

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, APRIL 16, 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

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 April 9 total collected is \$1123.41. See Don Johnson for details.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

9:15 am
10:30 am

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday School
Worship (S)
No Bible Study – Book of Isaiah (HH)

MONDAY, APRIL 17

9:00 – 11:00 am
6:00 pm

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

5:30 pm

Christian Education Com. Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

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

NO 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, APRIL 20

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Baby Closet

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

10:30 am
1:00 pm

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

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

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

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Trena Ansel – Healing following hip replacement surgery
Mark Arnold – Cancer In Remission (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
Susan Carpenter – Healing for health concerns
Pat Carreno – Healing for health concerns
*June Cunningham – Healing for health concerns
Zaylee Fortson – Healing for 8-year-old girl with leukemia in Superior, Mt.
Gayle Gouge – Healing for health concerns (Nancy Cottril's cousin)
Jack & Amanda Hilbert – Pregnancy (Almira Collier'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
Larry Kramer – Healing for health concerns (Brian, niece's husband)
*Etta Landis – Healing for health concerns
Caleb Maggard – Healing for health concerns (Esther and Kim's nephew)
Kim Maggard – Healing for health concerns
*Madeleine Martinson – Healing for health concerns
*Mae Martin – Healing for health concerns (at Plaza West)
Josaih Matlock – Healing for leukemia (Candace Calloway's daughter)
Nancy May – Healing for health concerns
Marie Merrifield – Healing after fall and broke ribs
Don Morris – Healing for his sciatica pain
Ken Paslay – Healing for health concerns
Cole Payne – Healing for health concerns (Alice Payne's grandson)
Sonny Payne – Healing for health concerns (Clarence Payne's brother)
*Juanita Plankenton – Healing for health concerns
Becky Poe – Recovering from Knee replacement surgery
Roxie Puckett – Healing for health concerns and grief (Molly Morris' sister)
Bob Roesler – Interim Minister at First Baptist Church of Ottawa, Kansas
Jill Roesler – Healing for health concerns
Marty Rosa – Healing for health concerns
*Jeff Runyan – Healing following major back surgery (12/8)

Mike Tschantz – Healing for mass in his throat (Colleen Smith’s brother)
 *Hazel Smith-Tindall – Healing for health concerns
 *Paul Snickles – Healing for health concerns (1/30)
 Marianne Spano – Her sister Elaine passed away
 Keith Springer – Healing for health concerns (Marianne Spano’s brother)
 Larry Springer – Healing for health concerns (Marianne Spano’s brother)
 Adriana White – Healing for personal issues
 Lola Zab – Healing (Marianne Spano’s sister)

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.

CAMPBELLS SOUP LABELS & BOX TOPS – We are still collecting the UPC codes from soup labels but **NO** Box Tops for Education 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 is still outside the Church Office.



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

DOORSTEP - Doorstep has assigned West Side Baptist Church to work their Dovetail Shoppe On Thursdays in April. They are asking as well for our help on April 17, 2017 to help with their monthly sorting. If you are interested there is more information on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary or please see Chuck Cozad.

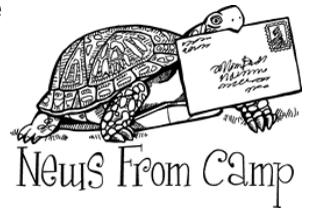


FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY – You’re invited to join Pastor Ivan and other individuals for the upcoming **Financial Peace University** classes starting at West Side Baptist Church on **Saturdays at 10:30 am in Holmer Hall.** Register at <https://www.daveramsey.com>.

FIRST AID & CPR TRAINING – Sign up for ONE of the **CPR and First Aid training** taking place **at no cost** on **Sunday, May 7 from 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm** OR **Wednesday, May 10 from 5:30 to 9:30 pm** at West Side Baptist Church. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Church Office. See Don Johnson for details or questions.

GARAGE SALE– The Outreach and Evangelism Committee is hosting a **COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE ON SATURDAY, MAY 6 FROM 8:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON** in the parking lot at West Side Baptist Church. Please call the Church Office at (785) 233-4241 to reserve a table. See Mark Calloway for details.

HEARTLAND TRAVELING DAY CAMP – West Side Baptist and Potwin Presbyterian Churches are once again partnering to host Heartland Traveling Day Camp. It will be held June 19 thru 23 at West Side Baptist. Children who have completed grades Kindergarten through 6th grade may attend. There is **no cost**, but a registration form must be completed by May 31st. Parents may register their child at: <http://www.heartlandcamps.org> or call the church office at (785) 233-4241 for more information. If you are able to help, please fill out the volunteer registration form at <http://www.heartlandcamps.org>. We would love to have you be a part of this wonderful experience! ~ Alice Payne, Christian Ed



LADIES NIGHT OUT -Tuesday, May 2 @ 5:30 pm at Blind Tiger. 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 – Tuesday, May 2 @ 6:00 pm at Carlos O Kelly's. 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.** If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. **DEADLINE TO REGISTER: MAY 10.** 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.



PANCAKE FEED – The Youth Group is sponsoring a **Pancake Feed Fundraiser** on **Saturday, May 6 from 8:00 am to 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall** (downstairs cafeteria). Please come out to support our youth group! Tickets on sale in the Office.

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.) 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.



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.**



PRAY FOR GOD'S GLOBAL MISSIONARIES

- †Dan Buttry (Africa) –Justice and peace work in Africa and the Middle East
- †Annie and Jeff Dieselberg (Thailand) – Night Light ministry
- †Amanda and Jon Good (Hungary) – Raise support for appointment
- †Sue Hagarty (Costa Rica) – Ministry with abused women in Costa Rica
- †Katie and Taku Longkumer (India) – Development workers in Nagaland
- †Becky and Larry Stanton – Education and Refugee Assistance in Hungary

