

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 18, 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

ANGEL TREE – Help decorate the Christmas Tree in Holmer Hall with angel ornaments in memory of loved ones (yes, although our loved ones do not become angels in heaven). Please label your angel ornament so you can retrieve it after the Advent / Christmas season.



CAROLING – TODAY a small group of volunteers are going to Brewster Place to sing carols at the health center and independent living. We will sing at the Health Center at 1:30 pm followed by Independent Living. We will eat together right after church at Schlotskys in the strip mall at 29th and Topeka Blvd. (Dutch Treat). We will be singing a couple verses of nine familiar Christmas carols. There will be song sheets for everyone. If you want to join us, please let me know.



In Harmony, Janet Nyfeler

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 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;"** and stringed instrument players to perform **two songs on Epiphany Sunday (January 8): "Good King Wenceslas" and "We Three Kings."** See Janet Nyfeler for the simple music.



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. No nursery care will be available on Christmas Eve as our workers will be worshipping with their families.



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 or Children’s Church on Christmas Day.

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 was mailed to the church family along with a Christmas offering envelope. Please use the Christmas Offering envelope or mark your gifts “repairs.”

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18	
9:15 am	Sunday school
10:30 am	Worship (S)
1:30 pm	Caroling at Brewster Place
4:00 pm	Bible Study
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19	
9:00 – 11:00 am	Baby Closet Ministry
6:00 pm	Capital City Men’s Chorus (FH)
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21	
10:30 am	Bible Study (HH)
4:00 - 5:30 pm	Free Food from Harvesters (FH)
5:00 - 7:00 pm	Baby Closet Ministry
	NO WWW Kids Bible Club
7:00 pm	Choir Practice (S)
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22	
1:00 – 3:00 pm	Baby Closet
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23	
PASTORS DAY OFF	
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24	
7:00 pm	CHRISTMAS EVE Christmas Eve Service (No Nursery Available)
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25	
10:30 Am	MERRY CHRISTMAS No Sunday School Worship (S) No Bible Study

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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

Marsha Chelson – Hospice care (Susan Carpenter's mother)

*June Cunningham – Healing for health concerns

Jessica Fultz – Personal issues

Lonnie Greuter – Healing for colon cancer (Pastor's brother)

Ronald Greuter – Healing for colon cancer (Pastor's brother)

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

Anne MacDonald – Help and healing (Heidi Hunt's granddaughter)

Nadine Manley – Healing for knee replacement surgery (12/6)

*Madeleine Martinson – Healing for health concerns

Rev. Wayne Mason's wife – Alzheimer's and hospice care

Nancy May – Healing for health concerns

Molly Morris – Help for sister, brother-in-law, and niece in Colorado

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

Jeff Runyan – Healing for surgery at Stormont Vail (12/8)

Hazel Smith-Tindall – Healing for health concerns

Paul Snickles – Healing for health concerns

Adriana White – Healing for personal issues

**Homebound*

DOORSTEP – This week is Doorstep's last big push for donations. We are getting toys in, which we are excited and grateful for! We also really need clothing! We are not getting a lot of donations of clothing for youth, men and women. As you remind people this week about Doorstep's needs, please help us also push clothing donations.

- **Youth, boys and girls, sizes 6 – 16:** We need new, winter clothing for all sizes, jeans, sweats, outfits, pajamas.
- **Men:** Boxer briefs (all sizes), sweats (tops/bottoms), long sleeved shirts, all sizes.
- **Women:** Sweats (tops/bottoms), pajamas, underwear (all sizes). Everyone receives clothing and that equates to over 800 people!

Thank you for all for your help!

Lisa Cain, Executive Director of Doorstep, Inc.



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 are due to the Central Region Office by January 1.



FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY - Did you know that 76% of Americans live paycheck to paycheck? Or that 64% of Americans can't cover a \$1,000

emergency? This doesn't have to be true for you! All you need is a practical plan for your money—and Financial Peace University IS that plan! In nine easy-to-follow lessons, you'll learn how to get out of debt, create a budget, make wise spending decisions, save for the future, and so much more! You're invited to my next Financial Peace University class at **West Side Baptist Church starting Saturday, January 14 at 10:00 am in Holmer Hall. Register at <https://www.daveramsey.com>.**

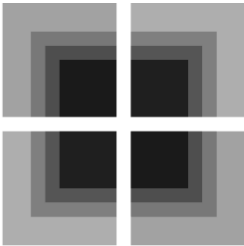


FREE BREAD, EGGS, FRUITS, & VEGETABLES - West Side Baptist Church provides a limited amount of free bread, eggs, fruits, potatoes, and vegetables to individuals and families in the Ward Meade Neighborhood on **Wednesdays from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm, or while supplies last.** All food is available at no cost. NO FOOD DISTRIBUTION on December 28 or January 4, 2017.



JUNIOR HIGH JAMBOREE - The 2017 Junior High Jamboree (for students in grades 6-8) will be held **Friday, January 27 thru Sunday, January 29 at Cross Wind Conference Center in Hesston, Kan.** The speaker, Jesse Smith, is a 2012 Ottawa University graduate. He also attended the Denver Seminary where he earned his Master of Divinity with a concentration on Outdoor Leadership and an emphasis on youth ministry.

RETIRED MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES OFFERING (RMMO) – West Side will receive its annual for **retired ministers and missionaries** during the month of December. The roots of RMMO go back to the mid-1930s, when American Baptist congregations received a Communion Fellowship Offering on the first Sunday of each month to support retired ministers, missionaries, their widowed spouses and elderly clergy within their churches.



Retired
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In 1977, American Baptist Churches USA launched the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO) to continue this appreciation of God’s service. This year our theme is Faith through Gratitude. Through our faith in God, and our gratitude for the salvific actions of Jesus Christ we are called to be faithful servants of the gospel and to live out the ministry of Jesus in word and deed. The gratitude that we have for Jesus’ gift to us is the seed from which springs the gratitude that manifests toward the people of God. The offering supports those who have dedicated their lives to God’s service by providing emergency assistance in times of need and a thank you check at the end of each year. We hope you will join us in honoring God’s committed servants.

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.

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. We will NOT have WWW on Dec. 21 and the 28 or Jan. 4. 2017. We will begin our New Year of WWW on Jan. 11, 2017.



YOUTH HUNGER WORKSHOP – Harvesters in Topeka will host a one-day Hunger Worship for youth on **Friday, December 30 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.** This workshop will educate our young adults about hunger in our community, Harvester’s mission, and action steps youth can take to help alleviate hunger. The workshop is free, and Harvesters will provide a free lunch. See Pastor to register for this event. Service credit hours available.



Church Staff & Leaders

- Senior Minister The Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter
- Moderator Brice Smith
- Acolytes (December) Pat Carpenter and Lonna Hersh
- Acolytes (January)
- 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

TOPEKA RESCUE MISSION - We are still in the process of receiving donations of new items for this year's Christmas season. Below is a list of what we currently need for both our guest and community Christmas distributions.

WOMEN/TEEN GIRLS: Jeans, shirts or hoodies (Jr. 0 – 17, Misses 2 – 18, Plus 2 – 5x), briefs (especially sizes 5 – 8) and socks

MEN/TEEN BOYS: Jeans (size 30 -50 and especially sizes 30-38), shirts, hoodies, socks, boxers, men's underwear (sizes 30-36), stocking caps and gloves, plus size clothing (2 – 5X) and sports team logo items

BOYS AND GIRLS: Educational gifts, jeans, shirts, hoodies (5 – 20), boxers

INFANT AND TODDLER: Shirts, tops, jeans, winter clothing (Newborn – 4), onesies and diapers sizes 3 – 6, pull-ups all sizes

MISCELLANEOUS GIFT ITEMS NEEDED: Bath gift sets, cologne gift sets, twin XL blankets, F, Q & K sheet sets, pots and pans, small appliances, coffee makers, toasters, 4-5 qt. crock pots, small adult gifts, bath towels, cooking utensils, tool sets, wallets, shaving bags, teen gifts, men's gifts, hair brushes, mini flashlights, chapstick, sports team logo items (Hats, duffle bags, etc.), art sets, sports balls, nice razors, any teen gifts, gift certificates for local stores, make-up items, assorted gift baskets

We start gift distribution on Dec. 9th and will continue through Dec. 25th. It would be helpful to receive Christmas gift donations by December 8th. This allows time for us to get the gift area set-up. However, we will gladly receive donations beyond this date as well. We ask that, for Christmas, gifts be new items and unwrapped. Our signup for the Christmas Shop has ended but if you know someone in need that is not getting any help from another organization you can have them call our Distribution Center at 785-357-4285 and we will be glad to talk with them about their situation and assist as possible.

Please bring donations to: Distribution Center, 401 NW Norris: Monday – Friday 8:00AM – 3:30PM, Saturday 8:00AM – Noon



TOPEKA JUMP NEWS – Topeka Justice Unity Ministry Project (JUMP) network members met with Mayor Wolgast on Tuesday afternoon. This was another step in keeping progress moving on the task force to develop an Affordable Housing Trust Fund. It was a productive meeting and things are moving along. You can help this justice issue.

Call to Action: Call your council member. Ask them to prayerfully consider the concern members of JUMP expressed on December 6th and to take an active role in drafting policy and funding changes to address safe, affordable housing by empowering local developers to meet the affordable housing need at a greater rate. Contacting our elected officials quarterly ensures that they remember this issue in their decision-making. The council member for WSBC is Karen Hiller, District 1. Her email is khiller@topeka.org and her phone number is 785-232-2917.

Janet Nyfeler, WSBC Topeka JUMP Coordinator

*enjoy the little
things in life
for one day you
will look back
and realize
they were the
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Christmas is Holy

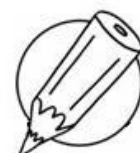


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angelic	Christ Child	goodwill	Mary	shepherds
angels	crèche	holy	miracle	stable
announcement	donkey	incarnation	myrrh	star
astrologers	Immanuel	inn	nativity	wise men
babe	Epiphany	Jerusalem	pageant	
baby	flocks	Jesus	Prince of Peace	
Bethlehem	frankincense	Joseph	proclamation	
birth	gifts	Lord	prophecy	

The New Jerusalem

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jasper, clear as crystal.

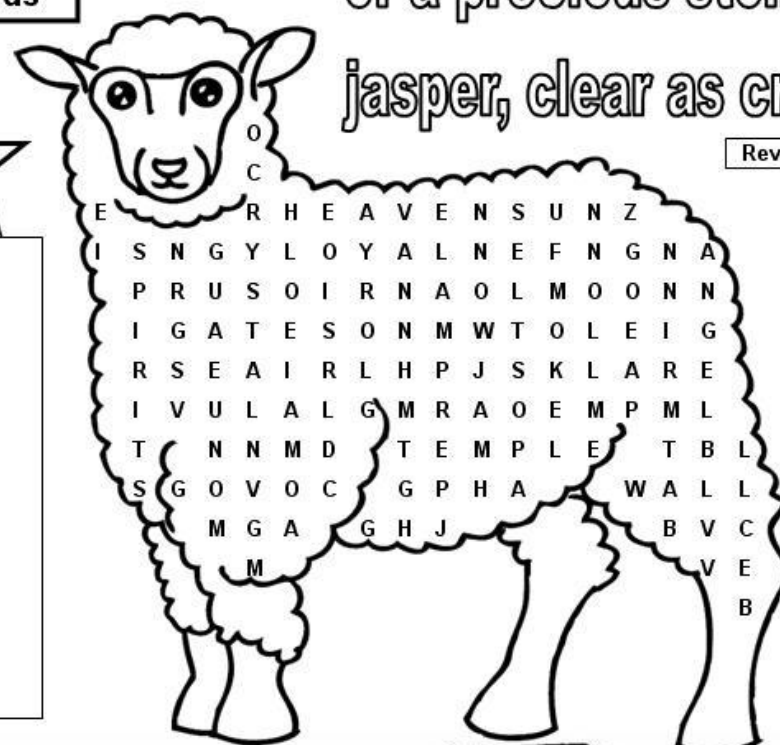
Revelation 21:11



Find the
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