

## 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, MAY 21, 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

**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.heartland.campintouch.com>. 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.heartlandcampintouch.com> We would love to have you be a part of this wonderful experience! We have some room left, but please if you have not registered your Kid (s) West Side asked that you do this soon, Spots are filling up and we are on a limited amount of Kids we can take.



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **SUNDAY, TODAY**

9:15 am  
10:30 am

### **PASTOR GONE**

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

### **MONDAY, MAY 22**

9:00 – 11:00 am  
6:00 pm

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

### **TUESDAY, May 23**

7:15 pm

Outreach Meeting (HH)

### **WEDNESDAY, May 24**

10:30 am  
5:00 – 7:00 pm  
6:00 pm

Bible Study (HH)  
Baby Closet Ministry  
Choir Practice (S)

### **THURSDAY, MAY 25**

1:00 – 3:00 pm  
6:30 pm

Baby Closet  
NIA Meeting

### **FRIDAY, May 26**

### **SATURDAY, May 27**

10:30 am  
1:00 pm

Financial Peace  
Worship Team Practice (S)

### **SUNDAY, May 28**

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

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

**Christian Ed meeting for June has been scheduled for Wednesday June 14 @ 6:00 pm. This is a new day & time for the month of June only.**

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Trena Ansell – hip replacement  
Mark Arnold (Alice and Clarence Payne's brother-in-law) In Remission  
\*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)  
Susan Carpenter – Healing (Harry and Pat's daughter 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 and on oxygen  
Karen Kirby – Healing for health concerns  
\*Reginald Kirby – Healing for health concerns  
Larry Kramer – nieces' husband Brian has cancer  
\*Etta Landis – Healing for health concerns (Legend at Capital Ridge)  
Ernie Longstaff – Surgery to remove Kidney 5/25/2017  
\*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  
Marie Merrifield – fell and broke some ribs  
Don Morris – Surgery on 5/18/2017  
Ken Paslay – Diabetes issues  
Sonny Payne – Healing for health concerns (Clarence Payne's brother)  
\*Juanita Plankinton – Healing for health concerns  
Becky Poe – recovering from knee replacement  
Roxie – 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  
Colleen Smith – Brother Mike has mass on the throat having it checked out  
\*Hazel Smith-Tindall – Healing for health concerns

\*Paul Snickles – Healing for health concerns  
Keith Springer – Healing (Marianne Spano's brother)  
Adriana White – Healing for personal issues  
Lola Zab – Healing (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.) 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.

**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.**



**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.

**YOUTH (ABY) OPPORTUNITIES** – The ABC of the Central Region (ABCCR) is offering new and exciting Christ-centered Youth Opportunities in 2017:

- **4TEN** will offer leadership skills training for youth entering 10-12th grades during the fall of 2017.

**Youth wanting to attend this event should speak with Alice Payne, Chair of Christian Education, or Mark Calloway, Sunday School teacher.**

**LADIES NIGHT OUT** -Tuesday, June 6 @ 5:30 pm Red Robin. 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, June 6 @ 6:00 pm at Old Chicago. 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.



It's almost summer when the choir will take a break. We need volunteers to provide special music for Sunday morning worship in June, July, and August. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board. Please share your talent. If you know of someone from outside the church who needs an invitation, contact Janet Nyfeler.