

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 20, 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

ORDER POINSETTIA FOR CHRISTMAS – TODAY is the deadline to order your poinsettia for Christmas. Help decorate the sanctuary by completing the enclosed order form. Order a 6½, 8, or 10 inch plant in a variety of colors. Plants may be purchased in honor or in memory of a loved one. Please make checks payable to West Side Baptist Church. Return order form to Janet Nyfeler or the Church Office.



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. ***Mark the pew pad if you plan to attend.*** See Almira Collier, Coordinator of Worship, for more information or to volunteer.

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



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.

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



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 20

9:15 am
10:30 am
12:00 pm
4:00 pm

CONSECRATION SUNDAY

Sunday school for all ages
Worship (S)
Catered Celebration Luncheon
Bible Study – Book of Daniel (HH)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

9:00 – 11:00 am
6:00 pm
6:00 pm

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

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 22

7:15 pm

Outreach Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

10:30 am
4:00 – 5:30 pm
5:00 - 7:00 pm
5:30 – 6:00 pm
6:00 pm
7:00 pm

No Bible Study (HH)
No Fruits & Vegetables (FH)
No Baby Closet Ministry
No Dinner
No WWW
No Choir Practice (S)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24 THANKSGIVING

CHURCH CLOSED

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

CHURCH CLOSED

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

9:45 am
10:00 am

Coffee, Donuts and Hot Chocolate
Hanging of the Greens

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

9:15 am
10:30 am
12:00 pm
4:00 pm

Sunday School
Worship
Meeting
Bible Study

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Barbara Amos – Healing for health concerns
Mark Arnold (husband of Betty & Alice & Clarence Payne brother-in-law)
*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)

CHRISTMAS BRASS INSTRUMENTS – Polish Your Brass Instrument and Join the Band! **The Music Ministry is recruiting brass players to perform one song on Christmas morning: "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."**



Volunteer today! See Janet Nyfeler for the simple music. All ages are welcome to perform for the Lord!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE – Join us on Saturday, **December 24 at 7:00 PM for the Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service.** We will read familiar Scripture passages and sing some of your favorite Christmas songs. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated. No Nursery care on Christmas Eve.

CHRISTMAS STRING INSTRUMENTS - Do you play a stringed instrument: Violin, Viola, Cello or Bass? **The Music Ministry is recruiting musicians to perform special music on Epiphany Sunday (January 8): "Good King Wenceslas" and "We Three Kings."** Volunteer today! See Janet Nyfeler for the simple music. All ages are welcome to perform for the Lord!

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.**

FREE BREAD, EGGS, FRUITS, & VEGETABLES - West Side Baptist Church has partnered with Harvesters Community Food Network to provide a limited amount of free bread, eggs, fruits, potatoes, and vegetables to individuals and families in the Ward Meade Neighborhood on **Wednesdays from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm, or while supplies last.** Bring a photo ID. Families will need to provide the name of household or family name and the number of adults, children, and seniors (65+ years) living in the household. All food is available at no cost. Pastor needs grocery sacks (paper and plastic) and clean egg cartons. ***There will be NO food distribution on Wed., Nov. 23.***



NOMINATING COMMITTEE – The Nominating Committee is working to present a Slate of Officers on Sunday, Nov. 20 at the Celebration Luncheon. Prayerfully consider where God would like you to serve according to your SHAPE - Spiritual Gifts, Heart (Passion), Abilities, Personality, and Experience. See Clarence Payne or a member of the Nominating Committee to volunteer!



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

THANKSGIVING DINNER – Thank you to Jan Mauck and the Kitchen crew for preparing and serving 91 people a splendid Thanksgiving Dinner on Wednesday, November 16. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY – The **Church Office will be CLOSED** on **Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 28** in observance of Thanksgiving Holiday. There will be **NO MORNING BIBLE STUDY, SUPPER, WWW KIDS BIBLE CLUB, or EVENING BIBLE STUDY** on Wednesday, November 23.



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.



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** - 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.”

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. **In DECEMBER:** We will have WWW on December the 7th and 14th (Program). We will NOT have WWW on December 21 and the 28 or January 4, 2017. We will begin our New Year of WWW on January 11, 2017.



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

Church Staff & Leaders

Senior Minister The Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter
 Moderator Brice Smith
 Acolytes (November) Jessa Greuter & Shelby Hersh
 Acolytes (December). Pat Carpenter & Lonna 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.