



The Baptist Beacon

NEW FALL SERMON SERIES

“The Beatitudes”

Matthew 5:1-12

“Blessed are those who.....” so begins Jesus’ famous “Sermon on the Mount,” also known as “The Beatitudes.” These Scriptures have brought comfort AND Challenge to Christians over the centuries. On Sunday, September 11th Pastor Jerry will begin an **8 part series** on these memorable words of Christ. The more we are able to “live” these Scriptures, the more “blessed” or “happy” we will be as followers of Jesus. It **IS** possible as we are empowered by His Holy Spirit. Interested? See you in worship!

The
Beatitudes

Northeast Area Annual Meeting



September 11, 2016

Westside Baptist Church
Topeka, KS



The NE Area Annual Meeting will be held at West Side Baptist Church (1008 SW 4th St., Topeka, KS) on September 11, 2016, 3 p.m. This time together will include something for the entire family. **Registration (no cost) will begin at 2:30 P.M. with refreshments.**

This will be a time of fellowship, music and an opportunity to hear from Associate Executive Minister, Rev. Nathan Marsh. Come participate in conversations around topics of interest to the local church. Other elements of the afternoon will include a short business session, singing and special music provided by our very own Ladies Ensemble. To conclude the annual meeting, the youth of West Side Baptist Church will provide a meal for a free-will offering fundraiser. Separate programming will be led by members of West Side Baptist Church for the following age groups: newborn-K, children (grades 1-6) and youth (grades 7-12).

In order to provide the nursery, children and youth leaders with preparation numbers and for the youth to know approximate food amounts, we need advance registrations. Please contact Phil Chiles at 727-2232 or Pchiles@kc.rr.com no later than September 5.

The Northeast Area Executive Committee voted to support the baby closet ministry of West Side Baptist Church as a mini-project. If you would like to participate, please bring baby wipes and/or diapers (size 5). Donations of money are also welcome. We are supporting this ministry in lieu of taking an offering.

Thank You

Dear First Baptist Church Family,

We express our gratitude and appreciation for your many years of open arms and support for our La Leche League group! It is a great service to our community to hold a space for young families to get support on their parenting journey!

With warm thanks, Leavenworth La Leche League—Vicki, Tammy, Claire, Michelle and Carli

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

The Discipleship Team would like to start a Parents Night Out (once a month) here at First Baptist. If you are a single parent or a couple with children and you would be interested in this kind of service please sign the sheet at the Welcome Center.

Central Region Annual Gathering

The “Annual Gathering” will take place October 14-15 at the Cross Wind Conference Center in Hesston, KS. Our Church is allowed 5 voting delegates. If you would like to attend, there are forms available at the Welcome Center. Forms and fees must be turned into the Treasurer (Lois Chiles) no later in September 6th. Please indicate if you would be interested in serving as a delegate.

College/Military addresses needed!

The College and Military Committee is asking for addresses of individuals who are in college or serving in the military that are a part of our congregation. Throughout the year, in order to encourage these individuals, they would like to be able to send them cards, letters or care packages. Please call the church office (682-4426) with their contact information.

Prayer Chain Update

It is time to update the church Prayer Chains. If you would like to be a part of either the e-mailed prayer chain or the phone prayer chain please call the church office at 682-4426. Please indicate which prayer chain you would like to be on: daytime, evening or e-mail.

Grief Support Group

During this year we have known of friends and family members who have died. With their death we often emphasize their cause of death resulted from an accident, a mishap, disease, infection, or the deceased's advanced age, and thus betray our eagerness to demote death from a necessity to a mere accident. But, as George Bernard Shaw noted, "The Statistics on death are quite impressive, one out of one people die." Since death follows life and grief belongs to death, then grief is universal.

All of us have or will experience some form of grief at one time or another. When a loved one dies, parents, siblings, or a spouse, we know grief. One person may tearfully cry out, "Why God, Why?" Another, having learned that one must always maintain self-control stoically carries on as though nothing has changed. However, life changes and we grieve. Jesus said, "*Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted*" (Matthew 5:4). The question, however, that keeps running through my mind is: "How shall they find comfort?" One answer is that we need to be available, to listen, to cry and pray with those who have lost a loved one.

A few years ago this was driven home to me. I had received word from my sister Paula that mom's health was rapidly deteriorating. Immediately I made the long drive to California. On the way I stopped in Denver and picked up Mark, my oldest son. While we were helping Paula take care of mom, Mark received word that Shelly, his wife, had suddenly died. Then a few days later mom died. After these deaths we took a long road trip from Anaheim, California by way of the coast highway to San Francisco; then to Kings Canyon National Park; Grand Canyon National Park and finally ending in Denver, Colorado. It was a trip where I showed Mark the places we visited on family trips. On that trip we talked about mom and Shelly as we grieved together. In that time of tragedy we talked, listened and discovered again and again the peace and comfort from God and our relationship, not as father and son, but as two men who needed comforting. It took us a long week to make it back to Denver, but it was a week that helped us to move on with our lives.

It may be that in your loss of your loved one you need to talk, listen, and discover again the peace and comfort God provides through fellowship with others who have also known grief. We invite you to join with others who also struggle with grief. Our intention is to give and receive support from others and to discover anew God's comfort and peace that passes all our understanding.

Our next Grief Support Group meeting will be at 7:00 pm on September 13, 2016. We have a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center for those who want to participate in our next Grief Support Group. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Jerry or Pastor Ron at 913-682-4426 for further information.



September Birthdays & Anniversaries

September Birthdays

- 1 Lois Chiles
- 2 Stephen Mustain III, Chelsea Hermann
- 4 Billey Cordell
- 5 Nick Ernzen, Lisa Blankenship
- 7 Michael Miller
- 8 Bliss Boldridge, Rebecca Fink
- 9 Leota Jones
- 10 Wanda Skaggs
- 13 Deana Jostmeyer
- 15 Maxine Martens, Marjorie Mundt
- 17 Richard Houdyshell
- 20 Jackie Miller
- 21 Danny Asher, Patricia Shelton
- 23 Melanie Hutchens

- 24 Betty McClurg
- 25 Larry Matzeder
- 27 Lynn Leath
- 28 LeRoy Seifert, Larry Wise
- 30 Lena Adams

September Anniversaries

- 2 M/M Frank Geib
- 3 M/M Bernie Blankenship
- 12 M/M Ross Perkins
- 14 M/M John Keller
- 16 M/M Richard Aaron
- 20 M/M Time Walker
- 23 M/M Steve Miller

Attendance Record	8/7	8/14	8/21	8/28
Morning Worship	161	175	135	138
Evening Worship	25	36	32	
Wed. Evening			24	23

September 2016

Every
Sunday:

9:00 am - Sunday school
10:15 am - Worship service

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9:30 am - Praise Team Rehearsal 10 am - LeLeche League 6 pm - Open Gym Basketball	2 9 am - White Cross Sewing Group	3
4 Communion 9 am - Sunday School 10:15 am - Morning Worship 6 pm - No Evening Services	5 Church Closed—Labor Day	6 6 pm - A.C.T.S. Prayer Group 6:30 pm - Open Gym Volleyball	7 9 am - Morning Bible Hour 5:30 pm - Wednesday Evening Meal 6 pm - Youth Fellowship Hr. 6:30 pm - Bible Study & Prayer, Venture Club 7 pm - Choir Rehearsal, Youth Group	8 9:30 am - Praise Team Rehearsal 6 pm - Open Gym Basketball	9	10
11 9 am - Sunday School 10:15 am - Morning Worship 2:30 pm - Northeast Area Annual Mtg. 6 pm - No Evening Services	12 9:30 am - Staff Mtg. 10 am - Pickleball 6 pm - Pickleball	13 6 pm - A.C.T.S. Prayer Group 6:30 pm - Open Gym Volleyball 7 pm - Grief Support Group	14 5:30 pm - Wednesday Evening Meal 6 pm - Youth Fellowship Hr., Finance Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm - Bible Study & Prayer, Venture Club 7 pm - Choir Rehearsal, Youth Group	15 9:30 am - Praise Team Rehearsal 6 pm - Open Gym Basketball	16 9 am - White Cross Sewing Group	17
18 9 am - Sunday School 10:15 am - Morning Worship 6 pm - Creative Worship	19 9:30 am - Staff Mtg. 10 am - Pickleball 6 pm - Pickleball	20 6 pm - Team Meetings 6:30 pm - Open Gym Volleyball	21 5:30 pm - Wednesday Evening Meal 6 pm - Youth Fellowship Hr. 6:30 pm - Bible Study & Prayer, Venture Club 7 pm - Choir Rehearsal, Youth Group	22 9:30 am - Praise Team Rehearsal 6 pm - Open Gym Basketball	23	24 1 pm - Movie Matinee
25 9 am - Sunday School 10:15 am - Morning Worship 6 pm - Creative Worship—Visual/Musical Experience	26 9:30 am - Staff Mtg. 10 am - Pickleball 6 pm - Pickleball	27 1:30 pm - Heart for Mission 6 pm - A.C.T.S. Prayer Group 6:30 pm - Open Gym Volleyball 7 pm - Grief Support Group	28 5:30 pm - Wednesday Evening Meal 6 pm - Youth Fellowship Hr. 6:30 pm - Bible Study & Prayer, Venture Club 7 pm - Choir Rehearsal, Youth Group	29 9:30 am - Praise Team Rehearsal 6 pm - Open Gym Basketball	30	