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FROM THE PASTOR: “GET INVOLVED!”

WORLD MISSIONS & THE WORLD MISSION OFFERING

Cross-cultural missions and international service are the heartbeat of our faith as Christians. God calls each of us to serve locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally! Each October, we are invited to “Get Involved” in God’s global work. This year, International Ministries reminds us that God is still **rebuilding, restoring, and renewing** lives and communities in the world.

World Missions - and the World Mission Offering (WMO) - is more than writing a check or giving money. It’s an invitation to get involved: **PRAY! GIVE! WELCOME! and GO!**

PRAY! — Global mission begins on our knees and in our homes. The Church is invited to pray for the men and women serving around the world, for their families, for ministry partners, for the lost, and for the communities God serves. We are to asked for healing, peace, wisdom, protection, boldness, and opportunities to share the good news of Jesus. Hang photos of global servants on your mirrors or walls to remember to pray for them. Pick up or download the 2026 Prayer Calendar to pray for global servants and ministries throughout the world.

GIVE! — Our gifts help support global servants, international ministry partners, training, pastoral care, crisis response, food programs, water security, economic development, and the ministries of International Ministries around the world. When we give to the WMO, we participate together in God’s mission so that no one church or group carries the whole burden.

WELCOME! — Make mission part of your life and home. Share a mission story. Host a global servant for supper or overnight! **Help us welcome Jae Stockton on Wednesday, October 14 at 6:00 PM.** Come, learn, (continued next page)



be inspired, and see how you can get involved!
GO! — God invites ordinary people to say “YES” to his mission. Ask God to call you to serve! And when God calls, say “Yes” to a short-term mission experience in the US, Puerto Rico, Alaska, Mexico, or Oklahoma; a long-term calling, serving locally, supporting someone who is going, or simply taking the next step God places before us. Pray God “stirs hearts to say ‘Yes’ to serve, to learn, to give and to go.”

God is bringing hope where there is hardship, healing where there is brokenness, and new life where communities need restoration. Through education, health care, discipleship, leadership development, community development, and the proclamation of the gospel, global servants and ministry partners are joining God in his restorative work.

Let's get involved in God's World Mission

PRAY! GIVE! WELCOME! GO!

Together, we can be partners in God's work around the world.



~ World blessings,
 Pastor Ivan+

PS. Give Generously—and Sacrificially—in worship or online at <https://west-side-baptist-church.square.site/>



Join us on **Sunday, October 4**, 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.



REFORMATION SUNDAY - OCTOBER 25 – WEAR RED!

On **Reformation Sunday**, 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.

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OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION

October is Pastor Appreciation Month! Join us as we celebrate and give thanks for the Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter and his faithful leadership, preaching, and care for our church family. Let's show our appreciation through prayers, cards, and words of encouragement. A special recognition will be held during the last Sunday in October during worship—come help us say "thank you, Pastor Ivan!"



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



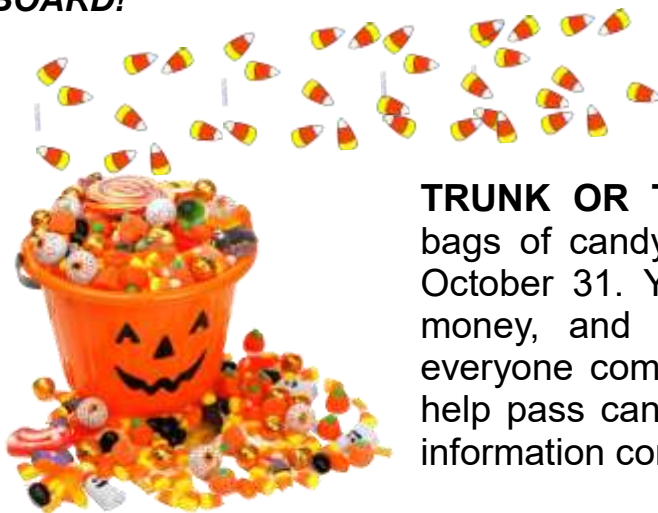
SAVE THE DATE: CHURCH FAMILY PUMPKIN PATCH TRIP! On Sunday, **October 11 | 2:00–4:00 PM:** Grab your family, invite a friend, and join us for an afternoon of pumpkins, fun, and fellowship at **Shively Farms Pumpkin Patch, 5840 SE Croco Rd, Berryton, KS 66409!** The Church pays the admission fee for children and youth. After the pumpkin patch, we'll head to **Maurice & Traci Brown's home for a Potluck Bonfire!** □ Bring a favorite dish to share and enjoy a relaxed evening together around the fire. All ages welcome!

Pumpkin Patch: 2:00-4:00 PM

Potluck Bonfire: 4:00 PM Following the pumpkin patch

Come make some memories with your West Side church family! ***Pumpkins, potluck, and a bonfire, what could be better?***

SIGN UP ONLINE or on the BULLETIN BOARD!

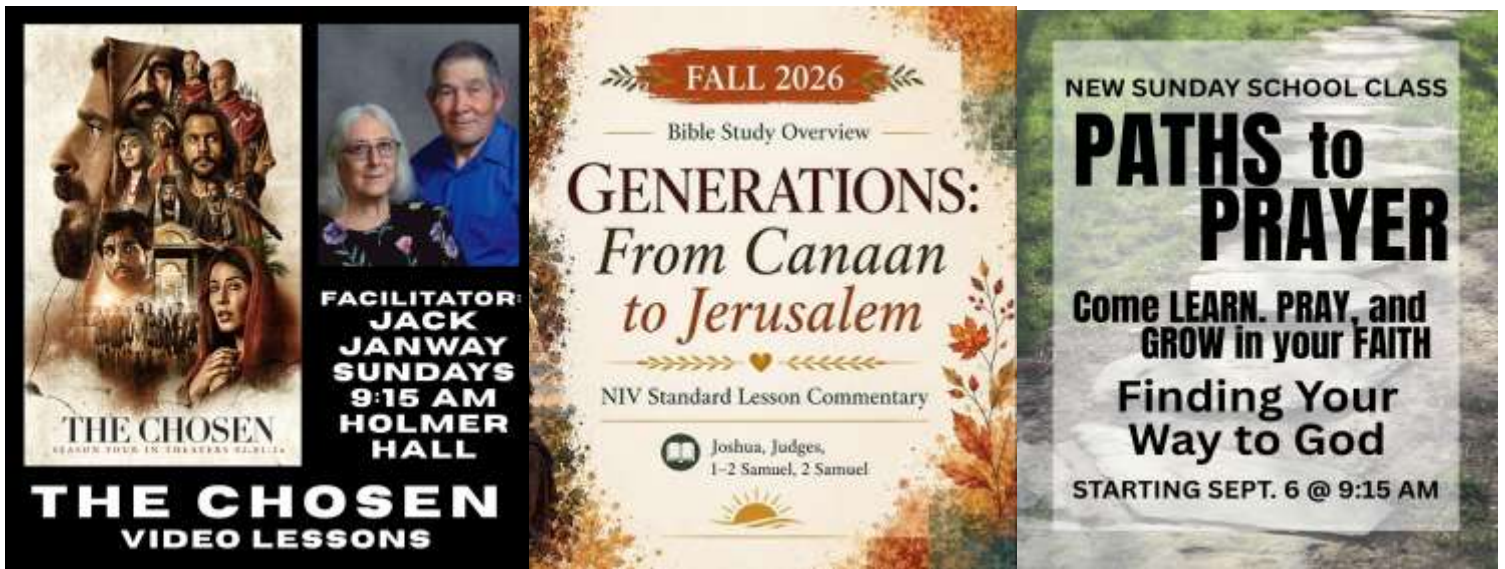


TRUNK OR TREAT – Start thinking about bringing in bags of candy to help with trunk or treat on Saturday, October 31. You can donate bags of candy or donate money, and we will purchase candy. Hope to see everyone come out Saturday at 5:30 pm October 31 to help pass candy out and enjoy the fun. Watch for more information coming out soon on this event.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



There is a Sunday School Class for Everyone!



FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST - New classes have begun. We will continue to have breakfast snacks/food available at 9:00 am. The Fellowship and Membership committee will provide food on the first, third and fifth Sundays of each month. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for anyone who would like to provide food on the second and fourth Sundays. Please have items for approximately 30 people here prior to 9:00 am. Juice and coffee

are provided. We appreciate your help!

~ The Fellowship Committee

FELLOWSHIP & MEMBERSHIP

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Sharing Love Through a Meal Train

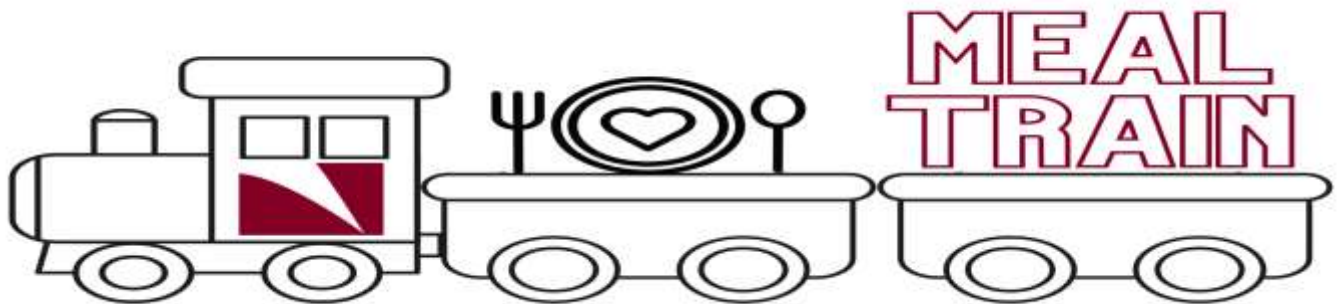
At West Side Baptist Church, we believe that one of the most meaningful ways we can care for one another is by simply showing up—and sometimes that means showing up with a meal.

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



*Men's & Ladies Night
Out
LaRocca's
3100 SW Gage Blvd
Tuesday
October 6 at 6:00 PM*

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our Church Finances

Our income for the first seven months of the year was \$284,995.68 which is 88.54% of our budget of \$288,680.

Our expenses for the first seven months of the year were \$245,309.82 which is 64.04% of our budget.

The difference of income to expenses for these seven months is \$39,685.86.

Our checking account balance on the balance sheet is \$16,081.85. This includes: \$16,807.15 in (#1001) main account; \$4,270.63 in (#1003) Outreach funds; \$3,455.91 in (#1006) 10% Missions of Capital Campaign; \$3,064.09 (#1009) Youth Fund; \$3,630.71 in (#1030) Benevolent Fund; and \$100 (#1070) Petty Cash.

Although we budgeted \$33,187 from our Endeavor Investments for building maintenance and some major projects, we recently transferred an additional \$20,000 from Endeavor to our checking account. This will help pay for the improvements of the west parking lot for \$6,825 and the downpayment for the new tile flooring on the first floor for \$3,901.

The Memorials Committee has had several requests for funds. They include:

The Technology Committee requests \$1,580 for a replacement for the sanctuary sound system. The committee will use \$559.22 from Don Manley's memorial and the remaining from Nadine Manley's memorial.

The Technology Committee requests \$1,147 for 3 Mini PCs at \$319 each along with three wireless keyboards and mouse and one 24" monitor for the library. The committee will use \$1,147 from Trena Ansell's memorial.

The committee is purchasing more hymnals for the sanctuary. Number and cost to be determined. The committee will use the remainder of Nadine Manley's memorial and, if needed, some of Portia Allbert's memorial for this purchase.

The committee is purchasing more Bibles needed in the sanctuary. Number and cost to be determined. The committee will use Don Johnson's memorial for this purchase.

The committee also approved the use of Jeffrey Fuller's memorial to be used for activities for those in recovery.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks.

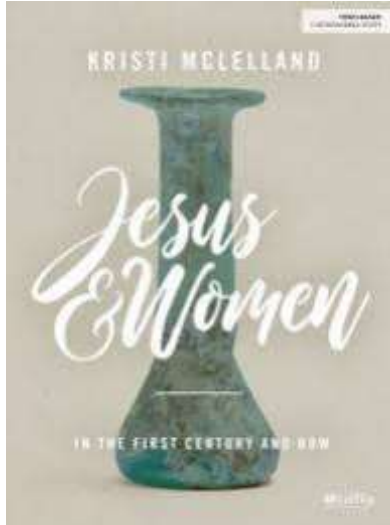
Nancy Lindberg, Treasurer



GET INVOLVED!

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1st -

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. I want 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 that we have learned about each other, I believe it's time to learn and understand what Jesus thinks about Women. How he interacted with them and how he was lifting them up in a culture that did not respect women. We have started and have completed the 1 of 7 in the series but you can still come be a part of exploring *Jesus & Women: In the First Century and Now* by Kristi McLelland. We will continue to meet the first Thursday night of every month from 5:30 - 7:00 pm 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. Our Food theme is Israeli food.

~ Traci Brown

CHRISTIAN CLASSICS BOOK CLUB

We are reading a new book in **OCTOBER & NOVEMBER : "THE RULE AND EXERCISES OF HOLY LIVING AND HOLY DYING"** by **Jeremy Taylor** Join the discussion on:

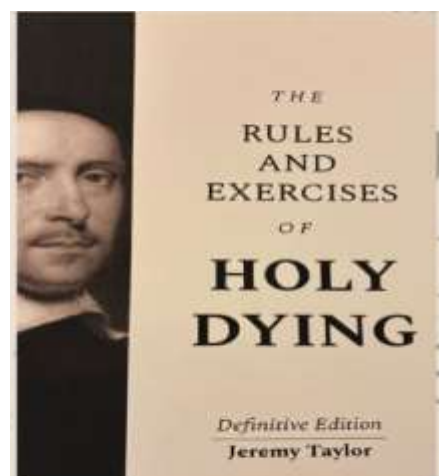
- ◆ **OCTOBER 25** at **11:30 AM**
FOURTH SUNDAY and
- ◆ **OCTOBER 28** at **5:30 PM**
FOURTH WEDNESDAY
- ◆ **NOVEMBER 22** at **5:30 PM**
FOURTH SUNDAY and
- ◆ **NOVEMBER 25** at **11:30 PM**
FOURTH WEDNESDAY

***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>.



The Seven Female Disciples of Christ



MISSION



Join us for supper on **October 14th** and stay to learn more about Deborah House ministry in Tijuana , Mexico from 6:00-7:00 in Holmer Hall. Jae Stockton will share her experiences of teaching computer classes to women and supervising the online education of their children. Jae also provides IT assistance to seminary students at the Mexicali campus and online for the Master of Theological Studies Latino/a Ministries program for Palmer Theological Seminary.

Then the following week join the kids and teachers from WWW, as we assemble hygiene kits and snack bags to be distributed to unhoused members of our community by MAP (Mobile Access Partnership). This partnership between Topeka Rescue Mission, Astra Mental Health and Recovery, Stormont Vail Health, Shawnee County Health Department, Topeka Street Dog Coalition, and Topeka Police Department seeks to offer a hand-up to individuals and families of our city. So come out for supper on **Oct 21st** and help stuff blessing bags for this vital ministry. Supper that evening will be pizza at 5:30 pm and then projects will begin at 6:00 pm.



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Deacon Janelle Hood

OCTOBER 4, 2026

27th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

OCTOBER 11, 2026

28th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Exodus 32:1-14

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

OCTOBER 18, 2026

29th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Exodus 33:12-23

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

OCTOBER 25, 2026

30th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34 - 46

Volunteers Needed For

acolyte
ministry

OCTOBER USHERS

HEAD: Clarence Payne

Pat C. Al C, Andrew C,

Brian H, Jack J,

COMMUNION SERVERS

Mark & Betty A,

Clarence & Alice P

Brice & Colleen S

COORDINATOR OF WORSHIP

Matt S



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October WORD SEARCH



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Praise God
Uplift others
Meditate on God's Word
Pray about everything
Know your limits
Influence others for good
Never give up



Apples
Bat
Coat
Corn
Fall
Hayride
Leaves

Mask
October
Pumpkin
Rake
Red
Treat
Windy



Word search



Halloween
Trick
Treat
Costume
Pranks
Witch
Spider
Pumpkin

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God 
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beautiful
in its time. -Ecclesiastes 3:11
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Hello OCTOBER

Sun

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October is Pastor Appreciation Month  				1 1:00 pm Baby Closet 5:30 pm Women's	2	3 1:30 pm Worship Team
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