

## 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 8, 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](http://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](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.



**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.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

9:15 am

10:30 am

4:00 pm

Sunday School

Worship (S)

Unhanging of the Greens

NO Bible Study (HH)

### MONDAY, JANUARY 9

9:00 – 11:00 am

6:00 pm

### OFFICE CLOSED

Baby Closet Ministry

Capital City Men's Chorus (FH)

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

3:30 pm

6:00 pm

Worship Committee Meeting

Council Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

10:30 am

4:00 – 5:30 pm

5:00 - 7:00 pm

5:30 pm

7:00 pm

Bible Study (HH)

Free Fruits & Veggies (FH)

Baby Closet Ministry

WWW Kids Bible Club

Choir Practice (S)

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Baby Closet

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

9:00 am

10:00 am

Xyzer's Breakfast @ Cracker Barrel

Financial Peace (HH)

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

9:15 am

10:30 am

2:30 pm

4:00 pm

Sunday School

Worship (S)

Missions Meeting

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  
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*

**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.

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### 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  
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 (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

Lynda will need all Annual Reports this week. Please email them to her as soon as you can. The Annual Meeting is Sunday, January 22, 2017.