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### ***"GO SMALLER TO GET BIGGER!"***

One of the most beautiful sounds I've been hearing around the church lately is this: **"I don't know everyone anymore!"**

That may sound like a complaint, but I believe it's actually a **celebration**. God is at work in our congregation - drawing new people into our fellowship, stirring hearts, call people to faith, and adding to our numbers just as He did in the first-century.

Remember what happened in Acts 2? After Peter preached at Pentecost, **about 3,000 people were added to the Church in a single day!** That kind of growth is exciting - but also overwhelming. Imagine so many new faces, you would not know what to do at greeting time. How did the early Christians handle such a sudden, Spirit-led surge of new believers and members?

**"Every day the early believers continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." — Acts 2:46–47 (NIV)**

***The early Church grew bigger by getting smaller.*** While they regularly gathered in large public spaces to praise God (*"in the temple courts"*), they also met in homes for Bible studies, food, friendships, accountability, and spiritual growth. The Apostles taught them that gathering once a week in (continued on next page)



**LAKE SHAWNEE BAPTISMS**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 31**

**FOLLOW JESUS IN BAPTISM**

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**A PLACE TO BELONG, BELIEVE, and BE INVOLVED**

# Pastor's Pen



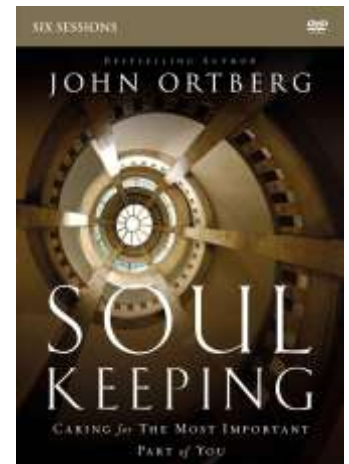
(con't first page)...a large crowd was not enough to sustain their faith or help them grow. Every disciple needed a smaller, more personal settings where faith could be lived out in real friendships.

That's exactly why I am encouraging everyone to get into a **Life Group** this fall. God made us for community - intimacy, friendship, and mutual support. The best way to get to know other believers—and grow in your faith - is by committing to Christian intimacy (*in-to-me-see*) and true friendship.

**Life Groups** will be forming after Labor Day. We hope three to six small groups will form with a focus on fostering spiritual growth, developing deep friendships, and encouraging personal transformation in all aspects of our lives.

**Life Groups** will be small in number (typically eight to ten) that meet in a home on any night of the week, three or four times a month. The Bible Study will be video based, and easy to operate. To make Life Groups a success, we will need:

- 1) **HOST HOMES:** If you want to host a group in your home, please talk to me. You do not need to cook, clean extensively, or have the biggest house. A kitchen table with chairs or a living room with couches and chairs will work.
- 2) **HOSPITALITY:** Are you gifted at making snacks, greeting people and making them feel at ease? Then sign up for hospitality server. You will be matched with a host home and a facilitator.
- 3) **FACILIATATORS:** Three to six persons gifted with teaching and the ability to lead a group discussion from prepared questions. The first six sessions will be led by bestselling Christian Author and Bible Teacher, **John Ortberg**, from his series: "**Soul Keeping: Caring for the Most Important Part of You**" by HarperChristian Resources.
- 4) **PARTICIPANTS:** We need people to sign up to form a **Life Group**. You will meet with your small group once a week or every other week, depending upon your availability. You will have a workbook and sign up for the group that works best for you and your family.



**AND the GOOD NEWS** is you only have to commit six sessions (or more depending upon your group). **You will start in September and be done in November before Thanksgiving!** Then, you can stay in the same group or chose a new group...it's all up to you! You can join a Life Group by signing up on the bulletin board or visit the church website at <https://wsbctopeka.org>.

If you're feeling like you don't know everyone anymore - there is good news! There are new people to meet, and new lives God is transforming in **Life Groups**. Join a group where you can be known, grow in Christ, and walk together with others who can encourage and support you. Let's continue to be friendly, hospitable, and welcoming! Let's be a church where **no one walks alone** — where everyone is welcomed, loved, and known.

**End of Summer Blessings, Pastor Ivan+**



## **NORTHEAST AREA ORDINATION COUNCIL**

With great excitement, I am inviting you and your church to attend the upcoming **Area Ordination Council for Traci Brown, to be held on Sunday, August 10, at 2:00 PM at West Side Baptist Church of Topeka, Kansas.**

This council will convene to examine Traci Brown in preparation for ordination to the Gospel ministry.

**In Christ's Service, Rita C Adams, NE Area Moderator**



# CHURCH OFFICE

 Our Staff



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08/24 Jay Stevenson  
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08/28 Brian Widow Sr.

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

**MONDAYS - THURSDAYS**

8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

**FRIDAYS: 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

**FRIDAYS: PASTOR'S DAY OFF**

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## CONTACT information



We're Updating our **PHONES & INFO** systems – so look for an email to update your preferences (email address and cell phone number). **CALL**

**THE OFFICE AT (785) 233-4241** if you have an emergency, need to request a ride, want to order a shirt or register for an event, need financial help, need information, or want to schedule an appointment with Pastor Ivan.

**REMINDER:** It is hard to believe but most schools will be back in session the second week of August. Pay attention to the school area speed zones and watch out for all the kids walking to and from school.

### Back To School



***We're praying for a safe and successful year for all students, teachers, administrators and staff!***

## **SECRETARY ON VACATION –**

Lynda will be on vacation starting **Wednesday, July 30, through Tuesday, August 5, 2025**. Volunteers are needed during this time to answer the phone and keep Pastor Ivan on task. Sign up on the bulletin board outside the Church Office. The Office will be **CLOSED** on Aug. 1.





# **LAKE SHAWNEE BAPTISMS**

## **SUNDAY, AUGUST 31**

### **FOLLOW JESUS**

**BAPTISM is the *first act of obedience for followers of Jesus***

Jesus Christ commanded all of his followers to be baptized. The Apostles obeyed Jesus by practicing baptism in the New Testament...and so do we! Believer's Baptism is when a new follower of Jesus Christ is immersed (fully dipped) in water in the name of Jesus using the Trinitarian Formula ("in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit").



**ADULT PATHFINDERS**  
Baptism & Membership Class  
Saturday, Aug. 1, @ 1:30 PM

**BAPTISM AHEAD for KIDS**  
Sunday, Aug. 3, @ 9:00 AM  
or speak with Pastor Ivan+

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL & BAPTISMS at LAKE SHAWNEE SHELTER #4 @ 5:30 PM**  
Homemade Ice Cream, Store Brand, Toppings, Etc.? See Colleen Smith, Coordinator of Membership and Fellowship.



**SUPPORT OUR TROOPS:** Write a letter or send an encouraging card to our church members in the military:



**Aaron Poe –**  
**Army Boot Camp**  
**C Company 2-10,**  
**Infantry BN**  
**757 Buckey Ave**  
**Fort Leonard Wood, MO 65473**

***Do you have family serving in the US military?*** Share information with the Church Office. Remember our military personnel and their families in your prayers.



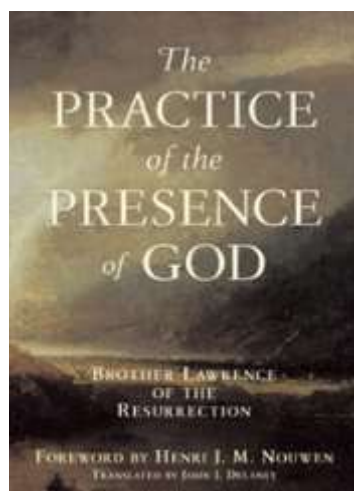
**PRAYER SHEETS AVAILABLE:** Be sure to pick up a weekly Prayer Sheet from the Information Station just outside the Church Office. It includes updates, praises, and prayer requests from our church family and mission partners or online at



**<https://wsbctopeka.org/get-help/prayer>**. Join us for Prayer & Bible Study Wednesdays at 10:30 AM and 6:00 PM as we lift these needs together in faith. Let us be a praying church because prayer matters!

**CHRISTIAN CLASSICS BOOK CLUB** – Deepen Your Faith and Gain Wisdom from Spiritual Giants: Join the Christian Classics Book Club!

**FOURTH SUNDAY at 5:30 PM in Holmer Hall.**  
**FOURTH WEDNESDAY at 11:30 AM (HH)**



**AUGUST BOOK**  
**“THE PRACTICE OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD”**  
**BY BROTHER LAWRENCE**

BUY  
 \$5.00  
 ON



**Join our Christian Classics Book Club Today!**  
**See the full list at**  
**<https://wsbctopeka.org>**

## **BIBLE VERSES ABOUT PRAYER**

Jesus said, “But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. (Matthew 6:6)

Jesus said, “Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.” (Mark 11:24)

Jesus taught, “Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak” (Matthew 26:41).

The Apostle Paul wrote, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God (Philippians 4:6).

The Apostle James wrote, “Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working (5:16).

The Apostle Paul wrote, “Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving (Colossians 4:2).

# FELLOWSHIP & MEMBERSHIP

**MEN'S MINISTRY – SATURDAY, AUGUST 9 at 9:00 AM:** More Than Just Pancakes – We are Building Brotherhood - Join the men the **Second Saturday of the month at 9:00 AM** for our **Men's Ministry Breakfast** – a time of food, faith, and fellowship. Yes, there will be pancakes (and plenty of other good food), but this gathering is about much more than breakfast. Guest speakers with real-life stories and biblical insights. Bring a friend—and an appetite! **Starting in AUGUST.**



**WOMEN'S MINISTRY – THIS TUESDAY, August 11 at 5:30 PM:** The Women's Ministry invites all women to our monthly gathering on the second Monday of each month for a time of food, fellowship, and faith. In August we will have a taco bar. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the office. These evenings are set aside to relax, share stories, laugh together, and deepen our connections as sisters in Christ. Come grow with us in love and friendship! – Deacon Traci Brown



**MENS & LADIES NIGHT OUT –** This is a fun time of building friendships in church. **Ladies & Men's Night Out is a monthly restaurant outing on the First Tuesday of the months. We will meet on Tuesday, August 5 at 6:00 pm at Cracker Barrel**  
**1421 SW Ashworth PI**

We like to do this to build friendships and strengthen bonds between Christian sisters and brothers (separately). Each person is responsible for paying for their own meal, and don't forget to bring a friend and pay for their meal. If you need a ride, please get in touch with Colleen Smith. *We are looking forward to a fun fellowship time!*



**SECOND ROUND OF ORDERS BEGINS ON AUGUST 1ST :** Did you miss the first deadline to order a WSBC T-Shirt, V-Neck, Crew Sweatshirt or Hoodie? Don't Worry! We're placing a second round of orders. **The next DEADLINE is SUNDAY, AUGUST 31.** You can order a shirt for yourself or donate to purchase a shirt for children and families in the church. If you have any questions, see Colleen Smith Coordinator of Membership and Fellowship.





# TREASURER'S REPORT

## **GOD FIRST in ALL THINGS**

Our income for June was \$20,892.55 compared to \$16,045.79 in May. For the first six months of 2025 our income total was \$182,615.06 or 66.38%. Our % goal for six months is 50.0% of the annual budget so we are still over our goal. There is \$1,490 in miscellaneous for the shirts that have

been ordered. There will be a similar expenditure when the shirts are paid. We received an additional \$360 (total of \$2,070) for children to attend church camp. In July we will be receiving our second Topeka Community Foundation distribution. It will be \$3,839.00 from the Vern and Portia Allbert estate.

Our expenses for June totaled \$24,187.72 compared to May of \$21,631.02. For the first six months of 2025 we have an expense total of \$178,613.13 or 56.16% of our budget. Expense to note: Van Insurance – \$543 annual payment.

The difference of income to expenses for June was -\$3,295.17 compared to May of -\$5,585.23 and for the year is \$4,001.93.

Our checking account balance shown on the balance sheet is \$45,699.41. This includes \$6,602.96 in Outreach funds, \$47,677.43 in the Capital Campaign, - \$1,170.24 in the Youth Fund and \$1,862.73 in the Benevolent Fund.

At the July council meeting the council requested the Memorials committee discuss memorial funds for the new refrigerator in the youth room downstairs and the changes in technology for two of the Sunday School rooms upstairs.

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



## **SHARING WITH OUR NEIGHBORS AND WORLD**

### **Special Mission Giving (Year to Date)**

America For Christ (April—Denominational Adm) .....	\$873.00
Benevolence Fund (Neighbors & Members in Need)..	\$2,996.59
Doorstep Inc (Local Partnership) .....	\$1,031.66
Kiowa Indian Baptist Church (Fire Recovery) .....	\$115.00
One Great Hour of Sharing (Disaster Relief & Dev.)...	\$1,090.00
Special Missionaries Deliris & Moise Carrion Joseph.	\$1,441.75
Retired Ministers & Missionaries (December).....	\$390.00
World Mission Offering (October) .....	\$390.00

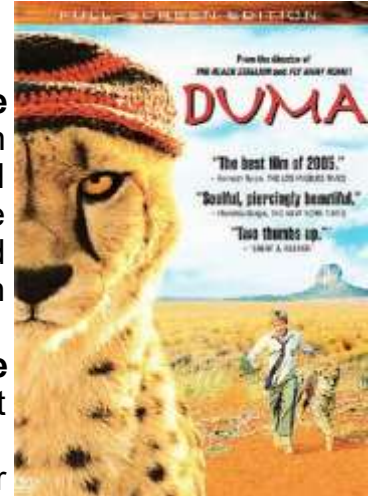
# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CINEMA

The final movie for Summer Sunday School Cinema will be “Duma.” This is a fast-paced family adventure of a 12-year-old Xan who decides to return the cheetah he raised from a cub to the wild instead of allowing pursuers to place it in captivity. You will see stunningly beautiful locations as we face dangerous crocodiles, wild boars, lions and many other African residents. Join us as we watch this story of growing up and letting go.

**SIGN UP to bring treats, serve, and clean up for one of the Sunday mornings.** Coffee and juice will be provided with breakfast items prepared by those who would like to bring something.

~ Nancy Lindberg, Coordinator



**KID'S SUMMER CINEMA:** Children will watch kid-friendly movies in the YOUTH ROOM on Sunday starting mornings at 9:15 AM. **GRAB BREAKFAST FOOD** and head downstairs for a movie, art and crafts, and small group discussion. Thank you to Tonya W. for leading the children and youth group this summer!



## KIDS WESTERN ROUND UP

### *Saddle Up, Partners!*

Dress Up Y'all and Giddy Up to the **WWW Kids Club Western Round Up** on Wednesday, August 27, at 5:30 PM

All Kids and Families are Welcome!  
Free Hot Dogs, Games, Skits, and a Big Hairy Surprise!

**WWW Kids' Bible Club** kicks off the new season with this exciting event on **Wednesday, August 27 at 5:30 PM**. Christian Education need your help to make it a success:

- Cookie Donations:** We're looking for volunteers to **SIGN UP** to donate kid-friendly cookies and desserts to serve 70 people for our Wednesday night gatherings! If you can bring a sweet treat that children will enjoy, we'd be so grateful. **Store-bought or homemade is welcome**—just be sure to label all ingredients, especially if the treat contains nuts, dairy, eggs, or gluten. This helps us keep all our kids safe and happy! Thank you for making our Wednesdays extra special! You can Sign Up Online or Call the Church Office.
- Volunteers Needed:** Want to help at the Western Round-Up on August 27? Dress Up! Come to the **Planning Meeting on Monday, JULY 28 at 11:30 AM** in Holmer Hall. You can also let me or Pat Carpenter know!
- Teacher Opportunities:** We're also looking for folks to partner-teach or serve as substitute teachers. Talk to us if you're interested in making a difference this year! Let's round up the kids and kick off the year with faith, fun, and fellowship!



~ Marty Stevenson , Christian Ed Coordinator



# MISSION COMMITTEE



**BACONE  
COLLEGE**

## **BACONE COLLEGE CLOSES**

**HISTORIC COLLEGE FOUNDED IN 1800s SUFFERS FINANCIAL COLLAPSE DUE TO MISMANAGEMENT**

Recently, Bacone College concluded their 145th year ministry in Muskogee, OK. Recent financial hardships were not able to be resolved and a US Bankruptcy judge ordered assets be liquidated to

pay indebtedness. The conclusion of this ministry means that we will no longer be sending mission funding to Bacone. We would ask that your local missions committee be informed of this change and please do not send any additional funds to the Region office earmarked for the ministry at Bacone. In the coming days, the Region will need to decide how to handle Bacone's portion of the Kansas Plan distributions and until those decisions are made, the funding will be held and accounted for. Please continue to pray for students, faculty, staff, and Board members of Bacone College. This has been an important ministry that has impacted many lives. (Reported from the American Baptist Churches of the Central Region—ABCCR)

## **CURRENT DOORSTEP NEEDS ~ AUGUST 2025**

### **Clothing Room Needs: (Gently Used, Not New)**

Men's Pajamas ~ All Sizes  
Men's Underwear ~ Size XL  
Men's Shorts ~ Smaller Sizes, especially 32 & 34  
Men's Jeans & Casual / Dress Pants ~ Sizes 32 & 34  
Men's Shoes ~ Sizes 10 and up  
Men's & Women's Tennis Shoes – ALL Sizes  
Women's Pajamas ~ All Sizes  
Women's Sports Bras, Tank Tops & Camisoles ~ All Sizes  
Women's Bras & Shorts ~ All Sizes  
Boys & Girls Shoes ~ All Sizes  
Boys Jeans & Shorts ~ All Sizes 4 - 18  
Boys Shirts ~ Sizes 2, 6, 7, & 8  
Boys Socks ~ Sizes L & XL  
Girls & Teens Shorts & Swimsuits ~ All Sizes  
Girls Jeans ~ Sizes 7 – 18  
Young Girls ~ Tops, Leggings, Etc ~ All Sizes  
Bed Sheets & Comforters ~ Twin & Queen  
Diapers ~ Size 5  
Backpacks ~ Gently Used (for adults)  
Hand Can Openers



**DOORSTEP**  
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

## **Donations Accepted:**

Monday – Friday  
9am – 2pm

1119 SW 10th Ave  
(10th & Buchanan)

Use the South Door

### **Food Room Needs:**

Pancake Mix & Syrup  
Vegetable Soup      Oatmeal  
Egg Noodles      Spaghetti Sauce  
Baked Beans      Pork N Beans  
Cream of Mushroom Soup  
Canned Beans ~ (Pinto, Black, Chili)  
Canned Fruit      Boxed Potatoes

**IN THE FIRST 6 MONTHS OF 2025:** Doorstep has spent nearly \$130,000 on Direct Assistance to Clients, provided 1,394 food orders, feeding 3,470 individuals with 78,939 pounds of food, and spent \$27,034 purchasing food to keep our shelves stocked to help our neighbors in need. We have also provided 688 hygiene kits; assisted 83 households who have never received services before, and provided 529 services for linens (blanket, sheets, towels, pillows). Doorstep was built on neighbors helping neighbors and we are a part of a caring and generous community.

~ Lisa Cain, Executive Director

# OUTREACH & EVANGELISM



## THINKING ABOUT JOINING WSBC? We'd Love to Welcome You!

*Have you been attending worship and wondering what it means to be a member of West Side Baptist Church? Are you ready to take the next*

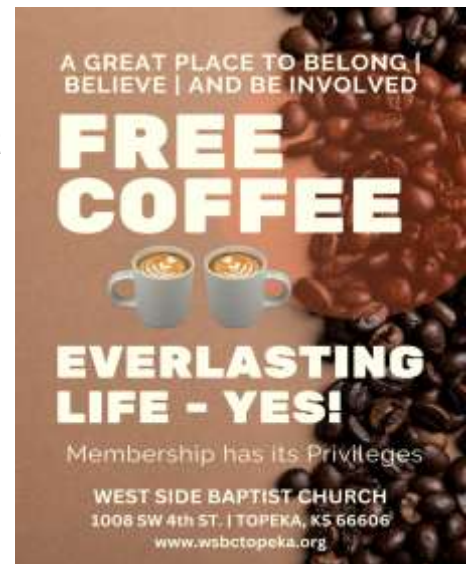
step in your journey of faith and discipleship? We invite you to explore church membership through our upcoming Adult Membership Classes! This is a wonderful opportunity to:

- ♦ Learn about our Baptist beliefs and practices
- ♦ Discover the Church's mission and ministries
- ♦ Ask questions in a safe and welcoming environment
- ♦ Meet others who are also exploring their faith
- ♦ Grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ

### Class Options:

- ♦ **In-Person:** Saturdays at 1:30 PM starting August 2
- ♦ **Online:** Zoom Classes – Available by request

Whether you're new to faith, transferring from another church, or simply want to learn more, there's a place for you here. To sign up or ask questions, please speak with Pastor Ivan or contact the Church Office. We're excited to welcome you into our church family!



## **IT'S TIME TO COLLECT SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

We are collecting school supplies for children at Lowman Hill and Meadows Elementary (Kindergarten—5th Grade). Take a school supply list and donate items **before Friday, August 8.**

### **No Backpacks Needed this Year OUR FOCUS: Dry Erase Makers**

All donations are welcome. Or you can give CASH or CHECK (make "school supplies") and our professional shoppers will purchase items for the children.

**Does Your Family Need School Supplies? See Pastor Ivan**

**BLESSING BOX PROGRAM** — The Church sponsors two Blessing Boxes in the Ward Meade Neighborhood: (1) Alley on 5th St btw Polk & Taylor Streets & (2) Buchanan St at Laurie & Bill D.'s house. These small "houses" are stocked with non-perishable food items and basic necessities for persons experiencing food insecurity or other hardships. It operates on an "honor system," where people can take what they need and leave what they can, fostering a sense of community and mutual support. **DONATE ITEMS:** individually sealed apple sauce and fruit cups, beef jerky or dried meats, pop-top canned meats and soups, ready to eat meals, powder/self-stable milk, feminine hygiene items, etc.





# YOUTH & MORE

## EXCITING THINGS AHEAD FOR YOUTH GROUP!

Our West Side Youth Group is gearing up for an exciting season of faith, fun, and fellowship—and we want YOU to be part of it! Whether you're a student in middle or high school, or an adult who wants to support the next generation, there are lots of opportunities to get involved:



### Upcoming Youth Activities:

- ♦ **BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH** – Join us for a **SCAVENGER HUNT + PIZZA PARTY** on **Wednesday, August 20 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM** in the Youth Room as we kick off the new school year. Students and leaders will walk (no vehicles) the church and neighborhood to find free items in a friendly scavenger hunt. Then, free Pizza for all students and youth leaders. **See Tera!**
- ♦ **TEEN TIE-DYE SHIRT NIGHT:** Get wet and messy as we Tie-Dye Shirts on Wednesday, August 27. **Tera Needs Your Shirt Size ASAP (Cost: \$10.00).**
- ♦ **Weekly Wednesday Nights** – Food, faith, and friendship in a fun, relaxed setting.



### Youth Fundraisers Coming Soon:

We're raising funds for youth retreats, mission trips, and special events. Here's how you can help:

- ♦ **Bake Sale Sundays** – Grab a sweet treat after worship and support our teens.
- ♦ **Car Wash Fundraiser** – Coming in August! Clean cars = changed lives.

Stay tuned for exact dates and times in the bulletin and on our website!

If you'd like to volunteer, donate, or simply learn more, talk to Tera or Pastor Ivan. Let's continue to raise up a generation of faithful disciples together!



### SAFE CHURCH/SAFE CHILD TRAINING "Because Every Child Deserves a Safe Place to Grow."

All adults (18+) working in direct contact with our children and youth are required to attend a **Safe Church/Safe Child Training** on **Wednesday, August 13 OR Wed., August 20, at 6 PM** in Holmer Hall **and complete a Background Check**. The Training and the Background

Check are required even if you had previous checks or completed this requirement for your employer. **THE TRAINING AND BACKGROUND CHECK ARE FREE.**

Nursery workers and volunteers will complete their required training on Wednesday, August 6, at 6:00 pm in Holmer Hall. Questions or Concerns? See Pastor Ivan.

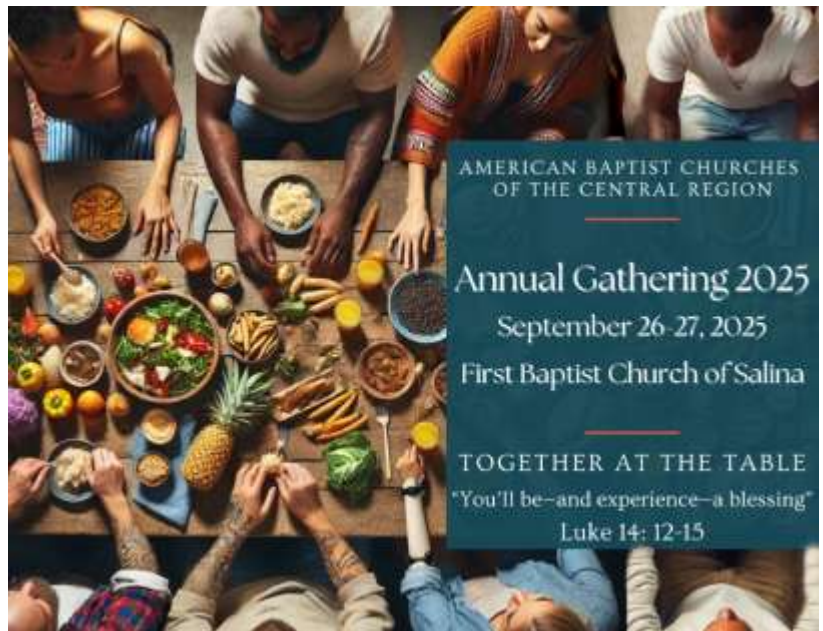
**QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING (No Luncheon)**  
**on SUNDAY, AUGUST 10 after WORSHIP in the SANCTUARY**  
**See Sonia, Church Moderator, for agenda items and details.**

# ANNUAL GATHERING OF KANSAS BAPTISTS

## CHURCH DELEGATES NEEDED

Join our Kansas Baptist brothers and sisters for the **2025 ABCCR Annual Gathering, Sept. 26-27, at First Baptist Church, 843 Lewis Ave, Salina, Ks.** The Keynote Speaker: is the Rev. Jacqueline "Jackie" Saxon, Executive Minister for Mid-American Baptist Churches. She has a passion for the local church and seeks to empower leadership both laity and clergy to answer God's call to be the best church they are called to be in their community. Church Delegates

must be members of the congregation and elected at the August 10 Quarterly Business Meeting. The church pays the registration fee for our voting delegates. People are responsible for their food, housing, and transportation. Contact Sonia R., Church Moderator, to volunteer to serve as a voting delegates. Pastor Ivan plans to attend the Gathering and welcomes people to ride with him.



## CLASSES STARTING IN SEPTEMBER

A vertical advertisement for Financial Peace University. At the top, the words "FINANCIAL PEACE" are in large, bold, blue capital letters, with "University" in a smaller, orange script font below them. Below this, the text "ARE YOU MANAGING MONEY GOD'S WAYS OR YOUR WAY?" is displayed in white and blue. At the bottom, a white button with blue text says "JOIN MY FPU CLASS". A white box at the very bottom contains the text "CLASSES STARTING IN SEPTEMBER" in bold black letters. The background is a dark blue gradient with a white mountain range silhouette at the top and bottom.

The cover of the book "Parenting with Love &amp; Logic" by Foster Cline and Jim Fay. The cover is orange. At the top, the authors' names "FOSTER CLINE, MD &amp; JIM FAY" are listed. Below them, it says "UPDATED AND EXPANDED EDITION". A blue circular badge on the left says "AS SEEN NATIONALLY ON PUBLIC TELEVISION!". The title "Parenting with Love &amp; Logic" is in large white letters. Below the title is a photograph of a smiling man and woman with two children. At the bottom, the text "Love &amp; Logic" is written in a large, stylized font.





# WORSHIP

## The Revised Common Lectionary Texts Year C

Gospel Reader  
Traci Brown

Ordinary Time 18  
August 3

Hosea 11:1-11  
Colossians 3:1-11  
Luke 12:13-21

Ordinary Time 19  
August 10

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20  
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16  
Luke 12:32-40

Ordinary Time 20  
August 17

Isaiah 5:1-7  
Hebrews 11:29-12:2  
Luke 12:49-56

Ordinary Time 21  
August 24

Jeremiah 1:4-10  
Hebrews 12:18-29  
Luke 13:10-17

Ordinary Time 22  
August 31

Jeremiah 2:4-13  
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16  
Luke 14:1, 7-14



## AUGUST USHERS

**Jack Janway, Angie Foster  
Nathen Poe, Clarence Payne**

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

## COMMUNION SERVERS

**Tera Triggs, Ernie Reed  
Jack & Nelda Janway**

**SCRIPTURE READER**  
**Pat Carpenter**



## USHER TRAINING

We need volunteers to join our Usher Team! There will be special training on **Saturday, August 9, after the Men's Breakfast.** See Clarence Payne or Pastor for details. Membership is not required to serve at WSBC.



Help spread the good news on **Saturday, August 16**, by canvassing the Neighborhood from **9:00 AM to 12 Noon** (weather-permitting). We will walk around the neighborhood in pairs (two by two) to share printed invitations and take prayer requests. There will be no "door knocking" or high-pressure conversion techniques. All Ages Welcome! Wear your new WSBC shirt.

# ACTIVITY PAGE

## The Back Pew - Jeff Larson

Dear Crabby, our church bulletins have just TOO many inserts. It is too much for me to keep track of. What should I do? -signed- Paper Cut Patty



HOW DID JOSEPH MAKE HIS COFFEE?

HEBREW-ED IT.



## BACK-TO-SCHOOL

Y F O L D E R  
C L A P P L E  
L R E N O A C  
A E X I D Y L  
S H A P E S O  
S A M U S I C  
P U Z Z L E K

### HIDDEN WORDS

APPLE  
CLASS  
CLOCK  
EXAM  
FOLDER  
MUSIC  
PUZZLE  
SHAPES



### HIDDEN WORDS

BALL  
BELL  
ERASER  
FRIENDS  
GLOBE  
GYM  
LESSON  
RECESS

U G Y M I B O  
L E U B A L L  
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G A R L M S Y  
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I R E C E S S



## Butterfly

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ADULT  
ANTENNA  
BUTTERFLY  
CATERPILLAR  
CHRYSAUS  
EGGS  
FLOWERS  
FLUTTER

FLY GARDEN  
LARVA  
MILKWEED  
MONARCH  
MOTH  
NECTAR  
PLANTS

PUPA  
STRAW  
WINGS



Y Z Y A D E L F F A W O E S G  
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W A T E R M E L O N D A Y P E

POTATO DAY  
MEAD DAY  
PLAY BALL DAY  
LAZY DAY  
DOG DAY  
WAFFLE DAY  
DOLLAR DAY

PROSECCO DAY  
RUM DAY  
LION DAY  
VINYL RECORD DAY  
BOW DAY  
WATERMELON DAY  
IPA DAY  
OYSTER DAY

DOLL DAY  
DINOSAURS DAY  
CBD DAY  
KIDS DAY  
GEORGIA DAY  
CAT DAY  
GOSSIP DAY





Hello  
August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>3 Communion</b> <b>NURSERY</b> <b>9:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b> 9:00 am Baptism Ahead Class <b>9:00 am SS Cinema</b> <b>10:30 am Worship</b> 3:00 pm Capital City Chorus	<b>4</b> 9:00 - 11:00 am Baby Closet	<b>5</b> 6:00 pm Ladies & Men's Night Out at Cracker	<b>6</b> 10:30 AM Bible St 3:30 PM Baby Closet 5:30 pm TOPS <b>NURSERY</b> <b>5:45 - 7:15 PM</b> <b>6:00 PM Nursery</b> <b>Safe Child Training</b> 7:00 PM Forbes AA	<b>7</b> 1:00 - 3:00 pm Baby Closet	<b>1/8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>9:00 am Men's Breakfast</b> 10:30 am Ushers 1:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal <b>1:30 pm New Members Class</b> 2:30 pm Worship Committee (HH)
<b>10 Cap. City Sp</b> <b>NURSERY</b> <b>9:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b> 9:00 am Baptism Ahead Class <b>9:00 am SS Cinema</b> <b>10:30 am Worship</b> 12:00 pm Quarterly Business Mtg (S) <b>2:00 pm NE Area Ordination Council</b>	<b>11</b> 9:00 - 11:00 am Baby Closet <b>5:30 pm Women's Ministry (HH) Taco Bar</b>	<b>12</b> <b>6:00 pm Council Meeting (HH)</b>	<b>13</b> 10:30 am Bible St 3:30 pm Baby Closet 5:30 pm TOPS <b>NURSERY</b> <b>5:45 - 7:15 PM</b> <b>6:00 pm Safe Child Training (HH)</b> 7:00 PM Forbes AA	<b>14</b> 1:00 - 3:00 pm Baby Closet	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>9:00 AM - Noon Neighborhood Outreach</b> 1:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal <b>1:30 pm New Members Class</b>
<b>17 DoubleStuf</b> <b>NURSERY</b> <b>9:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b> 9:00 am Baptism Ahead Class <b>9:00 am SS Cinema</b> <b>10:30 am Worship</b> 3:00 pm Capital City	<b>18</b> 9:00 - 11:00 am Baby Closet	<b>19</b> 5:30 pm Christian Ed Meeting	<b>20</b> 10:30 AM Bible St 3:30 PM Baby Closet <b>NURSERY</b> <b>5:45 - 7:15 PM</b> 5:30 pm TOPS <b>6:00 pm Safe Child Training (HH)</b> 7:00 PM Forbes AA	<b>21</b> 1:00 - 3:00 pm Baby Closet	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 1:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
<b>24</b> <b>NURSERY</b> <b>9:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b> 9:00 am Baptism Ahead Class <b>9:00 am SS Cinema</b> <b>10:30 am Worship</b> <b>5:30 pm Book Club</b>	<b>25</b> 9:00 - 11:00 am Baby Closet 6:00 pm Daughters of American Revolution	<b>26</b> 6:00 pm Outreach Mtg	<b>27</b> 10:30 AM Bible St 3:30 PM Baby Closet <b>NURSERY</b> <b>5:45 - 7:15 PM</b> 5:30 pm TOPS <b>5:30 pm WWW Kids Western Round Up</b> 7:00 PM Forbes AA	<b>28</b> 1:00 - 3:00 pm Baby Closet	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 1:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
<b>31 Baptism Sunday</b> <b>NURSERY 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b> 9:00 am Sunday Cinema 10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm Ice Cream Social and Baptisms at Lake Shawnee Shelter #4				<b>WEST SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 1008 SW 4TH ST. TOPEKA, KANSAS 66606 PHONE: (785) 233-4241 WWW.WSBCTOPEKA.ORG Belong   Believe   Be Involved		