

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 be 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 21, 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

PRAYERS FOR HEALING – “Are any among you sick?” Do you want to be healed? Pastor Ivan will be available at the front of the Sanctuary at the end of today’s service to anoint persons with oil in the name of the Lord who want to be emotionally, physically, or spiritually healed as taught in James 5:14-16.



SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION – Can you believe that summer is almost gone? It’s time to start a new year of Sunday school. Today, the Ministry of Christian Education will recognize Sunday school teachers and students. The Ministry of CE decided to give Bibles to students who are entering into 3rd grade and into 7th grade. See Colleen for

details or if you need a Bible. Students – of all ages - should attend their new class on Sunday, August 28.



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

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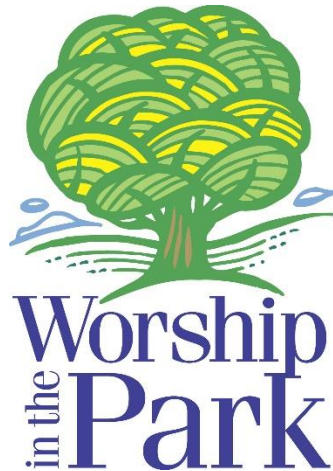


BIBLE STUDY (Wednesday Mornings) - Pastor Ivan will begin a new, free, in-depth study of the Book of Romans on Wednesdays at 10:30 am at West Side Baptist Church. No exams or quizzes, but you can ask questions! No prior knowledge of the Bible needed to join this ecumenical group. Join us!

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



WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, August 21

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

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 22

9:00 – 11:00 am
6:00 pm
6:00 pm

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

TUESDAY, August 23

7:15 pm

Outreach Meeting (HH)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

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

Bible Study (HH)
Baby Closet Ministry
Choir Practice (S)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

1:00 – 3:00 pm
6:30 pm

Baby Closet Ministry
Neighborhood Improvement Assoc (HH)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

PASTOR'S DAY OFF

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

1:30 pm

Choir Practice (S)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

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

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

NE AREA CHURCHES AND CHURCH MEMBERS

The annual meeting for the Northeast Area (Baptist Association) will be held at West Side Baptist Church, 1008 SW 4th St., Topeka, KS., on **Sunday, 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 and dinner at 5:00 pm.**



This will be a time of fellowship, music and an opportunity to hear from the Rev. Nathan Marsh, Associate Executive Minister, 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.

The Rev. Phil Childs, Area Moderator

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. **Thank you. See Brice or Pastor for help.**



EXPERIENCING GOD (SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY) – We only have two more sessions for the Experiencing God bible study on Sunday at 4:00 pm in Holmer Hall. There will be no Bible Study on September 4 (Labor Day Weekend) or September 11 (NE Area Meeting). Pastor will begin a new Sunday evening Bible study on September 18 at 4:00 pm in Holmer Hall.

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.

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

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. Contact the Office with questions, or if you would like to volunteer.



Rides Available

SERMONS ON-LINE – The Technology Committee is recording and uploading the Sunday sermon to YouTube to help people grow in their faith and for spiritual edification. You can watch these messages anytime at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCblF8rvtPVFk2iJWJMCQHKw> or click on the link from the Church's website: www.wsbctopeka.org.

WOMEN'S PROJECT – The American Baptist Women's Ministries (ABWM) is collecting financial donations for this year's **Project** (annual fundraising program for missions). The combined goal: \$30,000. The **International Project** seeks to raise \$15,000 to **build a dorm to house 100 children in** in Wangjing, in Manipur, North East India into a residential school. The purpose is to house and feed 100 orphans and local children, many who come from illiterate families that survive by farming. The project will be managed by Rev. PH. Dhaneswor Singh, Executive Secretary of the Meitei Baptist Association. The **National Project** seeks to raise \$15,000 in support of Camp Christy's desire to upgrade the kitchen facilities at the camp. Camp Christy has a comprehensive plan, Revive Camp Christy, to upgrade the facilities. Any monies received in excess of the goal will go to Camp Christy. For additional information, contact Rogene Moody (WSBC ABWM President) or the Central Region Project Associate, Naomi Teubner at 620-872-2731 or music3t@hotmail.com. Please use the ABWM Project envelope or mark your donation (memo line): ABWM Project.



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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**HOMEBOUND*

Jane Baker – Healing for diabetes
Albert Carpenter – Healing for health issues (Harry and Pat's son)
Bradley Carpenter – Healing for liver (Harry and Pat's grandson)
Harry Carpenter – Healing for health concerns
Pat Carpenter – Healing for health concerns
Pat Carreno – Healing for colitis
Esther Carrier – Healing for health concerns
Marsha Chelson – Healing for hip (Susan Carpenter's mother)
June Cunningham – Healing for injuries following a fall
*Russ Hunter – Healing for health issues (Fran's husband)
*Alice Kieffer – Healing for health concerns
*Reginald Kirby – Healing for health concerns
*Etta Landis – Healing for health concerns
*Madeleine Martinson –
Molly Morris – Travel mercies and encouragement
Sunny Payne – Healing for health concerns (Clarence Payne's brother)
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 health concerns
Elma Tschantz – Hospice care (Colleen Smith's mother)
Adriana White – Healing for personal issues

PRAY FOR GOD'S GLOBAL SERVANTS

†MISSIONARY

†Dan Buttry (Africa) – Justice and peace work in Africa and the Middle East
†Annie and Jeff Dieselberg (Thailand) – Night Light ministry
†Amanda and Jon Good (Hungary) – Raise financial support
†Sue Hagarty (Costa Rica) – Ministry with abused women in Costa Rica
†Katie and Taku Longkumer (India) – Development workers in NE India