

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, JANUARY 7, 2018

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

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY – Take Control of Your Money. Get out of debt. Plan for retirement. Financial Peace University is a nine week, easy-to-follow program to help you learn how to get out



of debt, create a budget, make wise spending decisions, save for the future, and so much more! Join **Financial Peace University on Mondays, starting January 22, at 6:30 pm in West Side Baptist Church's Holmer Hall. Register in the Church Office or on-line at <https://www.daveramsey.com>.** See Pastor for details.

ANNUAL MEETING – Come to the Annual Meeting and Potluck Luncheon on Sunday, January 28 at 12:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The Fellowship and Membership Committee will provide the fried chicken. Please bring a side dish and dessert for the potluck luncheon. *Church Officers and Coordinators need to email their Annual Report to Lynda (office@wsbctopeka.org) before Wednesday, January 17.* The Annual Report booklet will be distributed prior to the meeting.

BREAKFAST ON SUNDAYS – 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.



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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - The Christian Ed. Committee will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 16 at 5:30 PM in Holmer Hall. See Alice Payne, Coordinator, for information.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE – Come to the **Contemporary Worship Service tonight at 4:00 pm**. The Worship Team will lead us in singing contemporary Christian worship songs, and Pastor will share a study from **Ephesians 3:1-12**. 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.

- **December Report:** we have shared 2,896 pounds of free food with 204 families (744 persons) in the month of December 2017.
- **Annual Report (2017):** we have shared 31,000 pounds of food with 2,406 families (9,272 persons) in nine months of 2017.

Thank you to Ernie Longstaff and Clarence Payne for making this ministry physically possible; thank you to Heidi Hunt, Jeannie Miller; Aaron, Becky, and Nathen Poe for being volunteers!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

8:30 am	Breakfast (FH)
9:15 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Worship (S)
4:00 pm	Evening Worship Service (S)

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

6:00 pm	Council Members Meeting (HH)
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

1:00 – 3:00 pm	Baby Closet
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

9:00 am	XYZer's Breakfast @ Hyvee
1:00 pm	Worship Team Rehearsal (S)

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 and Laura Carrier – Healing for health concerns
*June Cunningham – Healing for health concerns
*Gerald Haney – Healing for health concerns
*Russ Hunter – Healing for health issues (Fran's husband)
*Mary Lou Johnson – Healing for health concerns
*Alice Kieffer – Healing for health concerns
*Karen Kirby – Healing for health concerns
*Reginald Kirby – Healing for health concerns
*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)
*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)
Lola Zab – Healing for health concerns (Marianne Spano's sister)
US Military personnel and Veterans

**Homebound*

MID-WINTER MISSIONS CONFERENCE – The American Baptist Churches of the Central Region (ABCCR) will host their **Mid-Winter Mission & Evangelism Conference “Pathways to New Life”** on **January 19-20 at Cross Wind Conference Center, Hesston, Ks.** The event will kick off with a soup and salad bar at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and close with lunch at noon on Saturday. Keynote speaker, Dr. Jeff Johnson, will help people get excited about sharing their faith. Missionary Karen Smith will join the group via Skype to talk about the ministry of the New Life Center in Thailand.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE – The Missions Committee will hold their monthly meeting on Sunday, Jan. 21 at 2:00 pm in Holmer Hall. See Don Johnson, Coordinator, for information.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE – The Outreach and Evangelism Committee will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 6:30 pm in Holmer Hall. See Mark Calloway, Coordinator, for information.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING – The Souper Bowl of Caring was started in 1990 by a church youth group to mobilize young people to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities by collecting monetary and food donations during the week leading up to **Super Bowl Sunday (FEBRUARY 4, 2018)**. 100% of the money and food is then given directly to local charities. See Pastor to volunteer!



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WORLD MISSION CONFERENCE – Plan now to attend the **World Mission Conference this next summer (Wednesday, July 4 thru Saturday, 7, 2018) at the American Baptist Assembly in Green Lake, Wisconsin sponsored by our ABCUSA International Ministries (IM)**. Discover how International Ministries global servants and partners make disciples for Jesus Christ through ministries of health and wellness, economic and community development, and the abolition of human trafficking. Learn valuable cross-cultural and evangelistic skills by attending workshops. This is an amazing event! Registration deadline: June 1.

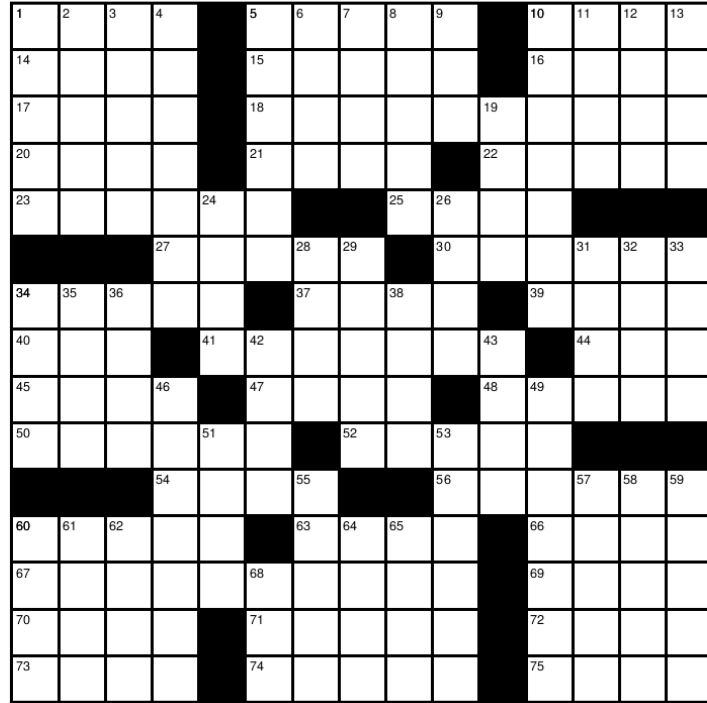


Round the World

Robert Stockton

ACROSS

1. It's green in your garden?
5. Fit
10. Part of a Hawaiian feast?
14. "___ Plata," Montana motto
15. Swung like a sail
16. Spanish nuts?
17. Kitty Litter tycoon Edward
18. Karmic Sitcom set in Camden County
20. Put on a throne
21. Poses
22. Trouble
23. Famous musical trio
25. Part of a Hawaiian feast
27. Greens from the garden
30. Says without sound
34. 1986 Janet Jackson gold record
37. Gold records, e.g.
39. Spree
40. Word with blond or wood
41. "The Honeymooners" duration as a TV series
44. Deli selection
45. The fellow in front of the keyboard
47. Trans-Siberian Railroad stop
48. Award earned by 50 across for "Milk"
50. See 48 across
52. Follower of Kafka?
54. Matches or catches
56. Reveal
60. Zulu or Xhosa
63. Opening for Romeo
66. Wells' Weena, for one
67. Nurture the next generation



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| 69. Google heading | 10. Begin an elopement | 46. Has a great mattress? |
| 70. Fleming and Thorpe | 11. Sit for a fake photo? | 49. Famous waterways hidden within this puzzle |
| 71. Amber alternative | 12. Part of a plot | 51. 62 down, in Dijon |
| 72. "Under Siege" star | 13. Shed | 53. Veep famous slipping on a potatoe? |
| 73. He and she | 19. Prefix with vision or pop | 55. Neighbor of Fiji |
| 74. Fashion | 24. Deli choice | 57. Poem of lament |
| 75. The last word of the year, perhaps | 26. Childish retort | 58. James T. Kirk, for one |
| | 28. Lecturer's sound | 59. Two-ply cotton thread |
| | 29. Malady | 60. Lad from Liverpool |
| DOWN | 31. Iron age adornment | 61. How you might spell relief |
| 1. Pierced | 32. Georgetown player | 62. Yellow-striped billiards ball |
| 2. Maine college town | 33. Pun follower | 64. "Rocky Horror Picture Show" icon |
| 3. Pitiful source for a silk purse | 34. Result of rocking and rolling | 65. Digs for 60 down |
| 4. It checks whether you look right | 35. AARP part | 68. A fifth of "Hamlet" |
| 5. Deliveries protected by the Federal Gov. | 36. George's great big peanut-loving poochie | |
| 6. Some mattresses | 38. Lecturer's sounds? | |
| 7. Place for a mattress | 42. Bar ___ | |
| 8. Superlatively slight | 43. Part of speech for 43 down | |
| 9. Home of N. Amer.'s largest mall | | |

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Books of the Old Testament

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Amos	Hosea	Micah
Chronicles	Isaiah	Nahum
Daniel	Jeremiah	Nehemiah
Deuteronomy	Job	Numbers
Ecclesiastes	Joel	Obadiah
Esther	Jonah	Proverbs
Exodus	Joshua	Psalms
Ezekiel	Judges	Ruth
Ezra	Kings	Samuel
Genesis	Lamentations	Song of Solomon
Habakkuk	Leviticus	Zechariah
Haggai	Malachi	Zephaniah

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