

Women on Mission
are collecting the following items:
Crayons, Scissors, Pens, Pencils,
Colored Pencils, Colored Markers,
Rulers & Erasers



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
SEDGWICK COUNTY FAIR**

JOIN US AS WE PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE DISTRIBUTING GOSPEL TRACTS
AND WORKING THE JOHN 3:16 HORSESHOE MINISTRY BOOTH

★ **WEDNESDAY, JULY 8TH, WE WILL LEAVE THE CHURCH AT
4:00 PM TO HAND OUT TRACTS IN THE PARADE
AND STAMP BRACELETS AND HORSESHOES** ★

PLEASE BRING A BACKPACK TO CARRY THE GOSPEL TRACTS IN THE PARADE!

**THURSDAY, JULY 9TH, FRIDAY, JULY 10TH & SATURDAY,
JULY 11TH, WE WILL LEAVE THE CHURCH AT 11:00 AM
AND RETURN ABOUT 9:00 PM TO
STAMP HORSESHOES AND BRACELETS!**

Join the Women's Ministry for a

**Bouquet Bar
& BRUNCH**

**JULY 11TH
10:00 AM**

Bring a vase and join us for our bouquet bar & brunch! We'll spend time building our bouquets to take home and enjoying fellowship.

Sign up in the front foyer to bring a brunch item
Questions? Contact Mariah Williams at 913-609-7775

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

*Mike & Pam
Baker*

JULY
SATURDAY **25** 10am-1pm
2026

Believers Southern
Baptist Church
13909 W 21st St,
Wichita KS 67235

*Your Presence is gift
enough*

Believers

July 5, 2026

*America Celebrating
250 Years*

"America is a great country, but it is more than just a country – it is an ideal toward which we strive and pursue diligently. As G. S. Lee put it, 'America is a tune. It must be sung together' but we are living in a time when our harmony has been disrupted and the tune forgotten by many. The principles of honor, family, and faith that played such a major role in the founding, shaping, and defining of Americans have been misplaced or lost. They've been replaced with selfishness, family failure, and the destruction of our faith systems. Any of these is an adequate topic for writing an article or essay, but I will not focus on any of these matters."

~ See Dr. Tim Ohls Article ~

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Sunday, July 5, 2026

Sunday School 9:15 AM

Morning Worship Service 10:30 AM

Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Monday, July 6, 2026

Piecemakers (Barrager Home) 9:30 AM

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

Youth Ministry 6:30 PM

Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM

Wed. thru Sat. July 8-11, 2026

John 3:16 Horseshoe Ministry Outreach
at the Sedgwick County Fair

Sunday morning services
can be viewed **LIVE**
by going to the church website:
go2believers.com
and clicking on the **media tab**

From the Pastor's Desk

Over the last several weeks, I've enjoyed seeing the responses of travelers who've made their way to the U.S.A. for the first time, to watch the World Cup. So many have registered disbelief at the size of this nation, the variety and beauty of its geography, the kindness of those they've encountered, and all of the blessings we have that are absent from their daily lives. It's led me to dwell upon the words of Psalm 33:12; "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, The people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance." David was thinking of Israel when he wrote those words while I tend to think about any people who focus their faith upon the One true God. America's founders were focused on God, and we've been blessed because of it.

America is a great country, but it is more than just a country— it is an ideal toward which we strive and pursue diligently. As G. S. Lee put it, "America is a tune. It must be sung together" but we are living in a time when our harmony has been disrupted and the tune forgotten by many. The principles of honor, family, and faith that played such a major role in the founding, shaping, and defining of Americans have been misplaced or lost. They've been replaced with selfishness, family failure, and the destruction of our faith systems. Any of these is an adequate topic for writing an article or essay, but I will not focus on any of these matters.

Instead, I want to say, "I love the country of my birth!" I'm not a world-wide traveler but I've gone to a few places, and I can never wait to get home! I've not been to every state or visited every place I would like, but I can say without hesitation that I love America. Everywhere I have traveled I've seen the beauty of the land and the character of its people.

Its beauty is astounding. With rocky shorelines and sandy beaches; northern hardwood forests reaching down to tropical swamplands; prairies stretching for miles covered in wheat, corn, beans, and other crops ending abruptly as majestic mountains rise upward toward the heavens; and the dripping rainforests of the northwest contrasted to the stark deserts of the southwest — there is beauty to be seen wherever one looks.

But this land has not given birth to a great people; it is the people who have given birth to a great land. What made America great is a people who through faith, honor, and sacrifice have done what needed doing in a timely fashion to show the world that freedom is attainable, and it is possible for people to rightly govern themselves. We must remember this today because America is in trouble. We see it on the news: riots, murder, political and civil unrest, and the loss of respect for authority. We seem unable to engage in peaceful discourse about faith, policy, and the sanctity of human life; America is many things to many people, but we are a nation that is mired in sin.

I pray that today we would all reflect upon the God-given blessings that are ours as American citizens. May we all spend a few moments reflecting upon Thomas Jefferson's words: "How little do my countrymen know what precious blessings they are in possession of, and which no other people on earth enjoy!" May we remember today and every day to give thanks to God for the freedom with which we have been blessed.

Under His wing,

Pastor Tim

Gen Z and Patriotism

"Generation Z has a remarkably complicated and historically low level of traditional patriotism, with polls showing that only about 41% to 56% of young Americans identify as patriotic. Instead of unvarnished pride, Gen Z's relationship with America is defined by disillusionment, pragmatism, and a desire for systemic change." (USA Today)

Patriotism associated with our countries founding as a Christian nation 250 years ago does not bring a positive thought or response for over half of Gen Z. A look at our founding fathers finds men with flaws just as we all have flaws. Instead of looking past the flaws to all the good that these men who were mostly God fearing if not active Christians did, they look to what is now viewed in 2026 as horrid behaviors that at the time were not only lawful but commonplace. Revisionist historians have educated these 14–29-year-olds but all hope is not lost.

Look at what a young lady wrote in her university paper a few years ago. "American liberty is a blessing from God. Because of our freedom, we can express our faith and boldly share it with others. It is important to recognize that in many other parts of the world, this is not the case. The cost of following Christ is much greater for our brothers and sisters across the globe.

With this in mind, I encourage you to not lose sight of why we celebrate Independence Day. Take time to reflect on the ways God has blessed you in your life and make it a goal to not take the freedom we have for granted. As you spend this day with family and friends, I encourage you to celebrate the blessing of freedom that was given to us by Christ."

(Lauren Abraham student writer at Grand Canyon University)

The first quote tells us the statistics but instead of looking at the glass half empty the second quote shows us the other half of the glass full of love for this country and that the blessings of this country and others we receive are from God with His richest blessing being our Savior Jesus Christ.

***We will not hide them from their children,
Telling to the generation
to come the praises of the LORD,
And His strength and His wonderful
works that He has done.
Psalm 78:4***

Serving Him, John

2026 Weekly Budget Requirement:

\$15,423.08

2026 World Mission Offering YTD:

\$14,720.00

Attendance for June 28, 2026

Sunday School 137

Morning Worship 210

Evening Worship 28

Attendance for July 1, 2026

Adult Bible Study 34

Youth Fellowship 26

Receipts for June 28, 2026

Budget Offerings \$17,383.00

World Missions Offerings \$530.00

Building Fund \$169.00

Horseshoe Ministry \$80.00

Kansans for Life \$60.22

Kids Camp \$2,405.00

Piecemakers \$50.00

Vacation Bible School \$598.80

VBS Missions Offering \$418.36



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Family of Mary Hill

Falls Creek Youth Camp

John Simpson

Ezra

Kari Rogers

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Larry VanScyoc

Evelyn Williams

Tandy Cannon

John Achatz

Phyllis Long

Ray Hodge

Judy Wint

Bill Moreland

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Our Countries Leaders

Revival

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Audra Arnold

Mary Barker

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