

The Witness

THE NEWSLETTER OF WEST SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH, TOPEKA, KS

FROM THE PASTOR: "WE'RE CLOSE AND GETTING CLOSER: GROWING OUR FRIENDSHIP CIRCLES"

*The average American adult has about 3.6 close friends (don't ask what happened to the last 40% of the fourth friend). The majority of us have 3-4 people with whom we share a strong emotional bond, deep trust, mutual support, and the freedom to be completely honest. If you have three or four close friends, you should rejoice, because **roughly 8%-12% of Americans report having zero close friends.***

There are a myriad of reasons for our shrinking friendship circles, but the good news is: **We do not have to be alone!** We can make and maintain deep, close friends, if you are willing to invest the time, energy, and emotional work.

We use the word **friend** rather casually today. We may call someone a friend because we know their name, work with them, attend church with them, live next door to them, or follow them online. But the truth is that **not every relationship carries the same depth—and it shouldn't** (see next page).

We all have a variety of friendships: ► **casual friends and acquaintances** whom we recognize, name, and enjoy seeing; ► **coworkers and classmates** with whom we share part of our daily lives; ► **social friends** whom we know and care about, and share activities and fellowship; ► **special friends** who know our stories, our struggles, our hopes, and dreams; and ► **best friends**: whom we share quality time, deepest joys and struggles. *All of these friendship are essential but not all of them are of equal importance - and that's okay!*

Jesus experienced different friendship levels. He knew and was known by crowds, gathered disciples, called a few apostles, and shared intimate moments with his three best friends (Peter, James, and John). A holy moment was when Jesus said to his disciples: **"I do not call you servants any longer... but I have called you friends"** (John 15:15).

Jesus was not a special or best friend with everyone; remember, Judas betrayed him. Therefore, not everyone in church does not need to be your special or best friend. However, everyone should have a small group of people they consider **special friends**; no one should feel alone.

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THE CIRCLES OF FRIENDSHIP

Different Levels of Relationship. Different Levels of Intimacy.

*We don't have to be everyone's best friend,
but everyone should have the opportunity to find authentic friendship and belonging.*

5. OUTSIDE THE CIRCLES

People you don't know well, including non-friends and even enemies.



4. CASUAL FRIENDS / ACQUAINTANCES

Approximately 50–200 people



3. SOCIAL FRIENDS

7–12 people



2. SPECIAL FRIENDS

2–5 people



1. BEST FRIENDS

2–3 people



The closest and most intimate relationships. Deep trust. You can be yourself completely.

1. BEST FRIENDS (2–3)

Your dearest loved ones. You would call them first in a crisis. You share your deepest joys and struggles.

2. SPECIAL FRIENDS (3–5)

Very important relationships outside the center circle. You share life in meaningful and mutual ways. They know your story well, and you can count on them.

3. SOCIAL FRIENDS (7–12)

People you spend a great deal of time with through church, work, hobbies, or other activities. You enjoy being together and share many experiences.

4. CASUAL FRIENDS / ACQUAINTANCES (50–200)

People you know by name and have a friendly relationship with—neighbors, coworkers, fellow church members, parents from school, etc. Limited personal intimacy.

5. OUTSIDE THE CIRCLES

People you do not know well or with whom you have no relationship. This includes those you might struggle to get along with.

Sociological Perspective: Dunbar's Social Circles

Research by sociologist/anthropologist Robin Dunbar suggests we can maintain stable relationships with a limited number of people.



"Encourage one another and build each other up, just as indeed you are doing."

– 1 Thessalonians 5:11

THE JOURNEY: FROM FRIENDLY TO FRIENDS



STRANGER
We don't know each other.



ACQUAINTANCE
We know each other by name.



CASUAL FRIEND
We are friendly and occasionally connect.



SOCIAL FRIEND
We spend time together regularly.



SPECIAL FRIEND
We share life more deeply and care for one another.



BEST FRIEND
We are close, trust each other deeply, and walk together in faith and life.

FROM BEING FRIENDLY TO BEING AUTHENTIC FRIENDS.

Let's grow together in Christ!

PASTOR'S PAGE

authentic social, special and best friends. We've enjoyed sharing our answers to weekly icebreaker questions, and soon we'll go a little deeper with more meaningful questions. *Don't worry*—you'll choose your small group and stay with the same people for several weeks, giving friendships time to grow through intentionality, trust, and deeper connection.

In his book, **"Making Friends, Making Disciples: Growing Your Church through Authentic Relationships,"** retired ABCUSA General Secretary, Rev. Dr. Lee B. Spitzer, wrote that friendship is vital not only for church growth but also for Christian discipleship. People grow as disciples in relationships where there is trust, vulnerability, accountability, and encouragement. Friendship can be a spiritual discipline - a way our faith and our public witness become connected.

Our goal is to become more fully the people God calls us to be. We want to be a church where....:

- ♦ **People are welcomed—but also Known.**
- ♦ **People attend—but also *Belong*.**
- ♦ **People serve together—but also *share life together*.**

A church where children, youth, adults, seniors, newcomers, and longtime members discover that they are not alone. A place to make new friends...

Over the coming weeks, I invite each of us to consider our own circles of relationships and ask a simple question:

Am I merely friendly—or am I becoming a faithful friend?

Friendship takes time. It requires effort. Sometimes it means taking the first step or reach out to connect. Sometimes it means being vulnerable. Sometimes it means rearranging schedules and making room at our tables and in our lives. Sometimes it means setting boundaries and limits. ***But friendship is also one of God's great gifts.***

Our church has an extraordinary opportunity in a lonely and disconnected world to offer *genuine Christian community*. We can offer people the opportunity to know and be known, to love and be loved, to walk together as followers of Jesus Christ, and to bear witness to the transformative power of the Holy Spirit. ***So, let us continue our journey from being friendly to being friends.***

And as we make authentic friends, may we also discover that authentic friendships help us grow into authentic disciples of Jesus Christ.

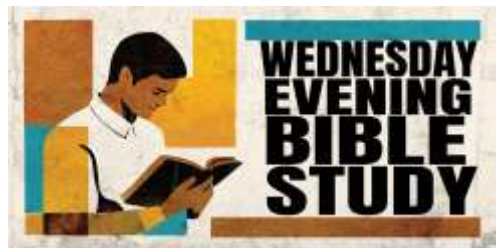
~ Blessings of Friendship,
Pastor Ivan+



MORNING BIBLE STUDY @ 10:30 AM

THE BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS

Join us for our Wednesday Morning Bible Study in Holmer Hall as we study Paul's book on joy, humility, partnership, and Christian friendship — ***The Letter to the PHILIPPIANS!*** Paul writes to people he deeply loves and calls his partners in the gospel. The letter explores issues like fraternal affection, encouragement, church unity, and serving one another.



ADULT EVENING BIBLE STUDY STARTS WED., SEPT. 2 @ 6 PM

EXODUS THE TESTIMONY OF GOD'S REDEMPTION

Join us this fall for a nine-week journey through the book of Exodus as we discover God's redeeming power, faithful presence, and covenant love. Together we'll explore how God delivered Israel from slavery, formed them into His people, and revealed His will through Moses—truths that continue to point us to Jesus Christ today.

Bible studies are open to the public and free of charge. All students of faith — and seekers — are welcome!

CHURCH OFFICE

Our Staff



WEST SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Listen to the Prompts!

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Individual Registration Childcare Registration

Register using the links above or visit
<https://www.abccr.org/annual-gathering-2026>

**2026
ANNUAL
GATHERING**

THIS HOPE IS A STRONG AND TRUSTWORTHY ANCHOR FOR OUR SOULS. IT LEADS US THROUGH THE CURTAIN INTO GOD'S INNER SANCTUARY.
HEBREWS 4:19 (NET)



SEPTEMBER 25-26, 2026
PRAIRIE BAPTIST CHURCH
KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

September 25-26, 2026
KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
REV. DR. GREG MAMULA

PRAIRIE BAPTIST CHURCH
7416 Roe Ave
Prairie Village, KS 66208

Registration Deadline: September 1, 2026 (Including delegates who are only attending the online business meeting).
Meals are not guaranteed for those who register after the deadline.
The 2026 ABCCR Annual Business meeting will be held via Zoom on September 15, 2026 at 7:00pm.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAYS: PASTOR'S DAY OFF
MONDAYS - CLOSED
TUESDAYS - THURSDAYS
8:00 AM to 4:30 PM
FRIDAYS: 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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HOLIDAY CLOSED

The Church Office will be **CLOSED** on Friday, Sept. 4 in observance of the Labor Day Holiday. Enjoy!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



WWW KIDS' BIBLE CLUB SEMESTER BEGINS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 @ 5:30 PM

We're ready to start a new semester of WWW Kids' Bible Club on Wednesday nights! WWW Kids' Bible Club at West Side Baptist Church is a high-energy, Christ-centered program for kids in Kindergarten through 6th Grade. We meet every Wednesday evening during the school year (August 12 – December 9) for a Fun-Filled Time of Faith, Friendship, and Finding God's Love! **Before the fun begins, everyone is invited to enjoy a FREE supper at 5:30 PM.** Children and families are welcome to come eat, play, and experience the joy of Christian community.

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE:

- ♦ SEPT 02: **REVERENCE** – Cultivating awe, worship, and respect for God
- ♦ SEPT 09: **REVERENCE** – Cultivating awe, worship, and respect for God
- ♦ SEPT 16: **HUMILITY** – Recognizing dependence upon God and valuing others.
- ♦ SEPT 23: **HUMILITY** – Recognizing dependence upon God and valuing others.
- ♦ SEPT 30: **CONFIDENCE** – Growing secure in God's love and our God-given identity.

THANK YOU to all of the **ADULTS** and **VOLUNTEERS** who made the fall kickoff and game nights so special! **You ROCK!**

CHILDREN'S CHURCH HELPERS NEEDED:



Christian Education needs helpers for Children's Church! After the Children's Sermon, preschool through 3rd grade kids are invited to a child-friendly worship experience with Bible lessons, crafts, and activities led by trained volunteers (September–May). **We Want Kids in Worship!** Children's Church helps children learn about God and participate in worship in ways that fit their age and stage of development. It's about helping children experience worship while also giving them opportunities to participate at their own level. **See Rexanne to volunteer or sign up.**

WEST SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
TRANSPORTATION
MINISTRY

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

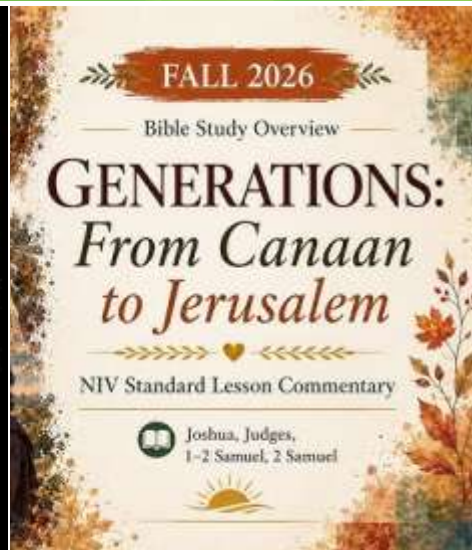
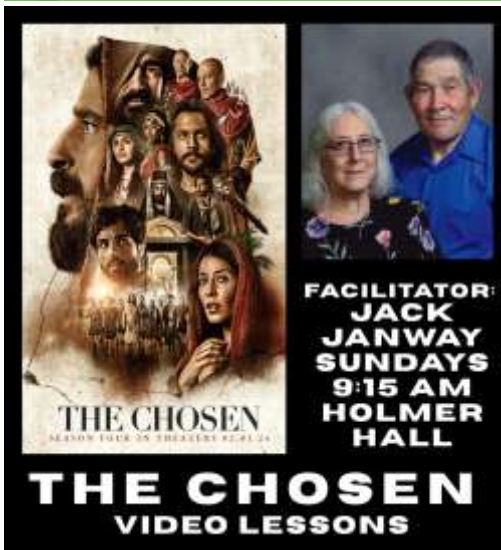


**SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY:
COME, LEARN, CONNECT & GROW!**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY
Sunday, September 6 at 9:00 AM**

Join us for **Sunday School Rally Day** on **Sunday, September 6 at 9:00 AM** as we kick off a new season of learning, fellowship, and faith formation at West Side Baptist Church! **SUNDAY SCHOOL** is **NOT** just for Kids! There are Bible classes, Prayer Classes, and Video Classes for Adults Too!

- ◆ **FREE BREAKFAST—9:00 AM**—Come to Holmer Hall for a free breakfast. Take coffee and food to class.
 - ◆ **CLASSES FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN** - See our **Fall Sunday School class list** and find your place/
 - ◆ **NURSERY PROVIDED** — lovingly caring for newborns through age three.
 - ◆ **TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE** — contact the Church Office at (785) 233-4241 if you need a ride.
- Come enjoy breakfast, meet our teachers, discover our fall classes, and find a group where you can **learn, laugh, pray, and grow together. Bring your family. Invite a friend. EARN BIG BIBLE BUCKS!!**



FELLOWSHIP & MEMBERSHIP

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP AT COKELEY FARMS

Men, mark your calendars! Join us on Saturday, September 19, at 11:00 AM for a special time of fellowship, food, fishing, and faith at Cokeley Farms! Bring your sons, grandsons, and friends and enjoy a relaxing day together. You'll need lawn chairs and fishing poles.

 Hot dog lunch provided — including chips and cookies!



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Our devotional will be led by Charles T., providing an encouraging opportunity to gather and grow in faith. Please **sign up on the bulletin board outside the Church Office or Online** so we can prepare enough food for everyone. For more information, please see Colleen S.

We hope you'll join us for a great day of fellowship, food, fishing, and faith!



Men's & Ladies Night Out *Tuesday September 1 at 6:00 pm* *Freddy's on 2135 SW Gage Blvd*

Join us for a fun evening of food, fellowship, and building authentic friendships! **Ladies' & Men's Night Out** is a monthly restaurant outing held on the **first Tuesday of each month**. Everyone is responsible for purchasing their own meal—and we encourage you to **bring a friend and treat them to dinner!**

Update Your Church Directory Picture

We're updating the pictures in our church directory, and we'd love you and your family to have a current photo included!

Picture Times:

Saturday, September 12: 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Sunday, September 13: 12:00 noon – 4:00 PM

Please sign up for a time slot on the bulletin board outside the Church Office or Online to have your picture taken; animals welcome! Whether you're new to the directory or simply need an updated photo, we hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to help keep our church directory current. For more information see Colleen S. **We look forward to seeing you!**



THANKS BE TO GOD! TREASURER'S REPORT

Our Church Finances: Our income for the first seven months of the year was \$262,477.67 which is 81.8% of our \$321,867.00 projected income. In July we received our second distribution from one of our Topeka Community Foundation accounts (Portia and Vern Allbert Music Trust) of \$4,170. We have also transferred \$25,000 of the \$33,187 budgeted from our Endeavor Investments for our 4% annual distribution for building maintenance.

Our expenses for the first seven months of the year were \$217,184.26 which is 56.7% of our \$383,035 projected expenses. The difference of income to expenses for these seven months was \$45,293.41. This does not include Capital Campaign expenditures.

Our checking account balance on the balance sheet is \$25,607.48. This includes: \$22,760.93 in (#1001) main account; \$4,670.63 in (#1003) Outreach funds; \$3,317.68 in (#1006) 10% Missions of Capital Campaign; \$3,064.09 (#1009) Youth Fund; \$3,194.07 in (#1030) Benevolent Fund; and \$100 (#1070) Petty Cash.



Our monthly financial reports are posted on the bulletin board. We continue to make some adjustments to our financial records in our new QuickBooks program.

Your second quarterly giving statement including your annual pledge was distributed in July. If you have any questions or did not receive your report, please let me know.

Besides tithing to our church, I've been asked about how a person can include West Side Baptist in an estate plan. I've listed several ways below. It is important to discuss your plans with an attorney and/or financial advisor along with family. Let me know if I can answer any questions or help you in any way.

- ♦ **Charitable Bequest:** Leave a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, or specific property directly to the church in your will or living trust.
- ♦ **Beneficiary Designation:** Name the church as a primary or contingent beneficiary on a retirement account (like an IRA or 401(k)), life insurance policy, or financial annuity.
- ♦ **Charitable Trusts:** Set up a charitable remainder or lead trust that provides income or tax benefits during your lifetime while ultimately supporting the church.

American Baptist Churches of the Central Region (ABCCR) has charitable trusts available if you're interested: <https://www.abccr.org/kbcf>. The **Kansas Baptist Convention Foundation**, Inc. is the investment arm of the ABCCR. It was founded in 1959, when we were known as Kansas Baptists. They are a service organization designed to assist individuals and families who want to support the ministries of the local church, the ABCCR or its related institutions through their bequests, charitable donations, estate planning and wills.

Speak with me or call:

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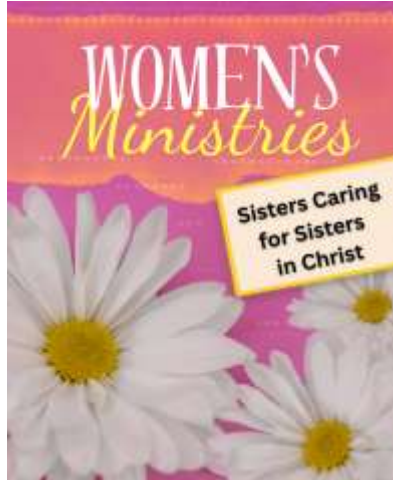
Thanks! ~ Nancy L., Treasurer



GET INVOLVED!

Hello, Women of West Side Baptist.

*I want to begin by thanking each of you for the grace you have shown me during our first year together. Over the past year, we have shared our stories, enjoyed good food, grown deeper in our faith in Christ, and deepened our relationships with each other. My heart's desire is for every woman of West Side to know that each of you, in your own way, has blessed me in your own special way. **Thank you for your attendance, the food, and the wisdom that you have shared!** Our Women's Group, as you know, has taken a hiatus this summer.*



Now, it's time for us to get back together again in September. Now that we have learned about each other, I believe it's time to learn and understand what Jesus thinks about Women. In the next seven months, come be a part of exploring **"Jesus & Women: In the First Century and Now"** by Kristi McLelland. We will share food, watch a video, and have a discussion about what we have watched and how we can better apply our learning to our own daily lives.

I am excited for the Lord to work in each of our lives as we travel together on this journey of discovering what Jesus thought about women and thus how we should feel about ourselves. **To kick off our learning of "Jesus & Women in the First Century and Now," let's do an Israeli food theme.** I will bring Roasted Chicken Thighs with Grilled Eggplant and Mint. I found this recipe online: "73 Israeli Food Recipes You Need to Try." Since the first Monday of September is Labor Day, **let's meet on THURSDAY, September 3rd at 5:30 PM in Holmer Hall.** Call if you have any questions!

Shalom! ~ Rev. Traci Brown

CHRISTIAN CLASSICS BOOK CLUB

We are reading a new book in **SEPTEMBER : "THE CITY OF GOD"** by Archbishop of Hippo
Join the discussion on:

- ♦ **Sept 23 at 11:30 AM** FOURTH WEDNESDAY and
- ♦ **Sept 27 at 5:30 PM** FOURTH SUNDAY

YOU DON'T HAVE TO READ OR LISTEN TO THE BOOK TO JOIN

Grab a study guide from the bulletin board in the first-floor hallway. Borrow or buy a print copy or an electronic copy of the book online at your favorite book supplier, or at the Topeka/Shawnee County Public Library (TSCPL). The proposed 2026 Book list and other vital information are available at <http://wsbctopeka.org>.



PENGUIN CLASSICS

SAINT AUGUSTINE

City of God

MISSION



SCHOOL SUPPLIES DELIVERED
242 ITEMS: Backpacks, pencils, crayons, erasers, markers, paper, composition notebooks, etc. All those needed school supplies were delivered August 10 to Lowman Hill and Meadows Elementary schools. **Additionally; WSBC also provided 650 refillable water bottles for students.**

Thank you for your contributions!
You're An AMAZING Church!



FELLOWSHIP & MEMBERSHIP **Sharing Love Through a Meal Train**

At West Side Baptist Church, we believe that one of the most meaningful ways we can care for one another is by simply showing up—and sometimes that means showing up with a meal.

We are excited to begin a **Meal Train Ministry** as a practical way for our church family to surround members with love and support during significant seasons of life. Whether someone is experiencing a time of grief, recovering from an illness, welcoming a new baby, or facing an unexpected interruption in daily life, a meal can be a reminder that they are not alone.

Through the **Meal Train**, church members will have opportunities to provide meals for those who could use a little extra care. You may choose to prepare a meal, purchase a meal, or arrange for a meal to be delivered. When a need arises, an email will be sent with a link to the Meal Train. From there, you can view the available dates and sign up for a meal that works for you.

Thank you for being willing to serve, encourage, and love our West Side Baptist Church family—one meal at a time.

~ Colleen, Fellowship Coordinator

CAMP CHRISTY OPPORTUNITY: DO YOU WANT TO GO?



This past summer, Camp Christy hosted many members of our congregation as campers and staff. A summer church camp experience can lead to decisions for Christ, baptism, discipleship, and calls to ministry. We are grateful that we have this facility in our region to impact our young people. We also have the opportunity to give back to the camp through volunteer service by a group or individual. There are scheduled work days for fall renovation and camp upkeep, or if we bring a group, we can schedule our own time.

For more information, talk to Pastor Ivan or Betty A., Mission Chair. We'd love to find a time this fall or spring to serve at Camp Christ! Check out their website www.campchristy.net for needs, ideas, and photos.

SPECIAL GUESTS on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27: Danielle and Steve Massaglia, Camp Christy Managers, will be our special guests and speakers in Worship on Sunday, Sept. 27. **COME!!**

DOORSTEP, INC

60 Bags of Rice for 60 Years of Serving Our Neighbors!

This year, Doorstep is celebrating 60 years of serving our neighbors in need, and we want to help celebrate in a practical and meaningful way! Our church is collecting **60 one-pound bags or boxes of rice** to support Doorstep's food assistance ministry.

You can donate **white or brown rice**, and **instant rice is welcome, too!** Every bag makes a difference for individuals and families facing food insecurity in our community. **Our**

Goal: 60

Pounds of Rice by September 27! Please bring your donations to church and help us reach our goal. **One pound at a time**, we can celebrate 60 years of caring, compassion, and service to our neighbors!

Let's fill the collection area with rice and show our gratitude for Doorstep's six decades of faithfully serving our community!

**"Love your neighbor as yourself."
Mark 12:31**

**WSBC Doorstep Coordinator,
Chuck C.**



DOORSTEP
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

60 FOR 60

COMMUNITY CHALLENGE



60
1 LB BAGS
White or Brown
RICE



 PLEASE CONTACT US AT:
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 FOR MORE INFO CONTACT OUR
COORDINATOR: BONNIE GOODWIN

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Presented by

DR. GREGG HEMMEN
ABCCR Executive Minister



Six different perspectives.
One better conversation.
Better decisions.
Stronger together.



**SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 20, 2026**



NEW LIFE BAPTIST CHURCH
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Topeka, KS 66604
www.nlbctop.org

SCHEDULE

4:00 PM	Mission Update
4:30 PM	Business Meeting
5:00 PM	Supper
6:00 – 7:00 PM	Program Six Thinking Hats



SUPPER

A **FREEWILL OFFERING** will be received to help cover the cost of the meal. **Come enjoy good food, great fellowship, and time to build friendships!**



MISSION PROJECT

LIBERIA BRICK-BY-BRICK PROJECT
Help us raise \$10,000.00 in matching funds to build a new church in Liberia, West Africa



JOIN US!

Fellowship. Business. Learning.
Mission. Making a difference together
for God's kingdom.

*We look forward to
seeing you there!*

WORSHIP

The Revised Common
Lectionary Texts Year A

SCRIPTURE READER

Angie Foster

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Exodus 12:1-14 | Psalm 149

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Exodus 14:19-31 | Psalm 114

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

25TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Exodus 16:2-15 | Psalm 105

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

26TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Exodus 17:1-7 | Psalm 78

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

GOSPEL READER

Deacon Sonia Roling

Volunteers Needed For

acolyte
ministry

SEPTEMBER USHERS

HEAD: Clarence Payne

Betty A, Andrew C,

Nancy L, Jack J

COMMUNION SERVERS

Steve & Janelle H

Angie F & Tera T

Shawn & Jennifer E

COORDINATOR OF WORSHIP

Matthew S.

BACK TO CHURCH

SUNDAY —

SEPTEMBER 6: What if everyone came to church? We'd have more than 100 people worshipping together! This Back to Church Sunday, let's make

it a day to reconnect, worship, encourage one another, and celebrate being the church together. **Save the date.**

Invite a friend. Bring your family.

Come worship!

Sunday, September 6 • Worship at 10:30 AM



WATCH LIVE

**Worship Online with US on
our YouTube Channel**

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

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BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY



IT'S TIME TO GET BACK TO CHURCH & HELP OTHERS FIND THEIR PLACE Sunday, September 20, 2026

WORSHIP GOD

Take time away from the noise and distractions of life to pray, sing, give thanks, and focus your heart on God. We were created to worship!



GROW IN FAITH

Explore the Bible, ask questions, and discover how following Jesus can make a difference in everyday life.



BUILD FRIENDSHIPS

We are working to move beyond simply being a friendly church to becoming a community of authentic friends—people who know, encourage, support, and care for one another.



FIND HELP



Life can be difficult. Church reminds us that we are not alone. We have people to pray with us, walk beside us, and encourage us.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Together, we can accomplish more than we ever could alone. Through serving our neighbors and sharing God's love, the church becomes a blessing to our community.



A PLACE FOR FAMILY

Children, youth, and adults all need a safe place to grow, learn, and love. Church can become a spiritual home for generations



ACTIVITY PAGE



SEPTEMBER WORD SEARCH

Solve the following puzzle by finding all the hidden words!



ACORN	APPLES	AUTUMN
BACKPACK	COOL	CORN
CRISP	FALL	HARVEST
LEAVES	ORCHARD	PUMPKINS
SCARECROW	SCHOOL	SUNRISE
SUNSET	SWEATER	TEACHER

Name: _____ Date: _____



September Word Scramble



The letters of the words below are jumbled. Unscramble the letters and write the word on the blank line provided.

- | | |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1. LPCINSE _____ | 13. HTINN _____ |
| 2. LOOSCH _____ | 14. OBKOETON _____ |
| 3. SLAITFVES _____ | 15. IDRYEHA _____ |
| 4. PCKAAKBC _____ | 16. RISPC _____ |
| 5. MKOWREOH _____ | 17. KERA _____ |
| 6. RCDRHOA _____ | 18. TNAMUU _____ |
| 7. LLFA _____ | 19. RCEID _____ |
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SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 National Forgiveness Day 6:00 pm Ladies & Men's Night Out at Freddy's	2 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Baby Closet NURSERY 5:30 pm Free Supper 6:00 pm WWW Kids Bible Club 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Forbes AA	3 National Bowling League Day 1:00 pm Baby Closet 5:30 pm Women's Ministry	4 National Food Bank Day 	5 National Be Late for Something Day 1:30 pm Worship Team
6 COMMUNION NURSERY 9:00 am SS 10:30 am Worship 12:00 pm Soup Kitchen	7 CLOSED LABOR DAY Holiday No Baby Closet	8 National Star Trek Day 6:00 pm Council Meeting	9 National Wiener Schnitzel Day 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Baby Closet NURSERY 5:30 pm Free Supper 6:00 pm WWW Kids Bible Club 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Forbes AA	10 National Swap Ideas Day 1:00 pm Baby Closet	11 National Patriotic Day and National Day of Remembrance 	12 National Hug & High Five Day 10 am - 6 pm Church Directory Photos 1:30 pm Worship
13 Grandparent Day NURSERY 9:00 am SS 10:30 am Worship 1-4 pm Church Directory Photos	14 National Cream-Filled Donut Day 9:00 am Baby Closet	15 National Double Cheeseburger Day 	16 Mayflower Day 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Baby Closet NURSERY 5:30 pm Free Supper 6:00 pm WWW Kids Bible Club 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Forbes AA	17 Constitution & Citizenship Day 1:00 pm Baby Closet	18 National POW / MIA Recognition Day	19 11 am Men's Retreat at Cokeley Farm 1:30 pm Worship Team
20 NURSERY 9:00 am SS 10:30 am Worship 12:00 pm Soup Kitchen 4:00 pm NE Area Meeting	21 Yom Kippur & National Pecan Cookie Day 9:00 am Baby Closet	22 Autumnal Equinox 5:30 pm Christian Ed Meeting 6:30 pm Fellowship Meeting	23 National Pie Day 10:30 am Bible Study 11:30 am Book Club 3:30 pm Baby Closet NURSERY 5:30 pm Free Supper 6:00 pm WWW Kids Bible Club 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Forbes AA	24 National Punctuation Day!? 1:00 pm Baby Closet	25 National Daughter Day 8:00 am ABCCR Annual Gathering (KC)	26 National Pancake Day 1:30 pm Worship Team 2:30 pm Worship Committee
27 Camp Sunday NURSERY 9:00 am SS 10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm Book Club	28 National Good Neighbor Day 9:00 am Baby Closet 6:00 pm DAR	29 National Coffee Day  6:00 pm Outreach Meeting	30 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Baby Closet NURSERY 5:30 pm Free Supper 6:00 pm WWW Kids Bible Club 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Forbes AA	01 National Punkin Spice Day  1:00 pm Baby Closet	02 National Smarties Day	03 National Play Outside Day 1:30 pm Worship Team