

## 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.

## WEST SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

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**Sunday July 24, 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](http://www.wsbctopeka.org).

Blessings,  
Pastor Ivan

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**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.



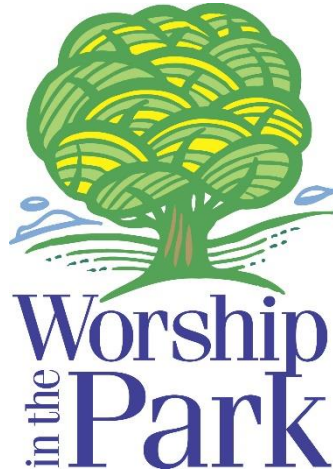
**CHOIR REHEARSALS FOR WORSHIP IN THE PARK** – The annual, ecumenical worship service in Gage Park will be on **Sunday, September 18 this year**. The churches – Central Congregational Church, Gage Park Baptist Church, Potwin Presbyterian, and West Side Christian Church - are joining their choirs to provide 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, July 27 6:00 – 8:00 pm

**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.

**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 August "The Witness" newsletter. Articles and updates for the **September** newsletter are due on **Wednesday, August 24 at 12:00 noon**. Send articles, news, testimonials, poetry, etc. to Lynda Cokeley at [office@wsbctopeka.org](mailto:office@wsbctopeka.org). "The Witness" calendar and newsletter will be printed for distribution on Sunday, July 31.



**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 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.



**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 Greuter 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](http://www.americanbaptists2017.com)



**BETHEL NEIGHBORHOOD** – Friday, July 29 is the fifth Friday of the month and it is our time to bring dinner and a program to Bethel Neighborhood Center in Kansas City, KS. If you would like to join us please indicate this on the registration pad. The van will leave at 4:00 pm from the Church. Your participation is needed to serve, clean up and experience God's wonderful Grace.

## **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 of liver and Kidney's (Harry and Pat's grandson)  
Harry Carpenter – Healing for health issues and infections (6/7)  
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  
Hilda Lundgren – Healing from her fall  
\*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  
Jill Odom – Passed away (Harry & Pat Carpenter's Niece)  
*\*Homebound*



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **SUNDAY, JULY 24**

8:00 am Partners in Prayer in the Sanctuary  
9:15 am Sunday school for all ages  
10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)  
4:00 pm Bible Study – Experiencing God (HH)

### **MONDAY, JULY 25**

9:00 – 11:00 am Baby Closet Ministry  
6:00 pm Capital City Men's Chorus (FH)  
6:00 pm DAR Meeting

### **TUESDAY, JULY 26**

7:15 pm Outreach Meeting

### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 27**

10:30 - 11:30 am Bible Study  
5:00 - 7:00 pm Baby Closet Ministry  
6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### **THURSDAY, JULY 28**

1:00 – 3:00 pm Baby Closet Ministry  
6:00 pm WWW Planning Meeting  
6:30 pm NIA Meeting

### **FRIDAY, JULY 29**

4:00 pm **PASTOR'S DAY OFF**  
Bethel Dinner

### **SUNDAY, JULY 31**

8:00 am Partners in Prayer in the Sanctuary  
9:15 am Sunday school for all ages  
10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)  
11:30 am Quarterly Business Meeting  
4:00 pm Bible Study – Experiencing God (HH)

## **The Road of Faith**

Shine your light, O Lord,  
So that I may see,  
Just where I am heading  
And what's in front of me

Your word is the light,  
The lamp unto my feet  
It may not light far ahead,  
Nor show me where it's steep

But it gives enough light  
For each step I take,  
Just enough to see ahead,  
Along this road of faith

For this is what it surely is  
As we walk with Jesus Christ,  
The road that we are travelling on  
Is by faith, not by sight

So shine your light, O Lord,  
So we may see our way,  
Though you only show in part,  
It's enough for each new day.

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