

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, NOVEMBER 4, 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. 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



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>



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. We will place them on the Communion Table. See Pastor Ivan for details. The Office will be closed on Monday, November 12 in observance of Veteran's Day.

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

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. We will visit about songs coming up and maybe even sing a few.

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.

MEMBERSHIP CLASSES – Pastor Ivan will lead a new Membership Class, "**Pathfinders**," for all interested individuals for six weeks on **Saturday mornings in November (3rd and 17th) and December (1st, 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.



HANGING OF THE GREENS – The hanging of the greens will be Sunday, November 25 following worship. Everyone is welcome to stay and help.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

8:30 am Breakfast (FH)
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service (S)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

9:00 am Music Committee Meeting (HH)
9:00 -11:00 am Baby Closet Ministry

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

5:30 pm Ladies Night Out @ Olive Garden
5:30 pm Men's Night Out @ Chick-Fil-A
6:00 - 9:00 pm Capital City Men's Chorus (FH)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

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 WWW Bible Club and Adult Bible Study (HH)
7:00 pm Choir Practice (S)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

1:00 - 3:00 pm Baby Closet

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9 Pastor's Day Off

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

11:00 am Pathfinders Membership Class
1:00 pm Worship Team Practice

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 – Frazier Hs
*Mary Lou Johnson –Aldersgate	*Juanita Plankinton –
*Alice Kieffer –	*Hazel Smith-Tindall
*Reginald Kirby – Hospice	

WWW BIBLE CLUB - The Christian Education Committee wants to give our WWW participants the experience of Thanksgiving. We are blessed weekly by their presence and want to share with them the tradition of giving thanks for all God has done for us this year along with feasting together.



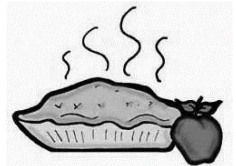
Please join us for a celebration of Thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 14 @ 5:30. We have volunteers fixing the turkeys, potatoes, gravy, stuffing, and rolls. **We're inviting the church family to join us for dinner and to help by bringing a salad or dessert to share.** Please join us as we deliciously share a great American tradition.

~ Alice Payne, Coordinator of Christian Ed.

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 November (7, 14, 28) from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm. **There will be no Harvesters Food Pantry on November 21.** All food is available at no cost.



YOUTH PIE MAKING – The youth will be baking pies the Saturday before **Thanksgiving, November 17**. They are only baking 20 apple pies this year at \$12.00 each. Please see signup sheet on bulletin board outside the sanctuary.



COOLERS – Harvesters is sending **WSBC fifty-plus frozen Turkeys to give away for Thanksgiving on Wed. November 14**. The Food Pantry needs to borrow twenty-five coolers (ice-chests) for the Thanksgiving distribution. Please label your cooler/ice-chest and place them in the Fellowship Hall. Coolers will be cleaned and returned to owners on Thursday, November 15. See Pastor for details.



CHRISTIAN ED – We usually meet on the third Tuesday, but in November we will be meeting on Tuesday, November 27 at 5:30 pm.

~ Alice Payne, Coordinator of Christian Education

ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS – It's time to order poinsettias in memory of your loved ones to help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. You will notice the colors offered this year are slightly different. There are three colors (Orange Spice, Ruby Frost, and Polly Pink) that are ONLY AVAILABLE in a 6½-inch pot. All other colors are available in any size. Please indicate the color you want in the size you prefer on the order sheet. Don't forget to include your name and those people you are remembering or honoring. **Please return your poinsettia order and payment by no later than November 12.** You may put it in the offering plate, turn into to Lynda in the Church Office, or give to Janet Nyfeler. See Janet Nyfeler for more information.



COUNCIL NOMINATIONS - The Nominating Committee is presenting the following nominations to be voted on at the November Business Meeting. These positions are for a 3-year term, 2019 through 2021.

- **Vice-Moderator- Clarence Payne**
- **Treasurer- Nancy Lindberg**
- **Coordinator of Outreach and Evangelism- Jack Janway**

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor provided the person being nominated has agreed to serve. Current Nominating Committee Members: Marianne Spano, Harry Carpenter, Ernie Longstaff, Nancy Cottril, Dick May, Jr. and Clarence Payne.

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. See Don Johnson for details.



Christmas Word Search

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