

## 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 15, 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

**AGAPE BENEVOLENCE FUND** - Your neighbors and friends need your help! The Church receives financial donations over-and-above our operating expenses to help members and neighbors in need with medicine, rent/mortgages, utilities, and water bills. The Benevolence Committee has received and awarded more than \$2,250.00 in requests this year - twice the amount then we've received in donations. Would you consider giving a gift to help our church family and friends? Donations can be given on Sunday, mailed to the Church, or dropped off at the Church Office (M-F, 8 am to 4 pm). Pastor Ivan

**CHILDRENS ACTIVITY BAGS AND BULLETINS – *We are glad to have children in worship!*** Activity bags filled with coloring pages, crayons, and other items are available for preschool and elementary-aged children near the sanctuary door. Enjoy the bags and children's bulletins; take your artwork home. Place the bags on the front pew after the worship service so we can restock them.

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



**AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING (AFC)** – Thank you to every family who gave to the annual **America for Christ Offering (AFC)**. 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 \$ \$1,266.02 towards our goal of \$1,500.00.** Please bring your coin collection box to church and place them on the Communion Table.



**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 their **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!



**FIFTH SUNDAY SING** – The "Fifth Sunday Sing" will be held on **April 29**. Please share your requests with Janet Nyfeler or Jan Mauck before April 22.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, APRIL 15

8:30 am	Breakfast (FH)
9:15 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Worship Service (S)
2:00 pm	Mission Meeting
4:00 pm	Contemporary Worship Service (S)

### MONDAY, APRIL 16

9:00 – 11:00 am	<b>PRAIRIE PASTORS CONF. (OMAHA)</b> Baby Closet Ministry
6:00 – 9:00 pm	Capital City Men's Chorus (FH)

### TUESDAY, APRIL 17

9:00 am	<b>PRAIRIE PASTORS CONF. (OMAHA)</b> Music Committee Meeting
5:30 pm	Christian Ed Meeting (HH)

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

10:30 am	<b>PRAIRIE PASTORS CONF. (OMAHA)</b> <b>NO Bible Study (HH)</b>
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	Supper (FH)
6:00 pm	WWW Kids Bible Club and Adult Study
7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (S)

### THURSDAY, APRIL 19

1:00 – 3:00 pm	Baby Closet
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### FRIDAY, APRIL 20

### SATURDAY, APRIL 21

1:00 pm	Worship Practice (S)
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**This Sunday, April 15 there will be a brief Sunday School teacher meeting after the Worship Service. All Sunday School teachers please plan to attend.**

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Central Congregational Church – Pastoral Candidate Weekend

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

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 (Aldersgate)

\*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.



**HEARTLAND TRAVELING DAY CAMP** – Potwin Presbyterian and West Side Baptist Church are once again partnering to host Heartland Traveling Day Camp. It will be held **Monday, June 11 thru Friday, June 15** at West Side Baptist. Children who have completed Kindergarten through 6th grade may attend. There is **no cost**, but a registration form must be completed by May 20. Parents may register their child online at <https://www.heartlandcamps.org/traveling-day-camps>. Space is limited, so register soon. We would love to have your kids be a part of this wonderful experience!  
~ Alice Payne, Christian Ed

**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!

**MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITY** – Fran and Pastor will be taking the Middle School Students to the Topeka Community Concert Association / 'On Stage Live!' concert, **Side Street Strutters, today (April 15) at 3:00 PM** in the Topeka Performing Arts Center. Thank you to Nancy and Wayne Cottril for providing the extra tickets for the youth to attend this performance.

**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](http://www.internationalministries.org).



**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!

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

**PRAIRIE PASTORS CONFERENCE** – Pastor will be out-of-town for the **Prairie Pastors Conference in Omaha on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday morning (April 16-18)**. He will be leading part of the Orientation to American Baptist Life for new clergy in the Prairie Conference (Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and N&S Dakota). He will return home on Wednesday morning; there will be no Bible Study.

**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.

**WORLD MISSION CONFERENCE** – Register for the **World Mission Conference on July 4-7, 2018 at Green Lake, Wisconsin sponsored by 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.

*Butterfly Word Search*

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| BALTIMORE CHECKERSPOT | EMERGE       | INSECT          | PUDDLE       |
| BASKING               | ENTOMOLOGIST | LEGS            | PUPAE        |
| BROOD                 | FEMALE       | LEPIDOPTERA     | RED ADMIRAL  |
| CATERPILLAR           | FLOWERS      | MALE            | SCALES       |
| CHRYSLIS              | FOREWING     | METAMORPHOSIS   | SWALLOWTAIL  |
| CLASPERS              | FRASS        | MILKWEED        | THORAX       |
| COMMON SULPHUR        | FRITILLARY   | MONARCH         | VEINS        |
| COMPOUNDEYE           | GARDEN       | MOURNING CLOAK  | VICEROY      |
| CREMASTER             | HEAD         | NECTAR          | WINGS        |