

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.

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SUNDAY, JULY 9, 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

CHOIR - It's summertime when the choir takes a break. We need volunteers to provide special music for Sunday morning worship in **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!



DOORSTEP - In December 2016, Doorstep assisted 259 households involving 811 individuals with Christmas gifts and food. Each year we celebrate "Christmas in July" to get a jump start on collecting new items for our annual Christmas adoption! Our goal is to help alleviate some of the strain during the holidays by collecting some items mid-year. Doorstep will again adopt 250 households with 700+ individuals this December through the Christmas Bureau. By having items donated in July, our Christmas Store Chair, Judy Neher, has a better idea what items we are lacking in November and December. Judy is here every week sorting through donations, and organizing the basement where our Christmas donations are kept all year until the big week arrives!

Last year we changed the focus of Christmas in July to only include items that are not seasonal. Therefore, we have requested no clothing at this time. Instead, we need sheets and blankets, health kit items, household items, gifts for adults, school supplies and toys. These items should be new.

Each school aged child we adopt receives school supplies and a backpack, if needed. Typically, they have used up their back to school supplies, and they need replenished. Also, each of the 250 households receives a health kit

filled with hygiene products, and wrapped with a new bath towel, hand towel and washcloth!

Each child receives one bigger toy as their gift and then other smaller items are available along with games, books, stuffed animals, stocking stuffers etc. Typically, we are lacking in the main gift area. If you can help with toys for children ages 2-12 and gifts for the teenagers (make up and nail kits) we would be grateful.

HARVESTER'S – It takes all of us to feed our hungry neighbors, Our Community **CAN** is a community-wide food drive that unites everyone in the fight against hunger and promotes volunteer service and community engagement. This year, Harvester's invites our partnering agencies to participate in the drive.



BENEFITS FOR AGENCIES:

Your agency keeps all the food donated. Just report the poundage you received to Harvesters.

Harvesters will provide bags for the food drive as well as customizable flyers.

HOW IT WORKS:

Bags can be available for you at the time of your regular food pick-up or delivery.

Hand out bags in the neighborhood around your agency and / or distribute to your supporters and ask them to adopt the neighborhood where they live.

On Saturday, July 22 collect all the bags and report the poundage you received to Harvesters.

Sign up to participate in Topeka by calling 785-861-7750 or register online at www.harvesters.org/OCCAgency.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 9

9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship (S)
No Bible Study

MONDAY, JULY 10

9:00 – 11:00 am Baby Closet Ministry
6:00 pm Capital City Men's Chorus (FH)

TUESDAY, JULY 11

6:00 pm Council Members Meeting (HH)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

5:00 – 7:00 pm No Bible Study
Baby Closet Ministry

THURSDAY, JULY 13

1:00 – 3:00 pm Baby Closet

FRIDAY, JULY 14

SATURDAY, JULY 15

1:00 pm Worship Team Practice (S)

SUNDAY, JULY 16

9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
2:30 pm Missions Meeting (HH)
No Bible Study

Pastor is out of the office all this week. He will return on the 17th.

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*