

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, MAY 20, 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

BOILER REPAIRS – The Church voted unanimously during the Quarterly Business Meeting on April 29 to accept the \$43,000.00 bid from McElroy's Mechanical Contractors to repair the boilers this summer. The Church will receive donations and pledges for "BOILERS" for these unexpected repairs. See Harry Carpenter for details about the boilers. Talk with Nancy Lindberg, Church Treasurer, about donations and/or a pledge.



CHRISTIAN BAPTISM – We will celebrate the Ordinance of Christian Baptism on **Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 2018** at 10:30 am. West Side Baptist Church practices "Believer's Baptism" by immersion. Any person, regardless of age, interested in being baptized as a Christian upon profession of their faith in Jesus Christ should speak with Mark Calloway, Pat Carpenter, or Pastor Ivan. Christian baptism is required for admission into a local community of faith.

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. Space is limited, so register soon. Parents may register their child online at <https://www.heartlandcamps.org/traveling-day-camps>. We would love to have your kids be a part of this wonderful experience! ~ Alice Payne



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 that 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



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.

CHURCH CAMP - Seven campers have worked over the last three months to earn scholarship dollars to help them go to church camp this summer: Sage Poe, Jessa Greuter, Macy Greuter, Nathen Poe, Aaron Poe, David Greuter, and Ricky Reyes. We want to thank Pat Carreno, Fran Hunter, Nancy Cottril, Nancy Lindberg, Colleen Smith, Brice Smith, Jim Goodnow, Mark Calloway and Pastor Ivan. These adults helped them set goals and achieve their activity points. Thanks also to the congregation for your generosity and interest in our camping program. ~ Alice Payne, Coordinator of Christian Education



WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 20

8:30 am	Breakfast (FH)
8:30 am	Concert of Prayer (S)
9:15 am	Sunday School Classes for All Ages
10:30 am	Worship Service (S)
2:00 pm	Mission Meeting (HH)
4:00 pm	Last Contemporary Worship Service (S)

MONDAY, MAY 21

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

TUESDAY, MAY 22

9:00 am	Music Committee Meeting (HH)
7:15 pm	Outreach Meeting (HH)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

10:30 am	Bible Study (HH)
4:00 – 6:00 pm	Fruit & Vegetable Food Pantry (FH)
4:30 – 7:00 pm	Baby Closet Ministry
7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (S)

THURSDAY, MAY 24

1:00 – 3:00 pm	Baby Closet
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FRIDAY, MAY 25

PASTOR'S DAY OFF

SATURDAY, MAY 26

1:00 pm	Worship Practice (S)
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SUNDAY, MAY 27

8:30 am	Breakfast
9:15 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Worship

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
Judy Longstaff – Healing and surgery
Hilda Lundgren – 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
Janet Nyfeler – Healing for health concerns
Ken Paslay – Healing for health concerns
Edward Perkins – Healing for health concerns (KU Medical Center)
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 & CARE FACILITIES:

*June Cunningham – Brewster Place
*Helen Farrar – Plaza West Care Center
*Gerald Haney –
*Russ Hunter –
*Mary Lou Johnson – Aldersgate
*Alice Kieffer –
*Reginald Kirby –
*Etta Landis – Legend at Capital Ridge
*Madeleine Martinson – Fleming Place
*Mae Martin – Plaza West Care Center
*Theo Penny – Lawrence
*Juanita Plankinton –
*Hazel Smith-Tindall –

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE – The Worship Team will lead it's **last Sunday Evening Service Today, May 20 at 4:00 pm** until the end of summer. Come sing contemporary Christian worship songs! Pastor will share a Bible lesson from the *morning Epistle reading*. Come in comfortable, casual clothes.

FRUIT & VEGETABLE FOOD PANTRY – Free bread, fruits, and vegetables on **Wednesdays from 4:00 to 6:00 pm**, while supplies last. No income restrictions. **PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY:** Households living in Topeka area (zip code 66601-66619). **INCOME GUIDELINES:** None. **ID REQUIRED:** Client must bring a **PHOTO ID AND A PIECE OF US MAIL** with client's name and current address for identification. **HOUSEHOLDS:** One household per address. All food is available at no cost. West Side does not participate in Client Track.



SUMMER SCHEDULE: first and third Wednesdays only.

- May 30 – NO Food Pantry (Harvesters Closed - Memorial Day Week)
- June 2 and 20 – Summer Food Pantry (4-6 pm)
- July 4 – No Food Pantry (Harvester's Closed – July Holiday)
- July 18 – Summer Food Pantry (4-6 pm)
- August 1, 15, and 29 (4-6 pm)

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – The Congregation voted unanimously during its Quarterly Business Meeting on April 29 to partner with Habitat for Humanity in the “**Build on Faith**” project at **422 SW Taylor**. A new Habitat house will be built by volunteers this summer. Speak with Don Johnson if you would like to volunteer at the work site, donate your professional skills (e.g., electricians, painters, etc.) or work in our kitchen to help feed volunteers. Donations for “Habitat House” will be received for the new house in our neighborhood.



Volunteer by contacting: Nikki MacMillan, Volunteer Coordinator
Phone (785) 234-4322 or volunteer@topekahabitat.org.
Sign-up online: <http://www.topekahabitat.org/volunteer>

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) – The new Automated External Defibrillator (AED) has arrived. It was installed in the elevator foyer. I will be scheduling a Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) class with instructions on using the AED in May. Please see me if you are willing to be certified in this class.



~ Pat Carreno

THE LORD’S SUPPER – West Side Baptist Church celebrates the Lord’s Supper (Holy Communion) on the first Sunday of each month. We practice “open communion.” This means we recognize the Table of the Lord does not belong to any church but solely to Jesus Christ. Therefore, any baptized Christian is welcome to receive the bread and the cup in this Christian church.



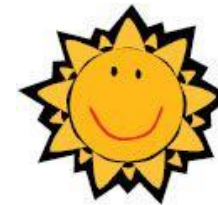
MUSIC COMMITTEE – The Music Committee (Choir Director, Organist, and Pastor) has its weekly meeting to select hymns, songs, and spirituals for worship services on **Tuesdays at 9:00 am in Holmer Hall**. All are welcome!

NEWSLETTER - The deadline to submit articles for the June newsletter is Monday, May 21 at noon. Submissions may be made in person or via email: office@wsbctopeka.org. Please call Lynda if you have any questions at (785) 233-4241. Newsletters are published the last Sunday of each month. Call the Church Office to be added to the mailing list.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL CINEMA – WHO: It’s for EVERYONE

WHEN: JUNE 10 @ 9:15 a.m. WHERE: Holmer Hall

WHAT: Join us for a morning of FELLOWSHIP as we begin to watch the heartwarming story, “WONDER”. Julia Roberts, Owen Wilson, and Jacob Tremblay star in this inspiring story of the Pullman family whose son, born with facial differences, enters a mainstream school for the first time. Pastor Ivan will direct the discussion with thought-provoking questions, as we ponder our own feelings and actions, as Christians, when faced with difficult social situations.



WELCOME SUMMER

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| CARNIVAL | JUMPROPE | SPRINKLER |
| COOKOUTS | JUNE | SNOWCONES |
| FIREFLIES | MOVIES | SUNGLASSES |
| FIREWORKS | PARADES | SUNSCREEN |
| FISHING | PARTIES | SWIMMING |
| FLIPFLOPS | PICNICS | THEME PARK |
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