

CIVIC ACTION MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

Oak Ridge Missionary Baptist Church



SEPTEMBER MEETING CANCELLED.

Our September 19th meeting is cancelled. I could not schedule any speakers and there are not any significant updates. Updates are in this newsletter and upcoming announcements. We will have upcoming collaborations with the Voter Rights Network of Wyandotte County to get people to the polls. More information to come.

Community Information:

- Johnson County, Kansas
 - **Prairie Village Mayor Forum - October 1st** - Meadowbrook Park, 9101 Nall Ave., Prairie Village, KS • 6-7 p.m.
 - **Senate 8 and Friends Town Hall - October 3rd** - Johnson County Library - Oak Park, 9500 Bluejacket St., Overland Park, KS • 9:15-10:45 a.m.
 - **County Commission Candidate Forum - October 6th** - Johnson County Library - Central Resource, 9875 W. 87th St., Overland Park, KS • 6-8 p.m.
 - **Kansas House Candidate Forum - October 7th** - Spring Hill Civic Center, 401 N. Madison St., Spring Hill, KS • 6-8 p.m.
 - **Second Saturday Breakfast - October 10th** - Powell Community Center, 6200 Martway St., Mission, KS • 9-10:30 a.m.
 - **Kansas House Candidate Forum - October 14th** - Johnson County Library - Blue Valley, 9000 W. 151st St., Overland Park, KS • 6-8 p.m.

Following Jesus Daily - Matthew 16:24

Ministry Goals

Provide information on voter registration, elections, legislative issues, and civic engagement activities in the metropolitan area. Also, participate in civic and voter engagement activities.

Election Information:

General election - November 3

Kansas

- Offices on the ballot - All Statewide Seats, U.S. Senate, U.S. Representatives
- Constitutional Amendment to provide that only citizens of the U.S. can vote in the State.
- Registration deadline: General Election - October 13
- In person advance voting must begin by: General Election - October 27 (varies by County)

Wyandotte County, Kansas

- Offices on the ballot - five seats for the Unified Government Board of Commissioners (districts 2, 3, 4, 6, and At-large 1).



ELECTION INFORMATION

General Election • November 3, 2026

Election Information Continued:

Missouri

- Offices on the ballot - U.S. House, Other state executive, State Senate, State House, State Supreme Court, Intermediate appellate courts, School boards, Municipal government

On the ballot

- **Amendment 3** - Abortion rights and sex/gender issues. Reverses reproductive rights Missouri voters passed in 2024 with more restrictions.
- **Proposition A - Congressional Map Referendum** - locks in a gerrymandered map that slices up communities, weakens local representation, and cements partisan control.
- **Amendment 7 - Show-Me Prosperity Investment Fund** - create a permanent public endowment fund managed by the state to generate revenue and use the earnings to eliminate state-imposed taxes when sufficient to replace them.
- **Amendment 6 - Initiative and Referendum Powers and Legislative Change Requirements** - prohibit the legislature from repealing or amending citizen initiative unless 80% of voters approve the changes. Prohibit the legislature from making changes to the citizen initiative and referendum process.
- **Amendment 8 - Require Election of County Sheriffs** - Counties already elect their Sheriff. This amendment locks the position into the Missouri Constitution as the chief law enforcement officer; makes sheriffs impossible to remove except through action controlled by the Attorney General.

MISSOURI DEADLINES

Registration deadline - October 7

Advance voting begins October 20

VOTER REMINDERS

If you will be 18 years old prior to the election, you can register to vote NOW.

If you receive a mail in ballot, consider taking it to a ballot box location or to a polling location **INSTEAD OF** mailing through the U.S. Postal Service.

Voting Rights on Election Day

- If you are ever turned away at the polls, your LEGAL response must be: "Please give me a provisional ballot, with a receipt, as required by law." SPREAD THE WORD!!
- You have a right to cast your ballot free from any intimidation.
- You have a right to cast a provisional ballot.
- You have a right to vote if you are in line before polls close.
- You have a right to bring someone with you to the polling place if you need translation.
- For help, reach out to the National Election Protection Hotline: 866-OUR-VOTE OR 866-687-8683.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES & COMMUNITY RESOURCES

3rd Quarter 2026

Legislative issues:

Missouri

Divorce and Pregnancy: Clarifies that pregnancy cannot be used as a legal barrier to prevent a finalized divorce, aimed at protecting individuals in unsafe situations.

Kansas

HB 2731: Required health and aging departments to seek federal approval for continuous Medicaid eligibility for specific individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities, following a successful veto override.

Remember: No 3-day grace period for mail-in ballots in 2026.

Other Events

October 1st event - Meet your candidates for Kansas State House Districts 38, 40, 41, 42.

- Location: Ten & Two Coffee, 712 1st Terrace, Lansing, KS.
- Time: 5:30-7 p.m.
- Sponsor: League of Women Voters of Leavenworth County

Community Resources

Wyandotte County Family Support Center & Food Pantry

600 Minnesota Ave., KCK

Food Pantry hours - Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. - noon and 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Office hours - Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

VOTER RIGHTS NETWORK OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY

Oct. 17, 24, 31

Roll to the Polls - Shared Rides to the Polls Program

In conjunction with Wyandotte County churches and community organizations - Oak Ridge Missionary Baptist Church will participate. MORE INFORMATION FORTHCOMING.

FOLLOWING JESUS DAILY - MATTHEW 16:24