

## 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, and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and the covenant of this church, may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor, Moderator, or come forward at a meeting of the congregation. A person may join by one of the following ways:

1. **BELIEVER'S BAPTISM**
2. **LETTER OF TRANSFER** or recommendation from a previous Christian church with prior baptism; or a
3. **SATISFACTORY STATEMENT OF CHRISTIAN FAITH** and prior baptism

Members shall strive to be faithful to Christian principles as outlined in scripture and support the mission of the church through attendance, prayer, service and monetary giving. The *first step* to becoming 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, OCTOBER 21, 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.

**MISSIONARY SPEAKER – Alise Juanes, International Ministries global servant**, will be visiting West Side Baptist Church on **Wednesday, October 24 at 6:00 pm**. Alise and Mark (her husband) and their three children will serve at the House of Love and House of Blessing in Chiang Mai, Thailand. These



ministries were established by IM missionary Kim Brown to help tribal women and children coping with problems caused by AIDS, disabilities, and migration from their rural villages to urban slums. Working through longtime IM partners, Integrated Ministries for the Ethnic Minorities Foundation and the Thailand Karen Baptist Convention, Alise and Mark's ministry will focus on the discipleship and spiritual development of children and staff, administrative responsibilities and community development. A light supper will be served at 5:30 pm. ***There will be no WWW Kids Bible Club on Wed., Oct. 24 because of Parent-Teacher Conferences.***

**QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING** – The Council of Ministries has called for the Quarterly Business Meeting for next Sunday, October 28 after worship in the Sanctuary. There will be no meal.

**AGAPE BENEVOLENCE FUND** - Your neighbors and friends need your help! The Church receives financial donations over-and-above our operating expenses to members and neighbors in need with medicine, rent/mortgages, utilities, and water bills. Would you consider giving a gift to support our church family and friends? Donations can be presented on Sunday, mailed to the Church, or dropped off at the Church Office (M-F, 8 am to 4 pm). ~Pastor Ivan



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**BABY CLOSET REPORT – September:** 126 children in 45 families were able to receive free baby clothes, diapers, wipes, and other items from the Baby Closet during September 2018. **The Baby Closet is open Mondays (9-11AM), Wednesdays (5-7 PM) and Thursdays (1-3 PM).** Donations of baby items, clothes (newborn to size 5), and cash/check are appreciated.

**BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE WOMEN’S DAY OF PRAYER** – The 2018



Baptist Women's Day of Prayer is set for Monday, November 5. Join millions of other Baptist women in a day of adoration, celebration, petition, and supplication. The Baptist Women's Union of the South West Pacific prepared the 2018 Day of Prayer program. The theme is Arise and Shine through Unity and Justice. Find valuable information at <http://bwawd.org/2018-Day-Of-Prayer>

**BIBLE STUDY** - Come for the 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. A new study will start October 31 – “The Book of Esther – God Saves His People!”

**CHOIR SEASON HAS BEGUN** - All who enjoy singing and have some available time to spend learning music on **Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:00 pm,** are invited to join the Choir. Contact Janet Nyfeler at (785) 271-9460 or [janetnyfeler@gmail.com](mailto:janetnyfeler@gmail.com). We will visit about songs coming up and maybe even sing a few.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

8:30 am	Breakfast (FH)
9:15 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Worship Service (S)
2:30 pm	Mission Committee (HH)

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 22

9:00 am	Music Committee Meeting (HH)
9:00 -11:00 am	Baby Closet Ministry
6:00 - 9:00 pm	Capital City Men’s Chorus (FH)
6:00 pm	Daughters of the Am. Revolution (HH)

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23

6:00 pm	Ward Meade NIA Chili Fundraiser Com (HH)
7:15 pm	Outreach & Evangelism Committee (HH)

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

10:30 am	Bible Study (HH)
3:30 – 5:30 pm	Fruit & Vegetable Food Pantry (FH)
5:00 – 7:00 pm	Baby Closet Ministry
5:30 pm	Light Supper (FH)
5:30 – 7:00 pm	Missionary Visit – Alise Juanes, Thailand
(HH)	
No	WWW Bible Club and Adult Bible Study (HH)
No	Choir Practice (S)

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

1:00 - 3:00 pm	Baby Closet
6:00 – 8:00 pm	Ward Meade Neighborhood Impr. Assoc. (HH)

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26 Pastor’s Day Off

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

1:00 pm	Worship Team Practice
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## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Joe Abbey – Praise for a healthy report  
Al Carpenter – Healing for health concerns  
Bradley Carpenter – Healing for health concerns  
Harry and Pat Carpenter – Healing for health concerns  
Pat Carreno – Healing for Health Concerns (home)  
Esther Carrier – Healing for health concerns  
Almira Collier – Healing for health concerns (Colorado)  
Karen Kirby – Healing for health concerns  
Ernie Longstaff – 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 and Molly Morris – Healing for health concerns moved to Brewster PL  
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)

General Secretary of the American Baptist Churches – Dr. Lee Spitzer  
New ABCCR Executive Minister – Rev. Dr. Gregg Hemmen

### **HOMEBOUND & CARE FACILITIES:**

*June Cunningham – Brewster Place	*Etta Landis –Capital Ridge
*Shirley Dell –	*Mae Martin – Plaza West
*Helen Farrar –Plaza West	*Ken Pasley – Atria Place
*Gerald Haney –	*Theo Penny – Lawrence
*Russ Hunter –	*Edward Perkins – Gardiner
*Mary Lou Johnson –Aldersgate	*Juanita Plankinton –
*Alice Kieffer –	*Hazel Smith-Tindall
*Reginald Kirby – Hospice	

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS** – Get ready to “fall back” one hour on **Sunday, November 4 at 2:00 AM** because Daylight Savings Time ends.

**FRUIT & VEGETABLE FOOD PANTRY** – Free bread, fruits, and vegetables on **Wednesdays from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm** or while supplies last. **September Food Pantry Report** - 939 Individuals (444 adults, 406 children, and 89 seniors) in 250 families were able to receive free bread, fruits, vegetables, and other items (total 4,193 pounds) from the Fruit & Vegetable Food Pantry at West Side Baptist Church during September 2018. The Fruits & Vegetable Food Pantry will be open on Wednesdays in October (3, 10, 17, 24) from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm. **There will be NO Food Pantry on Halloween (October 31)**. All food is available at no cost



**.HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** - Volunteers Needed! The Habitat for Humanity Faith Build is an opportunity for our faith groups to put God's love into action. Over 20 Topeka faith groups have come together to construct a home in our Ward Meade Neighborhood. If you are interested in joining these efforts, please sign-up at <http://www.topekahabitat.org/faith-build>. Or, contact Janice at (785) 234-4322 or [exec@topekahabitat.org](mailto:exec@topekahabitat.org). See Don Johnson for details.



**MEMBERSHIP CLASSES** – Pastor Ivan will lead a new Membership Class, “**Pathfinders**,” for all interested individuals for six weeks on **Saturday mornings in November (3rd, 10th, and 17th) and December (8th, 15th, and 22nd) at 11:00 am in Holmer Hall**. See Pastor to register for the class or schedule your baptism on Sunday, December 23, the Sunday before Christmas.



**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES** – Officers and Committee Chairpersons need to submit newsletter articles to the Church Office before Tuesday, October 23. Please give submissions to Lynda or email to [office@wsbctopeka.org](mailto:office@wsbctopeka.org).



**STEWARDSHIP LUNCHEON** – Mark your calendars for the annual **Stewardship Celebration Luncheon on Sunday, November 18 at 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.** The Celebration Luncheon is a catered (not a pot-luck) meal on Stewardship Sunday (the Sunday before Thanksgiving). Our Theme will be “Remember.” We will celebrate membership anniversaries throughout the new church year (December thru November). See Pastor Ivan for more information.

**TRUNK OR TREAT** – The Outreach and Evangelism Committee will sponsor a one-night Trunk or Treat at West Side Baptist Church on **Wednesday, October 31 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm in the North Parking Lot. Candy Donations Needed (individually-wrapped).** Reserve a space for your “trunk” by contacting the Church Office. The Ward Meade Neighborhood Improvement Association will hold their Chili Feed Cook-off and hot dog sale during the Trunk-or-Treat. See Mark Calloway for more details.



**VETERAN’S DAY SERVICE** - The Church will honor all servicemen and women during worship on Sunday, November 11 at 10:30 am. Please bring a framed photograph of the person you wish to acknowledge and remember to be placed on the Communion Table. See Pastor Ivan for details. The Office will be closed on Monday, November 12 in observance of Veteran’s Day.

**WORLD MISSION OFFERING (WMO)** – Thank you for giving generously to the annual **World Mission Offering. Our goal was \$1,500.00. We have received \$1,785,85.** Wow! Thank you!

**YOUTH @ BRAVING DISCIPLESHIP (NOV. 2-3)** – Youth and Sponsors need to register for Braving Discipleship, ASAP! Braving Discipleship is a youth conference centered on creating and developing disciples for Christ. **Register Online!** The event is free for students who participated in the Labor of Love event. Come and be a part of something greater than yourself and learn what it means to be a Disciple of Jesus! See Pastor Ivan for more information.



## Going Green Word Search

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| Earth Day        | Fuel Reduction       | Electric Vehicles |
| Environment      | Solar Power          | Global Warming    |
| Going Green      | Energy Efficient     | Ditch Disposables |
| Recycle          | Water Conservation   | Sustainable       |
| Reduce           | Save a Tree          | Wind Power        |
| Reuse            | Climate Change       | Carbon Footprint  |
| Compost          | Clean Air            | Ecofriendly       |
| Reusable Bottles | Clean Transportation | Slow Food         |
| Reusable Bags    |                      |                   |