

Crestview

United Methodist Church

"Building disciples for Christ by making God's love real to others."

"Looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfector of our faith." Hebrews 12: 2

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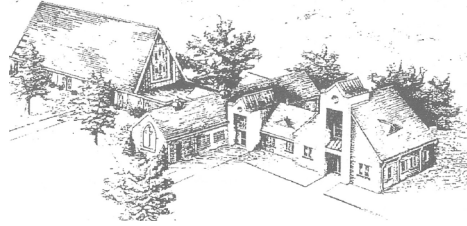
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"Don't trip," is a well-meaning expression intended to warn someone not to stumble over something that would endanger their wellbeing. "Don't T.R.I.P." may not be as familiar to you.

"T.R.I.P." stands for Temporal Reality Inverting Perspective. Pretty fancy, right? Temporal means relating to the reality of the moment as opposed to relating to the reality of the eternal. Inverting means turning something upside down, reverse its order, or flipping to the exact opposite. So, T.R.I.P. means to allow the temporary to govern the direction of your existence.

When we allow the temporary to define our lives, we get caught in a lie where nothing is good enough. Everything we've done hasn't gotten us anywhere. We are pessimistic about the present because the current situation falls short. We are pessimistic about the future, because we are getting nowhere. The past wasn't good enough. The present isn't good enough. Why would our future be good enough?

This struggle is not new or unique. In several of Paul's letters, he had to remind the early Christians not to T.R.I.P. One example is 2 Corinthians 5:1-5.

Paul warns not to TRIP over the temporary, because God is with us. *For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.* (2 Cor. 5:1) There is more to this life than what we see. While this present journey is temporary, it is the space where God walks with us and leads us to see the deeper reality and the truth from his perspective so that we do not TRIP.

Paul warns not to TRIP, because we're made for more than we can see in the temporary. *For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.* (2 Cor. 5:4) Our eternal destiny is to be in union with God, but now we are walking in a world that stands in the way of this.

Paul warns not to TRIP, because we have a guarantee. *Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.* (2 Cor. 5:5) The Spirit is the guarantee of God's empowering presence who walks with us in this present struggle. A down-payment for the fullness of God's presence that is to come.

I'm not sure who needs to read this, but I pray that you hear God speaking through these words. Health comes and goes, so don't TRIP. Relationships come and go, so don't TRIP. Finances come and go, so don't TRIP. Life comes and goes, so don't TRIP. But God is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow, so don't TRIP!

Think about it. Pray about it.

Pastor Kevin

It's Your Business: Our financial status through June 30, 2026

Bank Balance: \$ 67,240.02
 Designated Funds: \$ 63,025.42
 General Funds: \$ 4,214.60
 Mission Shares paid to date: \$ 532.00

Copies of the Monthly Finance Report are always available in the Church Office.

Total unpaid Mission Shares for 2026 (\$23,132.00-\$532.00 = \$22,600.00)

TOTAL: Budget \$164,143.45 + Mission Shares \$23,132.00 = \$187,275.45 needed for 2026



Please note: To keep prayer concerns refreshed in the weekly bulletin & newsletter, prayer requests will be renewed every 2 weeks with the exception of ongoing critical needs. We hope this keeps us updated and brings our attention to new requests. Thank you. Pastor Kevin Rea



Concerns: Teresa Tuchscherer, Charlie McKinney, John Roth

Death: Doris Henderson 07/26



Our Men and Women currently serving in the Military: Matt Thompson; JoAnn Montgomery's Grandson (Jacob Crawshaw); Oleta Schafer's grandsons (Matt Cavanaugh & Ben Tressler)

You can join the 23 other households that currently support Crestview UMC each time they shop at Dillon's! The website to sign up is: <https://www.dillons.com/i/community/community-rewards> CRESTVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (41597)



5th Sunday Special Offering

FOR YOUR CALENDAR: August 30, Nov. 29! These Offerings go toward Community Outreach Events such as Back to School & Halloween.

The second Sunday of each month, we promote a food drive to collect food for our volunteers to place in our Blessing Box. BUT you can drop off items during the week as well M-F from 9:00a-Noon! We fill it every day and it's emptied by nighttime. Thank you for your continuing support of this vital ministry.



United Women in Faith Executive Committee will meet August 19 at 5:30 pm in the Parlor. Please bring finger food items for a light meal before the meeting. This is our planning meeting for 2027. Any questions, please call Sandy Biber at 785-220-3643.



2nd Linda Donovan
 6th Lenora Wonnell
 8th Ron Larison
 Amy Felsburg
 Preston Bahr

9th June Christensen
 Dennis Perry
 15th Craig Smith
 17th Jackie Skirvin
 Janis Duran
 21st Jennifer Bahr-Slocum



August 9th
 1:00-4:00p
 90th Birthday Celebration
 For June Christensen
 Fellowship Hall
 Crestview UMC
 No Gifts Please!



**USD 501'S FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
 AUGUST 11TH! BE ON THE LOOK
 OUT FOR KIDS AND BUSES!
 LET'S KEEP EVERY ONE SAFE!**



ALSO:

The first day of School for our neighbors Topeka Collegiate is August 19! Please remember the traffic direction on Eveningside Dr. is

changed on days their school is in session

Dr. is NORTH BOUND

**DO NOT
 ENTER**

**Coffee with the Pastor
 At Café Quetzal will
 be Aug. 13th!**



**A NEW ADDRESS FOR:
 Teresa Tuchscherer
 5227 SE 77th St.
 Berryton, KS 66409-9426**

**PRAYING
 for
 STUDENTS
 and
 TEACHERS**

Doorstep's Christmas in August! Donations Needed for this Christmas!



**Help us collect items for our 2026 Christmas adoption
of 285 households, with nearly 900 individuals!**

Toys

Footballs & Basketballs ~ Pokemon
Hello Kitty ~ Toys for Ages 5 - 12
Educational Toys (all ages)
Spiderman ~ K-Pop ~ Lelo & Stitch
Sonic Hedge Hog ~ Jewelry
Make-Up & Nail Kits



Toys

Roblox Gift Cards (\$10-\$20)
Paw Patrol ~ Bluey ~
Minecraft ~ Puzzles ~ Legos
Sensory / Fidget ~
Board & Brain Teaser Games ~
Color Books for All Ages
Teen Board Games



Men's & Women's Gifts

Tool Sets ~ Flashlights
Fishing Items (Poles/Tacklebox/Etc)
Car Cleaning Items ~ Boots & Sneakers
Men & Women's Cologne Sets
Sweats (All Sizes, All Ages)
Pajamas ~ Teen/Men/Women(All Sizes)

Kitchen Items

Silverware ~ Glasses ~ Crockpots
Dish Sets ~ Pots & Pans ~ Air Fryers

Other Items

Towel Sets - (Bath, Hand & Washcloth)
Blankets - Queen & King Sizes
Full Size Hygiene Items: Deodorant
Shampoo + Conditioner ~ Bar Soap
Combs ~ Brushes ~ Toothpaste ~
Toothbrushes ~ **Cleaning Supplies**



School Supplies

Notebook Paper (College/Wide)
Spiral Notebooks (College/Wide)
Pens ~ Pencils ~ Glue ~ Erasers
Folders (2 Pocket) ~ Backpacks
Rulers ~ Markers ~ Scissors

Bring donations to your Faith Community during the month of August!
Thank you for making the holiday season brighter for your neighbors!
Doorstep, 1119 SW 10th Ave - Donation Hours: M-F, 9am-2pm, South Door

Dixie & Craig Smith
Debbie Basom
Julia Marsh
Charlie & Janell McKinney
Chuck & Debra Forman
Donna Waddle
Gary & Sandy Biber
Dennis & Sherry Perry
Bob & Sharon Smith
Mickey Shannon
Janet Beffort
Mike & Karon Powell

Thank You



\$15,221.65

Kathie Duguid
David Bitter
Laurie Pigg
Joyce Corbin
Terresa Mountain
Tom & Peggy Palmer
Jim & Claudia Voelzke
Lexi Lemons
Betsy Litscher
Kathy Singer
Andrew Rea
Pastor Kevin

The liquidation sale of TDC's childcare items is complete. We recouped over half of what the court said TDC owed us. It took many people to make the sale possible. There are some who, without their efforts, the sale may not have happened. So, a big **THANK YOU** to the following people:

Willard Law Office LLC helped us work through the court system pro bono.
 The anonymous donors who covered any court costs.
 Dixie Smith for the hours spent visioning and organizing the sale.
 Karon Powell for the use of crates for organizing the books.
 David Bitter for the paper boxes and for sorting paperwork.
 Debbie Basom, Julia Marsh, Kathy Duguid, Charlie McKinney, and many others spent hours monotonously sorting items for the sale.
 Lexi Lemon created graphics to promote the sale.
 Terresa Mountain created signs, price tags, and anything else needed.
 Betsy Litscher offered knowledge about pricing and organizing items.
 Grace UMC for the use of tables.
 Gary Biber, David Bitter, Chuck Forman, and Al Nelson for transporting tables.

The work is not done. The next step is to clean and repair the space for the next ministry opportunity. Servpro is providing us with a breakdown of the potential costs for cleaning and repairs. Ad Council will review the list and determine which items we can do ourselves and which items we need to hire someone to do.

Crestview receives two grants

Equitable Compensation Grant: Earlier this year, we applied for an Equitable Compensation Grant to assist with Pastor Kevin's salary for the 2026-2027 appointment year which runs July 1 to June 30. In June, we were approved for the full amount of \$38,752.78. The grant covers salary only. The rest of the pastor's financial package is the responsibility of Crestview.

Serve Joyfully Grant: In the spring, the Great Plains Conference's Committee on Finance and Administrated approved providing each church in the conference with a grant of \$500. The intention is for this grant to be used to serve the local community or enhance an already happening outreach ministry. Crestview's Finance Committee and Administrative Council will discuss how the grant might be used at their upcoming meetings.

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

August 2026

1
10:00-11:00a Back-to-School giveaway

6:00p Memorial Group (f. hall)

2
9:30a Worship
10:30a Sunday School

3

7:00p Coin Club (f. hall)

4

5

6:00p Solutions Group (f. hall)

6

PRAYING
for
STUDENTS
and
TEACHERS

7
8:30a T.O.P.S. (parlor)

8

6:00p Memorial Group (f. hall)

9
9:30a Worship
10:30a Sunday School

1:00-4:00p
90th Birthday Celebration for



10

11

7:00p AA Leadership (f. hall)

12

6:00p Solutions Group (f. hall)

13
9:30a-11:30a
Coffee with
Pastor at
Café Quetzal



14
8:30a T.O.P.S. (parlor)

15

6:00p Memorial Group (f. hall)

16
9:30a Worship
10:30a Sunday School

17

5:30p Ad. Council (parlor)

18
10:15a Parlor res.

19 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR TOPEKA COLLEGIATE!
Please note the traffic rules for school hours

5:30p UWof Faith 2027 Planning Mtg (parlor)
6:00p Solutions Group (f. hall)

20

7:00p Stamp Club

21
8:30a T.O.P.S. (parlor)



22

6:00p Memorial Group (f. hall)

23
9:30a Worship
10:30a Sunday School

24

25

26

6:00p Solutions Group (f. hall)

27

28
8:30a T.O.P.S. (parlor)

1:00p PEO (par)

29

6:00p Memorial Group (f. hall)

30
9:30a Worship
10:30a Sunday School

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Serving to please Christ is a greater reward than public acclaim. Hebrews 6: 10



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Thank you to our
E-Readers!

People are at the heart of God's heart. Zephaniah 3:17

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**The 15th of the month is the deadline
for the next month's Crestviewer.**

If you know that someone from our congregation who is in the hospital, if they approve, please contact Pastor Kevin, so he can lift them up in prayer and possibly visit them.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE

www.crestviewumc.org

Our e-mail address is:

crestviewumc@gmail.com

**We do offer our newsletter via e-mail,
if you prefer to receive it that way!**



***Crestview Church is also on
Facebook and found by searching
for Crestview United Methodist
Church, Topeka, KS***

If you would like to be notified by e-mail when there are new prayer concerns, or if you have a prayer concern you would like others to know about, please call the Church Office at 272-3676 or e-mail your information to the Church at the above address.



All e-mail addresses will be kept confidential.