

## 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, NOVEMBER 19, 2017**

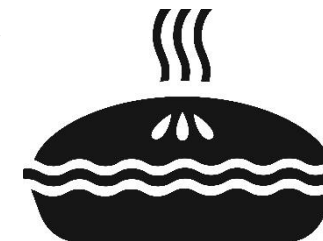
**WELCOME TO WORSHIP** – I am so happy you choose to worship with us this morning at West Side Baptist Church. You will hopefully discover very quickly this is a small, loving church in a big city. If you are looking for a place to belong, make real friendships, and get involved - then West Side is for 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](http://www.wsbctopeka.org). Blessings, Pastor Ivan

**QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING** – The Council has called for a Quarterly Business Meeting **Today, November 19 at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.** The 2018 Proposed Budget and Slate of Officers will be presented. Pat Carpenter, Church Moderator



**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE** – No Sunday evening worship service today (Nov. 19) or next Sunday (Nov. 26). We will sing contemporary songs, and Pastor will share a study from the Bible. Come in comfortable, casual clothes.

**PIES FOR THE HOLIDAYS!** Thank you for supporting our youth group's fundraising project. Please pick-up your pies today.



**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



**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.

**COLD WEATHER TREE** - Cornerstone and Meadows Elementary School need socks for children (all ages). Please help decorate our Thanksgiving Christmas Tree with new socks for our neighborhood children before Nov. 30.

**COOLERS** – Thank you for sharing your coolers (ice-chests) for the Thanksgiving turkey distribution. We gave away fifty-six turkeys on Wednesday, and passed our annual Harvesters Food Safety Inspection. The coolers were cleaned and ready to be returned to their owners on today in the Fellowship Hall. See Pastor for details.

**FRUIT & VEGETABLE FOOD PANTRY** – Free fruits and vegetables on Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm or while supplies last. **ID REQUIRED: bring a piece of US Mail with your name and current address for identification.** Bring reusable shopping bag. All food is available at no cost. No early entry. Households living in the Topeka area (Zip Codes: 66601-66619) are eligible to participate. **PANTRY CLOSED:**



1. **Wednesday, November 22 (The day before Thanksgiving)**
2. **Wednesday, December 27 (The week of Christmas/New Year's)**

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

8:30 am	Free Breakfast (FH)
8:30 am	Partners in Prayer (S)
9:15 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Worship (S)
12:00 pm	Stewardship Luncheon
1:00 pm	Quarterly Business Meeting
4:00 pm	<i>No Contemporary Worship Service (S)</i>

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

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

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

No Music Committee Meeting

### PASTOR ON VACATION

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

No Bible Study (HH)  
No Fruit & Vegetable Food Pantry (FH)  
No Open Gym Time  
No Baby Closet Ministry  
No **WWW Kids Bible Club / Adult Study/**  
No Choir Rehearsal (S)

### PASTOR ON VACATION

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

OFFICE CLOSED

### THANKSGIVING DAY

PASTOR ON VACATION

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

OFFICE CLOSED

### THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

PASTOR ON VACATION

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

NO Worship Team Practice (S)

### PASTOR ON VACATION

## 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)  
Bradley Carpenter – Healing for liver (Harry and Pat’s grandson)  
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)  
\*Alice Kieffer – Healing for health concerns  
Karen Kirby – Healing for health concerns  
**\*Reginald Kirby – Healing for health concerns (Stormont Vail)**  
Larry Kramer – nieces’ husband Brian has cancer  
\*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  
Keith Springer – Healing (Marianne Spano’s brother)  
Lola Zab – Healing for health concerns (Marianne Spano’s sister)  
US Military personnel and Veterans

*\*Homebound*

**HANGING OF THE GREENS** – Help decorate the Church for Advent / Christmas on **Sunday, November 26. at 11:45 am.**

**MOVIE NIGHT** – The Outreach and Evangelism Committee invites everyone to a Movie Night with popcorn 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.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** - The Nominating Committee is submitting this Slate of Nominees to be voted upon by the membership at the Business Meeting on Nov 19, 2017. Clarence Payne, Chair of Nominating Committee

- Church Clerk – Fran Seymour-Hunter, 3 yr. term (2018-2020)
- Coordinator of Administration – Harry Carpenter, 3 yr. term (2018-2020)
- Coordinator of Fellowship & Membership – Lonna Hersh, 3 yr. term (2018-2020)
- Nominating Committee – Dick May, Jr., 2 yr. term (2018-2019)

**OFFICE CLOSED** – **The Church Office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23-24.** The Church Office will reopen on Tuesday, November 28 at 8:00 am.

**ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS** – It's time to order poinsettias in memory of your loved ones to help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. You will notice the colors offered this year are slightly different. There are 3 colors (Orange Spice, Ruby Frost and Polly Pink) that are ONLY AVAILABLE in a 6½-inch pot. All other colors are available in any size. Please indicate the color you want in the size you prefer on the order sheet. Don't forget to include your name and those people you are remembering or honoring. **Please return your poinsettia order and payment by no later than Today.** You may put it in the offering plate, turn into to Lynda in the Church Office, or give to Janet Nyfeler. See Janet Nyfeler for more information.



**PASTOR'S CHRISTMAS COOKIE PARTY OPEN HOUSE** – You are invited to attend the **Christmas Cookie Party Open House on Saturday, December 2 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the Greuters (2211 SW 33<sup>rd</sup> St).** No

cookies or gifts requested; hundreds of cookies available. Come and go!

**SILENT AUCTION** - The Youth Group will be having a **Silent Auction during the Christmas Breakfast on December 3**. Additional information will be provided in the weeks prior to the auction.

**THANKSGIVING MEAL – A BIG THANK YOU to Alice and Clarence Payne, the many kitchen helpers and individuals who roasted turkeys, for the delicious Thanksgiving meal on Wednesday, November 15.** We served 96 people a full Thanksgiving meal (31 children plus 62 adults). Thank you!!!



*Thanksgiving Dinner*

**THANKSGIVING OFFERING** – The 2017 Thanksgiving Offering will be designated for the Baby Closet this year. The Offering will be used to purchase needed supplies for the Baby Closet. Thank you for your generosity!

**VACATION** – Pastor Ivan and his family will be on vacation on Tuesday, Nov. 21 thru Monday, November 27. The Rev. Art Campbell will be the guest speaker on Sunday, Nov. 26. Call the Church Office for emergencies.

**WEDNESDAY 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.



**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, NOVEMBER 22.**



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**HAPPY THANKSGIVING WORD SEARCH**

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See how many of these words you can find in the puzzle. The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

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| 1. THANKSGIVING | 5. THANKFUL | 9. STUFFING | 13. PUMPKIN    |
| 2. HOLIDAY      | 6. FOOD     | 10. SALAD   | 14. PIE        |
| 3. FAMILY       | 7. TURKEY   | 11. BREAD   | 15. VEGETABLES |
| 4. FRIENDS      | 8. POTATOES | 12. YAM     | 16. HAM        |