

## 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 Christian church may be received 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, APRIL 1, 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

### AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING (AFC)

– West Side will receive its annual **America for Christ Offering (AFC)** during the month of March. This offering helps fund evangelistic and mission work in the Central Region (Arkansas, Kansas, and Oklahoma) as well as the work of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies in N. America and Puerto Rico. **We have received \$1,144.07 towards our goal of \$1,500.00.** Please place your coin collection box on the Communion Table.



**BELIEVER'S BAPTISM** – Congratulations to Mariah Calloway for being baptized into the Christian faith upon the profession of her faith in Jesus Christ. Mariah is the daughter of Selena Jaimez and Mark Calloway, Sr. Please speak with Pastor Ivan, Pat Carpenter, or Mark Calloway if you would like to be baptized or join this Christian church.



**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 "**ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**" 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 Education Committee will meet on **TUESDAY, APRIL 17 at 5:30 PM in Holmer Hall**. See Alice Payne, Coordinator, for more information.

**DOORSTEP, INC.** – Our local mission partner, Doorstep Inc., will host:

- **ANNUAL BANQUET** honoring their volunteers on Thursday, April 26 at 6:30 pm in St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. They will have a speaker, entertainment, volunteer awards, quilt drawing, taco bake for dinner and a Love Offering for Doorstep! **Reservations are due by April 24**. Call the Doorstep Office (8am – 3pm) at (785) 357-5341 to make a reservation. They will have the **Quilt Drawing (Raffle) at \$1 per chance** but you do not have to present to win! See Chuck Cozad, our Doorstep representatives for tickets or buy them at the banquet before dinner!
- **CINNAMON ROLLS AND TAMALES** - Doorstep will have just one food sale fundraiser this year! They will take orders for **Cinnamon Rolls and Tamales on April 7<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>**, with delivery the weekend of May 4. Find your Doorstep representative to place an order, and help Doorstep bring in much needed funds! For orders see Chuck Cozad.
- **DONATIONS** – The food pantry is low or out of several items. Doorstep needs these items now: Jelly, Spaghetti, Canned Fruit, Hamburger/Tuna Helper, Egg Noodles, Pork & Beans, Tuna, Peas. If you can help with the following items, please bring them to Doorstep at 10th & Buchanan; Monday – Friday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 1**

7:00 am  
8:30 am  
9:15 am  
10:30 am

### **EASTER SUNDAY**

Sunrise Service in Old Prairie Town Chapel  
Breakfast (FH)  
Sunday School  
Worship Service (S)  
No Contemporary Worship Service (S)

### **MONDAY, APRIL 2**

9:00 – 11:00 am  
6:00 – 9:00 pm

### **PASTOR ON VACATION**

Baby Closet Ministry  
Capital City Men's Chorus (FH)

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 3**

5:30 pm  
6:00 pm

### **PASTOR ON VACATION**

No Music Committee Meeting  
Ladies Night Out @ Red Robin  
Mens Night Out @ Freddy's

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4**

4:00 – 6:00 pm  
4:30 – 7:00 pm  
4:30 pm  
5:30 pm  
6:00 pm

### **PASTOR ON VACATION**

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

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 5**

1:00 – 3:00 pm

### **PASTOR ON VACATION**

Baby Closet

### **FRIDAY, APRIL 6**

4:30 pm

### **PASTOR ON VACATION**

Youth leave for Christian Weekend

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 7**

### **PASTOR ON VACATION**

No Worship Practice

**Sunday, April 15 there will be a brief Sunday School teachers meeting after the Worship Service. All Sunday School teachers please plan to attend.**

**FIFTH SUNDAY SING** – The Music Committee is planning to host a "Fifth Sunday Sing" on **April 29**. We will sing your favorite worship songs and hymns during the service. Please share your requests with Janet Nyfeler or Jan Mauck before April 22.

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Mark Arnold – Healing for health concerns  
Mark Calloway – Healing for health concerns  
Al Carpenter – Healing for health concerns  
Harry and Pat Carpenter – Healing for health concerns  
Esther Carrier – Healing for health concerns  
Shirley Dell – Healing for health concerns  
Hilda Lundgren – Healing for health concerns – wound care  
Nancy May – Healing for health concerns  
Marie Merrifield – Healing for health concerns – wound care  
Rogene Moody – Healing for health concerns – wound care  
Don Morris – Healing for health concerns  
Janet Nyfeler – Healing for health concerns  
Ken Paslay – Healing for health concerns  
Becky Poe – Healing for health concerns  
Bob Roesler – Interim Minister at FBC of Topeka, starting Feb. 1, 2018  
Jill Roesler – Healing for health concerns  
Keith Springer – Healing for health concerns (Marianne Spano's brother)  
Lola Zab – Healing for health concerns (Marianne Spano's sister)

### **HOMEBOUND:**

\*June Cunningham – Healing for health concerns (Brewster Place)  
\*Helen Farrar – Healing for health concerns (Plaza West Care Center)  
\*Gerald Haney – Healing for health concerns  
\*Russ Hunter – Healing for health concerns  
\*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)  
\*Madeleine Martinson – Healing for health concerns (Fleming Place)  
\*Mae Martin – Healing for health concerns (Plaza West Care Center)  
\*Theo Penny – Healing for health concerns (Lawrence)  
\*Juanita Plankinton – Healing for health concerns  
\*Hazel Smith-Tindall – Healing for health concerns



**FRUIT & VEGETABLE FOOD PANTRY** – Free bread, fruits, and vegetables on **Wed. from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm** or while supplies last. **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. Client must be present. All food is available no cost.

**MUSIC COMMITTEE** – The Music Committee (Choir Director, Organist, and Pastor) has its weekly meeting to select hymns, songs, and spirituals for worship services on **Tuesdays at 9:00 am in Holmer Hall**. All are welcome!

**MISSIONARIES VISITING** – Our church financially and prayerfully supports more than 180 Global Servants (missionaries) through International Ministries (IM). West Side Baptist Church will host the **Rev. Emerson and Ivy Wu**, ABCUSA Global Servants serving in China and Hong Kong, on **Sunday, April 29 at 4:00 pm**. Join us for this important You can find more information about the Wu family and their work in China at: [www.internationalministries.org/author/ei-wu](http://www.internationalministries.org/author/ei-wu).



**NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP** – The Neighborhood Improvement Association (NIA) will be sponsoring a **“Get Down and Get Dirty”** clean-up of Ward Meade on **Earth Day, Saturday, April 21 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM**. Volunteers are needed to help our middle school youth pick up trash along the streets and in the parks. See Pastor to volunteer!

**NEWSLETTER** – Newsletter articles and reports are due in the Church Office by noon on Wednesday, April 25 for publication on Sunday, April 29.



**QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING** – The Council has set the date for the next congregational Quarterly Business Meeting and Potluck Luncheon on **Sunday, April 29 at 12:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall (downstairs cafeteria)**. Please bring a covered dish and/or dessert to share.

**RIDE TO CHURCH** - If you need transportation to/from a worship service, Wednesday nights, or another church-related activity, please **call the Church Office at (785) 233-4241 during Office hours (Tuesday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)**. Volunteers are needed to ride along with our driver to transport children on Wednesdays and Sundays. Contact Mark Calloway if you would like to volunteer.



**SENIOR ADULT RETREAT** — Join the ABCCR Senior Adult Retreat on Wednesday, April 25 and Thursday, April 26 at Cross Wind Conference Center, Hesston, Kansas. Dr. Susan Gillies will speak on “The JOY of the Lord is My Strength” from Nehemiah 8:9-12. **Registration deadline is Monday, April 2, 2018.** Cost: \$99.00 per person which includes programming, all meals, and lodging. See Nancy Cottril for more details.

**VACATION** – Pastor Ivan will be taking vacation the week of Monday, April 2 thru Sunday, April 8. Sue Ann Seel will fill the pulpit on April 8. Please call the Church Office for emergencies.

**WORLD MISSION CONFERENCE** – Plan now to attend the **World Mission Conference July 4-7, 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. Registration deadline: June 1.

**YOUTH GROUP TRIP** – The Youth Group, adult sponsors, and guests will be departing the church on **Friday, April 6 at 3:45 pm for Young Christians Weekend in Silver Dollar City**. The group will attend Christian concerts, workshops, and listen to inspiring speakers at Silver Dollar City. They plan to return to Topeka on Monday, April 8 at 8:00 pm. See Brice Smith for details.

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# BIBLE EASTER WORD SEARCH



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MARY  
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