. Donations of candy to be handed out will be appreciated and you can turn in those donations to the church office. If you would like us to purchase the candy, we would be happy to do so. Please turn in cash donations to the church office.

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



October 31st

BABY CLOSET - It is time to prepare for the personal care Christmas bag given out to Baby Closet families in December. We are asking for donations from our church to help fill these bags. These bags are filled with personal care items such as **shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste, lotion, and body wash.** A Christmas box will be in the sanctuary for donations. If you have any questions please see Pat Carreno. Thanks to all for your support of the Baby Closet.



FELLOWSHIP & MEMBERSHIP

FELLOWSHIP - The Nominating Committee is looking for a new volunteer. The Ministry of Fellowship and Membership shall be responsible to administer, coordinate, and promote the spirituality and congregational care of the membership.

He/She will oversee:

- *Prayer ministry*
- *New membership recruitment and training*
- *Justice and reconciliation*
- *Congregational care*
- *Visitation*
- *Ordination committee*
- *The Social Committee*
 - *Special congregational fellowship events*
 - *Receptions and funeral dinners*
 - *Maintain kitchens and pantry supplies*



See Karen Kirby, Chair of the Nominating Committee, if you feel called to serve the Lord and His Church.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! VÄLKOMMEN!



A BIG welcome to our fifteen new members this year! We are delighted the **Hagans-Stringfield Family** and the **Woodall Family** have joined our Christian fellowship.

Ollion Hagans and Ciara Stringfield were baptized on Sept. 3. Their son, **Octavian**, plans to be baptized on Sunday, October 1. Their two daughter are **Amya and Amya**.

Mary and Joseph Woodall (see photo) also join with their children **Madison, Jordan, Jeremiah, and Makenzie**. Mary and Jeremiah were baptized on September 3. Makenzie plans to be baptized on Sunday, October 1.

The LORD has added to our numbers! We have welcomed 14 new members since January 1 with two more planning for Believer’s Baptism on the first Sunday in October.

<u>Austin Cripe</u>	<u>Ollion Hagans</u>	<u>Flora “Punky” Hildebrand</u>	<u>Carter Jones</u>
<u>Nina Skidmore</u>	<u>Ciara Stringfield</u>	<u>Joshua Tripod</u>	<u>Patricia Tripod</u>
<u>Brian Widow Jr.</u>	<u>Jessica Widow</u>	<u>John Widow</u>	WE’RE GLAD
<u>Jeremiah Woodall</u>	<u>Joseph Woodall</u>	<u>Mary Woodall</u>	YOU JOINED US!

GETTING TO KNOW OUR CHURCH FRIENDS



Our Friends story this month features **Nancy Cottril**. Nancy has been a member of West Side Baptist since 1972. She has taught adult Sunday School class, was an American Baptist Women (ABW) officer, and sang in the choir for many years. Nancy shared that some of her happiest experiences with the church has been singing in the choir especially when Bruce Johnson directed and Don Manley played the organ. When Nancy moved to Topeka to be close to her sister and her sister's family, she knew that she would be going to West Side because Nancy's sister is Martha Beyer and Martha's husband, Doug, was the pastor of West Side.

Nancy was born in Palestine, Texas and by fifth grade her family moved to Cuero, Texas. Nancy has only one sister, Martha, who is four years older than Nancy. Their mother, Ruby, was a middle school teacher who taught English and Spelling. And, their dad, Phil, was a salesman of construction materials to build roads. Nancy had a strong Southern Baptist upbringing. She accepted Jesus as a young child and was baptized at First Baptist Church Palestine at a summer revival.

After high school graduation she attended Baylor University in Waco, Texas with intentions of becoming a teacher. After two years she got married and they moved to Fort Worth where she worked at the Army Depot. They had two children Mark and Melissa. Several years later she moved with her children to Tyler, Texas to study to be a dental hygienist. While going to classes, she worked at an employment agency in Tyler. She graduated from Dental Hygiene School in 1972.

Next was finding a job as a dental hygienist. Wanting her to move to Topeka, her sister, Martha, stepped in finding her a dentist who needed a hygienist. Nancy first worked with Dr. John McFarland for a year before going to work with Dr. Haler Kennedy for 20 years before retiring.

Nancy became a member of West Side Baptist as soon as she moved to Topeka but she learned about a new singles class starting up by Dr. Paul Eppinger at First Baptist. She decided to go on Thursday nights to the class and she quickly met and fell in love with Wayne Cottril. They met in February 1976, had their first date in April 1976 and were married on January 1, 1977. It was a marriage that was meant to be!

Wayne worked at Goodyear. They enjoyed traveling to all the state capitols of the U.S. by first camping in a small van but then buying a larger vehicle, a Dodge Caravan, when they planned to drive to Alaska. Their favorite places in the U.S. were Rocky Mountain National Park and the North Shore of Lake Superior. Wayne had no desire to travel overseas but he decided to grant a wish of Nancy's to spend two weeks in England, Belgium, Germany and Italy. And then he was hooked. They took a trip to Russia after Nancy was a volunteer for the Treasures of the Czar exhibit in Topeka. Then it was to Mexico and to South America to Chile, Argentina and Brazil. And we must not forget Australia and New Zealand.

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I'm sure I've missed some of the countries she named. I asked if she ever went on a cruise and she answered saying when they first tried one to Key West and the Bahamas, the weather was so bad that it wasn't a good experience. But, they did take a cruise on the Inside Passage to Alaska which she enjoyed. One place Nancy didn't have a desire to go to was Africa. So, Wayne, the man who didn't want to travel, went with a small group on an African Safari. Nancy said this was his favorite trip but she doesn't think it was his favorite just because she didn't go with him.

Nancy and Wayne loved sports. First, their son Mark played football for Topeka High and their daughter Melissa was in the Topeka High Jazz Band. They attended all the games. Growing up in Texas, Nancy had always loved college football and growing up in Kansas, Wayne loved college basketball, so in 1983 when Mark started school at Washburn, they got season tickets for football and basketball. And slowly they started attending women's basketball at Washburn and becoming mentors to the out-of-state women who didn't have families close. Juwana Rivers was a point guard who the Cottril's started mentoring and ultimately became in a way "grandparents" to her. Juwana played two years for Washburn and became ESPN's Player of the Game when Washburn won the 2015 National Championship Division II.

In 1998, they started also attending K-State games attending both the home and away games. They enjoyed seeing the stadiums and cities of all the Big 12 conference teams. After seven years they decided to quit going to all the K-State games because it became too much for them.

Nancy's daughter Melissa and husband Dennis have one daughter, Amanda. You occasionally see her with Nancy in church. They live close to Nancy.

In 2016, Nancy and Wayne celebrated 40 years of marriage with a big celebration at the Dillion House. Many West Side Baptist friends helped them celebrate. Wayne passed away on his birthday on August 17, 2022. Nancy stays active and still attends Washburn games and also enjoys our Pastor's Wednesday morning Bible Study.
~ Nancy Lindberg



TOPEKA JUSTICE UNITY & MINISTRY PROJECT: JUMP

Our new year of Justice Ministry kicks-off on Tuesday, October 3! We will gather to listen to concerns for yourself, and your loved ones, and those in our community. We will also be reminded why our justice work is so important. We are called by God to act justly.

Please choose one of the following dates and call me at 785-215-0501 if you would like to participate:

- 1. Tuesday, October 3, 5:30 p.m., Grace Cathedral**
- 2. Monday, October 9, 5:30 p.m., Grace Cathedral**

I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Peace, Melissa Weikel
Topeka JUMP Justice Minister
(and Nancy Cottril's daughter)



I hope you're enjoying our newsletter articles on our church friends. If you would like to be featured, please let Nancy Lindberg know and she'll get you scheduled. At some point we hope to feature everyone!

Last month Jan and Tom Mansfield were featured along with Tom's mother Virginia. In reading it, you realized that part of the article was missing. You read about Jan and about Tom and Jan's life together but not about Tom. So, here is "the rest of the story".

Tom Mansfield was born in Elkhart, Indiana when his mom and dad were visiting family; but he was brought up in Topeka. He first lived in our church neighborhood on Grove Street and would attend West Side Baptist. He remembers friends like Dick and Hazel May who encouraged him to attend and Tom wanted to be baptized. Tom had three siblings – Phil who was a year older, Jerry who is three years younger and a little sister Nancy who is six years younger. Phil is the only one who has passed away. Tom's dad was a preacher among other careers and his mom was a homemaker in the early years.

A 1965 graduate of Topeka High, Tom studied radio and TV repair. After graduating he decided to take an electrical apprentice with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 226. But, before he completed the program, he was drafted to serve in the Army. He did basic training at Fort Leonard Wood Army Base, Missouri, and then to Fort Richie, west of Washington, D.C., and began work in communications. After serving, he returned to Topeka to complete his 4-year apprenticeship with the local union. It was then he met and married Jan. He said that "He couldn't do without her!" But after serving in the Army, Tom came back asking... "Is there a God?" and "Why are we here?" He found those answers by going to church and then being rebaptized at West Side Baptist.

Tom was a union man! He worked 44 years in the electrical trade. He had numerous projects across Topeka including Goodyear, St. Francis, and Seaman High School working with various companies, ie: Allied Electric and D.L. Smith. In fact, the last 15 years of his career were with D.L. Smith until his retirement in 2010.

Over the years Tom has had many positions in the church. Most recently he is serving on the *Fortifying Our Foundation for the Future Capital Campaign*. He has served on the properties committee for years doing all types of maintenance and as he stated, "I am the resident light bulb changer for West Side." He also was on a pastor search committee when Rev. Robert Austin, Jr. was called to serve.

Tom told me he can thank his granddad on his mom's side for his love for gardening and fishing which he still enjoys. He also crafts beautiful stained-glass windows. You can see one of his works of beauty which is the "May the Lord give you His peace" stained-glass window in the alcove next to the elevator made for Hilda Lundgren in memory of her husband, Orville.

We thank Tom for working our video system each Sunday during our church service!

~ Nancy Lindberg

MISSION

As the world moves into an endemic stage of the pandemic, we acknowledge that out of difficult places, loss of loved ones, internal and external stressors, we may still carry emotional scars from the experience. We are like people who have come through the fire together.

Still, the Lord sees everything that is going on in the world in any given moment of time. In the midst of earthquakes, war and disease, God's kingdom continues to show signs of budding life.

First, through the ministry of Global Servants David and Joyce Reed, in their role as IM's Global Coordinators for Spiritual Care, the development of several online spiritual formation groups for global servants has been "like a lifeline" for many. This emphasis on member care emerged in response to the needs within our global servant community.

Then, we heard about online Bible study and discipleship groups that many of our global servants were leading and participating in because of the pandemic. In Debrecen, Hungary, the English Bible study group that Jon and Amanda Good were leading grew into a newly formed church!

In the home office, we were able to make important changes to the global servant support infrastructure, including a major overhaul of our finance system. This new system has made our financial reporting smoother and more timely than ever.

As our global servants and staff return to traveling, we see the signs of all that God changed and renewed while we were "laying in the ground." God is making everything beautiful in its time. God's perfect timing is an aspect of divine sovereignty, and we can know that God acts when the timing is optimal for accomplishing kingdom purposes.

My prayer for you, our dear IM family, is that as you pray with us over these ministries that God is growing all around us, you will feel new life and hope budding in your hearts as well. God set eternity in our hearts, and, together, we were built to long for God's kingdom. May you see the beauty of God at work in God's *kairos* time around you, even as you and I live out our lives in linear *chronos* time.

Dr. Sharon Koh, IM Executive Director/CEO



The Rev. Dr. Sharon Koh
IM Executive Director/CEO



WORLD MISSION OFFERING - It's time for the World Mission Offering (WMO), which we receive each October. Almost 2,000 years ago, the Apostle Paul saw a vision of a man saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us" (Acts 16:9b). Today, that same call is being echoed all over the world - from Myanmar and Brazil to South Africa and Macau.

People are crying out for the hope and light of the gospel in a world darkened by sin. At West Side Baptist Church, we're committed to Jesus, Great Commission to "make disciples of all the nations..." (Matthew 28:19).

One of the practical ways we can do this is by supporting our annual World Mission Offering (WMO).

We will be taken up the WMO in October, our goal is \$1,750.00. Thank you in advance for your monthly support of missionaries and for your generous - sacrificial giving to the World Mission Offering. You can give by check, envelope, or online. Together, we can be partners in God's mission. ~ Don Johnson, Missions

TREASURER'S REPORT



Our income for August was \$33,641.23. The total to date for the year is \$185,262.53 and is 69.3% of our budget. 8/12 of the year is 66.67%. Income this month includes several tithes for the entire third quarter.

Our expenses for August were \$18,793.97 for total expenses from first of the year through

August of \$196,989.01. This is 71.69% of the budget. Expense items to note include: #6143 Conference Expense - \$300 was credited from ABC Annual Meeting; and #7140 Mission Education - \$200 was reimbursed for recent missionary visit.

The difference of income to expenses through August is -\$11,726.48.

Our checking account balance shown on the balance sheet is \$123,518.90 compared to \$115,000.11 last month. A large portion of our balance is in the Capital Campaign and Outreach funds.

The Benevolent Fund balance is \$6,291.96.

Please note memorial gifts for our three church members have been coming in. We have to date: \$3,180 for Harry Carpenter; \$1,860 for Trena Ansell and \$855 for Nadine Manley. The church has been notified that we are in Trena Ansell's estate.

The Council Members have been working on their budgets for 2024. If you have any budget recommendations, please talk with one of the council members and/or with me.

Thank you for your continued financial support of our church. Let me know if you have any questions.

Nancy Lindberg, Treasurer



STANTON MISSIONARY UPDATE

Save the Date: Wednesday, October 18th at 7:00 pm Central Time [Zoom Link](#)

Q&A Session: Have burning questions? We want to hear them! Towards the end of our presentation, we will dedicate time to address your questions and provide insightful answers. ***Please reply to stanton@internationalministries.org with questions by October 8.***

Warm regards,
Larry and Rebecca Stanton
Stanton@internationalministries.org

WORSHIP

...We're Better Together!

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.



The Revised Common Lectionary Texts

October Reader:
Marianne Spano

Oct 1

Exodus 17:1-7
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

Oct 8

Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

Oct 15

Exodus 32:1-14
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

Oct 22

Exodus 33:12-23
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

Oct 29

Deuteronomy 34:1-12
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

OCTOBER USHERS

Sonia Roling, Nancy Lindberg,
Angie Foster and Nelda Janway

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

OCTOBER COMMUNION SERVERS

Mark & Betty Arnold
Clarence & Alice Payne

Worship

"and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." - John 4:24



DOORSTEP

Since April 2023 the need for food assistance has drastically increased! Doorstep has already spent \$25,000 on food purchases this year to keep the pantry stocked and our neighbors fed. This is \$15,000 over what was budgeted, and we still have three months left in 2023. We have provided 12,000 – 14,000 pounds each month to households in need, and since April we have received an average of 1,800 – 3,000 pounds of food each month. This is a big difference.

We know everyone is struggling, just as we are to keep our shelves stocked to provide a full food order to our neighbors in need. Please give where you can...

Dry Beans ~ Egg Noodles ~ Canned Milk ~ Powdered Milk ~ Oatmeal ~ Tuna ~ Chicken Noodle Soup ~ Vegetable Soup ~ Cream of Mushroom ~ Canned Fruit ~ Boxed Potatoes ~ Peas ~ Boxed Pastas ~ Spaghetti O's ~ Ravioli ~ Spaghetti ~ Macaroni & Cheese ~ Pork N Beans ~ Pancake Mix ~ Hand Can openers



With the arrival of Fall, the staff and volunteers really ramp up our work on our annual Doorstep Christmas Adoption Project. We plan to adopt 260 households with 800+ individuals from the Christmas Bureau again this year. We are not going back to the Store type set-up we did for many years until the pandemic. However, our families will still receive blankets, health kits, school supplies, toys for children, food for several days, a household item, gifts and \$20 gift cards for everyone in the household. The only new clothing items we will have are hoodies, socks, underwear, and children's winter pajamas. (Scarves, gloves & hats as we have them).

We are well stocked on school supplies this year; however, we have very little hygiene products to make health kits for the 260 households. We have these kits made up ahead of time and need to collect the following items in October:

Hygiene Items for the Health Kits ~ Full sized items only please.

Shampoo ~ Conditioner (2+1 ok) ~ Bar Soap ~ Deodorant ~ Toothpaste ~ Toothbrushes ~ Combs ~ Brushes. Towel Sets: Bath, Hand & Washcloth.

Bring donations to: Doorstep, Inc., 1119 SW 10th Ave, Topeka, Ks 66604. Donation hours: Monday – Friday, 9am – 2pm, south door. 785-357-5341

Please let us know if your donations are for Christmas!



ACTIVITY PAGE

FALL WORD SEARCH



Word Search for October



Candy Monster Witches Spooky
Brown Costume October
Scary Potion Night Ghost Bats
Party Vampire Leaves

cool2teap

FALL

Directions: The words are hidden vertically and horizontally.



HAPPY FALL!



Word Box:

October	leaves	acorn
autumn	tree	raking
scarecrow	red	school
harvest	yellow	apple
pumpkin	brown	corn
squirrel	orange	carnival

acorns	cobweb	harvest	October	seasons
apples	corn	hayride	orange	September
autumn	Fall	jackets	pumpkin	squash
bonfire	festivals	leaves	quilt	squirrel
brown	foliage	maize	rake	sweaters
chestnuts	football	migrate	red	Thanksgiving
chilly	gourds	November	scarecrow	wagons
cider	green	nuts	scenic	yellow

Fill your minds with beauty and truth. Meditate on whatever is honorable, right, pure, lovely, good, virtuous, and praiseworthy.
Philippians 4:8



October Happenings

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 COMMUNION 9:15 am Sun. School 10:30 am Worship	2 9:00-11:00 am Baby Closet	3	4 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Food Pantry 3:30 pm Baby Closet 5:30 pm WWW 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm AAA	5 1:00-3:00 p Baby Closet	6 Pastor's Day Off	7
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