

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, JULY 2, 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

PLEASE WELCOME MARJORIE O'KONSKI: It is an honor to have the opportunity to serve as your organist/accompanist. I will strive to provide music that is both uplifting and inspiring.

Each month, you will hear works from a wide variety of styles, time periods, and countries. There is a rich tradition of service music by the masters, as well as many well-written pieces by contemporary musicians. Please let me know if you have works that are dear to your heart, and I will do my best to incorporate them into the service.

Marjorie O'Konski holds Masters degrees in piano performance and in music therapy. She recently earned dual certification in Service Playing from the American Guild of Organists and the National Association of Pastoral Musicians. Listed in the 2007, 2008, and 2009 editions of *Who's Who*, Marjorie has taught at five colleges and universities; maintains an active piano/organ studio; and was music therapist for Lexington Park Care Facility. She has performed with orchestras, chamber ensembles, duo-piano colleagues; accompanied vocal and instrumental artists; and presented nationally and

internationally on the subject of music therapy.

Marjorie has held organ positions in Topeka with the First Church of Christ, Scientist, and with the First Baptist Church. She strives to provide an uplifting musical experience and looks forward to meeting members of the West Side Baptist faith community.

CHOIR - It's summertime when the choir takes 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.



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.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDIES – We will not have Bible study on Sundays or Wednesdays in the months of June or July. We will start again on Wednesday, August 2 at 10:30 am. Enjoy your summer!



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!

TO OUR WEST SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY - Ernie and I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, phone calls, food and many other acts of kindness during this difficult time. We would like to thank everyone that came forward and volunteered to keep our church clean during Ernie's absence. We are very blessed to have such a wonderful and caring church family. We hope to see everyone soon.

Blessings to all,
Ernie & Judy Longstaff

WEST SIDE BAPTIST FRIENDS – Thanks for all the prayers, calls, flowers, visits and concern you all had for me during my recent surgery. They mean so much to me.

Don Morris

DEAR WEST SIDE BAPTIST FRIENDS - Thank you so much for the gift in honor of my graduation. I will use it to purchase books for my classroom. Thank you all for your encouragement and support during the past year.

Love
Rexanne Greuter



WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 2

9:15 am

10:30 am

Sunday School

Worship (S)

No Bible Study

MONDAY, JULY 3

9:00 – 11:00 am

6:00 pm

Baby Closet Ministry

Capital City Men's Chorus (FH)

TUESDAY, JULY 4

OFFICE CLOSED

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

OFFICE CLOSED

5:00 – 7:00 pm

No Bible Study

Baby Closet Ministry

THURSDAY, JULY 6

OFFICE CLOSED

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Baby Closet

FRIDAY, JULY 7

OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY, JULY 8

1:00 pm

Worship Team Practice (S)

SUNDAY, JULY 9

9:15 am

10:30 am

Sunday School

Worship

No Bible Study

Pastor will be at a seminar June 26 – 30 and then on vacation July 1 – 17.
Lynda will be gone July 2 – 7, so the office will be closed that whole week.

Please have all newsletter articles to the office no later than July 19 by noon.
If you like you may send them to the church email: office@wsbctopeka.org.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Mark Arnold (Alice and Clarence Payne's brother-in-law) In Remission

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)

Congrats on their new daughter - Jack & Amanda Hilbert – (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 – For quick recovery

Judy Longstaff – For quick recovery

*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 – Healing

Don Morris – For quick recovery

Ken Paslay – Diabetes issues

Sonny Payne – Healing for health concerns (Clarence Payne's brother)

*Juanita Plankinton – Healing for health concerns

Roxie – Healing health concerns (Molly Morris' sister/b-i-l)

Jill Roesler – Healing for health concerns

*Hazel Smith-Tindall – Healing for health concerns

Keith Springer – Healing (Marianne Spano's brother)

Lola Zab – Healing (Marianne Spano's sister)

**Homebound*