

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, DECEMBER 4, 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

ADVENT – Advent is the first season in the Church calendar (liturgical year) and in this season worshippers are invite to prepare for the Christmas Eve Service of the Nativity by waiting patiently for the Second Coming of the Lord – the Day when Jesus Christ will return with the angels, saints, and martyrs. Christians are invited to join the People of God throughout the centuries who waited on God to appear as our Redeemer, Rescuer, and Reward. We do not wait for Jesus Christ to appear as a baby in the manger again (reincarnation), we wait for the day when the Messiah will come to usher in God's eternal Kingdom of justice, peace, and heavenly reward. We are invited to resist impatience, abandon personal control, and transform waiting into an act of faith rooted in anticipation and joyful expectation. With the Church around the world, throughout all time and in all places, we joyfully and reverently proclaim, "Come Lord Jesus Christ, come!"

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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.

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!



WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:45 am Breakfast Meeting
No Sunday school
10:30 am Worship (S)
4:00 pm Bible Study – Book of Daniel (HH)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:00 – 11:00 am Baby Closet Ministry
5:00 pm Cornerstone Dinner
6:00 pm Capital City Men's Chorus (FH)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

5:30 pm Ladies Night Out at Red Lobster
6:00 pm Mens Night Out at Chick-Fil-A

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

1:00 – 3:00 pm Baby Closet
6:30 pm NIA Meeting

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

PASTORS DAY OFF

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:00 am Xyzer's Breakfast at Cracker Barrel

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 DAY WORSHIP SERVICE – We will worship on **Christmas Sunday, December 25 at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary.** There will be no nursery care on Christmas Day.



Christmas Eve
CANDLELIGHT
SERVICE

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

CHRISTMAS OFFERING – Give generously to the **2016 Christmas Offering** to help reach our **goal of \$25,000.00** to repair the Boiler System (estimated \$7,900) and leaking Roof (estimated \$16,400). A special Christmas letter will be mailed to the church family along with a Christmas offering envelope. Mark your gifts "Christmas Offering" or "Repairs."

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!

EVANGELISM CONFERENCE – Don't miss out on the **Mission and Evangelism Event - "Beyond the Walls: Showing Jesus' Love to the World"** – on **Friday, January 20 and Saturday, January 21, 2017 at the Cross - Wind Conference Center** in Hesston, Kansas. Registration form and fee of \$25.00 are due to the Central Region Office by January 1.

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.** All food is available at no cost. ***There will be NO food distribution on Wed., Dec. 28 or January 4, 2017.***



NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION (NIA) – The Neighborhood Improvement Association will be meeting in Holmer Hall on Thursday, December 8 at 6:30 to 8:30 pm. All residents of Ward-Meade Neighborhood are invited to attend this community meeting.

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 James Carrier, **Bus Driver at (785) 214-9580.** Volunteers are needed to ride along with our driver to pick-up / drop off children on Wednesdays and Sundays. Contact Mark Calloway 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 class meets upstairs in the “College and Career Class Room.”

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Almira Collier is needing volunteers to help prepare and serve the Cornerstone Christmas Dinner on Monday, December 5. If anyone would like to help please see Almira Collier.

WWW KID’S BIBLE CLUB – The mid-week kid’s Bible club – WWW (Wonderful West Side Wednesdays opens the doors 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.

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 (December) Hilda Lundgren
- Greeters Jim Lagerberg and Judy Longstaff
- Nursery Workers LaTondra Herrington & Martha Moss
- Office Administrator Lynda Cokeley
- Pianist Jan Mauck
- Ushers Mark Calloway, Chuck Cozad, Bruno Sprengs, Steve May