

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

Blessings,  
Pastor Ivan

**MERRY CHRISTMAS** – The church staff wishes everyone a merry Christmas and happy New Year! The Church Office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, December 26-27 in observance of Christmas.

**NO BIBLE STUDY OR WWW BIBLE CLUB** – There will NOT be Sunday evening Bible, Wednesday Morning Bible Study or WWW Bible Club until the week starting January 8, 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.

**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>.

**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).

**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.



**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).

**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 Jan 1.



**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.



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

<b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25</b>	<b>MERRY CHRISTMAS</b> No Sunday School Worship (S) NO Bible Study (HH) 10:30 am 4:00 pm
<b>MONDAY, DECEMBER 26</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> Baby Closet Ministry Capital City Men's Chorus (FH) 9:00 – 11:00 am 6:00 pm
<b>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28</b>	NO Bible Study (HH) Free Fruits & Veggies (FH) Baby Closet Ministry No WWW Kids Bible Club Choir Practice (S) 10:30 am 4:00 – 5:30 pm 5:00 - 7:00 pm 7:00 pm
<b>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29</b>	Baby Closet 1:00 – 3:00 pm
<b>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30</b>	<b>PASTORS DAY OFF</b> Youth Harvesters Workshop 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
<b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31</b>	<b>NEW YEARS EVE</b>
<b>SUNDAY, JANUARY 1</b>	<b>NEW YEARS DAY</b> Sunday School Worship (S) NO Bible Study 9:15 am 10:30 am 4:00 pm
<b>MONDAY, JANUARY 2</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>

**Pastor Out-Of-Town on Monday, Jan 2 thru Friday, Jan 6, 2017**

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

**Rita Adams – Sympathy at the passing of her sister, Crystal Wolgast**

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

Marsha Chelson – Hospice care (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)

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 (12/6)

\*Mae Martin – Healing after falls

\*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 Co

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 following back surgery (12/8)

Hazel Smith-Tindall – Healing for health concerns

Paul Snickles – Healing for health concerns

Adriana White – Healing for personal issues

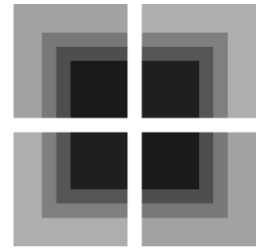
*\*Homebound*

**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.

**PASTOR OUT OF TOWN** – The Church Council approved Pastor's request to attend a **Benedictine Immersion Spiritual Retreat** with Dr. Molly Marshal and Central Baptist Seminary **starting Monday, January 2 thru Friday, January 6, 2017.** He will have limited cellular phone reception, so please contact the Church Office in the event of an emergency.

**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.

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.



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**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.

**TOPEKA JUMP NEWS - Things to Celebrate!** Below is part of a notification that we are an award recipient of the Living the Dream MLK celebration taking place in January! Congratulations for being recognized for your work in community development.

- The Mayor is overseeing a process whereby during the first and second quarters of 2017 members of the task force will research dedicated revenue sources to fund housing projects!
- Heartland Visioning is starting a new Network Team called "Neighborhood Revitalization" which we have been invited to be a part of. This is evidence that we have increased awareness and created an atmosphere for change to happen.
- Dear Shanae, Congratulations! On behalf of the Board of Directors of **Living the Dream, Inc.** I am pleased to announce that Topeka JUMP, Inc. has been selected as the recipient our **2007 Elizabeth "Liz" Ross Community Action Award** in the organization category. This award is presented to an individual or organization whose actions have made a positive difference in our community.

**UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER OR TIE SUNDAY** – The Sunday after Christmas is usually a low attendance day - so let's have some fun! We all have one: an ugly Christmas sweater or tie which we bought or received as a gift. Wear it! Dress in an ugly sweater, horrid tie, or outrageous Christmas outfit on **Sunday, January 1 at 10:30 a.m.** We can all share the holiday stories when we received these unique gifts.



**Church Staff & Leaders**

Senior Minister . . . . . The Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter  
 Choir Director and Organist . . . . . Janet Nyfeler  
 Church Secretary . . . . . Lynda Cokeley  
 Custodian . . . . . Ernie Longstaff  
 Pianist . . . . . Jan Mauck  
 Moderator . . . . . Brice Smith  
 Moderator Elect . . . . . Pat Carpenter  
 Vice Moderator Elect . . . . . Clarence Payne  
 Church Clerk . . . . . Fran Seymour-Hunter  
 Church Treasurer . . . . . Nancy Lindberg  
 Administration Coordinator . . . . . Tom Mansfield  
 Christian Education Coordinator . . . . . Alice Payne  
 Fellowship & Membership Coordinator . . . . . Lonna Hersh  
 Missions Coordinator . . . . . Don Johnson  
 Outreach Coordinator . . . . . Mark Calloway  
 Worship Coordinator . . . . . Jan Mauck  
 Acolytes (December) . . . . . Pat Carpenter and Lonna Hersh  
 Acolytes (January) . . . . . Becky Poe and Nathan Poe  
 Evangelism Counselor (December) . . . . . Hilda Lundgren  
 Greeters . . . . . Jim Lagerberg and Judy Longstaff  
 Nursery Workers . . . . . LaTondra Herrington & Martha Moss  
 Ushers . . . . . Mark Calloway, Chuck Cozad, Bruno Sprengs, Steve May

**END-OF-THE-YEAR OFFERING** – Please consider giving an End-of-the-Year financial gift by mail or in person. West Side Baptist Church is registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit religious organization under the Internal Revenue Code. Donations may be tax deductible as provided by law. All donations for 2016 must be received on or before December 31 to be included in your Financial Giving statement. See Bill Merrifield, Stewardship Secretary, with any questions.

