

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, January 1, 2017

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

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.

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.

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.

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.



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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Sunday School
Worship (S)
NO Bible Study (HH)

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

9:00 – 11:00 am
6:00 pm

OFFICE CLOSED

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

5:30 pm
6:00 pm

OFFICE CLOSED

Ladies Night Out at Chick-fli-A
Mens Night Out at Freddy's

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

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

7:00 pm

NO Bible Study (HH)
NO Free Fruits & Veggies (FH)
Baby Closet Ministry
No WWW Kids Bible Club
Choir Practice (S)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Baby Closet

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

PASTORS DAY OFF

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

9:15 am
10:30 am
Following Worship
4:00 pm

Sunday School
Worship (S)
Unhanging of the Greens
Bible Study

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

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

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.

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.

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 Pat Carpenter
Vice Moderator Elect Clarence Payne
Church Clerk Fran Seymour-Hunter
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Christian Education Coordinator Alice Payne
Fellowship & Membership Coordinator Lonna Hersh
Missions Coordinator Don Johnson
Outreach Coordinator Mark Calloway
Worship Coordinator Jan Mauck
Acolytes (January) Becky Poe and Nathan Poe
Greeters Virginia Mansfield & Marianne Spano
Nursery Workers LaTondra Herrington & Martha Moss
Ushers Don Morris, Ernie Longstaff, Doug Mauck, Larry Dell

**A Brighter, Better New Year**

Happy, Happy New Year!
We wish you all the best,
Great work to reach your fondest goals,
And when you're done, sweet rest.

We hope for your fulfillment,
Contentment, peace and more,
A brighter, better new year than
You've ever had before.

Looking Forward

May this new year find you
healthier and happier,
peaceful, content, satisfied,
looking forward
to fresh, revitalizing interests,
a variety of pleasures,
interesting new people,
material and personal successes
to make this new year
the best one yet.
Happy New Year!

By Joanna Fuchs