

# The Witness

THE NEWSLETTER OF WEST SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH, TOPEKA, KS

## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN AND HEART: "GOD'S GLORIOUS HANDIWORK"

For my birthday this year, my children surprised me with mums—actually it wasn't really a surprise because I asked for them and asters. I love mums! Honestly, I love all flowers, but mums hold a special place in my heart. Their rich colors—yellows, oranges, purples, and reds—are like little bursts of praise planted in the soil. *Every time I see them, I am reminded that God's creation is not only practical and sustaining, but also breathtakingly beautiful.*

Fall flowers, along with the turning leaves, pumpkin patches, and harvest fields, tell us something about God's heart: **God is gloriously generous!** He is not only the Creator, but the Artist. The psalmist prays,

**"Blessed be His glorious name forever; may  
the whole earth be filled with His glory!  
Amen and Amen!"** (Psalm 72:19)

The glory of God is on display in the changing seasons, in the delicate petals of a mum, in the grandeur of autumn skies, and in the redemptive work of God's people. All creation is declaring His greatness if we will only stop long enough to notice.

This October and November, we will begin a sermon series called "**Glorious Handiworks**." We'll reflect on the many ways God's glory shines through His creation, His Word, His church, His harvest fields, and His work in our lives. *God's glory is His greatness, beauty, perfection, and infinite worth revealed.* It is who He is, displayed for all to see. The Hebrew word was "kavod," meaning "heavy" or

weighty." And just as every flower petal bears the fingerprints of its Maker, so our lives reflect His glory, too.  
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# Pastor's Pen



As we walk through this season together, my prayer is that we will have eyes to see the glory of God in the world around us, hearts that give thanks for His handiwork, and lives that shine with His beauty. Blessed be His glorious name forever!.

**Harvest blessings,  
Pastor Ivan+**



**PATHFINDERS**  
**MEMBERSHIP CLASS**



**Our Baptist Faith & History**

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**The Gospel**  
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**Rev. Ivan E. Greuter**  
**Sundays 9:15 AM**  
**Room 201**  
**WEST SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**1008 SW 4<sup>th</sup> ST | TOPEKA, KS 66606**

Join us on **Sunday, October 5**, as we celebrate **World Communion Sunday**, a special day when Christians around the globe share in the Lord's Supper together. This sacred tradition reminds us that, though we may be separated by distance, we are united in Christ through His body and blood. Come and worship with us as we give thanks for the gift of communion, reflect on our unity in Christ, and rejoice in the fellowship of believers worldwide.

## FREE ART QUILLING CLASS:

Learn the beautiful art of paper quilling starting this October at 1:00 PM. Sign up online or call the Church Office to reserve your spot! You'll learn the beautiful art of rolling, shaping, and designing with colorful paper strips. All materials are provided, and no experience is necessary—just bring your creativity! Classes are 1 PM to 3 PM.

**SATURDAYS - OCTOBER 18 and 25**

**SATURDAYS - NOVEMBER 1 and 8**

Class taught by Deborah Edwards.

**QUILLING ART & CRAFT**

**For Beginners and Experienced Artists**

**Saturdays**  
**October 18 + 25 | 1:00pm - 3:00pm**  
**November 1 + 8 | 3:00pm**

**Deborah Edwards, Instructor**

Join us in October for a free Quilling Arts Class, where you'll learn the beautiful art of rolling, shaping, and designing with colorful paper strips. All materials are provided, and no experience is necessary—just bring your creativity!

**Sign Up Online or Call**  
**West Side Baptist Church**  
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**JOIN US**





# CHURCH OFFICE

 Our Staff

## *Happy Anniversary*

10/5 Matt & Ashley Smith  
10/22 Brian Sr. & Tonya Widow

## October Birthdays



10/01 Joanna Cunningham  
10/07 Zachary Smith  
10/08 Pat Carpenter  
10/08 Jack Harden  
10/09 Laura Carpenter  
10/11 Brian Hersh  
10/12 Steve May  
10/16 Carla Donnelly-Carrier  
10/16 Katelyn Hersh  
10/16 Bruce Smith  
10/18 Jan Swain  
10/22 Michelle Decker  
10/29 Teddy "Mac" Decker  
Send Anniversary & Birthday  
Information and Updates to  
[Office@wsbctopeka.org](mailto:Office@wsbctopeka.org)



## 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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**CHURCH PHONES ARE OUT-OF-ORDER**  
Our church phone system has failed, and our old system is no longer working. The Church Council has approved the purchase and installation of a **state-of-the-art** system, but it is taking longer than expected. We are working hard to have it fully operational by the **end of October**. Please listen for updates,

In the meantime, please contact the Pastor or Church Secretary on their cell phones for any church-related calls.

Thank you for your patience as we upgrade our communication system!



# ADULT 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 – “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.

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



Rexanne Greuter  
Bible Teacher  
Room 206



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# CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

## WWW Kids' Bible Club!

WWW Kids' Bible Club 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.

## **FALL CURRICULUM:**

### **Kids of Integrity: *Five Smooth Stones***

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 **Kindergarten—Eighth Grades**, *Kids of Integrity* delivers engaging, flexible, and Scripture-based lessons that help kids *grow godly character from the inside out*. 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. <https://kidsofintegrity.com>.



## **WEDNESDAY FAMILY SUPPERS**

**FREE ( 5:30 - 6:00 PM)**

**\*\* All Food is Available at No Cost\*\***

Bring your appetite—and come ready to fellowship. Free for everyone. (Carry-outs available; no delivery.) **OCTOBER MENUS:**

October 1—Nachos  
October 8—Breakfast (Pancakes)  
October 15—Hotdogs  
October 22—Sloppy Joes  
October 29—Chicken Nuggets

Alternative Options Available for Gluten -Free and Dietary Restrictions.

**Kid Friendly Ideas:** Do you have a recipe or menu item that you'd like to see served? Share your ideas with Nelda and Nancy O. Donations Welcome!



## **FUN TRIP TO THE PUMPKIN PATCH**

Kids and Youth are invited on a fun outing to Shively Farms on Sunday, October 5, 1-3 PM. See Pastor.

# FELLOWSHIP & MEMBERSHIP

**MEN'S MINISTRY – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11 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! Please signup on the bulletin board.



**WOMEN'S MINISTRY – THIS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13 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 October we will have a Soups. 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, October 7 at 6:00 pm at:**

**El Ranchito Mexican Restaurant**  
**3425 S Kansas Ave**



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!*

## **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)**

## **OCTOBER BOOK**

**THE PURSUIT OF GOD**

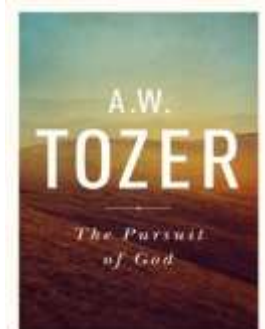
**By A.W. Tozer**

**You can find this book in paperback for \$4.99 or ebook for \$3.99 on Moody Publishers**

**Join our Christian Classics Book Club Today!**

**See the full list at**

**<https://wsbctopeka.org>**





# TREASURER'S REPORT

## OUR CHURCH FINANCES

Our income for August was \$24,952.48 compared to July of \$18,671.05. For the first eight months of 2025 our income total was \$226,288.59 or 82.25%. Our % goal for eight months is 66.67% of the annual budget so we remain over our budget goal for another month but are slightly behind in covering all the expenses for the year-to-date. We received \$1,000 for #5420 Baby Closet and \$210.00 for #5465 School Supplies.

Our expenses for August totaled \$25,160.52 compared to July of \$24,702.96. For the first eight months of 2025 we have an expense total of \$228,536.00 or 71.86% of our budget. The expenses to note are: #7630 Phones - \$414 for first expense of new phone system; #8165 WWW Program - \$263.12; #8468 School Supplies - \$467.64.

**The difference of income to expenses for August was -208.04 compared to July of -\$6,031.91 and for the year is -\$2,247.41.**

Our checking account balance shown on the balance sheet is \$35,474.47. This includes \$6,654.84 (#1003) Outreach funds; \$48,318.41 (#1006) Capital Campaign; -\$1,104.18 (#1009) Youth Fund; and \$2,266.52 (#1030) Benevolent Fund.

**The Memorials committee met recently and have authorized the following memorial expenditures:**

- **\$389.20 - New Refrigerator in the Youth Room:** \$25 - Susan Carpenter, \$200 - Jeff Powell, \$150 - Kim Maggard, and \$14.20 - Naomi Brooks.
- **\$1,178 - Technology for the Upstairs Sunday School Rooms:** \$1,178 - Don Morris
- **\$2,512 - Router and Assistance:** \$1,073.02 - Gil McCurdy, \$406.00 - Ken Paslay, \$265.00, Marie Merrifield, \$534.15 - Hilda Lundgren, \$200.00 - Helen Farrar, and \$33.83 - Helen Bloom.

We also had a request for kitchen items from the volunteers who worked at our church clean. We recommend they be purchased and that part of Judy Longstaff's memorial fund be used for these items.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

~ Nancy Lindberg, Treasurer



## TITHE & OFFERINGS: WE TEACH AND PRACTICE BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP

Christians are called by God to TITHE or GIVE THE FIRST TEN PERCENT (10%) of their income to God through the local church (Malachi 3:10-12). The TITHE is given to partner and participate in God's work in and through a local body of Christian believers.

We encourage TITHES to be donated to the General Ministry Fund which financially supports the entire religious work of West Side Baptist Church, including the Christian education, evangelism and outreach, local partnerships and programs, staff salaries and benefits, building maintenance, United Mission (our support of the broader denomination) and God's global mission work. Together, we can make a difference and create positive change. Donate now and be a part of something meaningful!



# WELCOME REVEREND

I tell people I was born at the morgue during a snowstorm, which technically I was. I was born at Dover Air Force Base, which is also known as the military morgue. GIs who die overseas are brought to Dover Air Base first and then are shipped to their hometown. My dad, who was a flight engineer on a C-130 and was at the air base in New York the night Mom went into labor. Dad and the pilot went and cleared the snow from the runway after Dad was notified Mom was in labor and flew back to Dover in the snowstorm. They arrived after visiting hours; however, that did not stop my dad from seeing his newborn daughter. He caused such a ruckus that the nurses let him in to see me.



**The Reverend Traci U. Brown**

At the age of nine, while attending church camp, a relationship with Christ began slowly and steadily. Throughout the years, God has been faithful; he has corrected and led the path to Him. Faith in God and His Word has always been the backbone of my everyday life; living a life honoring Christ took time.

Christ was put on the back burner during the years of raising a family and the daily grind of life. While attending church was important, living a life that honored God was not happening; thus, those children currently live the same lifestyle.

Growing up was hard; my father was a non-functioning alcoholic who drank six months out of the year; the other six months, he was sober and the best dad ever. Mom was a woman who didn't know how to be a mom; she wanted to be friends, and I needed a parent. When I was nine, I had the privilege of attending a church camp during the summer. At camp that summer, I made the walk and accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. My brother is seven years older than I and alternated between our home and our mom's parents' home. By the time he was fifteen, he had been living permanently with our grandparents. Our parents separated when I was twelve and divorced when I was fifteen. Even though Dad was a non-functioning alcoholic, he was what kept me grounded. After the divorce, I went wild. I had my first daughter at fifteen and my second daughter at seventeen, and even though they had the same father, life was not good. At eighteen, I joined the United States Army and was sent off to boot camp two weeks before my nineteenth birthday. My daughters and the military helped to bring my life back on track, as I wanted a better home life for my children than I had, and I wanted them to live out the American dream as healthy, functioning adults. While in the military, I met and married a man and had two more girls. Come to find out, he was already married when we were married, leaving me to raise all four girls alone. My mother's influence on the two older girls has had a negative impact on their lives, and I feel the weight of that guilt. My two younger

daughters are two of the most influential women in the lives of those they encounter. The oldest owns a loose-leaf tea store and contributes to her local community in numerous ways, in addition to being a wife and a wonderful mother to her two daughters. My youngest daughter graduated with dual master's degrees, one in criminal justice and the other in Nursing, thus making her a forensic nurse. She works as an emergency room nurse at the Memphis Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC). She has given me three wonderful grandchildren, one boy and two girls. My grandson has been developmentally disabled since birth and will always require twenty-four-hour care. He is now eighteen years old, and my daughter has been, from the very beginning of his birth until this day, an exceptional mom to him and his two younger sisters. (Continued on next page)





# REV. TRACI U. BROWN



**REV. BROWN'S  
OFFICE HOURS**  
**Monday-Tuesdays:**  
**12 PM - 4 PM**  
**Wednesdays - Off**  
**Thursday-Fridays:**  
**12 PM - 4 PM**  
**& By Appointment**

While raising my daughters, I told myself that if I ever pursued a college degree, I would attend seminary because I wanted to give back to others the way God has and does give to me.

Even with all the mistakes I made by not putting God first, I always knew God was with me. My faith has been my strength throughout the years of struggles, trials, and tribulations. As you can see from my transcripts, I made a slight detour by obtaining my Medical Assistant degree first. However, God had His hand in that; it meant putting me where he wanted me. My children were all grown and moving away from the area, so I had a conversation with God about wanting to move. I was going to apply for jobs everywhere as a Registered Medical Assistant, and wherever he wanted me to go, to ensure that was the only place I received a job offer from. God moved me to Leavenworth, Kansas. I applied to the Leavenworth VAMC but never heard a word from them.

One night, I received a call asking if I was still interested in the job, as it had been months since I applied. I informed them I was, and I received an offer through email. Why is this important? By moving to Kansas, I reconnected with the youngest of my two oldest daughters. She became pregnant in a bad relationship and moved in with me when the baby was one month old. At four months old, she abandoned her little boy in my care. Elijah was born in May of 2017; I had already started the process of pursuing my Master of Divinity in Pastoral Counseling. My first semester was in August 2017, and I worked swing shifts at the Leavenworth VAMC. God took me from that position so I could give Elijah a better home life, into a Monday through Friday position. When Elijah turned eighteen months old, he became my son legally.

God placing me within the walls of a VAMC showed me what my calling truly is: Chaplaincy for women. Some women, whether Veterans or civilians, have had a lot of hurt and pain, and some of that from men. I find it hard to open up to male Pastors, Ministers, and Chaplains, and I know that other women do, too. Women Chaplains provide an opportunity not available to men to reach women who have otherwise closed themselves off to God because of men. Men talk to men in their language just as women talk to women in their language. Thus, I will stand in that gap that might not otherwise be filled.

I end this bio with the last thing my dad did for me. He called me on my birthday and told me he was in the hospital. He led me to believe that he was in the hospital due to his alcoholism. While on the phone, Dad gathered all the guys on the floor and had them sing 'Happy Birthday' to me over the phone. Four weeks later, my father went into a coma, and six weeks after that, my dad passed away from lung cancer. For all of my dad's faults, he loved me, and I loved him.

## IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A DEACON?

The Diaconate is all Deacons, both men and women, called and elected by the Congregation to serve as "servants" in ministries of compassion, spiritual care, and justice. Deacons discern and share the needs, hopes, and concerns of the world with the Church, calling us to respond in faith and charity. They ensure that the vulnerable, marginalized, suffering, homeless, oppressed, poor, and elderly are heard and cared for. Deacons assist the Minister in public worship, including preparing the worship space, reading Scripture, and supporting Baptism and the Lord's Supper, as well as visitation, grief ministries, and funerals. They also help administer benevolent funds and carry out other duties as assigned, faithfully serving both the congregation and the wider community. See Pastor if God is calling you!



# OUTREACH

## NEIGHBORHOOD EVANGELISM

As followers of Christ, we are called to share the love and hope of Jesus with those around us. One simple, practical way to do that is through Neighborhood Evangelism—reaching out to our community by inviting neighbors to experience the warmth and fellowship of West Side Baptist Church.

Ask yourself: **“If our church closed, would our neighbors notice?”** Our presence in the neighborhood matters, and our neighbors need to know that God’s love is available to them here.

Join us on Saturday, October 18, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon, as we go door-to-door handing out invitations and sharing Christ’s love. *Here are five reasons everyone should participate:*

1. Be a visible witness of Christ’s love in our community.
2. Build relationships with neighbors who may have never been to church.
3. Encourage others to take a step toward faith through a personal invitation.
4. Strengthen our church community as we work together in mission.
5. **Respond to God’s call** to go and make disciples, one neighbor at a time.

Your presence and participation can make a real difference. Let’s show our neighbors that WSBC is a place where everyone is welcome and God’s love is shared generously.



Join Us For

Trunk  
or  
Treat



October 31st

**FREE HOTDOGS AT 5:30 PM**

## **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.**

**VOLUNTEER TO DECORATE A VEHICLE:** 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

**NEED A BIBLE?** Everyone should have a Bible they can READ (right text size) and UNDERSTAND (contemporary English translation). See Laurie S. or Pastor if you need a Bible for free.





# MISSION



## WORLD MISSION OFFERING

Each October, we join churches and individuals around the world who support ministries that God is using to transform lives globally by receiving International Ministries' World Mission Offering (WMO). We invite you to join in this exciting opportunity!

We dedicate time in October to share stories of God at work through global mission. Gifts to the WMO are used for global servant and partner support, ministry programs, administrative needs, and development costs, helping to ensure that God's mission continues around the world.

As one pastor reflected, "God allows us to participate in what he is doing, which blesses our church and inspires us to get involved in our own mission activities where we live and beyond." By giving to the WMO, we join God's work cross-culturally, inviting people to become disciples of Jesus Christ and proclaiming God's reign of justice, peace, and abundant life for all creation. We invite you to give generously—an sacrificially! ~ Betty Arnold, Coordinator of Mission

OUR

GOAL:

\$1,750

before

Oct. 31

## 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 Happening..." and "Sunday is Coming!" *We will begin using Text Messages in Sept. via MailChimp and GroupMe.*
4. SOCIAL MEDIA - [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#).





**DOORSTEP**  
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

***Matthew 25:35, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.***

*Beginning this month through the holiday's West Side Baptist Church will be focusing on specific food items for Doorstep. As everyone knows groceries are very expensive and Lisa with Doorstep said that the two past years she has consistently had to place orders every two months and her bill generally runs at least \$10,000.00 or more depending on what they have ran out of.*

***As God's people we need to do better helping others who are hungry.***

*It would be awesome if we received too much food for one person to deliver. Most of us have probably never had to worry about where our next meal was coming from or if you would have to put your child to bed hungry. I am challenging West Side People to stop and think about what Jesus would want us to do. I know what he expects us to do. Do you? Please help with giving just one can of soup or crackers. Here is the list of items that they will need consistently through the holidays. We will be collecting these items in October and November.*

***In December we will be collecting Stuffing for Christmas dinners.***

*Cream of mushroom soup*

*Vegetable soup*

*Crackers*

*Egg noodles*

*Pancake mix 16 oz & 32 oz*

*Pancake syrup*

*Stuffing mixes*

*Boxed potatoes*

*Cake mixes and Icing*

*Canned fruit (peaches, pears, cocktail, applesauce, etc.)*



**DONATIONS**—Give Money in the Offering Plate or Donate Clean Usable Items in the Blue Collection Boxes.

**VOLUNTEER**—Lend a Hand at <https://www.doorsteptopeka.org/volunteer>

**NEED HELP?** - Refer people for help.



**You don't have to figure out money ALONE.**

**FIND FINANCIAL PEACE**  
**NEW CLASS STARTING**  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2025**  
**6:00 - 8:00 PM**

We'll meet together to watch and discuss the videos and do activities. We will **NOT** discuss your private finances.

**RAMSEY FinancialPeace UNIVERSITY** Free for WSBC Church Members

**SIGN UP TODAY**

You work way too hard to feel this broke! Now is the time to take back control of your money, and that starts by taking Financial Peace University. **JOIN OUR CLASS TODAY** at <https://www.financialpeace.com/app/classes/DA8D1D>. Rev. Traci Brown and I will lead a new FPU class at 6:00 PM, starting on Thursday, October 2, 2025—and start making your money work for you.

*The Church has a limited number of complimentary memberships to Ramsey Solutions (a \$99.00 value), so there is no cost for families to participate—See Pastor TODAY!* This class has helped millions of people learn biblical principles of money management—saving, getting out of debt, and finding financial freedom. I believe it will be a real blessing for you and your family. You can find more details here: <https://wsbctopeka.org/financial-peace-university>.

I'd love for you to join us. Please let me know if you'd like me to reserve your spot! Child-care will be provided. ~ Blessings, Pastor Ivan+

**Learn How to be a Patient, Inspiring Parent!**  
 STOP THE STRUGGLES by LEARNING VALUABLE SKILLS in SAFE and SUPPORTIVE SPACE.

**MONDAYS @ 6:00 PM**  
 You Don't Have to Parent Alone! We're Here to Help!

**PARENTING with Love and Logic**

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Find More Information at [www.wsbctopeka.org](http://www.wsbctopeka.org)

**Parenting the Love and Logic® Class on MONDAYS at 6:00 - 8:00 PM:** Learn How to be a Patient, Inspiring Parent! You Don't Have to Parent Alone! We're Here to Help!

Would you like to feel more relaxed, hopeful, and positive about your child or children and your relationship with them? Learn Parenting the Love and Logic® Way with trained facilitator, Dr. Ivan E. Greuter. \*COST: \$80.00 Per Family\* Free from WSBC Families.

**It's Not Too Late to Join Us!** Families receive a complimentary Audible book.

# YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS



## YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Our talented West Side Youth are back in the kitchen, and they're baking up a storm to raise funds for upcoming youth activities and mission projects! Don't miss this sweet opportunity to support our youth while enjoying some delicious treats. Available for Preorder (by the dozen):

1. Chocolate Chip Cookies
2. Peanut Butter Blossom Cookies
3. Chocolate Brownies
4. Pumpkin Cupcakes



Order Details: Preorders Due: Sunday, October 19

Pickup: Sunday, October 26 (or we can porch-drop your order!)

Cost: Free-will donation – give as your heart leads

All proceeds go directly to supporting youth programs, trips, and activities. It's a win-win: you get homemade goodies, and our youth get to grow in faith, teamwork, and service! To place your preorder: Contact the Church Office or Tera with your order and **quantity**. **Don't wait**—these treats are going fast! Let's show our youth some love while enjoying some sweet rewards!



### WHAT ARE THE YOUTH STUDYING?

Tera "Mama T" and Jennifer E., our Youth Leaders, are leading an experience-based youth curriculum designed for active, participatory discovery of Jesus and living a Christian life as a Teen. Themes: **The Ways of Jesus**: Explores topics such as Jesus's preference for the poor and inviting vulnerability.

Come & See

Sunday at 9:00 AM and  
Wednesdays at 6:00 PM

**PULSE: The Heartbeat of  
Faith and Fun for College &  
Career Young Adults**

## ***FIRE, FELLOWSHIP & FUN***

Young Adults  
(18-30) are  
invited to the  
Greuterhof for a  
bonfire and  
S'mores.

**SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 25  
6:00-8:00 PM**

**BRING Non-Alc.  
Drinks & Babies!**

**GREUTERHOF  
2211 SW 33rd ST  
TOPEKA 66611**

**[HTTPS://WSBCTOPEKA  
.ORG/YOUNG-ADULTS](https://wsbctopeka.org/young-adults)**



# WORSHIP

## The Revised Common Lectionary Texts Year C

### Gospel Reader

Traci Brown

### Ordinary Time #27 October 5

Lamentations 1:1-6  
2 Timothy 1:1-14  
Luke 17:5-10

### Ordinary Time #28 October 12

Jeremiah 29:1,4-7  
2 Timothy 2:8-15  
Luke 17:11-19

### Ordinary Time #29 October 19

Jeremiah 31:27-34  
2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5  
Luke 18:1-8

### Ordinary Time #30 October 26

Joel 2:23 - 32  
2 Timothy 4:6 - 8,16 -18  
Luke 18:9 - 14

**VOLUNTEER TO BE A  
SCRIPTURE READER IN 2026**

## OCTOBER USHERS

Sonia Roling, Nancy Lindberg,  
Angie Foster, Nelda Janway &  
Jack Janway

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

## COMMUNION SERVERS

Mark & Betty Arnold  
Clarence & Alice Payne

## OCTOBER SCRIPTURE READER

Janelle Hood



## REFORMATION SUNDAY OCTOBER 26

On **Reformation Sunday**, we celebrate the courage and faith of those who sparked the Protestant Reformation, reminding us of God's call to live faithfully and boldly.

**Wear RED** to symbolize the fire of the Holy Spirit and the passion of reform that continues to inspire the Church today.



**CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS HAS BEGAN** - A new year of Chancel Choir rehearsals will be every **Wednesday 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.

# POINSETTIA ORDER FORM



**Red Glitter**

Available in 6", 8", & 10"



**Marble**

Available in 6", 8", & 10"



**Pink**

Available in 6", 8", & 10"



**White**

Available in 6", 8", & 10"

## *Poinsettias for Christmas*

I (We) would like to order poinsettias as indicated.  
below to help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas:

Quantity

\_\_\_\_\_ 6½ inch (5-7 blooms) - \$ 8.40 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 8 inch (3 plants per pot.) - \$ 19.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 10 inch (4 plants per pot) - \$ 26.00 = \_\_\_\_\_



**Red**

Available in 6", 8", & 10"

Bows are available for additional price of \$2.00 if  
you want one. RED OR GREEN ONLY

Please circle the color (S) you want.

All Sizes: Red Glitter, Christmas Red, Marble  
White, Pink

Ice Crystal is only available in 6 inch only



**Ice Crystal**

Available in 6" only

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

My plant(s) purchased is/are in memory or honor of:

\_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to West Side Baptist Church.

Return your order and payment to Lynda in the office by Sunday,  
November 9<sup>th</sup>. Orders after the 10<sup>th</sup> may cost more or be unavail-  
able. Lynda will pick up and deliver the order to the Church on  
the Friday before Christmas. Let her know if you can help.





# ACTIVITY PAGE



## Fall Word Search

Find the listed words within the puzzle.

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PIE	CIDER	ORCHARD	HIKE	ACORN
PUMPKIN	CANDY	HAYRIDE	READ	SWEATSHIRT
APPLE	FOOTBALL	CORN	MAZE	
PINECONE	RAKE	BLANKET	LEAF	

## October

October's the month  
When the smallest breeze  
Gives us a shower  
Of autumn leaves.  
Bonfires and pumpkins,  
Leaves sailing down -  
October is red  
And golden and brown.  
  
October leaves are lovely  
They rustle when I run  
Sometimes I make a heap  
And jump in them for fun.



## OCTOBER WORD SEARCH

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GHOST	AUTUMN	CAULDRON
CORNSTALK	HARVEST	HALLOWEEN
TREAT	TRICK	BAT
SCARECROW	VAMPIRE	RAKE
PUMPKIN	ACORN	CHESTNUTS
HAUNTED HOUSE	YELLOW	APPLES
SUNFLOWER	BONFIRE	CANDY CORN
COSTUME	WITCH	ORANGE
FOOTBALL	HAYRIDE	HEDGEHOG
SPIDER	WINDY	RED



Name: .....

☆ Connect the Dots with Numbers  
☆ Color the picture brightly





Sun

Mon

Tue

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Sat

<div>world mission offering</div>			<b>1</b> 10:30 AM Bible Study 3:30 PM Baby Closet 5:30 PM TOPS 5:00 PM Fam. Supper 5:45-7:15 NURSERY 6:00 pm WWW Kids Club & Bible Study 7:00 PM Forbes AA 7:15 PM Choir Reh	<b>2</b> 1-3 PM Baby Closet  6-8 PM Financial Peace Uni.	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 1:30 pm Praise Team
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