

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.

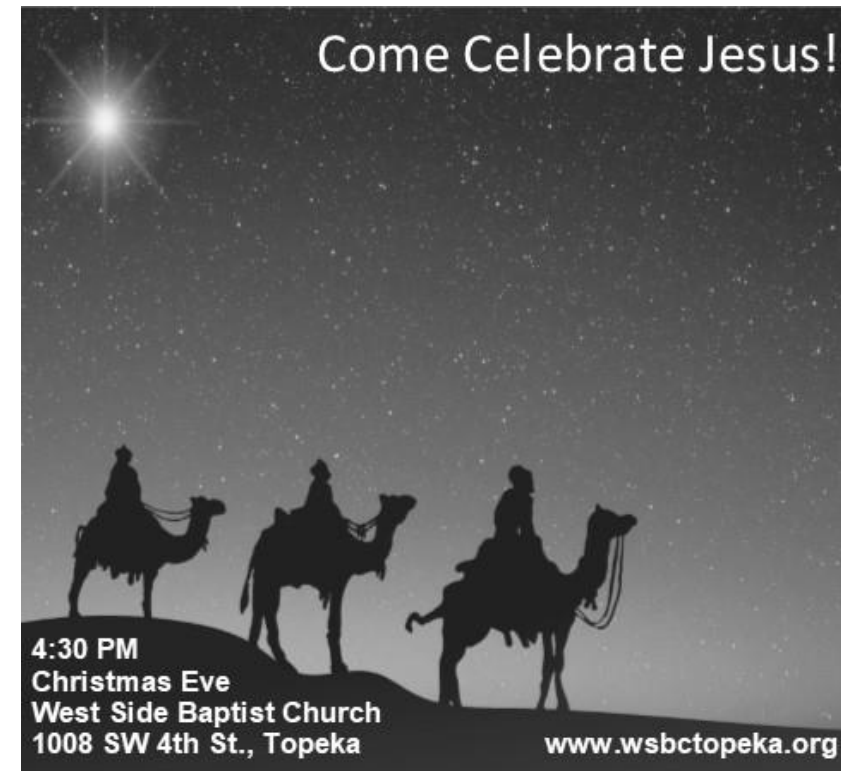
WEST SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017

WELCOME TO WORSHIP – *We are happy you are here!* 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! Blessings, Pastor Ivan

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE – Come Celebrate Jesus! on December 24 at 4:30 pm at the Candlelight Communion Service.



BABY CLOSET CHRISTMAS BAGS - The colder weather has brought many families into the Baby Closet for warm clothing and diapers. We served 52 families with 95 children in October; this included 6 new families. We are again filling bags for Christmas for each family that comes in during December. We are asking for donations of **deodorant, toothpaste, tooth brushes, shampoo and body lotion**. There will be a box in the front of the sanctuary for these items. Thanks to all for opening your hearts at this special time of year. You all are wonderful!
Pat Carreno, Coordinator

BIBLE STUDY – Come for the free one-hour small group study of the biblical book "**EZEKIEL**" 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.



BREAKFAST ON SUNDAYS –

Register your attendance on the pew pads at the end of each pew. Sign-up if you plan to attend the free breakfasts on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall starting at 8:30 am. All ages are welcome to eat for free.



CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE – 4:00 pm We will sing contemporary songs, and Pastor will share a study from the Bible. Come in comfortable, casual clothes.

FRUIT & VEGETABLE FOOD PANTRY – Free bread, fruits, and vegetables on **Wednesdays from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm or while supplies last** at West Side Baptist Church, 1008 SW 4th St., Topeka. **Program eligibility:** Households in Topeka area (zip code 66601-66619). ID required: a piece of US Mail with client's name and current address for identification. One household per address. All food is available no cost. **PANTRY CLOSED: Wednesday, December 27 (The week of Christmas/New Year's)**



WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:45 am Christmas Breakfast Budget Meeting
10:30 am Worship (S)
4:00 pm Contemporary Worship Service (S)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

9:00 – 11:00 am Baby Closet Ministry
5:00 pm Cornerstone Party (FH)
6:00 pm Capital City Men's Chorus (FH)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

6:00 pm Mens and Ladies Night Out at Doug and Jan Mauck's home: 421 Woodlawn, Please bring a finger food to share.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

1:00 – 3:00 pm Baby Closet

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

6:00 pm Youth Lock-in

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:00 am XYZer's Breakfast @ Hy-Vee
1:00 pm Worship Team (S)
6:30 pm Movie Night "It's A Wonderful Life" (HH)

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Joe Abby – Healing for health concerns (Pat Abby’s husband)
Mark Arnold – Cancer, chemotherapy and bone marrow transplant
Albert Carpenter – Healing for health issues (Harry and Pat’s son)
Pat and Harry Carpenter – Healing for health issues
Susan Carpenter – Healing (Harry and Pat’s daughter in law)
Esther Carrier – Healing for health concerns
Laura Carrier – Healing for health concerns
*June Cunningham – Healing for health concerns
*Russ Hunter – Healing for health issues (Fran’s husband)
Mary Lou Johnson and family – grief
*Alice Kieffer – Healing for health concerns
*Karen Kirby – Healing for health concerns
*Reginald Kirby – Healing for health concerns (Stormont Vail)
*Etta Landis – Healing for health concerns (Legend at Capital Ridge)
Ernie and Judy Longstaff - Healing for health concerns
Hilda Lundgren – Healing for health concerns (Brewster Place Rehab)
*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
Ken Paslay – Healing for health concerns
Sonny Payne – Healing for health concerns (Clarence Payne’s brother)
*Juanita Plankinton – Healing for health concerns
*Jeffery Runyan – Healing for health concerns
*Hazel Smith-Tindall – Healing for health concerns
Marianne Spano – Healing for health concerns
Keith Springer – Healing (Marianne Spano’s brother)
Kathy Timpany – Healing for health concerns
Lola Zab – Healing for health concerns (Marianne Spano’s sister)
US Military personnel and Veterans

**Homebound*

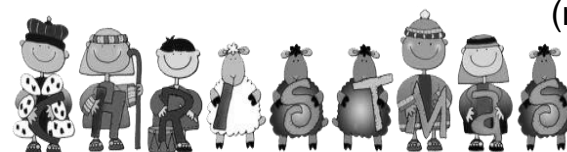
LADIES’ NIGHT OUT AND MEN’S NIGHT OUT - It will be at Doug & Jan Mauck’s home at 421 SW Woodlawn on December 5 at 6:00 pm. Trena is asking people to bring some finger food to eat and the Mauck’s will be providing cookies. See Trena if you have any questions.

MOVIE NIGHT – The Outreach and Evangelism Committee invites everyone to a Movie Night with popcorn and hot chocolate on **Saturday, December 9 at 6:30 pm**. We will watch the 1946 classic, “It’s A Wonderful Life,” starting James Stewart as “George Bailey” and Henry Travers as an “Angel.” No cost! Rating: PG.

IT’S A WONDERFUL LIFE™



WWW CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION – Everyone, please join us for dinner (not a potluck) on **Wednesday, December 13 at 5:30 pm**, followed by a **Christmas Pageant**. This will be our final meeting of WWW for 2017.



We have had a wonderful semester sharing God’s love. We have been teaching the Parables of Jesus and stories of his miracles. Please help us in sharing the miracle of Christmas as we celebrate the greatest gift ever given, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Alice Payne, Coordinator

WWW KID’S BIBLE CLUB – CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE BEFORE NOON TO REQUEST A RIDE TO/FROM CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS. The doors open for OPEN Gym Time at 4:30 pm. **Supper is served at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall (cafeteria).** Bible Studies are offered for children and adults of all ages. See Colleen Smith, Coordinator, for details. **NO SUPPER, WWW KIDS BIBLE CLUB, OR ADULT BIBLE STUDY ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20 AND DECEMBER 27, OR JANUARY 3, 2018**





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