

WEST SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

THE WITNESS

NOVEMBER 2026
A SEASON OF THANKSGIVING

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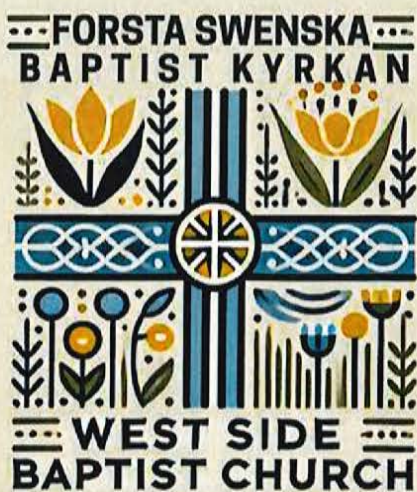
O GIVE THANKS
UNTO THE LORD
FOR HE IS GOOD.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
TIME ENDS



Fall back, not behind!
CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS and
join us on time for worship.

2:00 a.m. on Sunday,
November 1, 2026



► FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Transformative Power of Gratitude: I'm Grateful for YOU!

November is a delightful time of year to pause and reflect on the power of gratitude. Gratitude is more than recognizing something beautiful or saying simply saying, "thank you." It is a way of seeing the world through the eyes of faith—*recognizing God's goodness, celebrating life's blessings, and finding hope even during difficult times.*

Research shows that practicing gratitude can improve our emotional well-being, reduce stress, strengthen relationships, increase happiness, and connect us to the Divine. ***When we focus on what we have rather than what we lack, our perspective begins to change.***

Gratitude reminds us that even life's ordinary moments can be extraordinary gifts.

Scripture encourages us to make thanksgiving a daily...

WEST SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

IT'S COMING...
...SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 22

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A PLACE TO BELONG, BELIEVE, AND BE INVOLVED

DATES TO REMEMBER IN NOVEMBER

All Saints Day & Holy Communion	1
Council Mtg	10
Women's Min	12
Worship Com	14
Deacons Lunch	15
Mission Com	18
Book Club AM	18
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Consecration Sun .	22
Book Club PM	22
Office CLOSED .	23-27
Thanksgiving	26
Black Friday	27
Hanging of the Greens	28
First Sunday of Advent	29

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practice. The Apostle writes, "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.
Psalms 136:1, 26



This echoes the Psalmist's call to worship,

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods.

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords:

His love endures forever."

We may not feel like being thankful for every circumstance, but we can always find reasons to be thankful in every circumstance because our feelings change, but the facts stay the same: **God's love and faithfulness never fail...His love endures forever!**

Years ago in November, I made a list of everything I was grateful for in preparation for Thanksgiving...and it was an eye-opening experience. It showed me not only what blessings I had received, but it also helped me make a list of my family and friends. **God showed me the magnitude of His generosity to me and others.**

As a church, we have so much to celebrate: **God's faithful love, the gift of Jesus Christ, our church family, new guests and visitors, and opportunities to serve our neighbors by sharing God's love with the world. God is good! And, so are YOU!**

This November, I will be adding you to my gratitude list! **"I'm grateful for YOU!"** As a church family, you have been gracious, kind, generous, and supportive of my family and me through a rough year. Thank you for the many kind expressions of love and appreciation this year and during Pastor Appreciation Month! I am deeply grateful for the thoughtful cards, encouraging words, generous gifts, and monetary blessings. Your encouragement means more than words can express. Thank you for making me feel appreciated, loved, and supported. I am grateful for West Side Baptist Church and look forward to all that God has in store for us!

**Warm Connections and
Happy Thanksgiving!**

Blessings,
Pastor Ivan+

Happy
THANKSGIVING
THANKFUL - GRATEFUL - BLESSED

NEWS & INFORMATION: Scan the QR Code or visit the Church Website (www.wsbctopeka.org) for the latest news, updates, and announcements. Download the newsletters, submit prayer requests, and subscribe to the e-news. Stay connected and informed!

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INCLEMENT Weather Policy

INCLEMENT WEATHER Policies and Procedures

As we enter the winter season, we want to ensure everyone stays safe and informed during inclement weather or emergencies. Please review the following guidelines for program and worship cancellations:

CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS: All children's programs - including Sunday School, WWW Kids Bible Club and Youth Events - **will be canceled when: The US National Weather Service issues a Weather Warning or Emergency.** The State of Kansas, Shawnee County, or the City of Topeka declares a Weather Emergency, or **Topeka Public Schools (USD 501) closes or cancels school or after-school programming.**

CHURCH BUILDING, OFFICE & COMMUNITY PROGRAMS: The Church building and Offices - as well as our Community Assistance Programs (e.g., the BABY CLOSET, and BENEVOLENCE) and Community/ Neighborhood Meetings (e.g., AA, TOPS, etc.), **will close when: The US National Weather Service issues a Weather Warning or Emergency.** The State of Kansas, Shawnee County, or the City of Topeka declares a Weather Emergency.

In the event of cancellation or an emergency, we will notify our community as soon as possible through the following channels:

- **CHURCH WEBSITE:** Visit our webpage [<https://wsbctopeka.org>] for announcements.
- **FACEBOOK:** www.facebook.com/wsbctopeka.
- **LOCAL TV STATIONS:** KSNT and WIBW
- **TEXT MESSAGE: SUBSCRIBE by TEXTING** "Subscribe" to (785) 337-5268.

If weather impacts overnight, announcements will be made by 7:00 AM on Sunday morning via these platforms.

WORSHIP SERVICES will ONLY be canceled by the unanimous approval of the Church Moderator, Coordinator of Worship, and Pastor.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Stay Safe and Stay Warm

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAYS: PASTOR'S DAY OFF

MONDAYS - CLOSED

TUESDAYS-THURSDAYS

8:00AM to 4:30PM

FRIDAYS: 8:00AM to 12:00PM

WEST SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Phone: (785) 233-4241

Email: office@wsbctopeka.org

OFFICE CLOSED

The Church Office will be CLOSED on the following holidays in November:

- Tuesday, Nov. 10 - VETERAN'S DAY
- Thursday, Nov. 26 - THANKSGIVING
- Friday, Nov. 27 - BLACK FRIDAY

WEST SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

ONLY ONE NUMBER TO CALL

(785) 233-4241

Call Day or Night!

Make one phone call to reach the Baby Closet, The Office, the Pastor, a Deacon, the Van Driver, Help with utilities, rent, and more. DAY or NIGHT!

Listen to the Prompts!

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WWW KIDS BIBLE CLUB: BIBLE BUCKS & STORE

Bible Bucks is a fun rewards program that encourages children to grow in faith, participate in church, and invite others to



experience the love of Jesus! Kids can earn Bible Bucks by:

- Attending Sunday School and
- Attend Worship (Highest Priority)
- Bringing Their Bible,
- Bringing Their Friends and Again
- Learning to Memorize Scripture,
- Participating in WWW Kids Bible Club,
- Good Behavior and Good Choices,
- Serving Others and Being Involved in God's Mission

Kids can save their Bible Bucks to shop for toys, treats, holiday gifts, and other prizes, contribute toward summer camp, or even choose opportunities to help others and support missions. Bible Bucks teaches children that faithfulness, generosity, and sharing God's love can make a difference!

EARN IT. SAVE IT. SPEND IT. GIVE IT.

In NOVEMBER
we continue reading

"THE RULE AND
EXERCISE OF HOLY
DYING"
by Jeremy Taylor

Join the discussion on:
+ WEDNESDAY
NOV. 18 11:30 AM
+ SUNDAY
NOV. 22 at 5:30 PM
Holmer Hall

You Don't Have to Read
or Listen to the Book of
Join the Discussion.



THE
RULES
AND
EXERCISES
OF
**HOLY
LIVING**

Definitive Edition
Jeremy Taylor

Discipleship & Christian Education

Growing in Faith Together

"Train up a child in the way he should go..."
PROVERBS 22:6

Bible Study & Prayer

Dig deeper.
Grow stronger.
Walk closer to God.

Sunday School & Adult Formation

Learn together.
Ask questions.
Discover more.

Children's & Youth Ministries

Build faith.
Make friends.
Change the world.

Small Groups & Life Groups

Do life together.
Encourage one another.
Follow Jesus.

Spiritual Formation

Becoming more like Christ -- every day.

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Follow Jesus

WEDNESDAYS WWW KIDS BIBLE CLUB

Where Every Kid Belongs

FREE SUPPER @ 5:30 PM
BIBLE CLUBS @ 6:00 PM
Register Today at <https://wsbctopeka.org/kids>

West Side Baptist Church

Book Club

READ • REFLECT • DISCUSS • GROW

VOTE

for the 2027
Christian Book Club
Reading List!

We're choosing the books together! Visit the link below to explore the 2027 Christian Book Club reading list from RENEW.org and vote for the titles you'd like us to read and discuss.

wsbctopeka.org/book-club/

Great books. Deeper faith. A stronger us.

▶ PEOPLE MATTER TO GOD! GET ON BOARD MEAL TRAIN



One meaningful way we care for one another is by showing up—and sometimes that means showing up with a meal! We have launched a **Meal Train Ministry** to support church family members during times of grief, illness, recovery, welcoming a new baby, or other unexpected life challenges.

You can participate by preparing a meal, purchasing one, or arranging delivery. When a need arises, you'll receive an email with a Meal Train link where you can choose a date that works for you.

Thank you for helping us share God's love, encourage one another, and care for our church family—one meal at a time!

~ Colleen, Fellowship Coordinator

CHURCH FAMILY PUMPKIN PATCH & BONFIRE POTLUCK

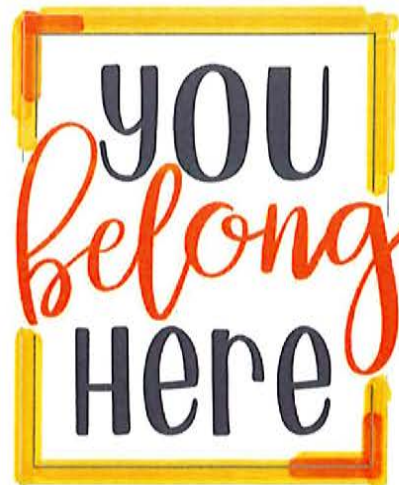
Fifteen kids and adults had a great time at Shively Farm and Pumpkin Patch on Sunday, Oct. 11, enjoying fall fun, food, pumpkins, and fellowship! The fun continued with a festive bonfire at the Brown family's home—thanks to everyone who came and made it such a wonderful time together!



Church Family Shively Pumpkin Patch Trip

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY LUNCHEON

Join us on Sunday, November 22, following worship, for our Stewardship Sunday luncheon. This special gathering will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate God's blessings, enjoy fellowship with our church family, and reflect on the importance of stewardship in our lives and our church. **We will enjoy pizza for lunch and a delicious dessert bar.** Everyone is invited to bring their favorite dessert to share as we gather around the table for good food, sweet treats and wonderful fellowship. **Sign up information for pizza will be available soon, so watch for more details.** We look forward to celebrating with you!



Fellowship & Belonging

Real People. Meaningful Relationships. A Welcoming Church Family.

"All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it."
1 CORINTHIANS 12:27

Make Friends
Build authentic relationships and experience the joy of Christian community.

Find Your Church Family
You belong here—just as you are.

Share Life Together
Support, encourage, and walk through life's joys and challenges.

Serve Together
Use your gifts and talents to make a difference in our church and community.

Be Part of Something Bigger
Together we are stronger—locally, nationally, and globally.

West Side Baptist Church
BELONG • BELIEVE • BE INVOLVED

All Are Welcome!



"The strongest communities are built one shared action, one helping hand, and one hopeful moment at a time."



Local Outreach & Community Service

Serving our neighbors through ministries such as the Baby Closet, Doorstep partnerships, school outreach, and community events.



DOORSTEP

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

At Doorstep, we provide our neighbors with the support they need to live fuller, more self-sufficient lives, such as:

- Food and Clothing
- Rent and Mortgage
- Medication / Prescriptions
- Transportation...and More

<https://www.doorsteppeka.org>

JELLY DRIVE FOR DOORSTEP!

Can we collect 100 jars of jelly by Wednesday, November 11? Doorstep, Inc., our local mission partner, urgently needs jelly to help feed our neighbors in need. Bring unopened jars of any kind—grape jelly, strawberry preserves, raspberry jam, apple jelly, and more.

Glass and plastic jars are welcome!

Drop off your donations at church and help us share God's love, one jar at a time! ❤️

🎯 OUR GOAL: 100 JARS! One jar may seem like a small gift, but together, we can make a big difference. Let's fill the shelves at Doorstep and share God's love—one jar at a time

CEREAL DRIVE

for Lowman Hill Elementary!



Can we collect
40
boxes of cereal
by Sunday,
November 15?

Help West Side Baptist Church fill Thanksgiving boxes for Lowman Hill Elementary School families in need!

❤️ Bring boxes of kid-favorite cereals—like Cheerios, Frosted Flakes, Froot Loops, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, or Lucky Charms—to church.

Every box helps make Thanksgiving a little brighter for a local family! ❤️

LOMAN HILL CEREAL DRIVE!

Can we collect 40 boxes of cereal by Sunday, November 15? Help West Side Baptist Church fill holiday boxes for Lowman Hill Elementary School families! Bring boxes of kid-favorite cereals—like Cheerios, Frosted Flakes, Froot Loops, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, or Lucky Charms—to church. Every box helps make Thanksgiving a little brighter for a local family! ❤️ **Bring Your Donations to the Church by Sunday, November 15, 2026.**

Jelly Drive

for Doorstep, Inc.

Our local mission partner urgently needs jars of jelly to help feed our neighbors in need.



DOORSTEP, INC.
Neighbors Helping Neighbors



Let's collect
100
jars by
Wed., Nov. 11!

What can you bring?

- ♥ Grape jelly
- ♥ Strawberry preserves
- ♥ Raspberry or blackberry jam
- ♥ Apple jelly or apple butter
- ♥ Any other kind your family loves!



Glass or plastic jars are welcome!

Please bring unopened jars to church by Wednesday, November 11.

OUR GOAL:
100 JARS!

~ A little sweetness goes a long way! ~

Together, we can make a big difference and share God's love—one jar at a time!



How are we doing?

TREASURERS FINANCIAL UPDATE

OUR INCOME for the first nine months of the year was \$314,537.87 which is 97.7% of our income budget of \$321,867.00.

OUR EXPENSES for the first nine months of the year were \$267,973.73 which is 70.0% of our \$383,035.00 expenditure budget. The difference of income to expenses for these nine months is \$46,564.14.

OUR CHECKING account balance on the Statement of Financial Position report is \$18,173.18. This includes: -\$7,093.15 in (#1001) main account; \$5,651.25 in (#1003) Outreach funds; \$3,455.91 in (#1006) 10% Missions of Capital Campaign; \$3,064.09 (#1009) Youth Fund; \$2,611.71 in (#1030) Benevolent Fund; and \$100 (#1070) Petty Cash.

BUILDING EXPENSES: We had a number of building expenses this summer out of the Capital Campaign and Building Maintenance and these expenses **required us to transfer from our Endeavor investments a total of \$58,187.00 of the budgeted \$33,187.00 which is 175.3% of our budget.**

BUDGET PREP: Council members are busy working on their budget proposals for the 2027 budget. It will be prepared for our congregation to review at the December All-Church Breakfast Meeting. Please plan to attend and help us decide on our church finances for 2027.

THIRD QUARTER STATEMENT have been distributed. If you did not receive yours, please let me or the church office know.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.
~ Nancy Lindberg, Treasurer



GOOD AND FAITHFUL

2026 Stewardship
Campaign | Nov. 8, 15 & 22

***"Well done, good and faithful servant!" —
Matthew 25:21***

Everything we have is a gift from God. As faithful disciples, we are called to share our time, talents, and financial resources to support God's work.

This November, the Church invites you to participate in our "Good and Faithful" stewardship campaign. Our offerings make ministry possible—from worship and children's programs to caring for neighbors and supporting missions around the world.

During our three Sundays of stewardship, we will reflect on generosity through Scripture, prayer, and personal testimonies.

Households will receive a letter and confidential estimate of giving card, inviting everyone to prayerfully consider their financial commitment in 2027 to ministry and God's mission.

Consecration Sunday is November 22, when we will dedicate our Estimates of Giving during worship, followed by a special fellowship reception.

We do not give because the church has needs. **We give because we have a need to give and be generous to God who has been generous to us!**

**We Hope to See You on
Consecration Sunday, Nov. 22**



SPECIAL THANKSGIVING OFFERING: We are always grateful for the generous gifts we receive during the holidays, including the Thanksgiving Offering. Gifts this year will help fund the maintenance on this beautiful building God has given us. Mark gifts "Thanksgiving."



Music Ministry

Making a joyful noise together!



Music is an important part of worship at West Side Baptist Church. Whether you sing, ring, play an instrument, or simply love making a joyful noise, there's a place for you!

Chancel Choir



Leads our congregation in song and offers special music throughout the year, including Christmas, Easter and other holiday celebrations.

Practices periodically on Wednesday evenings as needed for Holiday Specials and worship opportunities.

Handbell Choir



Uses handbells to create beautiful, joyful, and expressive music for worship and special occasions.

No previous handbell or musical experience is required! Just bring a willingness to learn, practice, and make music together. Practices are scheduled periodically.

Worship Team



Brings together musicians who lead worship through contemporary and traditional music on Sundays.

Bring your instrument and join us!

Rehearsal: Saturdays at 1:30 PM

The Worship Team works together to prepare music for Sunday worship and welcomes musicians of all skill levels.

Ministry of Worship



Partners with the Pastor and other church leaders to plan meaningful and inspiring worship experiences. Coordinates special elements of worship, including palm branches,

Easter and Christmas flowers, and other gifts and decorations when appropriate.

Also supports the Personnel Committee by assisting in the development of job descriptions for music staff.

Through these efforts, it helps create worship that engages the congregation and honors God.

Use Your Gifts!

God gives each of us different gifts—and music is one beautiful way to share those gifts with others. *Sing. Ring. Play. Lead. Serve.*

COME BE PART OF MAKING A JOYFUL NOISE AT WEST SIDE!

FORSTA SWENSKA BAPTIST KYRKAN
WEST SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

Handbell Practice

Thank you to everyone who has expressed interest in joining our handbell group! We're excited to get started.

Wednesday, October 14 | **7:05 PM** | **Music Room at West Side Baptist Church**

How to Find the Music Room:

- 1 Enter through the north-side door.
- 2 Go up the ramp.
- 3 Turn right before you enter the sanctuary.
- 4 Continue past the offices and restrooms (women's and handicap).
- 5 Then turn right into the music room.

We look forward to seeing everyone there and making some beautiful music together! ♥

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE to the LORD!

The WSBC Handbell Choir is a new music ministry at West Side Baptist Church, using handbells to create beautiful, joyful, and expressive music for worship and special occasions.

No musical or handbell experience is required! All you need is a willingness to learn, practice, and make music together. Whether you've played handbells before or have never picked one up, you are welcome to join us.

PRACTICES: WEDNESDAYS

7:05 – 8:00 PM

WHERE: WSBC Church Music Room

JOIN THE WORSHIP TEAM: Your gift. Your instrument. Your voice. No auditions! Do you play an instrument? Sing? Have a gift for helping lead others in worship? The Worship Team is an informal group of musicians who help lead worship through contemporary and traditional music on Sunday. Bring your instrument and join us! Rehearsal: Saturdays at 1:30 PM



West Side
BAPTIST CHURCH
Jesus-loving • Bible-believing • World-changing

All Are Welcome!

MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING

**Wed., November 18
11:30 AM**

**WSBC Holmer Hall (first floor)
1008 SW 4th Street, Topeka, KS**

Join us as we discuss current mission opportunities, upcoming trips, and ways we can make a global impact together!

Pray Plan Serve

HOLY BIBLE

Together in Mission
LOCAL • NATIONAL • GLOBAL

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WMO 2026

Goal \$2,500

We're Almost To Our GOAL:

Donate to the World Mission Offering

\$2,319

raised • 93%



A MESSAGE FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee is wanting to gauge your interest in a couple of mission trip opportunities. The first is being proposed for March of 2027 to visit Murrow Indian Children's Home in Muskogee, Oklahoma. Murrow has been providing a home for Native American children who have been placed in protective custody because of abuse or neglect. Murrow has been providing care for over 150 years. This opportunity is open to all ages.

We are also considering a visit to Deborah's House in Tijuana, Mexico. Deborah's House provides a safe haven for women and their children fleeing domestic abuse. It also provides counseling, pastoral care, and vocational training for women, and educational support to children. Because of its location, a passport is required and we are limiting participation to adults. If you are interested in either or both of these opportunities, please talk to me or Pastor Ivan. Watch for more information as it becomes available.

~ Betty Arnold, Mission Committee Coordinator

Thank you for your continued support for Doorstep. In honor of Doorstep's 60th anniversary, our goal was to collect 60 lbs of rice and to provide 60 feminine hygiene kits. **But your generosity supplied 242 lbs of rice for their food pantry and the 60 feminine hygiene kits.** For October we will be collecting soap for Doorstep. Our goal is 50 bars. **Our WWW kids and friends enjoyed pizza and coloring blessing cards while assembling 20 hygiene kits for distribution by Doorstep and 60 snack bags for the Moving Ahead Partnership (MAP).** MAP is a collaborative initiative that brings together medical, social, and behavioral health services for individuals experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity.

Sharing the Love of Christ with Local School Children

The Christmas Season is nearly here. We are having a food drive for families of Meadows Elementary and Lowman Hill Elementary. The past few years we have also had a "Mitten Tree" to donate warm hats, gloves, or mittens to needy students at these schools.

This year we are collecting new pairs of children's socks. Watch for this year's "Sock Tree" coming soon to the sanctuary. We are also collecting used shoes to donate to Sole Reason which collects and sells worn shoes and uses the money to purchase new shoes for children in our community. So now is the time to clean out your closet.





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Women's MINISTRY

Follow Us ON FACEBOOK!

Stay connected with the West Side Women's Ministry!

Volunteer Sisters in Christ



Scan Here!

UPCOMING EVENTS FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES BIBLE STUDIES & RESOURCES MINISTRY UPDATES WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Let's grow together in faith!

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Women of West Side can I just say how much my heart is full after our gatherings this fall?

Our Women's meetings are off to such a wonderful beginning! Not only are we feasting on the delicious food everyone so generously brings (the tables have been overflowing with love and good things!), we are also feasting on something even richer - Scripture and the beautiful, intentional way Jesus interacted with women.

We've been slowing down to look first at Jesus's own words and actions, discovering what those interactions truly meant in the culture and time He walked this earth. It's been eye-opening, encouraging, and deeply life-giving to see how highly He valued, respected, and elevated the women He encountered.

Every time we meet, I'm reminded again how seen and cherished we are by Him.

Mark your calendars and clear your Thursday, West Side Women!

When we gather again on Thursday, November 12th, we're going to take a gentle pause from our regular Bible study. Instead, we'll dig into one powerful little word: "helper." What does that word actually mean in the original Hebrew? And how many times does Scripture use it throughout the Old Testament? You might be surprised - and deeply encouraged - by what we uncover together. We'll open God's Word and let it show us what the Lord and Jesus want us to know about our true value and purpose in His eyes.

So here's my invitation to you. Come hungry for good food, good conversation, and the truth of Scripture. Bring a friend (or two!). Come ready to laugh, share, and grow in the knowledge of how deeply loved and significant you are to our Savior. We truly can't wait to sit around the table with you on November 12th. Don't miss this one - your seat is waiting, and so is the blessing God has for us as we study His Word together! See you there!

**Shabbat Shalom,
Reverend Traci Brown Chaplain**



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WEST SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

HELP US REACH 1,000 Followers!

648 CURRENT FOLLOWERS 352 TO GO!

Every follower helps us reach more people in our community with the love of Jesus, upcoming events, ministries, and worship services.

LIKE / FOLLOW our page SHARE this post INVITE a few friends to follow WSBC

Same Church. Bigger Impact.

More People. More Worship. A Greater Tomorrow.

REAL PEOPLE. REAL FAITH. A BRIGHTER TOMORROW.

The Revised Common Lectionary Texts:

NOVEMBER 1

ALL SAINT'S DAY

Revelation 7:9-17

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

NOVEMBER 8

32ND SUNDAY OF OT

Joshua 24:1-3A, 14-25

Psalm 78:1-7

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

NOVEMBER 15

33RD SUNDAY OF OT

Judges 4:1-7

Psalm 123

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

NOVEMBER 22

CHRIST THE KING

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 100

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

The Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) is a three-year cycle of weekly scripture readings used by the vast majority of mainline Protestant and ecumenical churches in North America and around the world. Developed by the Consultation on Common Texts (CCT)—an ecumenical group representing dozens of Christian denominations. Each cycle begins on the First Sunday of Advent.

NOVEMBER 29 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year B)

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37



SCRIPTURE READER: Andrew Carpenter

GOSPEL READER: Deacon Sonia Roling

COMMUNION SERVERS

Al C., Jim G., Rexanne G.,

Lonna H., Jack and Nelda J.



NOVEMBER USHERS

Head: Clarence P., Chuck C., Ernie L.,
Jack J. and Charles T.

ADVENT READERS: We are looking for volunteers to serve as Advent Readers during worship, beginning Sunday, November 29. Help us prepare our hearts for Christmas by sharing the Advent message with our church family!

Worship

**Celebrating God's Love
Together**

*"Let everything that has breath
praise the Lord!"*

PSALM 150:6



**Inspiring
Music**

Traditional hymns
to contemporary
songs — we lift
our voices together.



**Meaningful
Prayer**

We seek God's
guidance, grace,
and presence
in every season.



**The Word
of God**

Scripture shapes
our faith, our lives,
and our future.



**The Lord's
Table**

We remember
Christ's sacrifice
and share in His
grace and love.



**All Are
Welcome**

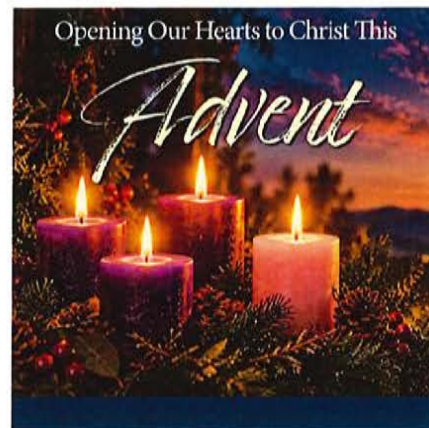
No matter where
you are on your faith
journey, you are
loved and invited.



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Follow Jesus.



PIE AUCTION – YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER!

Get ready for a sweet way to support our youth! On November 22nd, we will be holding a Pie Auction to raise funds for our Youth Group.

We are looking for people who would be willing to donate a homemade pie (or your favorite pie!) to help make this fundraiser a success. Each donated pie will be auctioned off to the highest bidder on November 22nd.

Whether you're known for your delicious apple pie, a family-favorite pecan pie, or something unique, we would love to have your contribution!

All proceeds will go toward supporting our Youth Group and their activities.

Want to donate a pie? Please Jennifer or Tera know! Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated. Let's make this a fun and successful fundraiser for our youth! Thank you for helping us make a difference, one pie at a time! 🥧



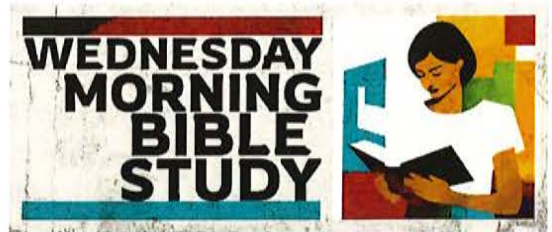
ANNUAL THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

Join us for our Annual Thanksgiving Potluck Fall Feast on Wednesday, November 18, from 5:30 to 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall (downstairs cafeteria). *All food is available for free! * The Church will provide the Turkey, green beans, and gravy...along with the paper plates plus silverware.

Bring potatoes, stuffing, vegetable side dishes, salads, and desserts to share. Everyone is invited and welcome!

RSVP: Reservation requested! Call the Church Office at (785) 233-4241 or RSVP ONLINE at

RSVP at <https://forms.gle/H CpMTvJcKeNUqmx86>



Letter of Philemon

Discover the Transforming Power of Grace! Join us as we explore Paul's Letter to Philemon, a powerful message about forgiveness, reconciliation, and seeing others through the eyes of Christ. This short but challenging letter invites us to put our faith into action, break down barriers, and embrace the transforming power of God's love. Come discover how the gospel changes relationships and shapes the way we live together!

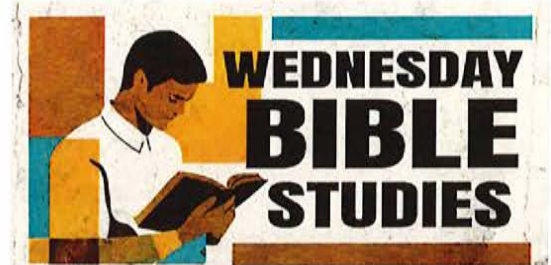
STUDY SCHEDULE | 10:30 AM:

November 4: Colossians 4:7-18

November 11: Philemon 1:1-20

November 18: Philemon 1:21-25

No Bible Study - November 25 –
Holiday Break



EXODUS: The Testimony of God's
Redemption – SEPTEMBER 2 –
DECEMBER 2 | 6:00 PM





Topeka Baby Closet

Fill the BABY CLOSET

COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

One small gift. One BIG difference!

1



GIVE ONE!
Donate a baby essential – diapers (especially sizes 4-6), wipes, or baby clothes.

2



CHALLENGE ONE!
Tag a friend, family member, or neighbor and challenge them to do the same!

3



SPREAD THE LOVE!
Share this post to help us reach even more people!

Items Always Needed:



DIAPERS
(Especially sizes 4-6)



WIPES



BABY CLOTHES
(New or gently used)

Every donation helps us show local families that they're loved, supported, and never alone.

Who's accepting the challenge? Drop a 🍷 in the comments and tag your next challenger!

3,000 DIAPERS AND COUNTING: SHARING LOVE

Every diaper makes a difference! During October, West Side Baptist Church's Baby Closet provided 3,000 diapers, along with other essential baby items, to families in our community.

Through the generosity of our congregation and community partners, the Baby Closet continues to offer practical help and encouragement to parents and caregivers as they care for their little ones. From diapers and wipes to formula and other baby necessities, these gifts help ease the financial burden on families and remind them that they are not alone.

Thank you to everyone who donates, volunteers, and helps make this ministry possible. Your generosity is more than giving supplies—it is sharing God's love, one baby and one family at a time!

Together, we're making a difference, one diaper at a time!

DIAPERS NEEDED!
Any Kind | Any Size



Thank You!

We were asked to collect 60 pounds of rice for Doorsteps 60th Anniversary.

WSBC collected **4X** the amount of rice!
242.1 POUNDS

Thank you to everyone who donated and helped make this such a huge blessing to our community!

Our Next Collection
50 BARS OF SOAP
in October



Small change. Big impact!

Trick-or-Treat unicef for every child

Every Dollar or More Donated...

Pastor will perform the **"Chicken Dance"** in his inflatable chicken costume!

Saturday, October 31, 2026
5 pm – 7 pm
West Side Baptist Church

Donate on the Pastor's Online UNICEF Fundraiser Page
<https://give.unicefusa.org/p2p/pages/NYAVETTV>

Help children around the world — one dollar at a time!

unicef for every child

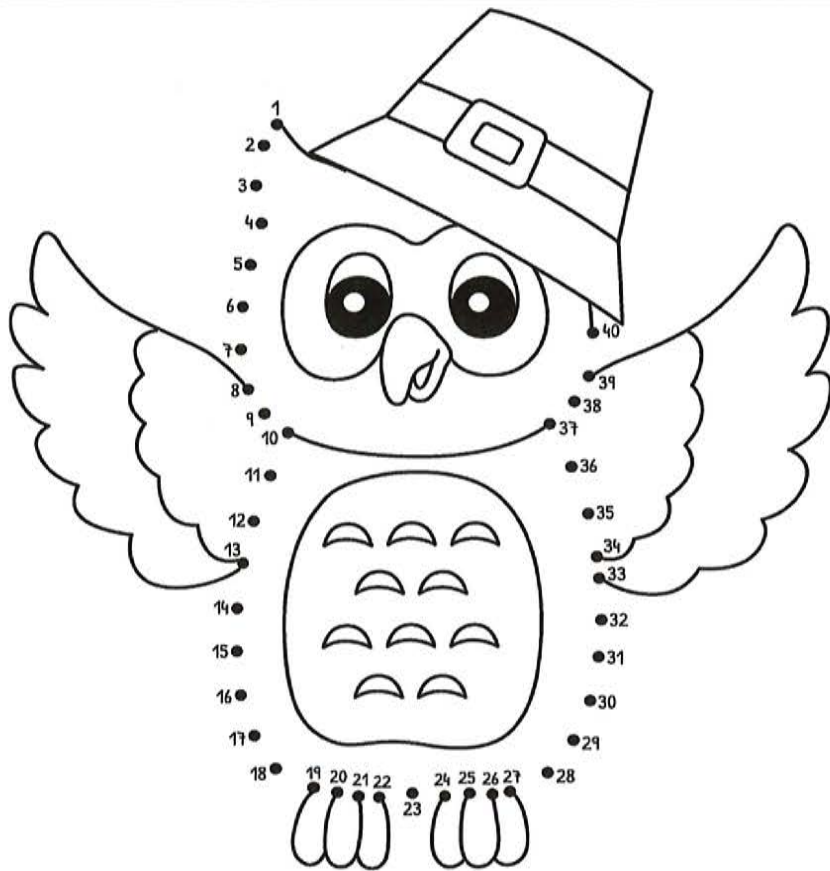
YES! Pastor Raised \$77.76

November



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 12:00 pm Soup Kitchen	2 9:00 am Baby Closet	3 ELECTION DAY No Men's & Ladies Night Out	4 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Baby Closet 5:30 pm Supper & WWW 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Handbells	5 1:00 pm Baby Closet 5:30 pm Women's Ministry	6	7 1:30 pm Worship Team
8 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	9 9:00 am Baby Closet DEADLINE FOR POINSETTIA'S ORDER'S	10 VETERAN'S DAY OFFICE CLOSED 6:00 pm Council Meeting	11 10:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm Baby Closet 5:30 pm Supper & WWW 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Handbells	12 1:00 pm Baby Closet	13	14 1:30 pm Worship Team 2:30 pm Worship Committee
15 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 12:00 pm Soup Kitchen 12:00 pm Deacon's Lunch	16 9:00 am Baby Closet	17 5:30 pm Christian Ed Meeting 6:30 pm Fellowship Meeting	18 10:30 am Bible Study 11:30 am Mission's Meeting 3:30 pm Baby Closet 5:30 pm Supper & WWW 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Handbells	19 1:00 pm Baby Closet	20	21 1:30 pm Worship Team
22 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 12:00 pm Stewardship Lunch 5:30 pm Book Club	23 9:00 am Baby Closet 6:00 pm DAR	24 6:00 pm Outreach meeting	25 <u>NO ACTIVITIES</u>	26 OFFICE CLOSED HAPPY THANKSGIVING NO Baby Closet	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28 10:00 am Hanging of the Greens 1:30 pm Worship Team
29 1st ADVENT 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	30 9:00 am Baby Closet					

ACTIVITY PAGE



NOVEMBER

CORNICOPIA
FAMILY
FEAST
FOOD
GOURDS
HUNTING
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MAIZE

MEAL
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PILGRIMS
POTATOES
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NOVEMBER WORD SEARCH

WORD PUZZLE FROM TWOKIDSANDACOUPON.COM

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- November
- Autumn
- Fall
- Leaves
- Acorn
- Harvest
- Rake
- Sweater
- Chilly
- Windy
- Huddle
- Cider
- Cozy
- Football
- Thanksgiving



Give thanks
to the Lord,
for he is good;
his love endures
forever.

Psalm 107:1 -

The foundational Thanksgiving verse.

