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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN AND HEART:

"A 25 YEAR JOURNEY AND A JOYFUL NEW BEGINNING"

Dear Church Family ~ This month, I find myself pausing to reflect with a deeply grateful heart as I celebrate a very personal milestone - *twenty-five years have passed since I was ordained to the ministry*. It is humbling to look back on the countless ways God has guided, stretched, and blessed this journey for Rexanne and me (*Yes! She IS my partner in ministry*). Ministry has never been about one person's work - except that of Jesus Christ - but about the faithfulness of God and the partnership of the church—the hands, hearts, and voices of so many who have shared this calling with me along the way. Thank you for your prayer and support!

I am profoundly thankful for the opportunities to preach the Gospel, baptize believers, share the Lord's Supper, pray at hospital bedsides, bless weddings, and even walk with individuals and families through the valley of the shadows. These moments have shaped my soul and deepened my trust in the One who called me from a young age. Thank you for allowing me to serve Jesus Christ among you—my heart overflows with gratitude.

Even as I celebrate this milestone, my joy is multiplied as we rejoice in a new chapter of ministry beginning in our midst—**Traci Brown's ordination**. What a blessing it is to witness God's call upon her life and to stand with her...

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A PLACE TO BELONG, BELIEVE, and BE INVOLVED

Pastor's Pen



as she begins her ordained ministry! There is no greater joy than to see a new generation of servants called and sent into the vineyard of the Lord! I pray you are rejoicing for this incredible gift God is giving to Christ's church - new life and new leadership!

Do not panic! This is not an announcement or a farewell letter - it's an invitation to "stop and enjoy the moment." Life passes so quickly, but we can be grateful to the one who never leaves us or forsakes us!

As the Reverend-to-Be, Traci Brown, begins this new phase of her life - "living in the stained glass fishbowl" as some call it - let us surround her with our encouragement, prayers, and partnership as she steps boldly into the work to which Christ has called her. Let us also remember God's promise for Traci and all of us:

"And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."

The Apostle Paul, Philippians 1:6 (ESV)

Together, these moments remind us that the ministry of the church is never static; it is living, growing, and ever-renewed by the Spirit. As I look ahead, I do so with hope and anticipation—trusting that the same God who has been faithful through twenty-five years will continue to guide us all in the years to come.

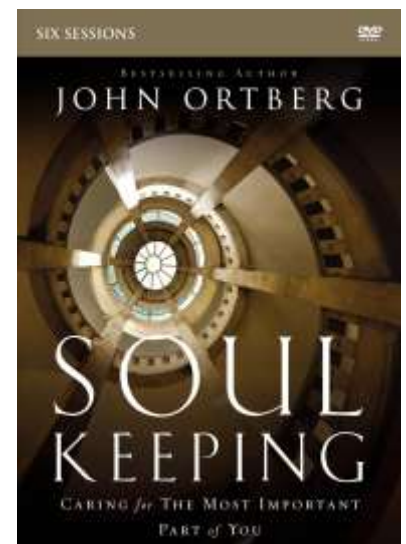
**Autumn blessings,
Pastor Ivan+**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

"SOUL KEEPING - Caring for the Most Important Part of You" by John Ortberg! Rev. Traci Brown will lead adult small group Bible studies on **Wednesday nights starting on Sept. 3 at 6:00 pm in Holmer Hall.** Discover how to care for the most important part of you—your soul! Our adult small groups are beginning a new study using John Ortberg's video curriculum and participants guides. Together, we'll explore what it means to

nurture our souls while building deeper Christian friendships. Come grow in faith, share life with others, and take a step toward spiritual renewal.

JOIN US ON WED. at 6:00 PM



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LABOR DAY HOLIDAY-

The Church Office
will be closed on
**Monday, Sept. 1, for
the national Labor
Day holiday.** It will

reopen on Tuesday at 8:00 a.m.

THE **BABY CLOSET** will be **CLOSED**
for Labor Day on Monday, September 1. It
will reopen on Wednesday at 3:30 pm.



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAYS - CLOSED

TUESDAY - 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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How We **COMMUNICATE** with Our Church Family

The Church uses a wide variety of communication tools to engage families and neighbors, and keep everyone informed of events, opportunities, classes, schedules, prayer requests and news. *Check these out and Sign Up!*

1. **WEBSITE & CALENDAR** (<https://wsbctopeka.org>) - *#1 Source:* The Office maintains the website with announcement, news, photos, the Calendar, and more.
2. **NEWS IN THE PEWS & NEWSLETTER** - Staff spends hours updating information and share announcements weekly via NIP and in the monthly newsletter. Please read the publications and subscribe for postal services.
3. **E-NEWS BY MAILCHIMP** - Sign up online for the free biweekly e-news "What's



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Happening..." and "Sunday is Coming!" *We will begin using Text Messages in Sept. via MailChimp and GroupMe.*

4. **SOCIAL MEDIA** - [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#).

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES (SEPTEMBER 7 – NOVEMBER 30, 2025)

“The Chosen” Episode 1-3

We're excited to launch a fresh, inspiring class this fall using **The Chosen — Episode TBD by Class**.

This acclaimed multi-season TV series brings the life of Jesus to vivid, personal life through the eyes of those who met Him. *The Chosen* unfolds in first-century Judea and Galilee, portraying Jesus not just as a historical figure but as a living, relatable Teacher who interacts with everyday people in heartfelt ways.

Each week, we'll watch an episode together, then dive into the Scripture it brings to life. Expect thoughtful discussion, Bible reflection, and meaningful connections with fellow participants. Jack Janway will lead in Holmer Hall



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS
FALL QUARTER
SEPT 7 - NOV 30
THE MAJOR PROPHETS: FROM ISAIAH TO EXILE



Rexanne Greuter
Bible Teacher
Room 206

THE MAJOR PROPHETS



New Sunday School Class – “Judah: From Isaiah to Exile” Room 206 (Upstairs)

This fall, join us for an in-depth Bible study using the **Standard Lesson Commentary NIV – Fall 2025 edition**. Our focus will be on the dramatic and spiritually rich period of Judah's history, from the prophetic ministry of **Isaiah** to the time of **exile**.

We will discover and appreciate how God, through prophets and other leaders, gave help and guidance to the people of Judah. As we study the Major Prophets, we will see God's hand at work in their lives, just as God is at work in our lives and all human affairs.

Pathfinders: Discover God's

Future for You! *Are you new to West Side Baptist Church, exploring the Christian faith, or simply ready to grow deeper in your walk with God?*

Join us for **Pathfinders**—an eight-week, pastor-led Sunday School class designed to help you understand the heart of the Gospel, the foundations of Christian faith, and what it means to live as a follower of Jesus. **WHAT WE'LL EXPLORE OVER EIGHT WEEKS: The Gospel | Christian Faith & Spirituality | Baptist History & Beliefs | The Church's Mission | And more... Taught by Pastor.**

PATHFINDERS
MEMBERSHIP CLASS



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Rev. Ivan E. Greuter
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CHILDREN & YOUTH

WWW Kids' Bible Club! Where the Word of God Works Wonders

WWW Kids' Bible Club at West Side Baptist Church is a high-energy, Christ-centered program for kids in Pre-K through 6th Grade. We meet every Wednesday evening during the school year for a fun-filled time of faith, friendship, and learning.

Kids' Bible Club at 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

The evening is filled with FUN games, creative Bible stories, easy-to-learn SONGS, and Bible Buck Store – where kids can earn treats and PRIZES.



Kids of Integrity: *Five Smooth Stones* (Fall 2025)

This fall, our WWW Kids' Bible Club will embark on a powerful character-building journey through “Five Smooth Stones”, a *Kids of Integrity* curriculum rooted in biblical truth and focused on five essential virtues:

Righteousness | Courage | Self-control | Honesty | Respect

Designed for children ages 4 through 10, *Kids of Integrity* delivers engaging, flexible, and Scripture-based lessons that help kids *grow godly character from the inside out*.

Weekly Lesson Format – Each weekly gathering includes:

- **Bible Story & Scripture Memory Verse** — Teaching the virtue through God's Word
- **Prayer & Reflection** — Kid-friendly ways to talk to God
- **Hands-on Crafts & Activities** — Creative projects that reinforce biblical truth
- **Games & Object Lessons** — Interactive, memorable illustrations using science, nature, even cooking
- **Group Discussion & Application** — Practical ways to live out each virtue at home and school

This structure keeps learning fun and meaningful — combining faith, facts, and everyday life.

Let's partner together to raise up children of integrity—kids who live for God, stand firm in faith, and shine His light through righteousness, courage, self-control, honesty, and respect. **Fall 2025** is going to be a season of transformation! Let's equip our kids with smooth stones of character that withstand trials and glorify God.

Whether your child is brand new to church or already knows the Bible by heart, WWW Kids is a place where every child is welcomed, loved, and encouraged to grow in their relationship with Jesus.



FELLOWSHIP & MEMBERSHIP

MEN'S MINISTRY – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 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!



WOMEN'S MINISTRY – THIS TUESDAY, September 8 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 September we will have a Pizza Party. 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, September 2 at 6:00 pm at Ling's Cafe**

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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!*



SUNDAY SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST - Sunday Cinema has come to a close for this year and new classes will begin September 7. We will continue having breakfast snacks/food

available at 9:00 am beginning on that day. The Fellowship and Membership committee will provide food on the first, third and fifth Sundays of each month. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for anyone who would like to provide food on the second and fourth Sundays. Please have items here prior to 9:00 am. Juice and coffee will always be provided. We appreciate your help!

Fellowship and Membership committee.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Our income for July was \$18,671.05 compared to \$20,892.55 in June. For the first seven months of 2025 our income total was \$201,336.11 or 73.18%. Our % goal for seven months is 58.3% of the annual budget so we remain over our budget goal for another month! We received our second Topeka Community Foundation distribution for the year. It was \$3,839.00 from the Vern and Portia Allbert estate. We also received the last distribution of \$4,538.40 from the Trena and Fred Ansell estate.



INCOME &

Our expenses for July totaled \$25,727.14 compared to June of \$24,187.72. For the first seven months of 2025 we have an expense total of \$204,399.66 or 64.27% of our budget. The only expenses to note are: Electricity, #7810, which jumped from \$1,164.25 to \$1,998.17; and the Camp Program Expenses, #8111, of \$2,779.84. We will have another large Camp expense in August. How glorious it was for 17 of our youth to go to camp – 11 to Camp Christy: 2 high school and 9 primary; and 6 to White Memorial.

The difference of income to expenses for July was -\$7,056.09 compared to June of -\$3,295.17 and for the year is -\$3,063.55.

Our checking account balance shown on the balance sheet is \$40,1880.94. This includes \$5,944.19 (#1003) Outreach funds; \$47,828.41 (#1006) Capital Campaign; - \$1,154.18 (#1009) Youth Fund; and \$1,971.52 (#1030) Benevolent Fund.

The Memorials committee continues to discuss which memorial funds to use for the new refrigerator in the youth room downstairs and the changes in technology for two of the Sunday School rooms upstairs. We will also be discussing the possible expenditure from memorials for the new garage door.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

~ Nancy Lindberg, Treasurer

GOD FIRST: A YEAR OF GROWING IN GENEROSITY:

Almost a year ago, we launched our “God First” Stewardship Campaign with a heartfelt challenge: What would it mean for us to put God first in every area of life—our time, our talents, our relationships, and yes, even our finances?

One of the key goals we set was simple yet powerful: “Everyone is a Giver.” We believe that fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ are called to give—not out of pressure, but out of gratitude for God’s generosity toward us. Some of you committed to begin tithing (giving 10% of your income). Others took a first step toward the tithe. And some started giving for the very first time.

Now, as we approach the one-year mark, I want to ask: *How are you doing with your stewardship goals?* Have you noticed God’s faithfulness as you’ve trusted Him more? Have you found joy in giving as an act of worship?

Putting God first is not a one-time decision—it’s a journey. Some seasons are easier than others. But every gift—no matter the size—is a step of faith that helps us become more like Christ. If you’ve grown this past year, rejoice! If you’ve struggled, don’t be discouraged—God’s grace always allows us to start again.

Let’s continue this journey together, encouraging one another to live with open hands and open hearts. Imagine what God will do in and through us when everyone takes a step toward generosity!

With gratitude for your faithfulness,
Pastor Ivan+



**Everyone
Is a Giver**

GETTING TO KNOW OUR CHURCH

Our Friends story this month features a 53-year member of our church, Becky Poe. Becky usually sits down front on the north side of the sanctuary. She not only raised her sons in our church but also three grandchildren. For a number of years Becky taught youth Sunday School with Shirley Weaverling and Fran Seymour Hunter and later enjoyed teaching crafts in Vacation Bible School.

Becky was born in Conneaut, Ohio. Abandoned by her mother, Becky was taken home from the hospital by her maternal grandparents, Nellie and Charlie White, who gave her a loving home in Abilene, Kansas. When she was almost six her grandmother passed away and she was then sent to live with her mother, Evelyn, and step-father, Dean Snapp. Evelyn had remarried after divorcing Becky's father, Charles Oakes, who was in the Army. Becky also lived with a sister, Charlene, and brother, Larry, along with two half-brothers, Terry and Dean.



Becky's family moved quite often which meant that Becky ended up attending 13 grade schools, 3 middle schools and was fortunate to go to only one high school. While in high school she lived in a foster home, the home of Bill and Joan Wagnon. Joan had been Becky's Girl Scout leader. Becky shared with me that living with the Wagnon's helped her see what a family should look like and introduced her to church. In high school she had two close friends who were going through severe trauma and troubled years and their friendship led them into a wonderful closeness that they still cherish today. It was during that time the girls met a police chaplain who was pastor of West Side Baptist Church, Doug Beyer, who invited them to church. Becky said, "We learned a family did not have to be made by blood and West Side became a family to me." It led her to be baptized in September 1972 soon after her graduation from Topeka High School.

The church helped Becky secure a college scholarship to Ottawa University however her parents wouldn't approve the paperwork, so her dreams of college were gone. She lived in an apartment with her girlfriends and on November 26, 1977, she married her childhood sweetheart, Terry Poe, at West Side Baptist with Doug Beyer officiating. Terry had joined the Army so they immediately moved to Germany. Their first son, David, was born in Germany in January 1979. They had twins 10 ½ months later with Samuel weighing only 3 pounds and his twin didn't survive. In November 1981 they had their son, Christopher. Their family was complete. After the Army, they moved back to Topeka.

Becky told me her sons grew up to be wonderful dads and have given them 15 grandchildren – some biological, some adopted and some by marriage but Becky says all are heaven sent. Son David, and his wife Sara live in Springtown, Texas and have six kids. Son Sam, also in Texas close to Fort Worth, has 5 kids. Becky's youngest son, Chris, moved in with Terry and Becky with his daughter Sage and sons, Nathen and Aaron. These grandkids have lived with them most of their lives and Becky has always brought them to church. As she says, "I have watched them grow and love God." And I will add that our congregation has also enjoyed watching them grow into wonderful young people in our church.

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Getting to Know Our Church Friends

After having a stroke a number of years ago, Becky, with the encouragement of a social worker, decided to go back to school. With a loving family and five college scholarships, Becky earned her Bachelor's degree in Social Work with a Minor in Art and graduated from Washburn in May, 2015. She told me her goal was to teach her grandkids to never give up on their dreams. She's proud to say that all her grandchildren are doing well and going on to higher education. She has instilled in them the importance of education and a love for Jesus. She shared with me that they are all believers and have been baptized.

For the grandchildren that grew up with us at West Side, granddaughter Sage has finished her Associate Degree from Coffeyville Community College and has a daughter, Nova. Nathen served on our Capitol Campaign Committee until he left for college. He is a junior at Truman University in Kirksville, Missouri. Aaron was our church acolyte and helped Brice by being behind the camera on Sunday mornings and after graduating this spring is now a Private First Class with the Kansas Army National Guard and just finished Army boot camp before starting his first year at Kansas University.

Their son Chris has been a big help around the house as Terry has become sick and is now in the Rossville Acute Care Center. Becky enjoys crocheting, sewing and painting reborn dolls. Life hasn't been easy for Becky but she knows God has blessed her in so many ways. She says she was born unwanted but God gave her a loving family, church and life. How could she ask for more!

~ Nancy Lindberg



WEEKLY PRAYER SHEETS

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)**

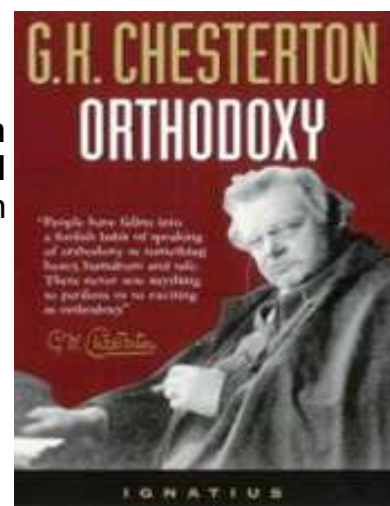
SEPTEMBER BOOK

"Orthodoxy" by G.K. Chesterton

Join our Christian Classics Book Club Today!

See the full list at

<https://wsbctopeka.org>



ACOLYTE TEAM – We are looking for responsible Youth (ages 12 and older) and Adults to join our team of Acolytes! Acolytes assist in worship by performing important ceremonial duties, such as lighting candles, and help create a meaningful, reverent service.

If you can handle fire and hot materials safely without supervision, contact Pastor Ivan+ or Lonna H. (Head Acolyte) to learn how you can serve, or join us for our coming training: **TRAINING – Training for new Acolytes will be held on Wednesday, September 3, at 5:00 PM in the Sanctuary.**



OUTREACH

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 jerkies or dried meats, pop-top canned meats and soups, ready to eat meals, powder/self-stable milk, feminine hygiene items, etc.



HALLOWEEN CANDY DONATIONS

Halloween is coming! That means that Trunk-or-Treat will be upon us soon. Halloween candy is on the shelves now. We are again taking donations of individually wrapped candy. Please turn it into the office if you want to donate candy. **If you prefer our goblins to shop for you, please mark your donation as "Halloween" and return it to the office.** A sign-up sheet for those wishing to hand out candy from their vehicles or otherwise will be on the bulletin board shortly. ~ Laurie Smith, Outreach



**GRANDPARENT
SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 7**

**Bring Your
Grandkids
to Church!**

non-perishable pantry items

22 PANTRY ITEMS THAT DON'T SPOIL EASILY

- | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|---|
|  | 1. Nuts |  |
|  | 2. Canned meats and seafood |  |
|  | 3. Dried grains |  |
|  | 4. Dark chocolate |  |
|  | 5. Canned fruits and veggies |  |
|  | 6. Dried fruit |  |
|  | 7. Canned coconut milk |  |
|  | 8. Dried beans |  |
|  | 9. Jerky |  |
|  | 10. Protein powders |  |
|  | 11. Dehydrated milk |  |
|  | 12. Honey | |
| | 13. Hard cheese encased in wax | |
| | 14. Ghee | |
| | 15. Coconut oil | |
| | 16. Extra virgin olive oil | |
| | 17. Canned olives | |
| | 18. Seeds | |
| | 19. Vinegar | |
| | 20. Instant coffee | |
| | 21. Salt | |
| | 22. Peanut butter | |

MomsWhoSave.com

BUCKET BRIGADE DAY for CHURCH & NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP

Grab your gloves and join us for **Bucket Brigade Day on Saturday, September 20, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM!**

We will be working together to clean and refresh both the inside and outside of the church. The Trustees are preparing a list of chores—including tidying up the Youth Room—so there is a job for everyone.

Everyone is invited (and expected!) to help. Let us make God's house and our neighborhood shine!



ANNUAL GATHERING OF KANSAS BAPTISTS

CHURCH DELEGATES: RITA ADAMS, TRACI BROWN, and SONIA ROLING

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.



FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY CLASSES START – Thursday, September 18 at 6:00 PM

Take control of your finances with Financial Peace University, a 9-week course designed to help you manage money, eliminate debt, and build a strong financial future. Classes begin on Thursday, September 18, at 6:00 PM. Everyone is welcome — invite a friend and start your journey to financial freedom! [**SIGN UP HERE**](#)

See Pastor Ivan or sign up online by pointing your phone camera at the QR Code:



**LIMITED
FREE
MEMBERSHIPS**

A vertical graphic with a blue background and a white torn-paper effect at the top and bottom. In the center, there is a white rounded rectangle containing the text "FINANCIAL PEACE" in large blue capital letters, with "University" in a smaller, orange, cursive font below it. Below this, the text "ARE YOU MANAGING MONEY GOD'S WAYS OR YOUR WAY?" is written in blue capital letters. At the bottom of the white rectangle is a button that says "JOIN MY FPU CLASS". Below the white rectangle, a black box contains the text "CLASSES STARTING IN SEPTEMBER" in white capital letters.

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DOORSTEP
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Doorstep Newsletter Article – September 2025

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, the need for food assistance is still high this year with totals nearly equal to last year's amounts through July. With all of the changes happening in our country right now with programs and funding being cut that many of our neighbors need to survive, the need for our services is going to be greater and more important to help families and individuals stay afloat. For our neighbors who are already struggling to make ends meet, keeping their rent and utilities paid, having kids out of school and home this summer, and dealing with the crisis that life can throw at us... keeping food on the table has and will continue to be a challenge. We have already spent \$38,500 purchasing food to meet the need, and keep our neighbors fed. In the first seven months of 2025, we spent \$150,252 on rent, utilities, dental & prescription vouchers, Topeka Metro passes, gas vouchers, hygiene products, auto services, and more.

Food Assistance: (Doorstep)

Jan – July 2024

Households: 1,718
Individuals: 4,369
Pounds Given: 96,869
\$ Spent on Food: \$38,210

Jan – July 2025

Households: 1,715
Individuals: 4,290
Pounds Given: 95,835
\$ Spent on Food: \$38,500

Doorstep can provide this assistance because of our donors and funders who believe in neighbors helping neighbors and give where they can. We are grateful for every donation, large or small, and we appreciate our donors who join us in this 59-year mission! If you are in need, or know someone who is, please tell them about Doorstep.



Doorstep is participating in the **Great Topeka Duck Race** again this year! As we waddle towards our 60th anniversary, we have a goal this year of **600 ducks!** You can buy your ducks through our link on their website to support Doorstep and try to win prizes! Look for **Ducks for Doorstep!**

The "Virtual Race" is
Saturday, September 13th at
10am.

Visit www.duckrace.com/topeka/teams, select Doorstep, Inc. and adopt a Duck, a Family, Flock or an Oodle with a credit card payment. It's as easy as that! We will also have paper forms this year, email lisa@doorstepinc.com.

2nd Annual
PUTT OUT HUNGER
Golf Fundraiser and Food Drive



Shawnee Country Club 4-Person Scramble
Friday, Oct. 3rd 2025 Shotgun Start @ 9 AM
\$320/Team Light Breakfast & Lunch
Sponsorship Packages Available Raffle Prizes

WORSHIP

The Revised Common Lectionary Texts Year C

Gospel Reader

Sonia Roling

Ordinary Time

September 7

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-33

Ordinary Time

September 14

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

Ordinary Time

September 21

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

Ordinary Time

September 28

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

SEPTEMBER USHERS

David Greuter, David Martin,
Nancy Lindberg, Jack Janway,
Clarence Payne

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

COMMUNION SERVERS

Lonna Hersh, Pat Carpenter,
Jay & Marty Stevenson

SEPTEMBER SCRIPTURE READER

Angie Foster



CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN WED, SEPT. 3

A new year of Chancel Choir rehearsals will begin on **Wednesday, September 3, at 7:15 pm in the Sanctuary.** The Chancel Choir is a group of singers who help lead worship through hymns, anthems, and special music during our services. They sing from the chancel—the area near the altar and pulpit—and welcome anyone who loves to sing. ***No auditions are required, and all voices are needed!*** If you love to sing, we would love to have you join us. See Rexanne, Choir Director.

The logo for "Praise and Worship" features the word "Praise" in a large, white, cursive font, with "and" in a smaller, white, cursive font, and "Worship" in a white, sans-serif font. The background is a blurred image of a church interior with warm lighting.

ACTIVITY PAGE

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G U A H A R V E S T
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M L U S L W G N P F
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L M V B P E N K E Q
Q Y S Z B R V K Q S



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AUTUMN
CRISP
FALL
HARVEST
JACKET
LEAVES
NUT
RAKE
SWEATER

Autumn Word Search

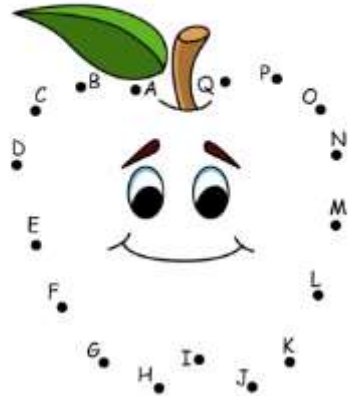
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l e a v e s f t z i j c h i t
f f a i m c o l o r f u l j d

scarecrow hayride
campfire haystack
September leaves
colder pumpkin
colorful autumn
acorn apple
football basket
harvest sunflower



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Labor Day Word Search

N B X A K J Y L C F D W P H E U I B
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I A A G W O R K E R S L G Z G G S B
T Z P J S S G Y M E I C P U G L Y Z
A Y D P D V U E M D M V I O U L H U
R R T E R N A I A K R O W D R A H R
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C O P F D J D H N F

Words can go in any direction. Words can overlap each other.

Achievement Appreciation BBQ
Celebration Equality Free
Hardwork Holiday Labor
Overtime Parade Picnic
Relaxation Rights Septem
Solidarity Struggle Union
Unity Workers



There is
Always
SOMETHING
Thankful
TO BE
FOR



SEPTEMBER

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31 Ordination NURSERY 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM 9:15 AM S. School 10:30 AM Worship 3:00 PM Capital City Chorus 5:30 PM Baptisms & Ice Cream Social	1 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY <u>CLOSED</u> Baby Closet	2 6:00 pm Men's and Ladies Night Out at Lang's Café (North Topeka)	3 10:30 AM Bible Study 3:30 PM Baby Closet 5:30 PM TOPS 5:00 PM Fam. Supper 5:45-7 PM NURSERY 6:00 pm WWW Kids Club & Bible Study 7:00 PM Forbes AA 7:15 PM Choir Reh	4 1:00 pm Baby Closet	5	6 1:30 pm Praise Team
7 Communion Grandparents' Day NURSERY 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM 9:15 AM S. School 10:30 AM Worship 12:00 PM Soup Kit. 3:00 PM Capital City	8 9:00 am Baby Closet 5:30 pm Women's Ministry	9 6:00 pm Council Meeting	10 10:30 AM Bible Study 3:30 PM Baby Closet 5:30 PM TOPS 5:00 PM Fam. Supper 5:45-7 PM NURSERY 6:00 pm WWW Kids Club & Bible Study 7:00 PM Forbes AA 7:15 PM Choir Reh	11 1:00 pm Baby Closet	12	13 9:00 am Men's Breakfast 1:30 pm Praise Team
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