

# The Witness

THE NEWSLETTER OF WEST SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH, TOPEKA, KS

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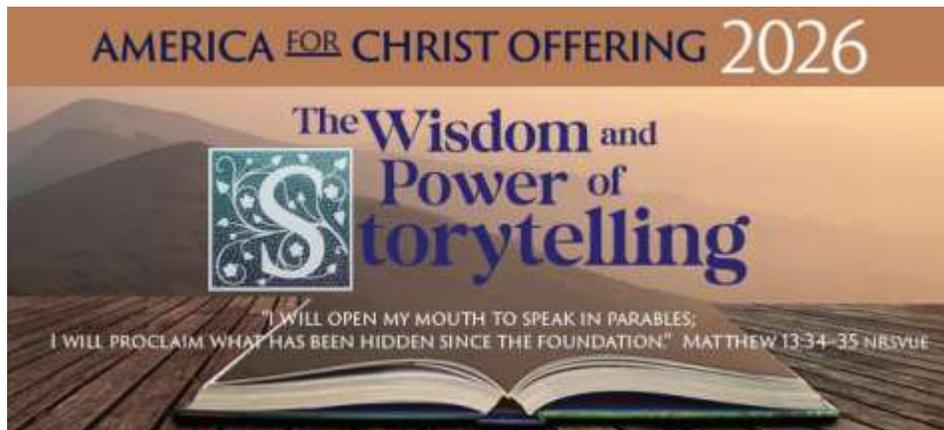
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### Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

It's time for the **2026 America for Christ Offering (AFC)**. The America for Christ (AFC) Offering is an annual mission offering that supports the ministries of American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS). It funds programs that share Christ's love through discipleship, leadership development, community transformation, and justice advocacy across the United States and Puerto Rico.

This year's theme is **"The Wisdom and Power of Storytelling."** Scripture reveals how God's truth and love are passed down through generations, often through the simple yet profound and powerful gift of storytelling. Stories have always been God's way of shaping faith, identity, and vision.

Jesus chose stories—parables—to reach people's hearts. Matthew 13:34–35 reminds us that His words were not just lessons but living testimonies that have connected listeners across time, culture, and experience. Similarly, we are called to share our faith, our history, and our vision for the future with those who come after us.

This year's campaign encourages us to celebrate storytelling as a form of ministry. Sharing the stories of our churches, families, and faith... (continued on next page)

**AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING**  
**OUR GOAL: \$1,500.00**

# AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING (AFC)

communities helps strengthen the present and sow seeds of hope for the future.

Together, we can make AFC 2026 a season of storytelling that bridges generations, deepens faith, and advances God's mission of love and justice.

**Our goal is \$1,500.00 by March 31.** Thank you for your faithful partnership in this vital ministry—and for giving generously and sacrificially to the Am. For Christ Offering.

~ **Betty Arnold, Coordinator**  
**The Ministry of Mission**



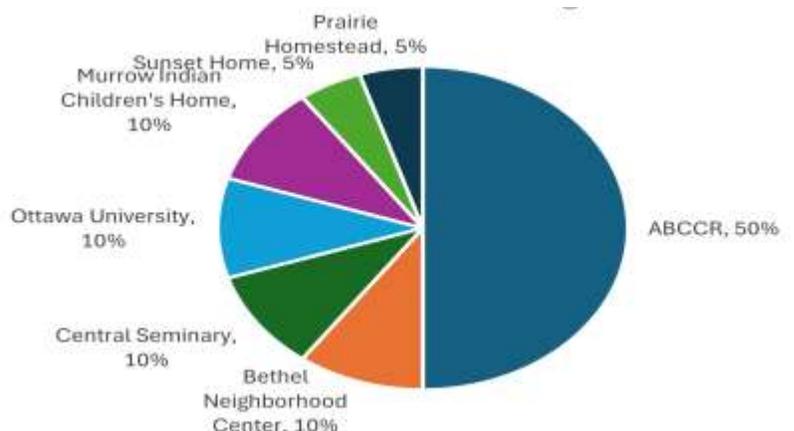
## LENT begins on Ash Wednesday (02.18.26)

Ash Wednesday marks the start of our "40 Day Spiritual Adventure" as we fast, pray, and give God glorious praise. **WHAT IS LENT?** Lent is a 1,400 year old church tradition of observing a 40-day solemn Christian season of fasting, prayer, and penance, starting on Ash Wednesday and ending before Easter Sunday (there are actually 46 days between Ash Wed. and Easter, but we don't count Sundays). It symbolizes the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness, serving as a period of reflection, repentance, and preparation for the celebration of Jesus' resurrection.

## HOW IS MY AMERICA FOR CHRIST (AFC) OFFERING USED?

Your gifts to this year's AFC Offering will be designated for ministry and mission in the Central Region (Kansas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas):

- ◆ **50% - American Baptist Churches of the Central Region (ABCCR):** a voluntary association of autonomous Baptist churches glorifying God through living the Gospel of Jesus Christ by Growing Healthy Churches to Fulfill Christ's Mission.
- ◆ **10% - Bethel Neighborhood Center:** a neighborhood action center in Kansas City since 1911, serving 10,000 persons annually,
- ◆ **10% - Central Seminary:** a graduate school prepares students and prepares leaders for seeking God, shaping the church, and serving humanity and all creation.
- ◆ **10% - Ottawa University:** a private, Christian school in Kansas preparing professional and liberal arts graduates for lifetimes of personal significance, vocational fulfillment, and service to God and humanity.
- ◆ **10% - Murrow Indian Children's Home:** a residential facility that provides a home for American Indian Children that are in out-of-home placement as a result of abuse and neglect, in Muskogee, Oklahoma.
- ◆ **5% - Prairie Homestead:** senior retirement community in Wichita, Kansas.
- ◆ **5% - Sunset Home:** Senior living community in Concordia, Kansas.



# CHURCH OFFICE

 Our Staff

Contact the Church Office for a **PRINTED LIST** of Anniversary & Birthdays. *Printed copies are available in the Church Office!*

**BE INVOLVED!** Join one or more of these working groups to share your spiritual gifts and talents by serving the Lord. Meetings are open to the church family:

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETING:**

Educational instruction for children, youth, and adults through Bible studies, Sunday School, and Bible Clubs, and special events. The Committee meets on the **Third Tuesday at 5:30 PM** in Holmer Hall. Coordinators: Jennifer and Marty.

**FELLOWSHIP & MEMBERSHIP** – This “fun” group coordinates the friendship, food, and “fun” events (e.g., Super Bowl Party), and oversees the prayer chain, receptions, flowers, and the kitchen. The Committee meets on the **Third Tuesday at 6:30 PM** in Holmer Hall. Coordinator: Colleen.

**MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING** – Hands-On service projects, activities, and educational events. The committee meets on the **Third Wednesday at 11:30 AM** in Holmer Hall. Coordinator: Betty.

**OUTREACH & EVANGELISM COMMITTEE** - Sponsoring activities, events, and programs (Baby Closet and Food Pantry) to invite families and neighbors to become fully-devoted followers of Jesus. They are meeting on the **Fourth Tuesday at 6:00 PM** in Holmer Hall. Coordinator: Shawn.

**TRUSTEES:** group responsible for the maintenance, repairs, and improvements of church property. They are meeting as needed in Holmer Hall. Coordinator: Steve

## **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

**MONDAYS: PASTOR'S DAY OFF**  
**MONDAYS - CLOSED**

**TUESDAY - THURSDAYS**  
8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

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

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**Listen to the Prompts!**

**[WWW.WSBCTOPEKA.ORG](http://WWW.WSBCTOPEKA.ORG)**

# IMPORTANT NEWS

MARCH 29



**PALM**  
SUNDAY

APRIL 2



**MAUNDY**  
THURSDAY

APRIL 3



**GOOD**  
FRIDAY

## ORDER YOUR EASTER FLOWERS

- \_\_\_\_\_ 6.5 inch Lily \$11.20
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6.5 inch Lily \$12.45 (6 blooms)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Peace Lily \$20.00
- \_\_\_\_\_ Reiger Begonia \$13.80
- \_\_\_\_\_ Kalanchoes \$13.80
- \_\_\_\_\_ Azalea \$28.50
- \_\_\_\_\_ Daffodil \$12.00
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mum \$12.75
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gerbera Daisy \$13.80
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hydrangeas \$24.00
- \_\_\_\_\_ Oriental Lily \$14.25



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

*Please make check payable to West Side. Return this form to the office no later than Friday, March 6th. Orders after March 6th may not be available or a higher price.*

*In memory of or honor of:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*We also have order forms in the church if you would like to call the office and have Lynda fill one out for you.*

MARCH 8

**SPRING FORWARD**



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS!

[+ 1 HOUR]

# CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

**WWW Kids Bible Club** has kicked off to a great start. The Cornerstones who are (K - 7th grade) and The Explorers (ages 8th - 12th grade) will continue to work on the "Fruit of the Spirit". The Pulse and Emerge groups will start a new series that will be a video based curriculum called 'The Story'. The curriculum will help students grasp **The Bible as one story: God's story.**

Bring Your Kids and their friends to **WWW Kids Bible Club on Wednesdays for a FREE SUPPER at 5:30 PM.**

**Need a RIDE? Call the Church at (785) 233-4241**

~ Jennifer Emery, Christian Ed Coordinator



**YOUNG CHRISTIANS WEEKEND  
@ SILVER DOLLAR CITY  
March 27 – 29, 2026  
[www.silverdollarcity.com/ycw](http://www.silverdollarcity.com/ycw)**

Get ready for an unforgettable weekend of faith, fun, and fellowship! Our Youth Group is hitting the road to **Young Christians Weekend** at Silver Dollar City in Branson,

Missouri. This annual event brings together youth groups from across the region for a powerful blend of worship, workshops, and thrilling theme park adventures.



**Youth Road Trip to MPYC 2026  
YMCA of the Rockies,  
Estes Park, CO  
Theme: "Rooted in the Word"  
June 6–10, 2024**

Get ready for an unforgettable experience as our youth group heads to the **Mountain and Prairie Youth Conference (MPYC)**! This high school youth conference, sponsored by the American Baptist Churches of the Rocky Mountains and ABC of Nebraska, offers a unique opportunity for spiritual growth, fellowship, and adventure in the breathtaking Rocky Mountains.

**Cost: \$375 per individual (youth and sponsors) before March 15, 2026; \$400 after March 15, 2026.**

Parents are welcome too! <https://www.mpyc-abc.org/>

# FELLOWSHIP & MEMBERSHIP

**MEN'S & 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, March 3, at 6:00 pm at Perkin's on Wanamaker.** Each person is responsible for paying for their own meal, and don't forget to bring a friend and pay for their meal. Reservations are not needed, but please SIGN UP online or on the bulletin board so we can help the restaurant prepare!

**SHIRT ORDERS** - If you missed out on ordering a West Side Baptist shirt, you're in luck! We will be ordering a second round of shirts and have included a new design. Order forms will be available in the office, or you can order online from our church website. **Orders are due by March 31.** Contact Colleen or Lynda if you have any questions.

Here is a new design, if anyone is interested in this design let Colleen know.



			
<p><b>BELLA SHORT SLEEVE UNISEX TEE</b>                  XS-XL \$25                  2X-3X \$28                  4X-5X \$30                  *White or Athletic Grey</p>	<p><b>BELLA LONG SLEEVE UNISEX TEE</b>                  XS-XL \$29                  2X-3X \$32                  4X-5X \$34                  *White or Athletic Grey</p>	<p><b>GILDAN UNISEX CREW</b>                  XS-XL \$33                  2X-3X \$35                  4X-5X \$38                  *White or Athletic Grey</p>	<p><b>GILDAN UNISEX HOODIE</b>                  XS-XL \$37                  2X-3X \$39                  4X-5X \$42                  *White or Athletic Grey</p>
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<p>Visit us online anytime at:  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/justdandydesigns">https://www.facebook.com/groups/justdandydesigns</a></p>			

**GAME DAY** - Fellowship Committee will be hosting a game day on Saturday, March 21 from 3:00-5:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite board game and a snack/drink to share. Come join the fun and invite a friend!

# FELLOWSHIP & MEMBERSHIP CONTINUED

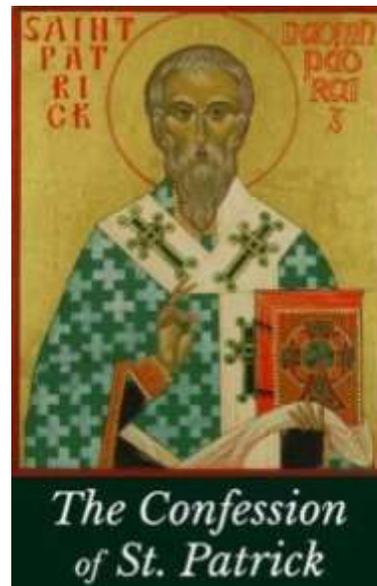
**CHRISTIAN CLASSICS BOOK CLUB:** Deepen Your Faith and Gain Wisdom from Spiritual Giants. Join the Christian Classics Book Club on the following days in February:

- ◆ **FOURTH SUNDAY at 5:30 PM (HH)**
- ◆ **FOURTH WEDNESDAY at 11:30 AM (HH).**

**BOOK: "THE CONFESSIONS OF ST. PATRICK"**  
By Saint Patrick of Ireland (387-461)

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

Grab a hard copy or an electronic copy of the books online at your favorite book supplier, or at the Topeka/Shawnee County Public Library (TSCPL). Find study guides, the proposed 2026 Book list and other important information online at <https://wsbctopeka.org>.



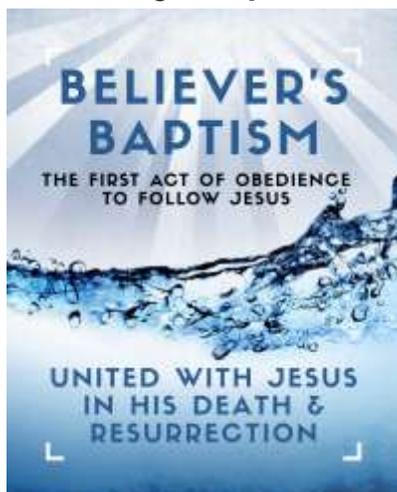
## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER

Praise the Lord for leading people forward to join our fellowship.

**HOW TO JOIN THIS CHURCH - COME FORWARD or SPEAK with PASTOR** – 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 fellowship. 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.***

**FAQ: Do I need to be "baptized again" to join this church?** No! One baptism is sufficient according to Ephesians 4:4-6: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." We recognize and respect the holy baptism of all the church when the sacrament / ordinance is done in the Name of Jesus and the Trinitarian formula ("In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit," Matthew 28:19).



**BE BAPTIZED on EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8:** We will host holy baptisms on Easter Sunday for all persons called and committed to following Jesus. Speak with Pastor or Deacon Sonia as soon as possible to complete the required four baptismal classes—in person or online. Classes are scheduled in March when it's best for the candidate and clergy. See Pastor for details.

# MISSION

## I CORINTHIANS 3:9 *FOR WE ARE LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD.*

By contributing to the America for Christ offering, you can *co-labor* in the vital work of our ABCCR's partners: **Bethel Neighborhood Center, Interim Ministries, American Baptist Women's Ministries, Sunset Home Senior Living Community, Prairie Homestead Senior Living, Ottawa University, Camp Christy, Murrow Indian Children's Home, Central Seminary, and Homestead Health Center.** Watch for spotlights on these partners in the coming weeks.

### SPOTLIGHT BETHEL NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

**Bethel neighborhood Center opened its doors on April 1, 1911 as a community center.** They primarily served needy families, living near or working in the meat packing plants of the west bottoms of Kansas City. Many of them were new immigrants. Bethel has been located in the urban core of Kansas City, Kansas and the heart of one of the 10 poorest counties in the nation per capita. This area continues to have a high concentration of immigrant settlement. Though the neighborhood has gone through many changes over the years, the mission remains the same - to empower individuals to achieve a renewed sense of hope, wellness, and self-sufficiency.



Some of Bethel's ongoing programs include: lunches and fellowship for **seniors** M-F every week; after school programs for **youth**, K-12, in a safe and nurturing environment; a **food pantry** for Wyandotte County residents W-F; a free meal and **worship** service on Wednesday evenings; a **free medical clinic** and health screenings two evenings a month in partnership with KU Med and KU School of Nursing, as well as classes on healthy cooking, exercise, and disease prevention; and a **refuge and immigrant support** service helping and offering services such as translation, notary, mentoring, ESL classes, referrals, and advocacy.

A unique and interesting program Bethel offers is sewing training. In response to a community needs assessment, Bethel started the sewing training program in 2020. Beginner students learn the basics of sewing and graduate in 9 to 10 weeks. At the end of the program, the students receive a certificate, the machine they learned on, a new pair of scissors, a new iron, ironing board, thread, and fabric for them to continue to sew at home. Students who graduated from the beginner class can come back in the advanced class. They make several items and Bethel helps sell the things they made.

Look for spotlights about our other partners in the bulletins and newsletters in the coming weeks as we focus on supporting the America for Christ offering.

~ Betty Arnold, Missions



# MISSION

MISSION TRIP TO RAINBOW ACRES, APRIL 13-18, 2026 – Reminder to all that if you plan to go on the mission trip to Rainbow Acres in Camp Verde, Arizona, additional payment deadlines are \$150.00 on Sunday, March 1 and the final payment will be due Wednesday, April 1 of \$250.00. See Betty Arnold or the Pastor for any questions. *The dates scheduled to go on the trip are April 13 – 18 of 2026.*



**PARTNER with PARTICIPANTS:** If you are not one of the ten people committed to going but would still like to share in the joy, we invite you to contribute financially as we would like to offer a love gift to purchase items from their wish list.

## RAINBOW ACRES NEEDS LIST

To donate in-kind items, call us at (928) 567-5231 or email us at [info@rainbowacres.org](mailto:info@rainbowacres.org). For more details, visit our website.

### MEDICAL & PERSONAL

- Band-Aids
- First Aid Kits
- Personal Hygiene Products for Men & Women
  - Deodorants
  - Shampoo & Conditioner
  - Bars of Soap
  - Body Wash
  - Lotion
- Neosporin
- Epsom salt
- Flashlights

### RAINBOW ACADEMY

- Equestrian Riding Helmets
- Acoustic Guitars
- Violins
- Computers

### OFFICE & KITCHEN

- Cases of bottled water
- Batteries - AA, AAA, 9 volt
- New flatware- dinner forks, table knives, and soup spoons
- New plates and bowls
- 5-gallon beverage dispenser
- Upright, lightweight vacuums for each house
- 4-person golf cart

### MAINTENANCE

- 6' Wood Steel Frame Pressure Treated Picnic Tables - ULINE
- 55" 4K Smart TVs
- 65" 4k Smart TVs
- IGLOO Large Cooler, White, 142 Liters
- Genie GS-1930 Electric Scissor Lift



Deliris & Moise  
Carrión-Joseph  
Mexico

**SUPPORT OUR SPECIAL INTEREST MISSIONARIES:** DELIRIS and MOISE serve among Haitian, Central American, and African migrants in Tijuana, Mexico. Moise is a business entrepreneur, and Deliris is a pastor and occupational therapist. They serve with the Baja Regional Baptist Convention, Dios con nosotros. Using his skills and ability to speak four different languages, Moise helps migrants and migrant communities achieve their new beginnings. Deliris supports Deborah's House, a ministry for women survivors of domestic violence and their children. They strongly believe that God uses us all wherever we live, and new opportunities are open for those who trust in the Lord. *Bring your loose change on Sunday for the offering.*

# DOORSTEP, INC

Thank you to everyone who donated soup and crackers during our **Souper Bowl Sunday** weekend collection! The need for food assistance continues to grow in our community, and it is truly through neighbor helping neighbor that we can continue feeding the people who need it.



**DOORSTEP**  
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

This year we are trying a new version of our most popular fundraiser, Operation Soup Line, by splitting it into two events. The first, **Soup Line 2.0** was the same weekend as Souper Bowl Sunday, and admittedly it did cause some confusion. This was a pre-order & pay event with pick up over Super Bowl weekend. We made over \$4,000 and we will be evaluating the whole event for 2027! Part two of Soup Line was the theme basket auction; and we are turning that into an online only auction in March! The **Starlight Auction for Doorstep will start on Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> @ at 10am and run until Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 10pm!** Please check out the items that were donated from our faith communities and local businesses to raise funds for Doorstep!

Doorstep's annual **Appreciation Banquet & Quilt Drawing** will take place on **Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup>** at St. John's Lutheran. Everyone is welcome to join us as we celebrate Doorstep and our volunteers and wait to see who wins quilts. A *Love Offering* will be taken, and we will hand out Volunteer of the Year awards.

This June marks Doorstep's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of helping our neighbors in need by providing a hand up! We are planning our **9<sup>th</sup> annual Neighbor Helping Neighbors Walk/5K fun Run**, AND a celebration at Lake Shawnee to kick off our 60<sup>th</sup> year, and a big announcement for future changes! So mark **Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>** on your calendars and plan to participate in our walk/run and stick around for some fun afterwards!

Blessings,  
Lisa Cain, LBSW  
Executive Director

**DOORSTEP**  
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

**Doorstep is hosting an online silent auction in March & we need your help!**

**Could you donate an art piece, experience, or theme basket? Do you own a business & would donate a service or product?**

**Doorstep's Starlight Auction**  
*Runs from March 15<sup>th</sup> thru March 21<sup>st</sup>*

**Your auction donations are needed by February 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**If you can help Doorstep raise funds through our auction please call Lisa at 785-357-5341 or email: lisa@doorstepinc.com**

# TREASURER'S REPORT

"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints," Psalm 116:15

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our dear friend, Christian sister, and faithful church accountant, Rita Adams. Rita served our church family with dedication, integrity, and a gracious spirit, and she will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Funeral arrangements are currently pending. Please watch the bulletin and our website for updated service information in the coming days. **Please keep Rita's family and loved ones in your prayers during this difficult time.**



## AM. BAPTIST CENTRAL REGION 2026 SENIOR ADULT RETREAT APRIL 22-23, 2026 MILTON BAPTIST CHURCH 1213 N. SYCAMORE RD. MILTON, KS 67106

Full Retreat (includes program and 3 meals) per person @ \$95.00 per person

One Day only (Wednesday or Thursday) per person @ \$70.00 per person

Registration Deadline - April 8, 2026 \*\*\$10 Late fee assessed if postmarked after April 8, 2026

Cancellation Policy: A full refund will be given if cancelled by April 15, 2026; \$25 non-refundable cancellation fee per individual after April 15, 2026.

Hotel Information – Hampton Inn by Hilton, 455 N Crowne Dr., Goddard, KS

316-453-0444. Cost is \$109 plus taxes if you use Code 503. Other hotels are available in the area but with no transportation provided.

Register Online at <https://www.abccr.org/senioradult> or Pick Up a Paper Copy in the Office

## Sr. Adult Retreat

April 22-23, 2026

Milton Baptist Church

1213 N. Sycamore Rd., Milton, KS



Rev. Soozie Whitten-Ford  
Keynote Speaker

### Wholly Holy Hospitality



Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. **Practice hospitality.** Romans 12:10-13 NIV

# Opportunities to Be Involved

**BABY CLOSET**  
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**FAN THE FLAME**  
 College and Young Adult Retreat

**March 6-8, 2026**

Retreat begins at 7:00pm on Friday and  
 will conclude at 12:00pm on Sunday.

Retreat Pastor:  
 Rev. Regan Stoops  
 First Baptist Church  
 Gardner, Kansas

\$20 Registration Fee




Scan Here to Register

**Camp White Memorial**  
**Council Grove, Kansas**




Keynote Speaker:  
 Rev. Susan Whitten Ford



**PRAIRIE PASTORS**  
 CONFERENCE

**REGISTER NOW**




There is no registration fee unless you register  
 for the optional boundaries training.  
 Lodging and some meals will not be provided.

**March 16-18, 2026**

**Sunset Hills Baptist Church**  
 9416 Pacific St.  
 Omaha, NE 68114

**WOMEN'S**  
*Ministries*

**2nd Mondays**  
**5:30 PM**  
**Holmer**  
**Hall**

**Sisters Caring**  
**for Sisters**  
**in Christ**

**SCAN**



**INFORMATION**

**HOSTESS SIGN UP**

# WORSHIP

## The Revised Common Lectionary Texts Year A

### Gospel Reader

Deacon Janelle Hood

### March 1: Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-48

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-7

### March 8: Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:1-7

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

### March 15: Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

### March 22: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

### March 29: Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 21:1-11

## MARCH USHERS

Nancy Lindberg, Nelda Janway,  
Angie Foster, Pat Carpenter and Jack  
Janway

## COMMUNION SERVERS

Al Carpenter, Pat Carpenter,  
Angie Foster and Charles Tanksley

## SCRIPTURE READER

Angie Foster

## WE'RE BETTER TOGETHER!

The Church is committed to the continual praise and worship of Almighty God in the Name of Jesus Christ. Church leaders and our clergy hold services regularly in the Sanctuary in compliance with all published federal, state, and local government health orders. Services are broadcast LIVE:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/WSBC>



# SPOKEN 4

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For nearly 20 years Spoken 4 has been touring the country spreading the message of Jesus Christ. With roots that go back to traditional southern gospel music, the group is constantly evolving and finding new and innovative ways to worship God. Spoken 4 manages to capture a unique sound that includes the rich traditions of southern gospel music with smooth modern harmonies, giving a quartet voice to today's worship.

**SUNDAY  
MARCH 29**  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - TOPEKA  
Doors Open at 5:00 PM  
Concert at 6:00 pm  
**FREE CONCERT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**  
MERCHANDISE TABLE AVAILABLE  
FREE WILL OFFERING  
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED

# ACTIVITY PAGE

## March is Windy!

Find each word in the search. Words go ↑, ↓, →, and ←.

March	comes	a p t r o u t a i n
in	like	M a r c h y r x f j
lion	and	o a c o m e s n l r
out	like	l o v e v w i n d y
lamb	proverb	l i o n z e w r e y
weather	windy	i i l i p a r t r e
		k i k p j t l b a s
		e i n e m h t a h c
		l o g d c e r t m z
		q v b a q r o k g b
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# LENT

WORD SEARCH: SEARCH FOR THE WORDS BELOW IN THE FOLLOWING GRID IN ALL DIRECTIONS INCLUDING BACKWARDS AND DIAGONALLY.

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N	W	P	E	S	H	H	X	U	O	A	N	A	A	R	L	U		
V	X	K	P	R	I	S	T	T	L	R	A	C	Y	U	Y	T		
E	A	E	B	L	E	F	R	H	N	S	T	E	E	H	W	I		
R	L	N	I	Y	I	V	S	O	H	F	N	Y	R	C	E	R		
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V	F	H	B	H	X	O	V	V	H	S	S	O	R	C	X	R		
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- Almsgiving
- Ash Wednesday
- Charity
- Church
- Conversion
- Cross
- Devotion
- Easter
- Faith
- Fasting
- Forgiveness
- Forty Days
- Gospel
- Grace
- Holy Week
- Humility
- Jesus
- Lent
- Mercy
- Pilgrimage
- Prayer
- Reflection
- Repentance
- Resurrection
- Sacrifice
- Scripture
- Service
- Spiritual
- Tradition
- Worship

I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind.

John 9:39

"Lent is not something we do for God – Lent is something we do *with* God."



# MARCH

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

<b>1 NURSERY</b> 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 12:00 pm Soup Kitchen	<b>2</b> 9:00-11:00 am Baby Closet	<b>3</b> 6:00 pm Men's & Ladies Night Out @ Perkin's	<b>4 NURSERY</b> 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Baby Closet 5:30 pm WWW 7:15 pm Choir	<b>5</b> 1:00 - 3:00 pm Baby Closet	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 1:00 pm Worship Team
<b>8 NURSERY</b> 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	<b>9</b> 9:00-11:00 am Baby Closet 5:30 pm Women's Ministry	<b>10</b> 6:00 pm Council Members Mtg	<b>11 NURSERY</b> 10:30 am Bible Study 11:30 am Mission Meeting 3:30 pm Baby Closet 5:30 pm WWW 7:15 pm Choir	<b>12</b> 1:00 - 3:00 pm Baby Closet	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 1:00 pm Worship Team
<b>15 NURSERY</b> 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 12:00 pm Soup kitchen	<b>16</b> 9:00-11:00 am Baby Closet	<b>17</b> 5:30 pm Christian Ed Meeting 6:30 pm Fellowship Meeting	<b>18 NURSERY</b> 10:30 am No Bible Study 3:30 pm Baby Closet 5:30 pm No WWW 7:15 pm No Choir	<b>19</b> 1:00 - 3:00 pm Baby Closet	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 1:00 pm Worship Team 3:00-5:00 pm Game Day
<b>22 NURSERY</b> 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm Book Club	<b>23</b> 9:00-11:00 am Baby Closet 6:00 pm DAR	<b>24</b> 6:00 pm Outreach Meeting	<b>25 NURSERY</b> 10:30 am Bible Study 11:30 am Book Club 3:30 pm Baby Closet 5:30 pm WWW 7:15 pm Choir	<b>26</b> 1:00 - 3:00 pm Baby Closet	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 1:00 pm Worship Team
<b>29 NURSERY</b> 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	<b>30</b> 9:00-11:00 am Baby Closet	<b>31</b>	LENT: FEBRUARY 18 - APRIL 2, 2026			