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:

- <u>ADMIT</u> 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. <u>BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED</u> 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).
- <u>CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD</u> 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. <u>DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO JESUS</u> 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 6, 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 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

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.

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.



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 NOW BEING SERVED 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.

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 Carpenters for details about the boilers. Talk with Nancy Lindberg, Church Treasurer, about donations and/or a pledge.

CHURCH CAMP - Seven potential 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, and Macy Greuter are planning to attend Quest at Green Lake. Nathen Poe, Aaron Poe, David Greuter, and Ricky Reyes are planning to attend a summer camp sponsored by ABCCR. 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 ~ Alice Payne, Coordinator of Christian Education program.

CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY – Thank you to the Middle School and High School youth and the many adult volunteers who to clean the flower beds and church yard during their workday on Friday, April 27! A job well done!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 6	PEACE SUNDAY
8:30 am	Breakfast (FH)
9:15 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Worship Service (S)
4:00 pm	Contemporary Worship Service (S)

MONDAY, MAY 7

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

TUESDAY, MAY 8

9:00 am	Music Committee Meeting (HH)
6:00 pm	Council Members Meeting (HH)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

10:30 am	Bible Study (HH)
4:00 – 6:00 pm	Fruit & Vegetable Food Pantry (FH)
4:30 – 7:00 pm	Baby Closet Ministry
5:30 pm	NO Meal, WWW or Adult Bible Study until Fall
7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (S)
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THURSDAY, MAY 10

ASCENSION DAY

1:00 – 3:00 pm Baby Closet

FRIDAY, MAY 11

SATURDAY, MAY 12

8:00 – Noon	Community Rummage Sale (Parking Lot)
9:00 am	XYZer's Breakfast @ HyVee
10:00 am	Central Seminary Graduation
1:00 pm	Worship Practice (S)

SUNDAY, MAY 13

MOTHER'S DAY

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 for health concerns

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:**

*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

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

<u>https://www.heartlandcamps.org/traveling-day-camps</u>. We would love to have your kids be a part of this wonderful experience! ~ Alice Payne

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. Food Pantry will be held on May 2, 9, 16, and 23. No Food Pantry on May 30 (Memorial Day Holiday).

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.

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!

RUMMAGE SALE - Community Rummage Sale on **Saturday, May 12 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm** at West Side Baptist Church, 1008 SW 4th St., Topeka. Multiple vendors selling items (e.g., bikes, books, children's clothes, tools, toys, etc.). Bake sale fundraiser to send children and youth to summer camp. Set-up will begin at 7:15 AM. *Not responsible for accidents, damage to vehicles, lost or stolen items, or transactions/sales.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL CINEMA –
WHEN: JUNE 10 @ 9:15 a.m.WHO: It's for EVERYONE
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.

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR

(AED) – The new Automate External Defibrillator (AED) has arrived. It was installed in the elevator foyer. I will be scheduling a Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) class with instruction



Resuscitation (CPR) class with instructions on using the AED in May. Please see Pat Carreno if you are willing to be certified in this class. The class will last from two to four hours. Here is some information why defibrillators are used to save lives. The American Heart Association estimates that in the USA alone, at least 250,000 people die each year of cardiac arrest. About 10,000 of these might have been saved if they had received immediate treatment from a defibrillator. When sudden cardiac arrest occurs, it usually is caused by malfunction in the heart's electrical system. This is called ventricular fibrillation. If this critical condition happens, it prevents the heart from pumping blood throughout the body. Death from ventricular fibrillation can occur in seconds. Defibrillation is a relatively simple procedure that involves placing electrode pads on a person with an exposed chest and delivering an electrical shock to the heart as instructed. This externally delivered shock often will restores the heart's electrical system to normal rhythm. Together with CPR, defibrillation provides the most effective care for victims in cardiac arrest. ~ Pat Carreno

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