



KANSAS



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**Shining Light
Baptist Church**

**3601 SW 33rd Street,
Topeka, KS 66614**

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Sending Church

**Eastside MBC
1201 Park Hwy
Minden, LA
71055**

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Missionary to Topeka, Kansas

Report for January 2025

January brought it's challenges and it's blessings. The first Sunday of the New Year, we were greeted with the worst blizzard for Topeka in the past 40 years. Topeka received 14 inches of snow. Our parking lot had 4 foot snow drifts in it. The cost of clearing our parking lot was \$900 (which we really didn't have.) not only did we not have services that Sunday, but the next Sunday our parking lot was a sheet of ice. We still had services that Sunday, but our numbers were drastically down because of the ice. Also, our heat bill for the month was \$1000. Those two costs really hurt

The next Sunday, we got back to normal. We saw a good attendance that day was 30 with 9 first time visitors. The next mid week Bible Study, we had a record number of 28 for Bible Study, with 7 children in a children's class.

A Year in Review - It has been one year since we signed the contract to purchase the building. In this year the Lord has continued to bless our huge step of faith. When we signed the contract, we had 16 people in regular attendance with Shining Light. Almost all of those 16 were members. Since then, the Lord has added 18 more people that are in regular attendance. Some of those are regular on Sunday mornings, and some on Sunday evenings, but they are all attending on a regular basis. Many of those have become members, but some are still attending as guests. The Lord has taken our little group of 16 and has more than doubled it to a group of 34 (I just wish they would all come at the same time, but don't we all.)

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The Lord is blessing our Building Fund. Last month I reported that our ministry was chosen to receive the first quarter offering for IMD. We are beyond grateful for this. Shortly after this, we received word that we would be receiving a large offering from New Home MBC of Pine Bluff, AR of \$30,000. Walking in faith for the Lord is an amazing journey. Just when I don't know where or how things are going to be taken care of, He shows me that He has in control.

As much as I am thankful for those two offerings, we still have a long ways to go. Please prayerful consider helping us with monthly support or with a one time offering.

Thank you FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Mail support to:

Eastside MBC
1201 Park Hwy
Minden, LA 71055

Receipts for Support

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| Baring Cross MBC Missions Account - | \$50.00 |
| Enterprise MBC - Gary, TX | \$241.84 |
| Florence Street Baptist Church - Broken Arrow, | \$175.00 |
| Highland Baptist Church - Oklahoma City, OK | \$150.00 |
| Sublet Road Baptist Church Mission Account - | \$50.00 |
| Unity Baptist Church Mission Account - DeWitt, | \$490.90 |
| Walnut Hill MBC - Vivian, LA | \$250.00 |
| Zion Missionary Baptist Church - Roland, OK | \$50.00 |
| TOTAL | \$1,457.74 |

Receipts for Salary

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| Eastside MBC - Minden, LA | \$840.00 |
| Secretary of Missions - Texarkana, AR | \$3,360.00 |
| TOTAL | \$4,200.00 |

Receipts for Building Fund

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| New Home MBC - Pine Bluff, AR | \$30,425.00 |
| New Testament BC - Keyport, NJ | \$100.00 |
| Walnut Hill MBC - Vivian, LA | \$400.00 |
| TOTAL | \$30,925.00 |

TOTAL FOR THE MONTH \$36,582.74

DISBURSEMENTS

Building Fund Account

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| Shining Light Baptist Church - Building Fund | \$30,925.00 |
| TOTAL | \$30,925.00 |

Salary Account

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| Everett Ledbetter - Salary | \$4,200.00 |
| TOTAL | \$4,200.00 |

Support Account

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| Everett Ledbetter - Housing | \$200.00 |
| Everett Ledbetter - Insurance | \$659.00 |
| Shining Light Baptist Church - Building Insurance | \$1,000.00 |
| TOTAL | \$1,859.00 |

TOTAL DISBURSED \$36,984.00

Ministry Support

(Offerings received by Shining Light Baptist Church)

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| Landmark MBC, Vian, OK. | \$100 |
| Unity MBC, Sunnyvale, CA. | \$250 |
| Crestview MBC, Arlington, TX. | \$120.00 |

Building Fund (received at SLBC by 2/1/25)

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| Enterprise, Gary, TX. | \$ |
| New Testament BC, Keyport, NJ. | \$ |
| South Lakewood MBC, Tulsa, OK. | \$.100.00 |
| Calvary BC, Tecumseh, OK. | \$200.00 |
| Bethel MBC, Texarkana, TX. | \$200.00 |
| Walnut Hill MBC, Vivian, LA. | \$ |

Total. \$500.00

Building Payment \$5,000

Note - The USPS has been really bad this month. Everything is taking longer to get to us.