

## 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, MARCH 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

**AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING** – Your financial gift to the annual denominational America for Christ (AFC) offering makes life-changing impact through our partner agency – **the American Baptist Home Mission Societies** – that vitalizes 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. As of March 6 total collected is \$350.00. 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 (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.

**EASTER LILY** – Order a lily or spring flowers to help decorate the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday. Prices vary. **Deadline: March 26.** See Lynda in the Church Office or place your order using the bulletin insert.

**EASTER SERVICES** – Everyone is invited to participate in our **ecumenical (nondenominational) worship services sponsored by Central Congregational, Potwin Presbyterian, West Side Baptist, and Westside Christian Church during Holy Week:**

- **MAUNDY THURSDAY** – an “Agape Feast” at Potwin Presbyterian Church at 6:30 am OR the Traditional Worship Service at Westside Christian Church at 7:00 pm.
- **GOOD FRIDAY** – A joint service at West Side Christian Church at 7:00 pm. We will have a united choir. See Janet Nyfeler for the music.
- **EASTER SUNRISE** – A Communion Service at Ward Meade/Old Prairie Town at 7:00 am sponsored by West Side Baptist Church.
- **EASTER BREAKFAST** – **West Side Baptist Church at 8:00 am**

Please let the Church Office know if you plan to attend any of these events.

**Pastor Ivan will be on vacation from Monday, March 20 thru Sunday, March 26.**



**Easter Services**

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 12**

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

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

### **MONDAY, MARCH 13**

9:00 – 11:00 am  
6:00 pm

**OFFICE CLOSED**  
Baby Closet Ministry  
Capital City Men’s Chorus (FH)

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 14**

6:00 pm

Council Meeting

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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, MARCH 16**

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Baby Closet

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 17**

**ST. PATRICK’S DAY**

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 18**

10:00 am  
11:30 am

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

**Reminder: Friday, March 24 @ 7:00 pm Bingo. Everyone is welcome to come and join in.**

## 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  
\*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  
\*Madeleine Martinson – Healing for health concerns  
\*Mae Martin – Healing for health concerns  
Josiah Matlock – Healing for leukemia (Candace Calloway's daughter)  
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 and Don Puckett – Healing health concerns (Molly Morris' sister/b-i-l)  
Elaine Randle – Healing for health concerns (Marianne Spano's sister)  
Lynn Reeves – Healing for health concerns  
Jill Roesler – Healing for health concerns  
Marty Rosa – 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*

**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.



**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.



**TOPEKA J.U.M.P. NETWORK MEETING** – Janet Nyfeler will host a **Topeka Justice Unity Ministry Project (JUMP) Network Meeting** for members of West Side Baptist Church on **today, March 12 at 11:30 am in Holmer Hall**. Members will be asked to recruit volunteers to attend the Nehemiah Action Assembly on April 25 at 6:15 pm at Grace Cathedral, 701 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Ave., Topeka. Join other Christians as they lift the voices of families who need more safe and affordable housing, and greater access to public transit. No pre-registration necessary. See Janet for details.



**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.**



**WHITE CROSS** - The time has come to send the last part of our White Cross request to Bethel Neighborhood Center. Two boxes – maybe it was bags - were delivered by our 5<sup>th</sup> Friday dinner people before Christmas. I cannot tell you how much this special delivery of our American Baptist Women's Ministries (ABWM) boxes means to me. It saved us bunches of postage.

It has been brought to my attention that March is the last month with Five Fridays before the deadline for the White Cross project. We still need the following items:

**Disposable plates: 2 pkgs of 100, Paper Napkins 1 pkg of 100, Disposable plastic spoons: 1 pkg, Disposable plastic knives 1 pkg, Tempora paint 1, Cloth Diapers 1 pkg 4-5, Tooth Brushes (5), Hair Brush (1) BandAids 1 pkg of assorted sizes, BOYS Sweatshirts 1 M-L Sweatpants 1 M-L GIRLS Slacks or jeans 1 M-L, Sweatshirt 1 M-L, Sweatpants 1 M-L.**

If you would be willing to provide any of these items, or the money for me to get them, it would be greatly appreciated. Remember our deadline is the last week in March. Thank you.

Rogene Moody, ABWM President  
White Cross website: <http://abc-whitecross.org>



**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](http://www.abccr.org).



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

**DEAR FRIENDS OF BETHEL NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER:** Thank you very much for your recent White Cross donation of new clothing, toys, gift wrap, paint brushes, crayons, pens and colored pencils to Bethel Neighborhood Center.

Your donation enables us to provide needful programs and services to our Bethel community. Thank you for enabling us to fulfill our mission of offering a renewed sense of HOPE all these years. The longevity and the success of the Bethel ministry convey the importance of our inner-city ministry in Kansas City, Kansas. Bethel continues to serve as the hands and feet of Christ to our community because of your partnership. Thank you once again for keeping Bethel Center on your mind and in your prayers.



Rev. Mang Sonna, Executive Director

**WWW & HARVESTERS** - We will not have Harvester food giveaway Wednesday, March 22 or WWW. That is spring break week.