

**A SERVICE OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP
30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
REFORMATION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 26, 2025**

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Preparing for Worship: On this Reformation Sunday, we remember that God is always renewing His Church and transforming hearts by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. The Scripture reminds us that righteousness is not earned by our deeds but received through humble trust in God's mercy. As we gather, let us open our hearts to the Spirit's reforming power—making us more like Christ in love, truth, and service.

Prelude **Joanna Cunningham, Pianist**

Welcome and Greetings in Jesus' Name **Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter**

***Song (Stand) # 48 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"** *ELLACOMBE*

Opening Prayer (Stand) **Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter**

Song of Faith # 498 "I Will Call Upon the Lord" *O'SHIELDS*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Janelle Hood

The First Reading **Joel 2:23-32**

The Second Reading **2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

Gospel Reader: Deacon Sonia Roling

***The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Stand)** **Luke 18:9-14**

***Responsorial (Stand) # "Humble Thyself In the Sight of the Lord"**

***Greeting and Sharing Peace with Family and Neighbors (Stand)**

The Children's Sermon (Children's Church for Students Preschool–3rd Grade)

Announcements & Testimonies

Prayer of the People - OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations – We great gladness, let us present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord. The Apostle Paul wrote us, "walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself u for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God" (Ephesians 5:2).

Offertory Special #

A Prayer of Illumination & Message "A Saint's Past | A Sinner's Future"
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

*"Every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future,"
by Oscar Wilde in his play, A Woman of No Importance.*

WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH AND SERVICE

***Closing Hymn (Stand) # 435 "Just As I Am"** *WOODWORTH*

***Spoken Benediction**

Postlude

Joanna Cunningham, Pianist

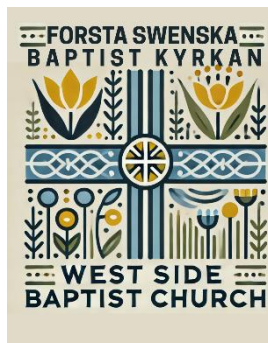
HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

GOOD NEWS! God loves you and wants to rescue all people from the consequences of evil. The Bible teaches the way to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ:

1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God you have done wrong things (sinned) that have hurt God and others. Apologize to God, turn away from harmful behavior, and start doing good things (See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD** – Accept and trust that Jesus is God's one and only Son who died on the cross in your place and give God the credit for raising Jesus from the dead (See Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31a; John 3:16; 1 Peter 3:18; John 14:6).
3. **CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD** – Make a religious commitment to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus by trusting Him to be your Rescuer, Redeemer (Savior), and Ultimate Leader (Lord). (See Romans 10:9 and 10; Romans 10:13; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23)
4. **DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO THE JESUS WAY** - Tell your family and friends about your new trust in Jesus Christ by coming to the front of the Sanctuary at the end of a worship service to publicly share your decision to be a follower of Jesus (Christian).

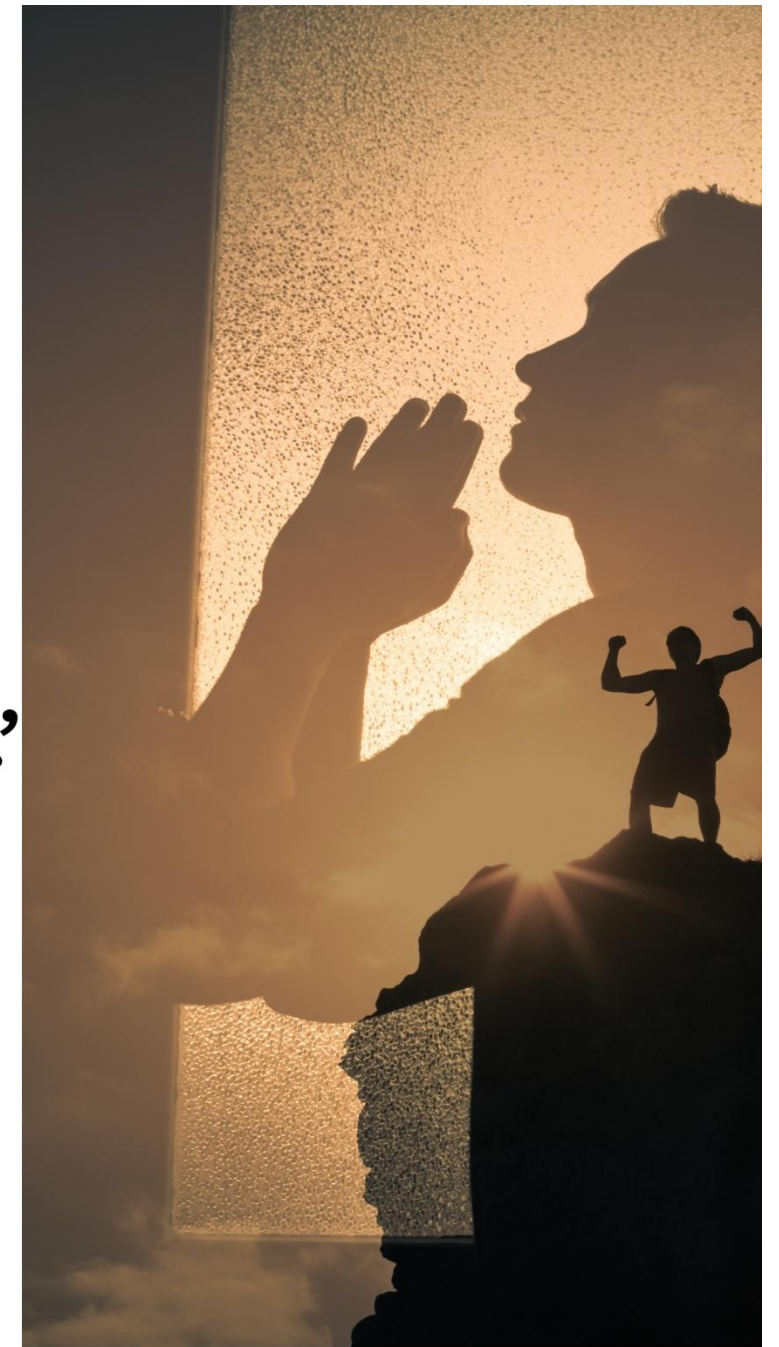
HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and the covenant of this church, may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor or come forward at a congregation meeting. A person may join by Believer's Baptism, Letter of Transfer from a previous Christian church with prior baptism, or a Satisfactory Statement of Christian Faith.

OUR MISSION – We love God and We love People by sharing the Good News of God's forgiving, renewing love in Jesus Christ by word and deed to improve the lives of neighbors. West Side Baptist Church is an independent, autonomous Christian church partnering for mission support with like-minded people of faith in our City, County, State, Nation, and World.



**‘God,
have
mercy
on me,
a sinner.’**

Luke 18:13



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WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

9:00 AM Sunday School Breakfast & Classes
10:30 AM WORSHIP (S)
12:00 PM QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING
(POTLUCK)
5:30 PM BOOK CLUB

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27 PASTOR’S DAY OFF

9:00 – 11:00 AM Baby Closet (OPEN)
6:00 PM Daughters of the Am. Revolution (HH)
6:00 PM Parenting with Love & Logic® Class (201)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

6:00 PM Outreach & Evangelism Meeting (HH)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

10:30 – 11:30 AM Bible Study – The Book of Leviticus (HH)
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM Book Club (HH)
3:30 – 5:30 PM Baby Closet (OPEN)
5:30 – 6:00 PM Wed. Night Free Family Suppers (FH)
6:00 – 7:00 PM WWW Kids Bible Club & Adult Studies
7:00 – 8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (S)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

1:00 – 3:00 PM Baby Closet (OPEN)
6:00 PM FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY (HH)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31 ALL HALLOWED EVE

5:30 PM Trunk or Treat (North Parking Lot)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

9:00 – 12:00 PM LEADERSHIP SUMMIT (HH)
1:00 – 3:00 PM QUILLING ART CLASS (HH)
1:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal (S)

It’s PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH! Remember, laughter is free — but donuts go a long way toward holy happiness. 🍩 🙏

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP – *We are glad you have joined us!* Please complete a Connection Card from the PEW POCKET or use your smartphone’s camera to scan the QR Code for the ONLINE card. GIVE YOUR CARD TO THE USHER during the OPENING SONG. Share greetings, prayer concerns, reservations, questions, and comments with the Church Office and Pastor on the back of the Connection Card.



HALLOWEEN CANDY DONATIONS - Halloween is coming! That means that Trunk-or-Treat on October 31 at 6:00 pm. Halloween candy is on the shelves now. Please bring donations of candy to the Office (NOT Pastor Ivan’s Office) if you want help sponsor the event. Make sure the bags of candy are individually wrapped. 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 vehicles is on the bulletin board, or SIGN UP ONLINE at <https://forms.gle/rpUKCzjroGXbeHvr7>.



~ Laurie Smith, Coordinator of Outreach & Evangelism



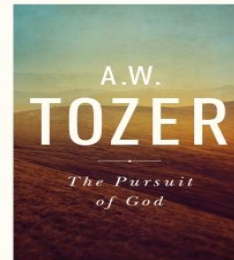
QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING & POTLUCK TODAY after Worship in Fellowship Hall (basement). Please join us for the business meeting and food. Council members will give reports and share important information with the congregation. All are welcome to join us for lunch and the meeting.

NEED A BIBLE? WE BELIEVE EVERYONE should have a Bible they can **READ** (right text size) and **UNDERSTAND** (contemporary English translation). If you or someone you love needs a Bible, then take a Bible from the PEWS. If you need a special Bible, see Laurie S. or Pastor Ivan.

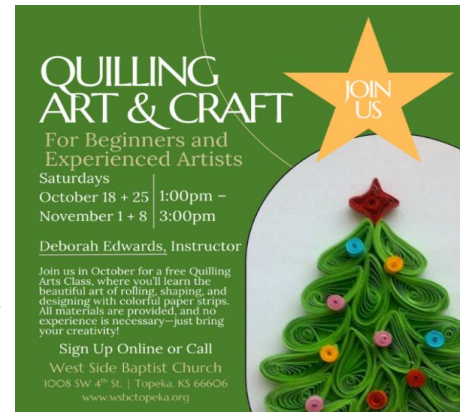


HONORING OUR VETERANS: We want to recognize and honor all our Veterans during worship in November. If you or a loved one has served in the Armed Forces, please share your service information on a **Connection Card** or call the **Church Office**. Thank you for your service and sacrifice!

CHRISTIAN CLASSICS BOOK CLUB – We will be reading **“THE PURSUIT OF GOD” By A.W. Tozer in October**. Join the discussion on the **FOURTH WEDNESDAY (11:30 AM)** and **FOURTH SUNDAY (5:30 PM)**. Grab a study guide from the bulletin board in the first-floor hallway.



FREE ART QUILLING CLASS: Learn the beautiful art of paper quilling starting **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 at 1:00 PM** the next classes are **Nov 1 and 8**. 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 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM on SATURDAYS, NOV 1 and 8.** Taught Deborah Edwards.



YOUTH BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER PICK-UP TODAY! Thank you for supporting our **Youth Group and Leaders!** If you placed an order for the **Bake Sale Fundraiser**, please **pick up your items in Fellowship Hall** after worship. 🚗 **For deliveries:** Orders within the city limits will be **porch dropped later this afternoon**. We're grateful for your generosity and encouragement as our youth raise funds for upcoming trips and activities!

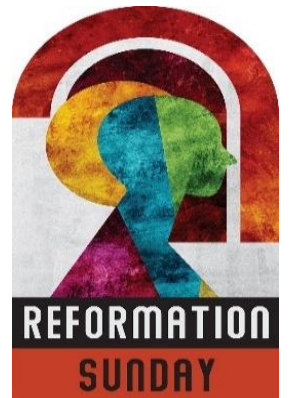
WORLD MISSION OFFERING We receive the World Mission Offering (WMO) each October to support ministries that God is using to transform lives globally through International Ministries. We financially support our global servants in **TWO PRIMARY WAYS:**



- (1) We adopt a Missionary or Missionary Family** by giving monthly financial support directly to their name through the Church (e.g., DELIRIS CARRION in Mexico), and
- (2) We donate to the World Mission Offering.** Our goal is \$1,750.00 by October 31. We invite you to join in this exciting opportunity!

Please give generously – and sacrificially – for God's global mission.

REFORMATION SUNDAY - OCTOBER 26 – TODAY, Protestant Churches like West Side celebrate the courage and faith of those who sparked the Protestant Reformation, reminding us of God's call to live faithfully and boldly. The holiday recognizes the historical and theological developments that led to the separation of Protestant churches from the Roman Catholic Church, highlighting beliefs such as salvation by grace through faith alone. Wear **RED** to symbolize the fire of the Holy Spirit and the passion of reform that continues to inspire the Church.



WE'RE PRAYING FOR MORE DEACONS - Deacons, both men and women, are called and elected by the Congregation to be "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. ***Is God calling you?***





FREE WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY SUPPERS

5:30 PM

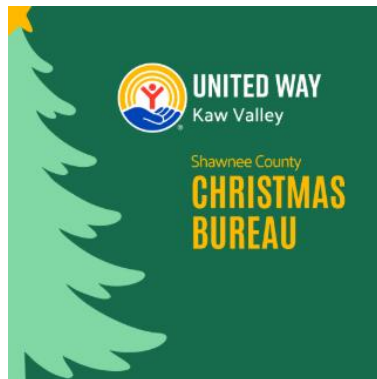
**MAKE A
RESERVATION**



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 month. We will meet on **Tuesday, November 4, at 6:00 pm** in Annie's Place. 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!*



**Annie's Place,
4014 SW Gage Center Dr,
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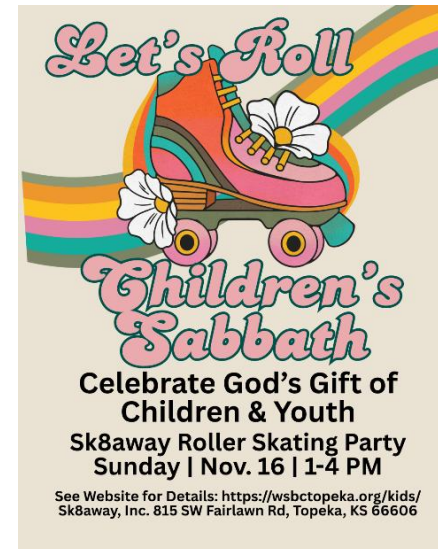
GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE HOLIDAYS...2025 CHRISTMAS BUREAU: The Shawnee County Christmas Bureau is an annual tradition that allows everyone in our community to make the holiday season brighter for our Shawnee County neighbors in need. United Way of Kaw Valley and other community partners connect thousands of individuals and families to a holiday meal and gifts by matching them with agencies or community "adopters." Find information, program eligibility,

applications, and deadlines at <https://www.uwkawvalley.org/christmasbureau>.

FIND MORE INFORMATION about CHRISTMAS at WEST SIDE and getting HOLIDAY HELP at <https://wsbctopeka.org/christmas> or see Pastor Ivan+

COLD WEATHER | WARM KIDS CLOTHING DRIVE TREE

Help keep kids warm this winter in Topeka, Kansas. We are collecting children's warm clothes, like: **SOCKS, STOCKING CAPS, GLOVES**, and other **WARM ITEMS** for our neighbors and kids at Lowman Hill Elementary and Meadows Elementary (Topeka Public Schools 501). CASH and ONLINE donations are always welcome! Thanks!



CHILDREN & YOUTH SKATING PARTY: **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16 | 1:00 – 4:00 PM | SK8AWAY (SK8AWAY.NET):** Get ready to roll! All children and youth are invited to a fun afternoon of skating, laughter, and fellowship at Sk8away, 815 SW Fairlawn Rd. Join us during the Sunday Public Session from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. 🛼 The Church will pay for Child & Youth Admissions (\$8.00 per person - skate rental not included). Bring a friend, lace up your skates, and enjoy great music, games, and good company! Parents are welcome to stay and watch or join the fun on the rink.

