

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, September 25, 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

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 **TODAY, 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.*** 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. Speak with a leading member of the Social Justice Ministry Team (Tom and Jan Mansfield, Virginia Mansfield or Janet Nyfeler) for more information.

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!



BIBLE STUDY (SUNDAY AFTERNOON) – BOOK OF DANIEL – Pastor will begin a new, free Bible study of the Book of Daniel on Sunday, September 25 at 4:00 pm in Holmer Hall. There will be no Bible Study on September 18 (Worship in the Park).

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

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

GRANDPARENT'S DAY

Partners in Prayer (S)
Sunday school for all ages
Worship (S)
Bible Study – Book of Daniel (HH)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

9:00 – 11:00 am
6:00 pm

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

7:15 pm

Outreach Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

10:30 am
5:00 - 7:00 pm
5:30 – 6:00 pm
6:00 pm
7:00 pm

Bible Study – Book of Romans (HH)
Baby Closet Ministry
Supper (FH)
WWW Kids Bible Club (FH)
Choir Practice (S)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

1:00 – 3:00 pm
6:30 pm

Baby Closet Ministry
NIA Meeting

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

4:00 pm

PASTORS DAY OFF

Bethel Dinner

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

6:00-8:00 pm

Hallelujah Hoedown at First Baptist Church (3033 SW MacVicar Ave)

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Barbara Amos – Healing for health concerns and discernment
Jane Baker – 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
Central Congregational Church – transition period and leadership
Marsha Chelson – Healing for hip (Susan Carpenter's mother)
June Cunningham – Healing for injuries from a fall
Jessica Fultz – Personal issues
Larry Gill – Cancer (Harry Carpenter's friend)
Ben Hart – Healing for health concerns (Janet Nyfeler's brother)
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
Rev. Wayne Mason's wife – Alzheimer's and hospice care
Nancy May – Healing for health concerns
Molly Morris – Healing and help for sister, brother-in-law, and niece in Colorado
Grant Nyfeler – (Janet Nyfeler's son)
Sunny Payne – Healing for health concerns (Clarence Payne's brother)
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
Jill Roesler – Healing for health concerns
Hazel Smith-Tindall – Healing for health concerns
Adriana White – Healing for personal issues
Debbie Wolgast – Healing for foot (surgery)
**Homebound*

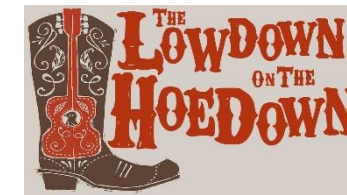
DILLONS COMMUNITY REWARDS - West Side Baptist Church (#63996) is now enrolled in **the Dillons Community Rewards program**. If you shop at Dillons for your groceries, you can select West Side Baptist Church to receive a small donation from Dillons based on the dollars you spend. **Thank you. See Brice or Pastor for help.**



GLOBAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Is God calling you to learn more about how you or your church can volunteer with Baptist partners in Cuba? Teach English in Hungary? Volunteer as a short-term missionary by contacting **Mary Weaver** (mary.weaver@internationalministries.org) for general information about mission opportunities or **Angela Sudermann** (angela.sudermann@internationalministries.org) for volunteer information.



HALLELUJAH HOEDOWN – First Baptist Church of Topeka (3033 SW MacVicar Ave) will sponsor the **Hallelujah Hoedown** (a talent and no talent show) on **Saturday, October 1 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm** with homemade ham and beans, and chicken noodle soups, and cornbread. It is a fundraiser for the American Baptist Church's World Mission Offering. We are rounding up people to do skits, comedy routines, musical talent, etc. **If you wish to participate, contact the Church Office at (785) 267-0380 to sign-up.** We also need people to assist with stage, props, and buffet. All Topeka American Baptist Churches have been invited to come and participate.



HARVESTERS – The Church has partnered with a local Community Food Network to supply free food to individuals and families in need. **Free fruits, produce, and vegetables will be available on Wednesdays, on a first-come, first served bases, as supplies last.** Please complete the required paperwork. See Pastor Ivan for details.

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.

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

- **Archeology and the Bible** - Jan and Doug Mauck continue to teach an adult video-based class, *Archeology and the Bible*, in Holmer Hall (Parlor).
- **Explore the Bible** - Don Johnson is teaching a new class **Explore the Bible** - 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. The fall study will focus on 1 Peter, 2 Peter, and Jude. The class meets upstairs in the “College and Career Class Room.”

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 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 - 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.

WEDNESDAY SUPPERS – Kid-friendly meals are prepared weekly for children and adults at no cost; but a free-will donation is appreciated. Please make a reservation on the Pew Pad or call the Church Office before 12:00 noon on Wednesday, so volunteers can prepare enough food. Upcoming menu:

- **September 28** – Cheeseburger Hamburger Helper casserole, mixed vegetables, applesauce, fresh fruits and vegetables, and dessert.

WORLD MISSION OFFERING – West Side Baptist Church will receive the annual World Mission Offering to financially – and prayerfully – support our American Baptist missionaries and global servants. Special offering envelopes will be inserted in to the October newsletter and bulletins. Give generously – and sacrificially – in October!

Church Staff & Leaders

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