

HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN TODAY!

GOOD NEWS! God loves and yearns to redeem all people. The Bible clearly outlines the way to become a follower of Jesus Christ:

1. **ADMIT** - Admit to God you are a sinner (you have done things that were wrong). Repent and turn away from your sins towards God (Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOUR SINS AND GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD** - Believe that Jesus is God's one and only Son who died on the cross and rose from the dead (Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31a; John 3:16; 1 Peter 3:18; John 14:6).
3. **CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD (ULTIMATE LEADER)** - Confess you want to commit your life to Jesus by trusting Him to be your Savior and Lord. (Romans 10:9 and 10; Romans 10:13; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23)
4. **DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO JESUS** - Tell the church about your new faith in Christ by coming to the front of the Sanctuary at the end of a worship service to publicly announce your decision to become a Christian.

HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH!

COME FORWARD – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, accepting Baptist principles, practices, and the covenant of this church may request and be accepted into the membership of this church. Upon request to the Pastor, Moderator or at a meeting of the membership, a person may be received by affirmation of the membership based on:

1. **BELIEVER'S BAPTISM**
2. **LETTER OF TRANSFER** or recommendation from a previous Christian church and prior baptism; or a
3. **SATISFACTORY STATEMENT OF CHRISTIAN FAITH** and prior baptism

Members shall strive to be faithful to Christian principles as set forth in scripture and support the mission of the church through attendance, prayer, service and monetary giving. The *first step* to become a member is to *come forward* during the singing of the last hymn so you can share your decision with the congregation.

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Sunday June 26, 2016

WELCOME TO WORSHIP – I am so happy you choose to worship with us this morning at West Side Baptist Church. You will hopefully discover very quickly this is a small, loving church in a big city. ***If you are looking for a place to belong, make real friendships, and get involved - then West Side is for you!*** Please speak with me after the worship service if you would like to learn more about having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, need personal prayer, or want to request a pastoral visit! You can find more information about West Side Baptist Church at www.wsbctopeka.org.

Blessings,
Pastor Ivan

SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING - Brice Smith, Church Moderator, has called for a **Special Called Business Meeting Today, June 26 at 12:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary** to approve a new local mission partnership with Harvesters Food Network. See Brice for details.

QUEST YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING – The Youth Group has

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raised the \$2,800.00 needed for tuition and transportation from fundraisers, donations, and memorial gifts to attend the QUEST Youth

Leadership Camp at the Green Lake Conference Center (American Baptist Assembly) in Green Lake, Wisconsin. Thank you for giving generously to our young leaders. The Youth and Leaders will leave Topeka for Green Lake Conference Center (Wisconsin) Today, June 26 after the worship service, and return on Saturday, July 2, 2016. Please keep our youth and leaders in your prayers!

ONE GREAT HOUR of SHARING (OGHS) – West Side is receiving special **annual disaster relief and development offering** throughout the month of June. You can give online at www.onegreathourofsharing.org or <http://abc.oghs.org/donate>.



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American Baptists Churches USA embrace refugees around the world as our own. We say “where you go, we will go.” This offering places us side-by-side with those in need. It offers us the opportunity to be Ruth for the Naomi’s of the world. By supporting **One Great Hour of Sharing**, we answer God’s call for us to bring wholeness to a fragmented world.

Through our gifts, we can help ensure that all of God’s children have what they need. Together, we accompany the refugee and stand in solidarity with the distressed, bringing about the world as God intended. **We have received \$1,528.50 through the offering plates, plus online donations.** Thank you for prayerfully considering your gift to this special offering. Bob Roesler

AMAZONSMILE - Shop on AmazonSmile (<https://smile.amazon.com>) Select "West Side Baptist Church Topeka Kansas" as your charity of choice, and Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the church. Support West Side Baptist Church by starting your shopping at smile.amazon.com.



CHOIR REHEARSALS FOR WORSHIP IN THE PARK – The annual, ecumenical worship service in Gage Park will be on **Sunday, September 18 this year**. The churches – Central Congregational Church, Gage Park Baptist Church, Potwin Presbyterian, and West Side Christian Church - are joining their choirs to provide special music throughout the service.



Due to the number of songs they are to learn, we will be rehearsing together throughout the summer. We are hopeful that choir members from all the churches will be able to attend many of the rehearsals shown below.

- Wed, June 29 @ 6:00 – 8:00 pm @ West Side Baptist Church
- Sat, July 16 @ 1:30 – 3:30 pm

DILLONS COMMUNITY REWARDS - West Side Baptist Church is now enrolled in the Dillons Community Rewards program: #63996. If you shop at Dillons for your groceries, you can select **West Side Baptist Church (#63996)** to receive a small donation from Dillons based on the dollars you spend. Go to <https://www.dillons.com> to enroll. If you have any questions you can contact Brice Smith for directions.



DOORSTEP’S “CHRISTMAS IN JULY” – Each year with “Christmas in July,” Doorstep is trying to help alleviate the strain for donated items at the end of the year. Doorstep adopts 250 households with 700+ individuals annually through the Christmas Bureau. By having items donated in July, our Christmas Store Chair, Judy Neher, has a better idea of what items we are lacking in November and December. Since winter clothing is not out in July, we are asking you to donate toys, health kit items, household items, and adult gifts (no short-sleeve or sleeveless clothes). We are also collecting school supplies and backpacks. Please look over the “Christmas in July” flier on the bulletin board to see how you can help.



HEARTLAND DAY CAMP “KIDS FOR KIDS” - The Campers at Heartland Day Camp have collected a total of \$243.43 towards their Mission Project - **Kids for Kids**. Campers collected coins to send kids (goats) to kids in North East India. Each goat costs \$60.00 USD. All donations will be forward to our partners, **International Ministries** for their summer mission project. Donations welcome for “goats” or give online at <http://internationalministries.org/projects/78>.

MISSION COMMITTEE – Are you interested in God’s work in Topeka and Around the World? Join Pastor Ivan for a Mission Meeting on the Third Tuesday of July (July 19) at 6:00 p.m. in Homer Hall (Parlor). Everyone is invited!



NEWSLETTER – PICK UP a copy of the **JULY “The Witness” newsletter**. Articles and updates for the **AUGUST** newsletter are due on **Wednesday, July 20 at 12:00 noon**. Send articles, news, testimonials, poetry, etc. to Lynda Cokeley at office@wsbctopeka.org. “The Witness” calendar and newsletter will be printed for distribution on Sunday, July 31.



OUTREACH COMMITTEE – The Outreach and Evangelism Committee will meet on **Tuesday, June 28 at 6:00 p.m. in Homer Hall (Parlor)**. See Mark Calloway, Coordinator, for agenda and details.

RECORDINGS - Our worship service is audio recorded. Contact the Church Office if you would like a DVD or CD of today’s service or a service you missed.

RIDE TO CHURCH - If you need transportation to / from a worship service or another church-related activity, please call the Church Office at (785) 233-4241 during office hours (Tuesday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). Volunteers are needed to ride along with our driver to pick-up children for Church. See Pastor Ivan with questions, or if you would like to volunteer.



Rides Available



SUMMER SERMON SERIES – A LIFE WORTH LIVING! Pastor has started a new sermon series on the Book of Galatians:

- July 03 - Pastor at World Mission Conference: Guest Speaker
- July 10 - Galatians 3:26-4:7: “Sons and Daughters of God”
- July 17 - Galatians 5:1-15: “The Only Thing that Matters!”
- July 24 - Galatians 5:16-26: “Live by the Holy Spirit”
- July 31 - Galatians 6:1-10: “Doing Good to All”
- August 7 - Galatians 6:11-18: “The End is the Beginning”

SURVEYS – Have you Completed Your Survey? Thank you to the numerous individuals who have completed the **Core Values Survey** and the **Serving as the Hands & Feet of Christ** form. This invaluable information will be used by the Church Council and Nominating Committee to recruit volunteers and leaders to guide Christ’s Church into the future. Remember:

- God has Gifted Every Person for Service
- Every One has a Place to Serve
- Serve in the Place Which Matches Your Passions!

Extra surveys may be picked up in the Church Office, or complete on-line.

WORLD MISSION CONFERENCE – Pastor Ivan and his family will be attending the **World Mission Conference in Green Lake, Wisconsin the week of Saturday, July 2 thru Saturday, July 9**. WSBC will have a guest preacher on Sunday, July 3. In the event of an emergency, please call the Church Office or Pastor’s cellphone.



YOUTH GROUP NAME – T.A.C.O.S. – The Youth Group has chosen a new name: **T.A.C.O.S.** which stands for “**Teens at Church on Sundays.**” Mark Calloway has helped the T.A.C.O.S. Youth Group design a new logo. New T-shirts will be ordered, soon. Watch for more news from these young leaders.

ABCUSA 2017 BIENNIAL – Save the Date! Go with the Greater family to the American Baptist Churches Biennial Mission Summit in Portland, Oregon, next year - June 30 to July 2, 2017. A number of exciting events occur before and after the official Mission Summit dates - so plan to come for the full event! www.americanbaptists2017.com



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Amanda – grief and emotional support (Almira Collier’s granddaughter)
Jane Baker – Healing for diabetes
Mark Calloway – Healing for tumor on pituitary gland
Albert Carpenter – Healing for health issues (Harry and Pat’s son)
Bradley Carpenter – Healing for cancer (Harry and Pat’s grandson)
Harry Carpenter – Healing for health issues and infections (6/7)
Esther Carrier – Healing for blood pressure problem / medicine reaction (6/22)
Russ Hunter – Healing for health issues (Fran’s husband)
*Alice Kieffer – Healing for health concerns
*Reginald Kirby – Healing for foot and health concerns
*Etta Landis – Healing for health concerns
*Madeleine Martinson
*Gil McCurdy – Healing for eyesight
Becky Poe – Healing for health issues
Savannah Redmond – Heart Transplant only 14 years old (Lynda’s friend)
Brian Roach Sr. – Healing for cancer (Kate Olsen’s son)
Bob Roesler – Interim Minister at First Baptist Church of Ottawa, Kansas
Hazel Smith-Tindall – Healing for fractured sternum (Kate Olsen’s mother) (5/4)
Elma Tschantz – Hospice care (Colleen Smith’s mother)
Adriana White – Healing for personal issues

**Homebound*

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR VERA COCHRAN – The WSBC family expresses its sincere sympathy to Vera Cochran’s family at her passing on **Wednesday, June 8, 2016. A Memorial Service (and luncheon) scheduled for Sunday, JULY 17 at 2:00 p.m. in West Side Baptist Church’s sanctuary. Private family burial to follow. The Church will receive memorials to honor her life and legacy.**

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

8:00 am
9:15 am
10:30 am
12:00 pm
4:00 pm

PASTOR OUT-OF-TOWN

Partners in Prayer in the Sanctuary
Sunday school for all ages
Worship (Sanctuary)
Youth and Leaders leave for Quest
Bible Study – Experiencing God (HH)

MONDAY, JUNE 27

9:00–11:00 am
6:00 pm

PASTOR OUT-OF-TOWN

Baby Closet Ministry
Capital City Men’s Chorus (FH)

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

6:00 pm

PASTOR OUT-OF-TOWN

Outreach and Evangelism Committee (HH)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

10:30 - 11:30 am
5:00 - 7:00 pm

PASTOR OUT-OF-TOWN

NO Bible Study – Gospel of Mark (HH)
Baby Closet Ministry

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

1:00 – 3:00 pm

PASTOR OUT-OF-TOWN

Baby Closet Ministry

FRIDAY, JULY 1

PASTOR OUT-OF-TOWN

SUNDAY, JULY 3

8:00 am
9:15 am
10:30 am
4:00 pm

PASTOR OUT-OF-TOWN

Partners in Prayer in the Sanctuary
Sunday school for all ages
Worship (Sanctuary)
NO Bible Study – Experiencing God (HH)