

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, AUGUST 20, 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 **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.



BIBLE STUDIES – Come for the free one-hour small group study of the biblical book, "**Jonah**," **on Wednesdays at 10:30 am in Holmer Hall**. The Bible study is taught start-to-finish ("lectio continua"), no previous experience necessary. Bible studies are free and open to the public.

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!

WWW KIDS BIBLE CLUB WESTERN ROUND-UP - Please join us for our opening night with a Western Roundup for Wonderful West Side Wednesdays on August 30, 2017. Supper will be served at 5:30 PM. Registration forms will be available to fill out that night for classes beginning the next week. Classes are available for Kindergarten through Adults. The focus for this night is to get acquainted and ready to begin another exciting season of WWW. There will be singing, games, and even a skit with a cowboy or two.

WORSHIP IN THE PARK – The annual ecumenical **worship service in Gage Park will be on Sunday, September 10** this year. This is a potluck luncheon. West Side Baptist Church will provide the fried chicken for the main dish. So please bring a favorite side dish or desert to share. This is always a fun and exciting time to get together so mark your calendars. See you there!

YOUTH CHOIR - Today, August 20th, the youth choir will start rehearsing at 9:00 am before going on to Sunday School. Hopefully, the youth choir will provide special music about once every six weeks, so rehearsals are important. Some of the songs we will be learning are:

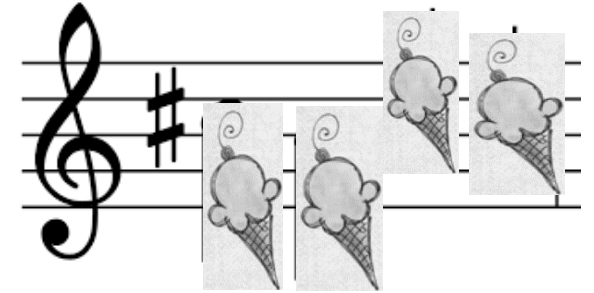
- *East to West* by Casting Crowns
- *Thrive* by Casting Crowns
- *He Knows My Name* by Francesca Battistelli
- *Write Your Story* by Francesca Battistelli
- *Holy Spirit* by Francesca Battistelli

It will be helpful if when you young folks are listening to your favorite Christian music, that you find some of these songs to listen to so that you gain familiarity with the words and music. Also, bring a list of your favorite Christian songs that you would like to learn to sing. If you have friends who do not attend another church, please invite them to sing with us.



CHOIR SEASON IS ABOUT TO START! On **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23**, please all who enjoy singing and have some available time to spend learning music on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 pm, please come to the church at 6:30 pm for an ice cream social provided by Janet Nyfeler. We have a new accompanist, Marjorie O’Konskie, who is also our newly hired organist. This will be a good time to get to know Marjorie. We will visit about songs coming up and maybe even sing a few. Regular weekly rehearsals will begin at 7:00 pm on Wednesdays on August 30 following WWW.

Please RSVP for the ice cream social (spouses are welcome even if they don’t plan to sing in the choir): Janet 271-9460 or janetnyfeler@gmail.com



BREAKFAST IS SERVED! – The outreach committee will begin serving breakfast every Sunday starting September 17 at 8:30 am. Please sign the church registration by your name if you will be attending breakfast. We will need a head count so we make sure we have plenty to go around. If you would be interested in helping with the breakfast on Sunday mornings, please see Mark Calloway for more information.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

9:00 am
9:15 am
10:30 am
2:30 pm

CHRISTIAN ED SUNDAY

Youth Choir Practice
Sunday School
Worship (S)
Missions Meeting
No Bible Study

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

9:00 – 11:00 am
6:00 pm

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

7:15 pm

Outreach Meeting

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

10:30 am
4:00 – 6:00 pm
5:00 – 7:00 pm
6:30 pm

Bible Study (HH)
Fruit & Vegetable Food Pantry (FH)
Baby Closet Ministry
Choir Ice Cream Social

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Baby Closet

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

1:00 pm

Worship Team Practice (S)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

9:15 am
10:30 am
2:30 pm

Sunday School
Worship
Missions Committee (HH)
No Bible Study

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Joe Abby – Cancer and pain (Pat Abby's husband)
Brandt Baker - Job
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)
Esther Carrier – CAT scan for Thyroid problems on 8/21
*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)
*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 – nieces' husband Brian has cancer
*Etta Landis – Healing for health concerns (Legend at Capital Ridge)
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 – Colon Cancer
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
Judy Rohr & Family – Judy's husband passed away
*Hazel Smith-Tindall – Healing for health concerns
Keith Springer – Healing (Marianne Spano's brother)
Lola Zab – Healing (Marianne Spano's sister)

**Homebound*