

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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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

AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING – Your financial gift to the annual



America for Christ denominational offering makes life-changing impact through our partner agency – **American Baptist Home Mission Societies** – that vitalize our congregations and community action centers across the United States and Puerto Rico.

Each year, thousands of American Baptist Churches like West Side Baptist Church, receive a national offering to promote evangelism and community development ministries. The offering is distributed in three parts:

- 29% supports the Baptists in Kansas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma
- 39% supports the ministries of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies
- 20% directly supports ABHMS' Neighborhood Action Program Christian centers
- 12% supports the offering's promotional and deputation costs

West Side will receive the AFC Offering during the month of March. Our goal is \$1,500.00. See Don Johnson for details.

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 (2nd 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.

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.

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

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.

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.



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. See Pastor Ivan for information or to volunteer.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

9:15 am
10:30 am
2:30 pm
4:00 pm

Sunday School
Worship (S)
Worship at Brewster Place
Bible Study at Brewster Place

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9:00 – 11:00 am
6:00 pm
6:00 pm

OFFICE CLOSED

Baby Closet Ministry
Capital City Men’s Chorus (FH)
Daughters of the Am. Revolution (HH)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:15 pm

Outreach Meeting (HH)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

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

ASH WEDNESDAY – LENT BEGINS

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, MARCH 2

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Baby Closet

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

10:00 am
11:30 am

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

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.

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.

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.



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.

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 American Baptist Women's Ministries and American Baptist Women in Ministry (ABWIM) to the **Republic of Georgia on October 31 to 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:

- **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.

See Brice and Colleen Smith to sign-up for these events. The Ministry of Christian Education oversees the youth program.



DOORSTEP UPDATE – Doorsteps Inc. will not have any food sales this year because we are planning two other events. One is a celebration and the other we hope will become our new Fall fundraiser!

- On Friday, June 9th we will have a 50th Anniversary Dance with the Kings of Swing at the Great Overland Station. More information will be coming, but mark your calendars now to help us celebrate 50 years of Neighbors Helping Neighbors in our community!
- Saturday, October 28th is the date set for our 1st Annual Neighbors Helping Neighbors Walk at Lake Shawnee. We are still working out all the details. Mark your calendars to come out, support Doorstep, and get some exercise at the same time!



TOPEKA RESCUE MISSION – The Topeka Rescue Mission needs the following items during the month of March 2017:

- **Food Items:** gallon Cans of Vegetables & Fruits, coffee, granulated Sugar, mustard & ketchup, sack lunch items (i.e. Pudding Cups, Fruit Cups, Granola Bars, etc.)
- **Supply Items:** Purex Crystals, Arm & Hammer washing soda, 20 Mule Team Borax, Fels Nephth laundry soap, trash bags (Tall Kitchen & 30 Gallon), blankets, storage bags (quart & gallon), bed sheet sets (full, queen, and king sizes), bath towels, diapers (sizes 4, 5, and 6), pull ups (sizes 3T, 4T and 5T), baby wipes, razors (men and women), and deodorant (men and women)
- **Clothing:** men's winter coats (sizes medium and larger), men's pants and jeans (All Sizes – especially 30 – 40), men's underwear (sizes 30 to 38), men's and women's shoes (all sizes), plus size winter clothing (men and women), women's underwear (Sizes 5 – 9), and children's clothing and shoes (2T & Up)

Please take all donations directly to the Topeka Rescue Mission, 600 N Kansas Ave, Topeka, KS 66608. Phone: (785) 354-1744



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Mark Arnold (Alice and Clarence 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)
 Esther Carrier – Healing for health concerns
 Wayne Cottril – Grief support and comfort following death of sister-in-law
 *June Cunningham – Healing for health concerns
 Zaylee Fortson – Healing for leukemia (age 8) in Superior, Montana.
 Grace Hart – Healing for health concerns (Janet Nyfeler's mother)
 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
 Judy Longstaff – Grief support and comfort following death of sister
 *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
 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 family and health concerns (Molly Morris' sister)
 Bob Roesler – Interim Minister at First Baptist Church of Ottawa, Kansas
 Jill Roesler – Healing for health concerns
 *Jeff Runyan – Healing for health concerns
 Linda Smith – Healing for health concerns (Music Dir. at Central Cong.)
 *Hazel Smith-Tindall – Healing for health concerns
 *Paul Snickles – Healing for health concerns
 Marianne Spano – Healing for health concerns
 Adriana White – Healing for personal issues
 Lola Zab – healing for health concerns (Marianne Spano's sister)

**Homebound*