

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, DECEMBER 2, 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.

REMEMBER MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN – On the first Sunday of the new church year (December thru November) 2018-2019, members will be invited to come forward to renew their baptismal vows and membership covenant in the month they joined the congregation. We rejoice with the following persons who call us their Church Family and West Side Baptist Church their spiritual home:

REMEMBER

• Reginald Kirby	Baptized	12-01-1946	72 years
• Grace Goodnow	Joined	12-16-1951	67 years
• William Bengel	Joined	12-10-1967	51 years
• Don Johnson	Joined	12-10-1975	43 years
• Tammy Boley	Baptized	12-22-1985	33 years
• Harry Carpenter	Joined	12-10-2000	18 years
• Etta Landis	Joined	12-10-2000	18 years
• Nancy May	Joined	12-12-2004	14 years

Please check the Membership Roster on the bulletin board to verify your baptism membership date. Please give all corrections/changes to Pastor.

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. 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).



BABY CLOSET CHRISTMAS CARE PACKAGES – Please donate items for the **Baby Closet Christmas Care Packages: body lotion, shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, combs, and brushes before Dec. 1.** We will give items to mothers before the Christmas holiday. Place your donated items in the Baby Closet box in Sanctuary. ~ Pat Carreno

BIBLE STUDY - Come for the one-hour small group study of the biblical book "**BOOK OF ESTHER**" 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.

BREAKFAST – The Outreach and Evangelism Committee offers a Free Sunday Morning Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall (downstairs) from 8:30 to 9:15 am. Thank you to Mark and Selena for coordinating these events. The last scheduled Breakfast will be Sunday, December 16, 2018.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE – The Worship Committee is planning to host a **Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service on Dec. 24 at 4:30 pm.** We will sing familiar hymns, listen to special music, and worship the Lord. Share your ideas with Jan Mauck, Chair of the Worship Committee.

CHRISTMAS FIFTH SUNDAY SING – What is your favorite Christmas hymn? Join us for a **Fifth Sunday Carol Sing on Sunday, December 30 at 10:30 am.** The service will tell the Story of Christ's Birth with songs (no sermon)! What songs do you want to sing for Christmas? Share with Janet Nyfeler the name of the hymn you want to sing! The Music Committee has planned to sing all thirty traditional favorite Christmas hymns on Sundays and Christmas Eve during the Advent/Christmas Season. The Pastor will be on vacation.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:30 am	Breakfast (FH)
9:15 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Worship Service (S)
4:00 pm	Membership Class (HH)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

9:00 am	Music Committee Meeting (HH)
9:00 -11:00 am	Baby Closet Ministry
5:30 pm	Cornerstone Christmas Dinner

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

6:00 - 9:00 pm	Capital City Men's Chorus (FH)
5:30 pm	Ladies Night Out @ McAlister's
5:30 pm	Men's Night Out @ Freddy's

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

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 – 6:00 pm	WWW Supper
6:00 – 7:00 pm	WWW Bible Club and Adult Bible Study
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Choir Practice (S)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

1:00 - 3:00 pm	Baby Closet
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7 Pastor's Day Off

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

1:00 pm	Greuter's Open House
1:00 pm	Worship Team Practice

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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
Esther Carrier – Healing for health concerns
Almira Collier – Healing for health concerns
Larry Gill – Healing (Harry Carpenter’s Friend)
Karen Kirby – Healing for health concerns
*Reginald Kirby – Hospice
Ernie Longstaff – Healing for health concerns
Judy Longstaff – Healing for health concerns
Nancy May – Healing for health concerns
Marie Merrifield – Healing and encouragement; See Office for Address
Cale Miller – Healing for health concerns (Harry’s Friend)
Rogene Moody – Healing for health concerns
Edward Perkins – New Address: See Church Office for Address
Becky Poe – Healing for health concerns
Bob Roesler – Interim Minister at FBC of Topeka, starting Feb. 1, 2018
Jill Roesler – Healing for health concerns See Church Office for Address
Bruno Sprengs – Healing for health See Church Office for Address

HOMEBOUND & CARE FACILITIES:

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

DIRECTORY – The Church Office printed an updated Address and Phone Directory. Please see an Usher or Church Office for a free copy. Send all corrections to Lynda Cokeley, Church Secretary at office@wsbctopeka.org.

FRUIT & VEGETABLE FOOD PANTRY – Free bread, fruits, and vegetables on **Wednesdays from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm** or while supplies last. **The Fruits & Vegetable Food Pantry will be open on Wednesdays in December 5th, 12th, 19th from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm.** All food is available at no cost.



GREUTER FAMILY OPEN HOUSE COOKIE PARTY – Come to the Greuter’s Open House Cookie Party on **Saturday, December 8** from **1:00 to 4:00 PM** at 2211 SW 33rd St., Topeka 66611. We make a couple of thousand cookies, so you will not need to bring cookies, gifts, or anything but an appetite. Enjoy the many tasty treats we make to share during the holidays. We will serve coffee and punch. It is a “come and go” event. No reservations needed. Kids welcome!
~ Ivan, Rexanne, Jessa, Macy, and David



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**. Donations for “Habitat House” will be received for the new house in our neighborhood.



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

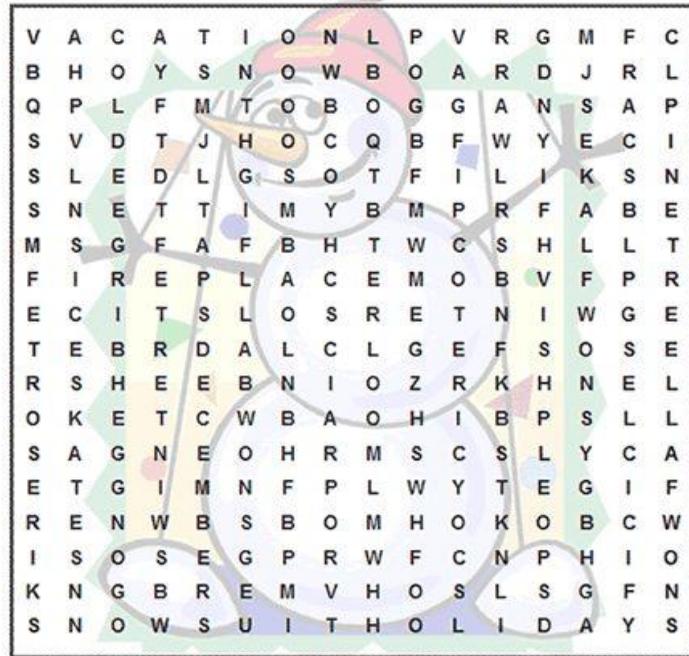
MEMBERSHIP CLASSES – Pastor Ivan will lead a new Membership Class, “**Pathfinders**,” for all interested individuals for six weeks on **Sunday at 4:00 PM, December (2nd & 9th) in Holmer Hall**. See Pastor to register for the class or schedule your baptism on Sunday, December 23, the Sunday before Christmas.



MOVIE NIGHT – Enjoy a free showing of the 1947 movie classic, **Miracle on 34th Street**, on **Saturday, December 8 at 6:00 pm** in Holmer Hall. We will serve popcorn and hot cocoa. Bring a snack to share.

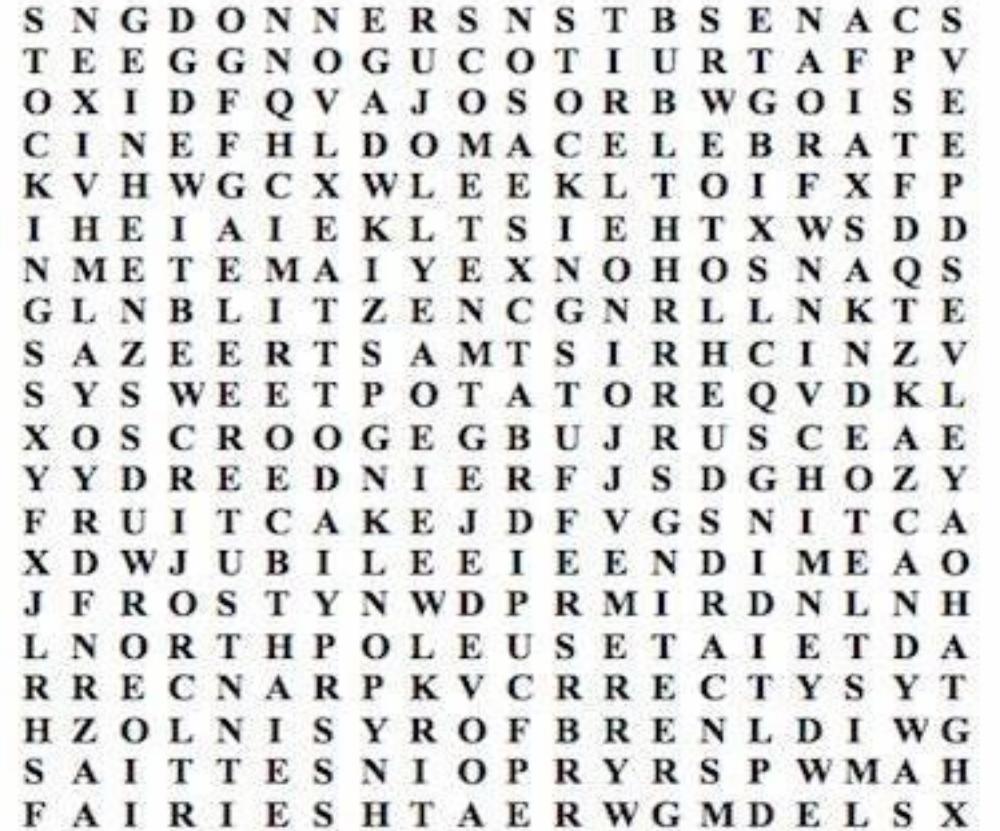
NEW ADDRESS: Don & Molly Morris have moved to a new address:
 1222 SW 29th Terr. Apt. 102, Topeka, KS 66611
 Phone: 785-274-5078

WINTER HOLIDAY Word Find



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| Ice | Ski Lift | Fireplace | Winter | Snowfall |
| Sled | Snowman | Snowflakes | Eggnog | Pine Tree |
| Snowboard | Ski Slopes | December | Hockey | Icicles |
| Toboggan | Snowball Fight | Ski Resort | Snowmobile | Holiday |
| Ice Skates | Hot Chocolate | Snowsuit | Snow Boots | Scarf |
| Mittens | Winter Solstice | Vacation | Frozen | Cold |

Christmas Word Search



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| CARDS | CANES | SLED |
| CELEBRATE | EGGNOG | SLEIGH |
| FROSTY | FRUITCAKE | SANTA CLAUS |
| GREETINGS | HAM | BLITZEN |
| HOLIDAY | SWEET POTATO | COMET |
| JUBILEE | MISTLETOE | CUPID |
| MERRY | POINSETTIA | DANCER |
| NOEL | WREATH | DONNER |
| SCROOGE | CHRISTMAS TREE | PRANCER |
| SEASON | CHIMNEY | VIXEN |
| SPIRIT | ELVES | |
| STOCKINGSTUFFERS | FAIRIES | |
| STOCKINGS | JOLLY | |
| TIDINGS | NORTH POLE | |
| CANDY | REINDEER | |