

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.

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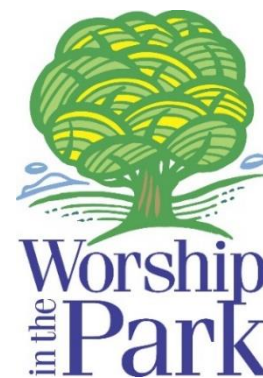
Sunday, September 04, 2016

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

COMMUNION – The Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) will be served today during the worship service. West Side Baptist Church practices open communion. This memorial meal is offered to all persons who profess faith in Jesus Christ and have been baptized. You do not need to be a member of this church to partake of the elements. Please hold each element until everyone is served, then we will feast together.

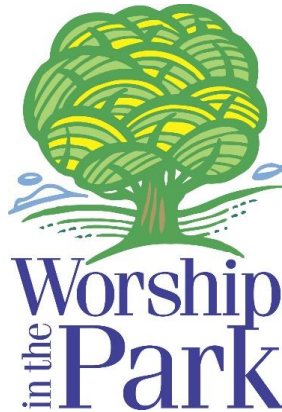
WORSHIP IN THE PARK – The annual, ecumenical worship service in Gage Park will be held on **Sunday, Sept. 18 this year**. The three midtown churches – Central Congregational Church, Potwin Presbyterian, and West Side Christian Church – are joining together for a service of music and inspiration. Lynda Cokeley will order the donuts for the "Coffee Hour" at 9:00 a.m., and fried chicken for our potluck lunch after the ecumenical worship service. Please plan to bring a salad, side dish, and/or dessert. To help Lynda know how much fried chicken to order, would you please make a reservation before Tuesday, Sept. 6.



CHOIR REHEARSALS – The annual, ecumenical worship service in Gage Park will be on **Sunday, September 18 this year**. The midtown churches are joining their choirs to provide special music throughout the service. We are hopeful that choir members from all the churches will be able to attend many of the rehearsals shown below:

- **Wednesday, September 7 @ 7:30 – 8:30 pm**
- **Wednesday, September 14 @ 7:30 – 8:30 pm**
- **Saturday, September 17 @ 1:30 – 3:30 pm**
- **Sunday, September 18 @ 9:00 am** (practice and sound check)

See Janet Nyfeler, Choir Director, for information or details.



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

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BIBLE STUDY (WEDNESDAY MORNINGS) - Pastor Ivan is teaching a free, in-depth study of the **Book of Romans on Wednesdays at 10:30 am** in Holmer Hall (Parlor). Everyone is welcome. No exams or quizzes, but you can ask questions! No prior knowledge of the Bible needed to join this group. Join us!



WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

9:00 – 11:00 am	OFFICE CLOSED (LABOR DAY)
6:00 pm	Baby Closet Ministry
	Capital City Men’s Chorus (FH)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

5:30 pm	Ladies Night Out at HuHot
6:00 pm	Men’s Night Out at Freddy’s

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

10:30 am	Bible Study (HH)
5:00 - 7:00 pm	Baby Closet Ministry
6:00 pm	WWW Teachers Meeting (HH)
7:00 pm	Choir Practice (S)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

1:00 – 3:00 pm	Baby Closet Ministry
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

PASTORS DAY OFF

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:00 am	XYZers at Cracker Barrel
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:00 am	Partners in Prayer (S)
9:15 am	Sunday School for all ages
10:30 am	Worship (S)
3:00 pm	NE Area Meeting @ WSBC

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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**HOMEBOUND*

Barbara Amos – Healing and discernment
Jane Baker – Healing for diabetes
Mark Calloway – Healing for health concerns
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 (7/19)
Pat Carpenter – Healing for health concerns
Pat Carreno – Healing for colitis (7/18)
Esther Carrier – Healing for health concerns
Marsha Chelson – Healing for hip (Susan Carpenter's mother)
June Cunningham – Healing for injuries from a fall (7/17)
Jessica Fultz – Personal issues
Grace Hart – Healing for health concerns (Janet Nyfeler's mother)
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
Judy Longstaff – Healing for broken ankle
*Madeleine Martinson – Healing for health concerns
Nancy May – Healing for health concerns
Molly Morris – Healing and help for sister, brother-in-law, niece
Grant Nyfeler – (Janet Nyfeler's son)
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
Jill Roesler – Healing for health concerns
Hazel Smith-Tindall – Healing for health concerns (7/17)
Elma Tschantz – Hospice care (Colleen Smith's mother)
Adriana White – Healing for personal issues
Debbie Wolgast – Healing for foot (surgery)

BIBLE STUDY (SUNDAY AFTERNOON) – TONIGHT is the last session 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 study of the Book of Daniel on September 25 at 4:00 pm in Holmer Hall.**

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE – The Outreach Committee will be hosting a Community Garage Sale on Saturday, October 22 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A table may be reserved by calling the Church Office at (785) 233-4241. Spaces are free but a free-will donation would be appreciated. The Youth Group will be hosting a Fundraiser Table of bake sale / food items. The Church will not accept donations of batteries, electronics, tires, hazardous waste, chemicals, or other bulky items. See Mark Calloway for more details.

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.**



LADIES NIGHT OUT - Tuesday, September 6 @ 5:30 pm at HuHot on Wanamaker Rd next to Dick's Sporting Goods. Take a Night Off from cooking to connect with other Christian women during Ladies Night Out - a monthly gathering of women who encourage each other in their faith. All women attending West Side Baptist Church are welcome. Please invite friends. Dinner is *Dutch Treat*. Car-pooling is encouraged. Please contact Trena Ansell for directions, questions, or to make a reservation.



MEADOWS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL needs volunteers on Saturday September 10 to help with their 20th Anniversary Carnival. There are 4 one-hour shifts at 10:30, 11:30, 12:30, and 1:30 to supervise the inflatables or games. Volunteers can contact the volunteer coordinator, Jenny Fitzgerald, at (785) 235-7150, or the School Office at (785) 235-7150.



MEN'S NIGHT OUT – Tuesday, September 6 @ 6:00 pm at Freddy's. Join some familiar faces - and discover new friends - at the Men's Night Out, a monthly gathering of men to enjoy a meal at a local restaurant (Dutch Treat) and enjoy Christian fellowship.



MISSIONARIES - PRAY FOR GOD'S GLOBAL SERVANTS

†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

NEWSLETTER – PICK UP a copy of the September “The Witness” newsletter. Send articles, news, testimonials, poetry, etc. to Lynda Cokeley at office@wsbctopeka.org. “The Witness” calendar and newsletter will be printed for distribution Today.

NORTHEAST AREA BAPTIST CHURCHES -

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.** The Rev. Nathan Marsh, Associate Executive Minister, will be the guest speaker.



Separate programming will be offered for the following age groups: Nursery Care (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.

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

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.) or call the Pastor's cellphone: (785) 224-7234. 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 or click on the link from the Church's website: www.wsbctopeka.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES – Join an Adult Bible Class on Sundays

- Don Johnson is teaching a new adult Sunday school class this fall, **Explore the Bible**, at 9:15 am in the “College and Career Class Room” (second floor). The fall study will focus on 1 Peter, 2 Peter, and Jude. **Explore the Bible** is a book-by-book group Bible study that encourages participants to let the Word dwell in them and challenges them to live it out in their own context.
- Jan and Doug Mack will continue to teach an adult class in Holmer Hall (Parlor).

TOPEKA JUMP LISTENING SESSION - Topeka JUMP is now going into the



“Listening Phase” for the new campaign year. In order to move into the justice project for the new year, we need to hear YOUR stories. West Side Baptist is hosting a special “Listening Session” meeting after church on Sunday, Sept. 25 at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall (cafeteria) for the purpose of hearing your personal story of something you or a loved one is going through right now, even if you don't see it as a “justice issue.” Pizza and drinks will be served at the meeting, so we will need to know if you plan to come. It is through this listening process that we learn what the most pressing justice issues are in our community to present at the Community Problems Assembly on Tuesday, October 25.

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 for all American Baptist Women in Arkansas, Kansas, and Oklahoma is \$30,000.00. West Side has received \$455.00 to date for Project.



The **International Project** seeks to raise \$15,000 to **build a dorm to house 100 children 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 about ABWM or Project, 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."

WWW KID'S BIBLE CLUB – Register your child or children now for the mid-week kid's Bible club – WWW (Wonderful West Side Wednesdays). The Fall session will start on **Wednesday, September 14 at 5:30 p.m.** The doors will open at 5:10 pm. **Supper will be served at 5:30 to 5:50 pm in the Fellowship Hall (cafeteria).**



Programming will be offered for children of all ages. A Bible Study will be led by Jim Goodnow in Holmer Hall for adults. See Colleen Smith, Coordinator for Christian Education, for more details.

WWW KID'S BIBLE CLUB HOODIES – The Church will order new Hoodies or T-Shirts for WWW (Wonderful West Side Wednesdays) in September. **Adults may purchase a Hoodie (size small - extra-large) for \$20.00 each, or a T-Shirt for \$6.00 each (size small to extra-large).** The manufacture charges an additional charge of \$1.50 per X size beginning with 2X. **Call the**

Church Office at (785) 233-4241 or fill-out the Hoodie Order Form. Payment is appreciated at the time of order. Mark checks payable to West Side Baptist Church with "Hoodie" on the memo line.

Church Staff & Leaders

- Senior Minister The Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter
- Moderator Brice Smith
- Choir Director and Organist Janet Nyfeler
- Nursery Supervisor Tondra Herrington
- Custodian Ernie Longstaff
- Office Administrator Lynda Cokeley
- Pianist Jan Mauck
- Evangelism Counselor (September) Marty Rosa
- Greeters Hilda Lundgren and Nadine Manley
- Ushers Mark Calloway, Chuck Cozad, Steve May, and Bruno Sprengs

