

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 5, 2017

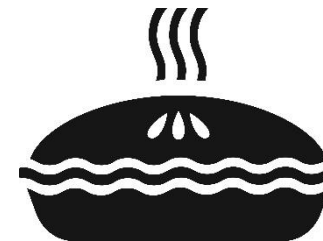
WELCOME TO WORSHIP – I am so happy you choose to worship with us this morning at West Side Baptist Church. You will hopefully discover very quickly this is a small, loving church in a big city. If you are looking for a place to belong, make real friendships, and get involved - then West Side is for you! 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

FREE 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 Sunday breakfasts on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall starting at 8:30 am.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE - The Worship Team will lead a new, every **Sunday evening worship service starting at 4:00 pm**. We will sing contemporary songs, and Pastor will share a study from the Bible. Come in comfortable, casual clothes.



PIES FOR THE HOLIDAYS! The youth are taking orders for pies: pumpkin, apple crumb. SIGN UP on the youth bulletin board in the main hallway or call the Church Office. Pies will be ready for pick-up on Sunday, November 19. Suggested donation is \$12.00 per pie.



ALL CHURCH BON FIRE: YOU ARE INVITED -The church family is invited to a bonfire at **Brice and Colleen Smith's house on November 11 at 5:00 pm**. Hot dogs, buns and condiments will be provided. **Please bring a side dish to share and your lawn chairs**. Once the fire dies down, we'll head inside to enjoy some fellowship and play some games. A map to the Smith's house will be posted on the bulletin board outside of the office. Please let Brice or Colleen know if you are planning to attend this all-Church event. We look forward to seeing everyone!



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

COOLERS – Harvesters is sending WSBC fifty-plus frozen Turkeys to give away for Thanksgiving on Wed. November 15. The Food Pantry needs to borrow twenty-five coolers (ice-chests) for the Thanksgiving distribution. Please label your cooler/ice-chest and place them in the Fellowship Hall. Coolers will be cleaned and returned to owners on Thursday, November 16. See Pastor for details.

Happy
Thanksgiving



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. **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 5

8:30 am	Free Breakfast (FH)
8:30 am	Partners in Prayer (S)
9:15 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Worship (S)
4:00 pm	Contemporary Worship Service (S)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

5:30 pm	Ladies Night Out @ Blue Moose
6:00 pm	Mens Night Out @ Planet Sub

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

1:00 – 3:00 pm	Baby Closet
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 VETERAN'S DAY

9:00 am	XYZer's Breakfast @ Hyvee
1:00 pm	Worship Team Practice (S)
5:00 pm	All Church Bonfire @ The Smith's House

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 Carpenter – Healing for health issues
Susan Carpenter – Healing (Harry and Pat’s daughter in law)
Esther Carrier – Healing
Laura Carrier – Thyroid issues
*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
Larry Kramer – nieces’ husband Brian has cancer
*Etta Landis – Healing for health concerns (Legend at Capital Ridge)
Ernie Longstaff - Healing for health concerns
Judy Longstaff – Healing for health concerns – ankle
Hilda Lundgren – Healing for health concerns (Brewster Place)
*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
Sonny Payne – Healing for health concerns (Clarence Payne’s brother)
*Juanita Plankinton – 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)
Vietnam & vets and soldiers

**Homebound*

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)

HANGING OF THE GREENS – Help decorate the Church for Advent / Christmas on **Sunday, November 26. at 11:45 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 November 19.** 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.



QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING – The Council has called for the next Quarterly Business Meeting for **Sunday, 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



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.

SOCKS FOR CHILDREN – Cornerstone and Meadows Elementary School needs socks for children (all ages). Please help decorate our Thanksgiving Christmas Tree with new socks for our neighborhood children before Nov. 30.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY CONSECRATION SUNDAY – Make your reservation for the **New Consecration Celebration Luncheon on Sunday, November 19 at 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.** The Celebration Luncheon is a catered (not a pot-luck) meal on Stewardship Sunday. See Tom Mansfield for more information.

THANKSGIVING SUPPER on WEDNESDAY, NOV. 15: YOU'RE INVITED -



The Christian Education Committee wants to give our WWW participants the experience of Thanksgiving. We are blessed weekly by their presence and want to share with them the tradition of giving thanks for all God has done for us this year along with feasting together. **Please join us for a celebration of Thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 15 @ 5:30.** We have volunteers fixing the turkeys, potatoes, gravy, stuffing, and rolls. **We're inviting the church family to join us for dinner and to help by bringing a salad or dessert to share.** Please join us as we deliciously share a great American tradition.

Alice Payne, Coordinator of Christian Ed.

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!

TRUNK OR TREAT OUTREACH EVENT – Thank you to Mark Calloway and the many volunteers who helped make our Trunk-or-Treat a wonderful experience! Despite the snow, we had 243 children/youth come to this exciting event. See pictures on Facebook. Thank you!

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.

VETERAN'S DAY – The Church Office will be closed on Friday, November 10 in observance of Veteran's Day.

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.



WORLD MISSION OFFERING (WMO) – Annual ABCUSA offering in October to financially and prayerfully support more than 1,800 short-term and long-term global servants in 70 countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and the Americas. **We received \$736.00 towards our goal of \$1,700.00.**



WWW KID'S BIBLE CLUB – The Fall session of WWW (Wonderful West Side Wednesdays) started on September 6. The doors open for Gym Time at 4:30 pm. **Supper will be served at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall (cafeteria).** Programming is offered for children and adults of all ages. **CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE BEFORE NOON TO REQUEST A RIDE TO/FROM CHURCH.** See Colleen Smith, Coordinator, for details. **NO SUPPER, WWW KDIS BIBLE CLUB, OR ADULT BIBLE STUDY ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22.**



XYZer's BREAKFAST – Join a group of Seniors who enjoy having fun and making real friendships. The "Extra Years of Zest" small group will meet on **Saturday, November 11 @ HyVee at 9:00 am for anyone the age of 55 or older.**