

## 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, February 12, 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

**BIBLE STUDIES** – Join a small group Bible study at West Side Baptist Church to learn God's word and be transformed by the Spirit:

- Sundays at 9:15 am: "Biblical Archeology" with Doug Mauck (HH)
  - Sundays at 9:15 am: "Explore the Bible" with Don Johnson (2<sup>nd</sup> Fl)
  - Sundays at 4:00 pm: "The Book of Isaiah" with Pastor Ivan (HH)
  - Wednesdays at 10:30 am: "Ephesians" with Pastor Ivan (HH)
  - Wednesdays at 6:00pm: "The Twelve Disciples" with Jim Goodnow
- Bible studies are free and open to the public. A free Bible available to participants.

**SENIOR ADULT RETREAT** — Join the ABCCR **Senior Adult Retreat on Wednesday, April 26 and Thursday, April 27 at Cross Wind Conference Center**, Hesston, Kansas. The theme: "Reflections" 2 Corinthians 3:18. *Registration deadline is Monday, April 3, 2017.* Cost: \$10 per person, late fee assessed if postmarked after April 3. Cancellation Policy: A full refund will be given if cancelled by Thursday, April 6, 2017 After April 6, a \$25 fee per individual will be non-refundable. You can find a registration form in the Office.



**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).

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION** – We are collecting Box Tops for Education for our local schools. Please place your donations in the collection box.

**CAMPBELLS SOUP LABELS** – We are still collecting the UPC codes from soup labels 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 Campbell's labels is outside the Church Office.



**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** – The Ministry of Christian Education will hold its meetings on the **third Tuesday of every month at 5:30 pm in Holmer Hall**. See Alice Payne, Coordinator, for details.

**COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES** – The Church Council will hold its meetings on the **second Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm in Holmer Hall**. See Pat Carpenter, Church Moderator, for agenda items, attendance/absences, and details.



**DILLONS COMMUNITY REWARDS** - West Side Baptist Church (#63996) is now enrolled in the **Dillon Community Rewards program**. If you shop at Dillon for your groceries or prescriptions, you can select West Side Baptist Church to receive a small donation from Dillon based on the dollars you spend. **WSBC has received a total of \$79.35**



**Community Rewards**

in donations in 2016. See Brice for help to sign up!

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY** –You're invited to Financial Peace University class at West Side Baptist Church on Saturdays at 10:00 am in Holmer Hall. Register at <https://www.daveramsey.com>

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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

### CHURCH VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Sunday School  
Worship  
Bible Study – Book of Isaiah (HH)

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

9:00 – 11:00 am  
6:00 pm

### OFFICE CLOSED

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

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

9:00 am  
6:00 pm

### VALENTINE'S DAY

Music Committee Meeting (HH)  
Council Meeting (HH)

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

10:30 am  
4:00 – 5:30 pm  
5:00 – 7:00 pm  
5:30 pm  
6:00 pm  
6:00 pm  
7:00 pm

Bible Study (HH)  
Free Fruits & Vegetables (FH)  
Baby Closet Ministry  
Wednesday Night Supper (FH)  
WWW Kids Bible Club  
Adult Bible Study (HH)  
Choir Practice (S)

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Baby Closet

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

10:00 am  
11:30 am

Financial Peace University (HH)  
Worship Team Practice (S)

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

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

### CHRISTIAN LEGACY SUNDAY

Sunday School  
Worship  
Bible Study – Book of Isaiah (HH)

**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. In January 2017, eighty families (293 persons) received over 1,800 pounds of free food. See Pastor Ivan for information or to volunteer.



**HIGH CHAIRS NEEDED** - We have a wonderful problem at West Side Baptist Church: we need two more high chairs in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your gently used high chairs to the church for our Wednesday suppers and fellowship times. Thanks! Pastor Ivan

**LADIES' NIGHT OUT- First Tuesday, of every month @ 5:30 pm.** Take a Night Off from cooking to connect with other Christian women during Ladies Night Out - a monthly gathering of women who encourage each other in their faith. All women attending West Side Baptist Church are welcome. Please invite friends. Dinner is *Dutch Treat*. Car-pooling is encouraged. Please contact Trena for directions, questions, or to make a reservation.



**MEN'S NIGHT OUT – First Tuesday of every month, @ 6:00 p.m.** Join some familiar faces - and discover new friends - at the Men's Night Out, a monthly gathering of men to enjoy a meal at a local restaurant (Dutch Treat) and enjoy Christian fellowship.

**MISSION TRIP TO MURROW INDIAN CHILDREN'S HOME** – The Ministry of Missions would like to plan a work trip to Murrow Indian Children's Home in Muskogee, Oklahoma, on **Monday, June 5 thru Thursday, June 8**, so we need to know who will be interested in going. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. The mission trip will include time to make friends as you complete assigned physical work projects – see Mission bulletin board for a list of possible projects. See Don Johnson for details or to volunteer.



**OUTREACH MEETING** – The Ministry of Outreach and Evangelism will hold their meetings on the **Fourth Tuesday** of each month at 7:15 pm in Holmer Hall. See Mark Calloway, Coordinator, for details.

**PIPE ORGAN WORKSHOP** - The Topeka Chapter of the American Guild of Organists presents: **"An Introduction to the King of Instruments: The Pipe Organ"** for all ages on **Sunday, February 12 at 2:00 to 3:30 pm** at First Presbyterian Church, 8th & Harrison Streets, Topeka, KS. Cost: FREE! Call (785) 233-9601 to reserve your seat today! Although a reservation is not required, it will assist us in planning.



**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 just click on the link from the Church's website: [www.wsbctopeka.org](http://www.wsbctopeka.org).

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** – Thank you for donating 115 cans of soup, 20 boxes of unopened crackers, and \$85.00 in loose coins to support the youth group's food collection campaign on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 5, 2017.



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS** – Supper is 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. See Clarence Payne for menu items, subject to change.

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY (ABW)** - Travel with AB Women's Ministries and American Baptist Women in Ministry (ABWIM) to the Republic of Georgia on October 31-November 11, 2017, for a unique intercultural/interfaith spiritual pilgrimage. The Spiritual Pilgrimage will include up to 14 Baptist and Muslim women from the U.S. The purpose of the pilgrimage is to break barriers and build bridges between Christians and Muslims, multiple generations, Georgians and Americans, and lay and ordained women. In the Republic of Georgia, women will experience homestays with Muslim families, advocacy for gender justice and religious rights, the stunning geography of Georgia's mountains and vineyards, and more! Registration is now open until June 15, 2017.



**YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES** – Our T.A.C.O.S. are invited to participate in the following Christ-centered events:

- **CHRIST-N-BOWL – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19** A late night of fun and friendship at Gage Bowl, 4200 SW Huntoon on **Sunday, February 19 from 9:00 pm (check in) to 11:30 pm**. Cost: \$10.00 per person (shoes included). Half of the fee will be donated back to the youth group by Gage Bowl. [www.gagebowl.net](http://www.gagebowl.net).
- **LOCK IN – FRIDAY, MARCH 17** an overnight gather for grades 7-12 at **First Baptist Church of Topeka**, 3033 SW MacVicar Ave, Topeka, KS 66611 on **Friday, March 17 (St. Patrick's Day) from 7:00 pm to 7:00 am**. Cost: \$10.00 per person.
- **WINTER JAM – FRIDAY, MARCH 31** - The American Baptist Churches of the Central Region will host an **overnight event on Friday, March 31, in Wichita**. For details, contact Region Staff Minister, Julie Robinson or visit: [www.abccr.org](http://www.abccr.org).
- **4TEN** – The American Baptist Churches of the Central Region (ABCCR) will offer leadership skills training for youth entering 10-12th grades during the fall of 2017. Sign up at [www.abccr.org](http://www.abccr.org).



See Mark Calloway, Salena Jaimez, or Brice Smith to sign-up for these events. The Ministry of Christian Education oversees the youth program.

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

- Barbara Amos – health concerns  
 Mark Arnold (A&C Payne's 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  
 \*June Cunningham – Healing for health concerns  
 Zaylee Fortson – Healing for leukemia (age 8) in Superior, Montana.  
 Gayle Gouge – Healing for health concerns (Nancy Cottril's cousin) (2/8)  
 Jack & Amanda Hilbert – Pregnancy (Almira's Granddaughter)  
 \*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  
 \*Mae Martin – Healing for health concerns (at Plaza West)  
 Rev. Wayne Mason's wife – Alzheimer's and hospice care  
 Nancy May – Healing for health concerns  
 Ken Paslay – Healing for the flu  
 Cole Payne – Healing for health concerns (A&C Payne's grandson)  
 Sonny Payne – Healing for health concerns (Clarence Payne's brother)  
 \*Juanita Plankinton – Healing for health concerns  
 Becky Poe – Healing for health issues  
 Roxie Puckett – Healing for kidneys, family concerns  
 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 health concerns  
 \*Hazel Smith-Tindall – Healing for health concerns  
 \*Paul Snickles – Healing for health concerns

*\*Homebound*