

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 August 14, 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

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DILLONS COMMUNITY REWARDS - West Side Baptist Church (#63996) is now enrolled in the **Dillons Community Rewards program**. If you shop at Dillons for your groceries, you can select West Side Baptist Church to receive a small donation from Dillons based on the dollars you spend. **Five households who shopped at Dillons between 4-1-2016 and 6-30-2016 (Cycle 2016, Qtr 2) have contributed to our \$26.83 total donation. Thank you. See Brice or Pastor for help.**



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.

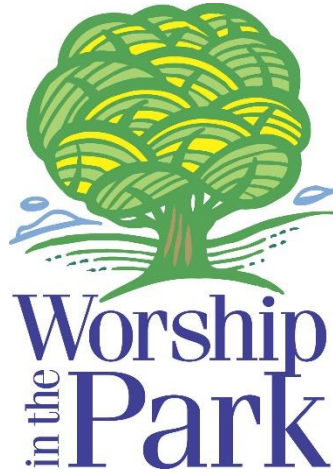
Due to the number of songs they are to learn, we will be rehearsing together throughout the summer. We are hopeful that choir members from all the churches will be able to attend many of the rehearsals shown below.

- Wed, August 24: 6:00 – 8:00 pm
- Sat, August 27: 1:30 – 3:30 pm
- Wed, August 31: 6:00 – 8:00 pm
- Wed, September 7: 7:00 – 8:30 pm
- Wed, September 14: 7:00 – 8:30
- Sat, September 17: 1:30 – 3:30

NEW NURSERY WORKER – Help the staff welcome our newest member, **Nursery Supervisor, Tondra Herrington**. Tondra has extensive experience as a child care worker in Topeka. She will work with Trena Ansell and other volunteers on Sundays, Wednesdays, and other scheduled times to care for children in the nursery. Please stop by the nursery to welcome her to West Side Baptist Church.

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. “The Witness” calendar and newsletter will be printed for distribution on Sunday, August 28.

PACK THE BACKPACKS - Again this year, the Outreach Ministry will collect school supplies and purchase backpacks for kids at Meadows School. We will have a list of items in need on the bulletin board outside the office. We also will be collecting mittens and gloves as well.



Place your donations on or under the Christmas Tree in the sanctuary. See Mark Calloway for details.

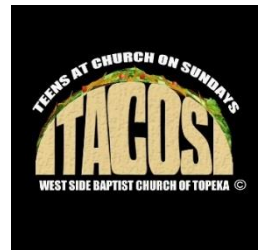
RECORDINGS - Our worship service is audio recorded. Contact the Church Office if you would like a DVD or CD of today’s service or a service you missed.

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.



TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE - The Technology Committee is working on recording and uploading the message given each Sunday. Very soon we'll have a link on our web site (wsbctopeka.org) where they will be available.

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



GARAGE SALE - On October 22nd we will be hosting our neighborhood garage sale. We have 20 tables that will be available on a first come first serve so please call the church office if you would like to reserve one. The rain date for this sale is October 29th. Setup for this event will be at 7:00 am and the sale will start at 8:00 am and end at 1:00 pm. Those who have a table will be responsible for removing all unsold items after the sale. We are asking that individuals make a donation to the church for the space if you can. We hope to see you there.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE – The Outreach and Evangelism Committee will meet on every fourth **Tuesday of the month at 7:15 p.m. in Homer Hall (Parlor)**. See Mark Calloway, Coordinator, for agenda and details.

NE AREA CHURCHES AND CHURCH MEMBERS - The annual meeting for the NE Area will be held at West Side Baptist Church (1008 SW 4th St., Topeka, KS) on Sunday afternoon, September 11, 2016. This time together will include something for the entire family. Registration (no cost) will start at 2:30 P.M. with refreshments and the program will begin at 3:00 P.M.

This will be a time of fellowship, music and an opportunity to hear from Associate Executive Minister, Rev. Nathan Marsh as well as to participate in conversations around topics of interest to the local church. Other elements of the afternoon will include a short business session, singing and special music provided by the Ladies Ensemble from First Baptist Church, Leavenworth, KS. I know you will be blessed by their ministry of music. To conclude the annual meeting, the youth of West Side Baptist Church will provide a meal for a free-will offering fundraiser.

Separate programming will be led by members of West Side Baptist Church for the following age groups: newborn-K, children (grades 1-6) and youth (grades 7-12).

In order to provide the nursery, children and youth leaders with preparation numbers and for the youth to know approximate food amounts, we need advance registrations. Please contact me at 913-727-2232, 913-689-8460 or Pchiles@kc.rr.com no later than Monday, September 5.

The Northeast Area Executive Committee voted to support the baby closet ministry of West Side Baptist Church as a mini-project. If you would like to participate, please bring baby wipes and/or diapers (size 5). Donations of money are also welcome. We are supporting this ministry in lieu of taking an offering.



A CALL TO PRAYER - A Call to Prayer has been issued to all American Baptists by the American Baptist Churches USA (ABCUSA) National Executive Council:

In this painful summer, we call American Baptists to a season of prayer for those who have been affected by senseless acts of violence in cities here and across the world, as well as impacted by natural disasters. While we grieve the loss of life and livelihood for those directly affected, all brothers and sisters in Christ share the burden of helping, healing, and finding hope. We encourage American Baptists to set aside time to pray for God's mercy to prevail and for each of us to have courage to respond as we are able.

The ABCUSA Executive Council includes:

- Susan Gillies, Interim General Secretary of ABCUSA
- Jeffrey Haggray, Executive Director of ABC Home Mission Societies,
- Virginia Holmstrom, Executive Director of AB Women's Ministries
- Reid Trulson, Executive Director of International Ministries
- Louis Barbarin, Chief Executive Officer of MMBB Financial Services.

American Baptist Churches USA is one of the most diverse Christian denominations today, with over 5,200 local congregations comprised of 1.3 million members, across the United States and Puerto Rico, all engaged in God's mission around the world.



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Jane Baker – Healing for diabetes
Mark Calloway – Praise for good report about growth on pituitary gland
Albert Carpenter – Healing for health issues (Harry and Pat's son)
Bradley Carpenter – Healing of liver and kidneys (Harry and Pat's grandson)
Harry Carpenter – Healing for health issues and infections (6/7)
Pat Carreno – Healing for health concerns
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 pneumonia
*Madeleine Martinson
Marie Merrifield – Healing for broken clavicle and fall
*Gil McCurdy – Healing for eyesight
Becky Poe – Healing for health issues
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 fracture (Kate Olsen's mother) (5/4)
Elma Tschantz – Hospice care (Colleen Smith's mother)
Adriana White – Healing for personal issues
**Homebound*

CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR: Our nation. the homeless, people who do not know Christ and for those that have turned away from God, people who are struggling with addiction, our military, and all our other service men that put their lives out there to protect all of us.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, August 14

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

Partners in Prayer in the Sanctuary
Sunday school for all ages
Worship (Sanctuary)
Bible Study – Experiencing God (HH)

MONDAY, AUGUST 15

9:00 – 11:00 am
6:00 pm

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

TUESDAY, August 16

6:00 pm

Missions Meeting

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

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

Bible Study
Baby Closet Ministry

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Baby Closet Ministry

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

PASTOR'S DAY OFF

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

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

Sunday school
Worship
Bible study