

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, SEPTEMBER 17, 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

ABCCR ANNUAL GATHERING – Register for the annual American Baptist Churches of the Central Region (ABCCR) Gathering at Cross Winds Camp and Conference Center (Hesston, KS) on Friday, October 13 and Saturday, October 14. Our ABCUSA General Secretary, Rev. Dr.

Lee B. Spitzer, will be the keynote speaker. International Missionaries Keith and Debbie Myers will be sharing about their work in Central Mexico. Workshops will be led by Dr. Bill Hendricks, the Rev. Mike Justice, and Dr. Lee Spitzer on “Baptists, Jews and the Holocaust: The Hand of Sincere Friendship.” Debbie Myers will speak at the AB Women's Ministries luncheon, and the speaker for the ABMen's luncheon will be Bob Schlecta, president of ABMen USA. The registration fee for WSBC members will be paid by the church. Registration forms available in the Church Office.

POOL NOODLES NEEDED – Pastor would like 10 new pool noodles for game time on Wednesday nights. Bring your donations to his study.

BIBLE STUDIES – Come for the free one-hour small group study of the biblical book, "MICAH," 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.

DOORSTEPS, INC. FALL FUNDRAISER - Order your *Tamales & Cinnamon Rolls* directly from our local mission partner, *Doorsteps, Inc., September 30 - October 15 by calling (785) 357-5341*. The Cinnamon Rolls with cream cheese icing (6 pack) are \$9.00. The Tamales come in pork or beef (6 pack) are \$13.00. These items will be individually wrapped and frozen. You can pick up your orders the weekend of November 3 from your Doorstep representative. Our Fall fundraiser helps with client needs, operating expenses in the last quarter of the year, and with our Christmas Store for adopted families. Get your orders in and don't miss out on these yummy treats! Doorstep is open for donations Monday thru Friday from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm. Doorsteps: 1119 SW 10th Avenue (10th & Buchanan).

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING – Disaster Relief: We are praying for the people in the Florida, Louisiana, Texas and other communities impacted by the hurricanes. It is important that we give to a trusted organization and know that our funds will be wisely spent on hurricane relief. Once again, our American Baptist denomination is stepping up to help. Donations made to the "One Great Hour of Sharing / Hurricane Relief" will go 100% to the relief effort. All offerings designated for One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) will be given immediately to our mission partner: American Baptist Churches USA. Thank you for helping our neighbors affected by hurricanes! We have received \$690.00 to our trusted One Great Hour of Sharing Offering! We will continue to receive donations through the month of September 2017.

WWW KID'S BIBLE CLUB – The Fall session of WWW (Wonderful West Side Wednesdays) started on September 6. The doors will open at 5:10 pm. **Supper will be served at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall (cafeteria)**. Programming will be offered for children of all ages.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:30 am	Free Breakfast (FH)
8:30 am	Partners in Prayer (S)
9:15 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Worship (S)
1:30 am	Long Range Planning Committee (HH)
2:30 pm	Missions Meeting

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

9:00 – 11:00 am	Baby Closet Ministry
1:00 pm	Pastoral Relations Committee (HH)
6:00 pm	Capital City Men's Chorus (FH)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

5:30 pm	Christian Ed Meeting (HH)
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

10:30 am	Bible Study (HH)
4:00 – 6:00 pm	Fruit & Vegetable Food Pantry (FH)
5:00 – 7:00 pm	Baby Closet Ministry
5:30 – 7:00 pm	WWW Kids Bible Club / Adult Study
7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

1:00 – 3:00 pm	Baby Closet
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

1:00 pm	Worship Team Practice (S)
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IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Joe Abby – Cancer and pain (Pat Abby’s husband)
Brandt Becker – Employment
Albert Carpenter – Healing for health issues (Harry and Pat’s son)
Bradley Carpenter – Healing for liver (Harry and Pat’s grandson)
Pat Carpenter – Healing for health issues
Susan Carpenter – Healing (Harry and Pat’s daughter in law)
Esther Carrier – Health concern – surgery on thyroid on Oct. 18
*June Cunningham – Healing for health concerns – stroke
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)
Ernie Longstaff - Healing for health concerns - kidney stones and prostate
Judy Longstaff – Healing for health concerns - ankle
*Madeleine Martinson – Healing for health concerns
*Mae Martin – Healing for health concerns
Nancy May – Healing for health concerns
Marie Merrifield – Healing for health concerns
Rogene Moody – Healing for health concerns
Don Morris – Healing for health concerns - colon cancer and chemotherapy
Ken Paslay – Healing for health concerns
Cole Payne – Healing pneumonia (Alice and Clarence’s grandson)
Sonny Payne – Healing for health concerns (Clarence Payne’s brother)
*Juanita Plankinton – Healing for health concerns
Jill Roesler – Healing for health concerns
Judy Rohr & Family – Grief support - 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

BABY CLOSET—We have been busy this summer in the Baby Closet. Families continue to have needs for clothing, diapers and formula. Families are asked to donate back clothing to help keep our shelves stocked. We offer 18 diapers and 18 wipes to each family in need of these items. Keeping diapers in stock is a challenge for us. We continue to look for discounts, and we buy diapers in large quantities. **September is diaper awareness month.** We would be grateful for anyone wanting to donate diapers. We do have personal care items, and cleaning supplies from Harvesters if families need them. We are also able to get formula for babies through Harvesters at a much lower cost. The supply of formula helps feed our babies that are in need. **We need volunteers to help in the Baby Closet on Wednesday evenings 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm.** Let me know if you would be willing to help. Thank you!



Pat Carreno, Director

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE & SOUP FUNDRAISER – The Outreach and Evangelism Committee is sponsoring a one-day Community Garage Sale on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 FROM 8:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON** on the parking lot. Please call the Church Office at (785) 233-4241 to reserve a table. See Mark Calloway for details.

FOOD PANTRY - Free fruits and vegetables are available at West Side Baptist Church, 1008 SW 4th Streets, on **Wednesday from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm or while supplies last.** No income restrictions. ID required: a piece of US mail with your name and current address for identification. Bring reusable shopping bags. All food is available at no cost.

Food Pantry August Report - 260 families (totaling 919 adults, children and senior citizens) received 4,952 pounds of free bread, fruits, vegetables, and other food from the Food Pantry during the month of August 2017.

HARVESTERS FOOD COLLECTION – Harvesters Community Food Network is requesting its local mission partners collect **Low-Sodium Canned Vegetables** for members of our community on no-sodium and low-sodium diets. Please place your donation of non-perishable food in the Harvesters blue barrel in the foyer. Thank you!

