

## 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). Apologize and turn away from your sins towards God (See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS 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 (See 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** – Make a spiritual commitment to be a follower of Jesus by trusting Him to be your Savior (Rescuer and Redeemer) and Lord (Ultimate Leader). (See Romans 10:9 and 10; Romans 10:13; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23)
4. **DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO JESUS** - Tell your family and friends about your new faith in Jesus 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, November 13, 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

**THANK YOU!** - Wow! My family and I were overwhelmingly amazed to receive the \$740.00 Love Gift, and donations of Bibles to Gideon International, for Pastor Appreciation Sunday. Thank you to our Christian friends at West Side Baptist Church of Topeka for calling us to serve Christ among you, for encouraging us in our times of service, and for befriending us as a family. We have numerous ideas for the use of the money which will bless our entire family. Pastor Ivan

**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. Several exciting events occur before and after the official Mission Summit dates - so plan to come for the full Mission Summit! [www.americanbaptists2017.com](http://www.americanbaptists2017.com)



**AMAZONSMILE** - Shop on AmazonSmile (<https://smile.amazon.com>) Select "West Side Baptist Church Topeka Kansas" as your charity of choice, and Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the church. Support West Side Baptist Church by starting your shopping at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).

**BABY CLOSET CHRISTMAS BASKETS** – The Baby Closet volunteers would like to collect personal care items to give away at Christmas. Items that can be used: Combs, Conditioner (Hair), Deodorant, Detergent, Fingernail Clippers, Kleenexes, Lotions (Body and Hand), Shampoo, Soap, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, and other personal care items. Bring your donations to the Church Office any time before Christmas. ~ Pat Carreno



Holiday Baskets for the Baby Closet

**BIBLE STUDYS** - Pastor Ivan is teaching a free, in-depth study on:



- **WEDNESDAY MORNINGS** - the **Book of Romans** on Wednesdays at 10:30 am in Holmer Hall (Parlor).
- **SUNDAY AFTERNOONS** – the **Book of Daniel** on Sundays at 4:00 pm in Holmer Hall. You are invited to join this timely study of God's word.



**CAMPBELLS SOUP LABELS & BOX TOPS** – We are still collecting the UPC codes from soup labels and all box tops for **Murrow Indian Children's Home in Muskogee, OK**. Murrow is saving one million UPC's for a van for the children's needs. Thank you to all our faithful congregation for your continuing support. The box to collect the UPC codes and Box Tops is still outside the Church Office.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

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 – Book of Daniel (HH)

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

9:00 – 11:00 am	Baby Closet Ministry
6:00 pm	Capital City Men's Chorus (FH)
6:45 pm	Christian Ed Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

10:30 am	Bible Study (HH)
4:00 – 5:30 pm	Free Fruits & Vegetables (FH)
5:00 - 7:00 pm	Baby Closet Ministry
5:30 – 6:00 pm	Thanksgiving Dinner (FH)
6:00 pm	WWW Kids Bible Club (FH)
7:00 pm	Choir Practice (S)

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

1:00 – 3:00 pm	Baby Closet Ministry
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### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

**PASTORS DAY OFF  
DAR DINNER IN (FH)**

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

9:15 am	<b>CONSECRATION SUNDAY</b>
10:30 am	Sunday School
12:00 pm	Worship
4:00 pm	Meeting
	Bible Study

## 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 and Pat Carpenter – Healing for health concerns  
Pat Carreno – Healing for health concerns  
Esther Carrier – Healing for health concerns and upcoming surgery  
Marsha Chelson – Healing for hip (Susan Carpenter's mother)  
\*June Cunningham – Healing for health concerns  
Jessica Fultz – Personal issues  
Lonnie Greuter – Healing for colon cancer and surgery (Pastor's brother)  
Ronald Greuter – Healing for colon cancer and surgery (Pastor'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  
Karen Kirby – Healing for health concerns  
\*Reginald Kirby – Healing for health concerns  
\*Etta Landis – Healing for health concerns  
\*Madeleine Martinson – Healing for health concerns  
Rev. Wayne Mason's wife – Alzheimer's and hospice care  
Nancy May – Healing for health concerns  
Grant Nyfeler – (Janet Nyfeler's son)  
Sonny 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  
Paul Snickles – Healing for health concerns  
Adriana White – Healing for personal issues  
Debbie Wolgast – Healing for foot (surgery)

**THANKSGIVING SUPPER** – You are invited to join the church family on **Wednesday, November 16 at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall for our annual Thanksgiving Supper.** Turkey, potatoes, stuffing, sweet potatoes, fresh fruit, vegetables and dessert will be provided. Reservations are requested so Jan Mauck and the Kitchen Crew can prepare enough food. The meal is served at no cost.



**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 or prescriptions, you can select West Side Baptist Church to receive a small donation from Dillons based on the dollars you spend. **WSBC has received a total of \$79.35 in donations in 2016. See Brice for help with signing up.**

**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.



**HANGING OF THE GREENS** – Help decorate the Church for Advent / Christmas on **Saturday, November 26.** Coffee, donuts, and hot chocolate will be served at 9:45, and then we will begin the ***Hanging of the Greens at 10:00 am.*** We will have crafts for the younger children to do as well. See Almira Collier, Coordinator of Worship, for more information or to volunteer.



**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](http://www.wsbctopeka.org).

- SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** – Join an Adult Bible Class on Sundays
- **Archeology and the Bible** - Doug Mauck continues to teach an adult video-based class, *Archeology and the Bible*, in Holmer Hall (Parlor).
  - **Explore the Bible** - Don Johnson is teaching a 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.”

**WORLD MISSION OFFERING** – West Side Baptist Church traditionally receives the annual **World Mission Offering (WMO)** to financially – and prayerfully – support our American Baptist missionaries and global servants. The World Mission Offering (WMO) casts a spotlight on a different part of the world—giving American Baptists a personal, front-row seat to the powerful ministries that are changing lives for Christ around the globe. This year, we are excited to bring you the story of the spiritual revival happening in Baptist churches right now in CUBA! Special offering envelopes will be inserted in to the October newsletter and bulletins. **West Side Baptist Church has received to date: \$1,457.00** towards our goal of \$1,500.00 for the WMO. Give generously – and sacrificially – in October!

**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.



**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. Menu:

- **November 16** – Thanksgiving Supper
- **November 23** – NO MEAL or WWW Bible Club (Thanksgiving Holiday)
- **November 30** – Pancakes, bacon, eggs, fruit, vegetables, and dessert

**CONSECRATION SUNDAY** – You are invited to join your Christian friends and family for our annual **Stewardship Celebration Luncheon on Sunday, November 20 at 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.** A free catered meal will be served as a way of saying “Thank You” for your faithful giving during the years. Complete a Celebration Luncheon reservation card in worship, or call the Church Office to make a reservation. See Tom Mansfield for details.



**Church Staff & Leaders**

- Senior Minister . . . . . The Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter
- Moderator . . . . . Brice Smith
- Acolytes (November) . . . . . Jessa Greuter & Shelby Hersh
- Choir Director and Organist . . . . . Janet Nyfeler
- Custodian . . . . . Ernie Longstaff
- Evangelism Counselor (November) . . . . . Virginia Mansfield
- Greeters . . . . . Almira Collier and Nancy Lindberg
- Nursery Workers . . . . . LaTondra Herrington & Martha Moss
- Office Administrator . . . . . Lynda Cokeley
- Pianist . . . . . Jan Mauck
- Ushers . . . . . Bill Merrifield, Karen Kirby, Don Johnson, Dick May JR.