

The Witness

THE NEWSLETTER OF WEST SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH OF TOPEKA, KS

From The Pastor's Desk: "JOYFUL EXPECTATION"

As we enter the sacred season of Advent, our hearts are filled with joyful expectation of Christ's Second Coming, echoing the timeless words of the classic hymn, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." The plainchant melody rings in our ears with anticipation, inviting us to reflect on the profound significance of Christ's incarnation and promised Second Coming.

The Advent season serves as a beautiful reminder that our faith is built on the foundation of hope, rooted in the truth of the promised birth of our Savior. With great faith, we are called to cultivate a spirit of joyful expectation of his glorious return. The Gospel of Matthew reminds us in 1:23 (NIV), "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). This promise, foretold centuries before the event, fills our hearts with awe and wonder.

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" captures the essence of Advent, expressing the longing of the human heart for the arrival of the Messiah. The lyrics resonate with the eager anticipation of people yearning for the fulfillment of God's promise. Each verse unfolds like the turning of pages in a divine story, unveiling the unfolding plan of redemption.

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| December 2023 | | | | | | |
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EVENTS IN DECEMBER:

- Hanging Greens.. 2
- Advent #1 3
- Kids Pageant..... 6
- Advent #2 10
- Advent #3 17
- Advent #4 24
- Christmas Eve Service @ 7 pm. 27
- Youth Party..... 31
- New Years Eve.. 31



PASTOR'S PAGE

As we light the candles on our Advent wreath, we symbolically welcome the growing light of Christ into our lives and into a world often shrouded in darkness. The lighting of each candle is a tangible expression of our faith in the One who is the Light of the World. In John 8:12 (NIV), Jesus declares, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

This season calls us to pause, reflect, and rekindle the flame of anticipation in our hearts. Let us be intentional in our preparations, not merely for the festivities, but to truly open ourselves to the transformative power of Christ's love. In doing so, we align our hearts with the shepherds who, with joy and wonder, received the angelic proclamation of the Savior's birth.

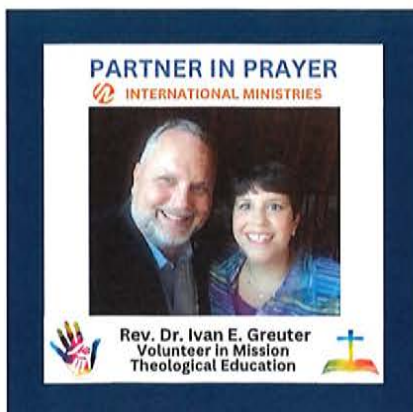
May this Advent be a time of deepening our relationship with God, of sharing the joy of salvation with those around us, and of eagerly anticipating the fulfillment of God's promises in our lives.

In the spirit of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," let us journey together with hearts full of joyful expectation, trusting in the One who brings light to our darkness. May this season of Advent be a sacred time of renewal, drawing us closer to the manger and the miracle of God's love incarnate.

Blessings and joy to you and your families during this Advent season!

Merry Christmas!

Pastor Ivan+



2024 LIBERIA AFRICA MISSION TRIP – Pastor Ivan will return to the **Liberia Baptist Theological Seminary in Paynesville, Monrovia, Liberia West Africa in January 2024**. He will be teaching two classes: (1) The Writings of the Apostle Paul, and (2) Biblical Foundations of Missions. He will depart on Mon., January 8 and return Wed., January 31. Call his cellphone to speak with him. **Yes! His cellphone works in Africa.**

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

Happy Anniversary

12/12 Doug & Jan Mauck
12/27 Tony & Pat Carreno



12/05 Bob Roesler
12/09 Pat Carreno
12/18 Janet Nyfeler
12/22 Nancy May
12/23 Jack Janway

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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UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORY.



ALL CHURCH POTLUCK BREAKFAST MEETING

The council members have been working with me on preparing the 2024 church budget. We will provide you with a recommended proposed budget and slate of officers. We will vote on these items at our **All-Church Breakfast Meeting on Sunday, December 3 at 9:00 AM.** Please plan to attend and help us elect officers and decide how to use God's money for 2024. **Bring a breakfast casserole and side to share.**

Hanging of the Green



Join us
Saturday,
December 2 at
10:00 am as we
prepare for the
Advent Season.

Come and enjoy the fellowship as we decorate the sanctuary and other areas of the church on this date. Donuts, hot chocolate, and coffee will be provided.

For any questions, see Brice.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED – The Church Office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, December 25 for the Christmas Holiday. Newsletter articles are due **TUESDAYS, DEC. 19.** The Office will reopen on Tuesday, January 2 for regular hours: **8:00 AM to 4:30 PM**

TREASURER'S REPORT

OUR CHURCH FINANCES

Our income for October was \$13,193.85. The total to date for the year is \$211,320.99 and is 83.82% of our budget. 10/12 of the year is 83.3%.

Our expenses for October were \$21,940.65 for total expenses from first of the year through October of \$242,530.04. This is 88.27% of the budget. Expense items this month to note include: #7625 Office Operations - \$2,308.51 for copier monthly fee and for overage in color copies (\$1,213.87); #7652 Van Tags/Taxes - \$155.99 - annual expense; #8290 Misc Exp - Fellowship - \$117.92 - Pizza for Vision Quest lunch. **The expenses exceed our income through October by \$18,437.57.**

Our checking account balance shown on the balance sheet is \$119,576.90. A large portion of our balance is in the Capital Campaign, Outreach grant funds, and the Liberia Mission Trip.

The Benevolent Fund balance is \$6,291.96.

At the November council meeting the council members finalized a 2024 church budget to recommend for your approval. It will be discussed and voted on at our **December 3rd All-Church Potluck Breakfast Meeting**. Please plan to attend and help us decide on our church finances for 2024.

The Fortifying our Foundation for the Future Capital Campaign projects continue. The re-stripping of the north parking lot and the sealing and restripping of the west parking lot were done in early November. After the first of the year we will begin the repairs and painting of the sanctuary ceiling and walls. At that point we will then evaluate what money we have left to complete the remaining projects on our list. As chair of the Long Range Planning Committee, I encourage you to continue your commitment in the third year of our 3-year \$300,000 Fortifying our Foundation for the Future Campaign. If you didn't make a pledge but want to help support the building projects, you can do that anytime by indicating on your check, envelope or online gift that it is to support the building projects/capital campaign.

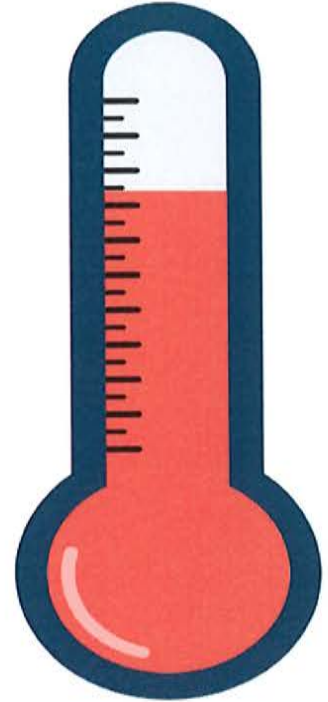
Thanks for your pledge cards that were turned in on Stewardship Sunday. **I have 24 pledges to date with an estimated commitment of \$226,217.00 for 2024.** You can turn in your pledge card anytime between now and the end of the year and I'll get it entered into your record.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

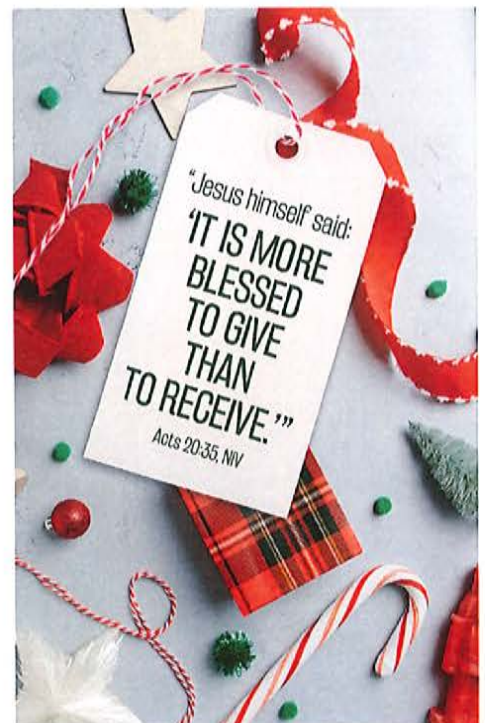
~ Nancy Lindberg, Treasurer



2023 BUDGET GOAL
\$250,000.00



RECEIVED \$207,340
NEED: \$42,660 in
DECEMBER 2023



West Side Baptist Church
Approved 2023 & Proposed 2024 Budget

November 10, 2023

| | | | | 2023 FINAL | 2024 Budget |
|--------------------------------|--|--|--|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | Budget | Proposed |
| Income | | | | | |
| 4100 General Income | | | | | |
| | | 4110 · Checks & Envelopes | | 250,000 | 250,000 |
| | | 4115 · Sunday School Offering | | 125 | 125 |
| | | 4120 · Loose Offering | | 500 | 1,000 |
| | | 4135 · Endowments & Other Revenue | | 0 | 0 |
| | | 4151 · Topeka Community Foundation | | 8,000 | 8,158 |
| | | 4152 · Topeka Community Foundation-#2 | | 4,330 | 3,839 |
| | | Total 4100 General Income | | 262,955 | 263,122 |
| 4400 Stewardship Income | | | | | |
| | | 4450 · Rent/Property | | 750 | 750 |
| | | 4470 · Building Maintenance | | 2,250 | 3,000 |
| | | Total 4400 Stewardship Income | | 3,000 | 3,750 |
| 5101 Program Income | | | | | |
| | | 5310 · Flowers | | 400 | 400 |
| | | 5420 · Baby Closet Donations and Grants | | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| | | Total 5101 Program Income | | 1,400 | 1,400 |
| SubTotal Income | | | | 267,355 | 268,272 |
| Other Income | | | | | |
| | | 9000 · Investment Income | | 0 | 0 |
| Total Income | | | | 267,355 | 268,272 |
| Expenses | | | | | |
| PROFESSIONAL EXPENSES | | | | | |
| | | 6111 · Senior Pastor Salary & Flex Plan | | 55,037 | 58,687 |
| | | 6112 · Housing Allowance | | 22,500 | 22,500 |
| | | 6113 · Social Security Offset | | 6,076 | 6,076 |
| | | 6121 · Pension Benefit (MMBB) | | 13,680 | 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 | | 500 | 500 |
| | | 6144 · Professional Allowance | | 150 | 150 |
| | | 6221 · Office Manager Salary | | 28,293 | 29,708 |
| | | 6222 · Office Manager M&M Pension | | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| | | 6223 · Office Manager Medical & Dental Insurance | | 2,980 | 3,155 |
| | | 6240 · Music Director | | 5,000 | 7,000 |
| | | 6250 · Custodial Services | | 15,065 | 15,818 |
| | | 6260 · Nursery Attendant | | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| | | 6270 · Accompanist | | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| | | 6271 · Bells Director | | 2,000 | 0 |
| | | 6280 · Miscellaneous Salaries | | 1,000 | 1,000 |

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| | | | | 2023 FINAL Budget | 2024 Budget Proposed |
|------------------------------|--|--|--|----------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | 6311 · Direct Deposit Fee | 300 | 300 |
| | | | 6350 · Employer Payroll Taxes | 4,500 | 4,500 |
| | | | Total 6101 · Pastoral and Staff Payroll | 171,295 | 177,288 |
| 7000 · MISSION GIVING | | | | | |
| | | | 7101 · ABCCR | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| | | | 7110 · Women's Missions | 200 | 200 |
| | | | 7140 · Mission Education | 250 | 250 |
| | | | 7150 - Mission Trips | 0 | 1,500 |
| | | | Total 7000 · MISSION GIVING | 5,450 | 6,950 |
| 7500 · STEWARDSHIP | | | | | |
| | | | 7510 General Stewardship | | |
| | | | 7511 · New Equipment/Furniture | 250 | 250 |
| | | | 7520 · Insurance | 11,200 | 15,000 |
| | | | 7530 · Facility Operations | 3,200 | 4,500 |
| | | | 7540 · Technology Operations | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| | | | 7550 · Capital Contingency | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| | | | 7570 · Stewardship Program | 500 | 750 |
| | | | Total 7510 General Stewardship | 17,150 | 22,500 |
| | | | 7520 Office | | |
| | | | 7625 · Office Operations | 6,700 | 6,700 |
| | | | 7629 · Phone/Internet (previously in #7625) | 4,200 | 4,100 |
| | | | Total 7520 Office | 10,900 | 10,800 |
| | | | 7650 Church Van | | |
| | | | 7651 · Van Operating Costs | 500 | 300 |
| | | | 7652 · Van Tags/Taxes | 200 | 200 |
| | | | 7653 · Van Insurance | 650 | 600 |
| | | | 7655 · Van Repairs/Maintenance | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| | | | Total 7650 Church Van | 2,350 | 2,100 |
| | | | 7700 Maintenance | | |
| | | | 7710 · Building Facility Maintenance | 13,000 | 14,000 |
| | | | 7720 · Minor Maintenance/Improvements | 2,500 | 2,000 |
| | | | 7730 · Organ/Piano Maintenance | 500 | 650 |
| | | | Total 7700 Maintenance | 16,000 | 16,650 |
| | | | 7800 Utilities | | |
| | | | 7810 · Utilities - Electricity | 11,000 | 12,000 |
| | | | 7820 · Utilities - Gas | 9,000 | 12,000 |
| | | | 7840 · Utilities - Trash | 540 | 700 |
| | | | 7850 · Utilities - Water/Sewer | 1,600 | 1,800 |
| | | | Total 7800 Utilities | 22,140 | 26,500 |
| | | | 7900 · Misc Exp - Stewardship | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| | | | Total 7500 · STEWARDSHIP | 69,540 | 79,550 |

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| | | | | 2023 FINAL Budget | 2024 Budget Proposed |
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| 8100 · CHRISTIAN EDUCATION | | | | | |
| | | 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/Supplies) | | 400 | 400 |
| | | 8155 · VBS/Summer Program | | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| | | 8160 · WWW Meals | | 2,000 | 2,500 |
| | | 8165 · WWW Program (Curriculum & Supplies) | | 300 | 400 |
| | | 8180 · Kids Activities & Graduation gifts | | 250 | 250 |
| | | 8190 · American Baptist College Scholarship | | 12,000 | 12,000 |
| Total 8100 · CHRISTIAN EDUCATION | | | | 16,550 | 17,150 |
| 8200 · FELLOWSHIP & MEMBERSHIP | | | | | |
| | | 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 |
| Total 8200 · FELLOWSHIP & MEMBERSHIP | | | | 1,800 | 1,800 |
| 8400 · OUTREACH & EVANGELISM | | | | | |
| | | 8415 · Advertising and Evangelism | | 850 | 700 |
| | | 8420 · Baby Closet Expenses | | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| | | 8430 · Evangelism Program | | 200 | 0 |
| | | 8470 · Outreach Projects | | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Total 8400 · OUTREACH & EVANGELISM | | | | 3,050 | 2,700 |
| 8500 · WORSHIP | | | | | |
| | | 8530 · Music Resources | | 500 | 500 |
| | | 8535 · CCLI/CVLI Licenses | | 700 | 700 |
| | | 8540 · Programs & Resources | | 700 | 700 |
| | | 8550 · Pulpit Supply | | 800 | 800 |
| Total 8500 · WORSHIP | | | | 2,700 | 2,700 |
| Total Expenses | | | | 270,385 | 288,138 |
| Total Expenditures | | | | \$270,385 | \$288,138 |
| Total Income | | | | \$267,355 | \$268,272 |
| Budget Difference | | | | -\$3,030 | -\$19,866 |

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



We had wonderful Sunday School classes during the Fall semester. Many thanks to Dr. Greuter, Rexanne Greuter, Matt Smith and Tera Triggs for leading our adult/youth classes. Thanks also to our dedicated teachers of children, Fran Seymour-Hunter and Pat Carpenter. These classes will conclude on December 17.

On December 24 and 31 we will show the movie **A Christmas Tree Miracle** in Holmer Hall beginning at 9:15. Please bring a favorite holiday snack to share. Juice and hot chocolate will be provided.

Our winter/spring session of Sunday School will begin on January 7.
CLASSES FOR THE NEW YEAR:

- **Adult Forum:** Don Johnson will lead a class in Holmer Hall and more information regarding this class will be in upcoming News in the Pews.
- **The Chosen** - Tera Triggs will continue to show "The Chosen" video series in the youth room under the leadership of Tera Triggs.
- **Faith That Pleases God:** Rexanne Greuter will continue with her class upstairs and they will be using The Standard Lesson Commentary. The focus will be Ruth, Samuel 1 and 2, Chronicles, Proverbs, Isaiah, Daniel, Habakkuk, Matthew, Luke, Romans, and Hebrews.
- **How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth:** Pastor Ivan will begin a fourteen week class February 11 on "How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth". This class will help you accurately understand the different parts of the Bible—their meaning for ancient audiences and their implications for you today—so you can uncover the inexhaustible wealth of God's Word.
- **Upper Elementary** - Fran and Pat will continue to teach the children upstairs.

We look forward to seeing everyone during our Sunday School hour.



Nicole Johnson,
Trained Facilitator



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Eight Sessions
CLASSES START
NOVEMBER 30
SPACE IS LIMITED

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\$80*
Per Family

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*scholarships available

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OUTREACH & EVANGELISM



Fruit & Vegetable Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY - 3:30 TO 5:30 PM
WEST SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
1008 SW. 4TH ST., TOPEKA, KS 66606
"HELPING PEOPLE THRIVE"

FOOD PANTRY

*All food is available free of cost!
MOST WEDNESDAYS
3:30 - 5:30 PM

Yes! Food Pantry
DECEMBER 6
DECEMBER 13
DECEMBER 20
DECEMBER 27

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**No Food Pantry on the
5th Wednesday of the month**

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



70 TURKEYS + 108 CHICKENS GIVEAWAY

Thanks to a \$500 grant from the Kansas Baptist Foundation and generous neighbors, the Food Pantry gave away 70 turkeys and 108 frozen chickens on Nov. 8 for Thanksgiving.



*Donate Good Diaper
For Babies in Topeka*



*Done buenos pañales
para bebés en Topeka*



Box of 96 for \$20.00 or
Box of 162 for \$30.00

NEED SIZES 4 + 5



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MISSIONS & MISC

ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS

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, 2024. 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.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following persons have agreed to serve as the Coordinators of Church Ministries:

- ♦ Christian Education - Pat Carpenter & Marty Stevenson
 - ♦ Fellowship & Membership - Colleen Smith
 - ♦ Trustee - Steve Hood
- Elections will be held on Sunday, Dec. 3

TEXT THE WORDS TO (785) 432-5383

“JOIN” for GENERAL TEXT alerts and reminders

“BABY” for BABY CLOSET TEXT alerts and reminders

“FOOD” for FOOD PANTRY TEXT alerts and reminders

“KIDS” for KIDS MINISTRY TEXT alerts and reminders.



Terms and conditions apply.
4 Msgs/Month. Msg and Data rates may apply.

Retired Ministers & Missionaries Offering



RMMO2023: Good will come.

“Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice.” — Psalm 112: 5 (NIV)

The **Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering** is an annual offering and long-standing tradition established in 1977 which supports ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses who have devoted 15 or more years of their lives in service to Christ's church. We receive this offering each December. Our goal: \$1,750.00. Use the envelopes available or mark your gift RMMO.



TIME FOR... GOOD NEWS!

2024 MIDWINTER MISSION & EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

GUEST SPEAKERS
AMANDA & JON
GOOD

19-20 JANUARY 2024

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF EMPORIA
807 Constitution St, Emporia, KS 66801



(785) 272-7622

REGISTER TODAY

Are you Hung(a)ry for Good News?
Contact us today to learn more about
this exciting event.
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WWW KIDS BIBLE CLUB



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. We are also asking for people to help out with desserts on Wednesday evenings. If you would like to bring something there is a signup sheet outside the sanctuary.

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

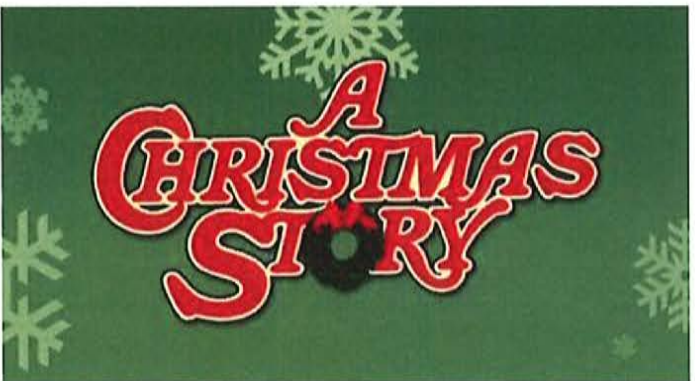
WWW KIDS BIBLE CLUB NEWS

Fellowship Hall was filled with joy and delicious smells during our annual Thanksgiving meal November 15. **Eighty-two kids and adults had a delectable dinner!**

Thank you to our wonderful WWW kitchen staff for preparing the basics and setting everything up. We appreciate all those folks who cooked the turkeys and brought so many delectable dishes.

Please join us during our last night of

WWW Kids Bible Club this year on December 6. We will have a free meal beginning at 5:30 pm. We will then head upstairs to the sanctuary where we will once again enjoy a performance of the Christmas story and sing some favorite Christmas songs. We look forward to seeing you at this festive holiday tradition.



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FOR JESUS & OUR NEIGHBORS**

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Doorstep Christmas Project ~ 2023

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 still need the following NEW items: (No later than 12/8/23)

- 🎄 Blankets - Queen & King Only (NO THROWS) 🎄 Tools Sets
- 🎄 King Size Sheet Sets 🎄 Cologne/Perfume Sets
- 🎄 Silverware Sets ~ Dish Sets ~ Kitchen Utensil Sets
- 🎄 Nerf Guns ~ Lego Sets ~ Learning Toys like Vtech
- 🎄 Family Board Games & Puzzles 🎄 Men's Body Care Sets (Axe)
- 🎄 Any type of KC Chiefs décor, hoodies, etc. 🎄 Sauce Pans & Skillets
- 🎄 Hoodies - Sizes Med-4X (Men/Wmn/Teen) A variety of colors, designs, plain
- 🎄 Money for Gift Cards & Food

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 ~ \$20 gift cards per person in the household.

Volunteer Opportunities:

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

Wednesday, December 13th ~ Opportunities available from: 8:30am – 1:30pm,
1:30pm – 4:30pm and 4:30pm - 7:30pm. (Lunch & Dinner provided)

Thursday, December 14th ~ Opportunities available from 8:30am – 12:30pm and
12:30pm – 5:30pm. (Lunch provided)

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](https://www.doorsteptopeka.org) under the Donate Tab.



Help Your
Neighbors this
Holiday Season

Give a Holiday
Food Basket:

**FOOD
DRIVE**

thank you for your donation



SHARING HOPE IN A
SEASON OF GIVING



DOORSTEP

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

- Small Family (1-2 Persons): \$40.00
- Medium Family (3-4 Persons): \$65.00
- Large Family (5+ Persons): \$100.00

Serving 800+
Neighbors
in 260
Families this
December



Send monetary donations to:
Doorstep Inc.

1119 SW 10th Ave.

Topeka, KS 66604-1105

<https://www.doorsteptopeka.org>

WORSHIP

The Lord in the Splendor of Holiness

ADVENT READERS – We need people to volunteer as Advent Readers for the next four Sundays in December. Speak with the Pastor if you would like to read a prepared text and light the advent candles. **Advent begins December 3rd.**

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>
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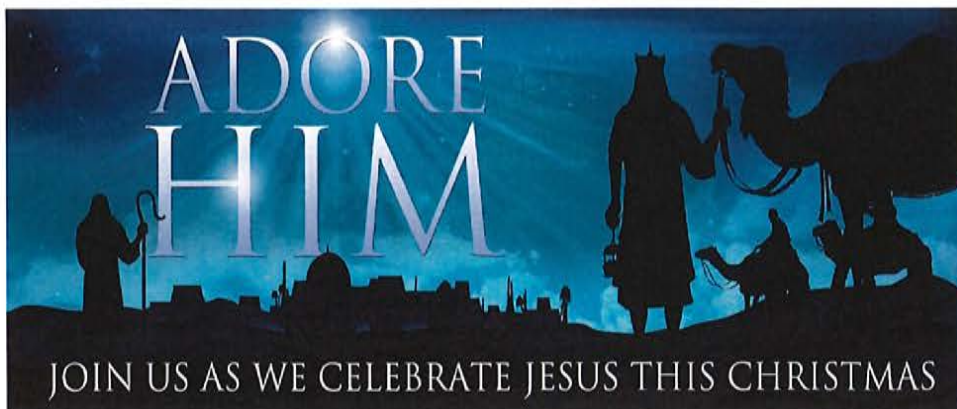
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The Revised Common Lectionary Texts

December Reader:

Laurie Dewey

December 3

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

December 10

Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

December 17

Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

Isaiah 9:2-7
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

December 31

Second Sunday of Christmas

Isaiah 62:6-12
Titus 3:4-7
Luke 2:(1-7) 8-20

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Christmas Word Search

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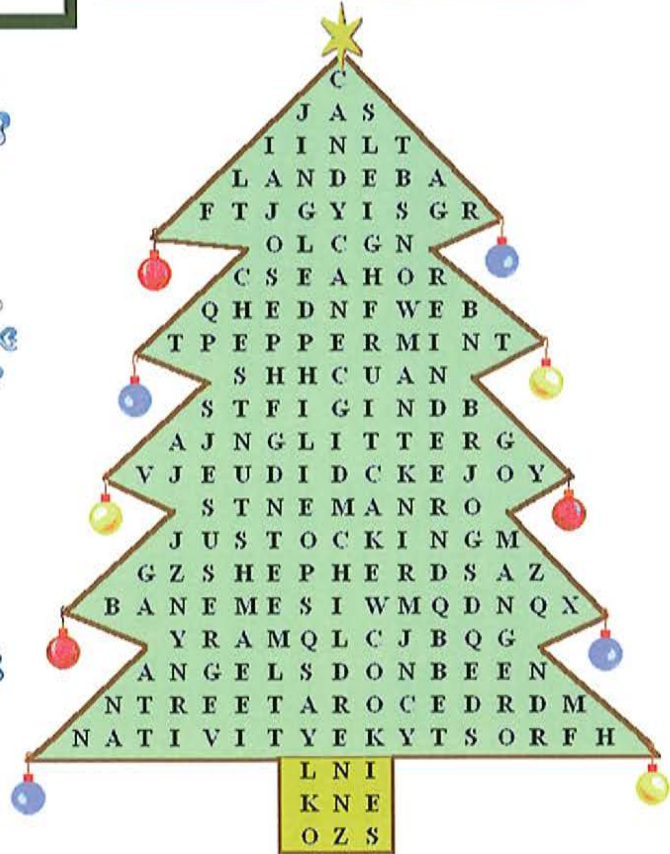
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Happy
HOLIDAYS!



Christmas Search



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 Mary

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