

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 23, 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.

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. Holy Communion will be served to all baptized believers regardless of church affiliation.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING – “Home for the Holidays!”- We will receive a special Christmas Offering for our Church Home and the Habitat for Humanity house being built in the neighborhood. The church has expended more than \$60,000.00 in the boiler and building repairs for 2018. **We have received \$25,609.38 towards these expenses plus \$320.00 for the Christmas Offering.** Please give generously to help finish repairing our Church Home for the Holidays. Ten-percent of all gifts to the Christmas Offering will help fund the Habitat for Humanity house being built at 422 SW. Taylor Ave in the Ward Meade Neighborhood. You can give online, mail your donation to the church, or use the envelopes available in the pews.



ANNUAL REPORTS – It is that time again for all the Council members to start thinking of what you want in your report. Please submit your report to Lynda in the Church Office office@wsbctopeka.org by Friday, January 18, 2019. The **Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, Jan. 27 at 12:00 pm, downstairs.**

BIBLE READING PLAN – Anyone wanting a Bible reading plan for 2019 can find them at no cost outside the office. Please feel free to take one.

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.** Bible studies are free and open to the public. **No Bible Study on Wednesday, December 26, 2018, or January 2, 2019.**

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. All food is available at no cost.



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.



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY – The Church Office will be **CLOSED on Monday and Tuesday, December 24-25** in observance of the Christmas holiday. The Office will be closed on **Monday and Tuesday, December 31 and January 1** in observance of the New Year holiday. Call the Pastor at home if you have an emergency.



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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:30 – 9:15 am	Breakfast (FH)
9:15 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Worship Service (S)
9:00 – 11:30 pm	Christ-N-Bowl at Gage Bowl (MS + HS Youth)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

9:00 am	No Music Committee Meeting (HH)
9:00 -11:00 am	No Baby Closet Ministry
4:30 pm	Christmas Eve Service

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS! OFFICES CLOSED

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

10:30 am	No Bible Study (HH)
3:30 – 5:30 pm	No Fruit & Vegetable Food Pantry (FH)
5:00 – 7:00 pm	Baby Closet Ministry
5:30 – 6:00 pm	No WWW Supper
6:00 – 7:00 pm	No WWW Bible Club and Adult Bible Study
7:00 – 8:00 pm	No Choir Practice (S)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

1:00 - 3:00 pm	Baby Closet
	No Ward Meade Neighborhood Improvement Association Meeting

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28 OFFICES CLOSED

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

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

Abbey – young girl with leukemia
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
Almira Collier – Healing for health concerns
Larry Gill – Healing (Harry Carpenter’s Friend)
Emily Hersh – Travel and stay in Argentina
Janice and Karen Kirby – Healing for health concerns
Ernie and Judy Longstaff – Healing for health concerns
Nancy May – Healing for health concerns
Marie Merrifield – Healing for health concerns
Cale Miller – Healing for health concerns (Harry’s Friend)
Rogene Moody – Healing for health concerns
Pat – Healing for health concerns (Virginia Mansfield’s friend at Brewster Pl)
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 concerns
Keith Springer – Healing for health concerns (Marianne Spano’s brother)
John Swain – Healing for health concerns
Lola Zab - Healing for health concerns (Marianne Spano’s sister)

HOMEBOUND & CARE FACILITIES:

*Portia Allbert -	*Alice Kieffer –
*June Cunningham – Brewster Place	*Etta Landis –Capital Ridge
*Shirley Dell –	*Mae Martin – Plaza West
*Helen Farrar –Plaza West	*Ken Paslay – Atria Place
*Reg Kirby – Home with Hospice	*Theo Penny – Lawrence
*Gerald Haney –	*Edward Perkins – Frazier H
*Russ Hunter –	*Hazel Smith-Tindall -
*Juanita Plankinton –	

END-OF-THE-YEAR DONATIONS – Please consider giving an **End-of-the-Year financial gift by mail or in person.** West Side Baptist Church is registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit religious organization under the Internal Revenue Code. Donations may be tax deductible as provided by law. **All donations for 2018 must be received on or before December 31 to be included in your Financial Giving statement.** See Bill Merrifield, Stewardship Secretary, for an up-to-date giving record to meet or exceed your pledge. See Nancy Lindberg, Church Treasurer, to make a donation of stocks, bonds, IRA distribution, or other securities.

FRUIT & VEGETABLE FOOD PANTRY – Free bread, fruits, and vegetables on **Wednesdays from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm** or while supplies last. **No food pantry on Wed., Dec. 26 or Wed., Jan. 2, 2019.** All food is available at no cost.



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 at Phone (785) 234-4322 or volunteer@topekahabitat.org.



MIDWINTER MISSION & EVANGELISM CONFERENCE – The Am. Baptist Churches of the Central Region (ABCCR) **Midwinter Mission and Evangelism Conference will be held on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 18-19 at the Cross Wind Conference Center in Hesston, Ks.** Speakers: Rev. Glynis LaBarre and Missionaries Barbara & Dwight Bolick. Register online: <https://abccr.org/mid-winter-mission-evangelism-conference>

RETIRED MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES OFFERING – In 1977, American Baptist Churches USA launched RMMO to continue this appreciation of God’s service. The offering is rooted in thankfulness and honors the individual acts of support and faith that recipients have shown to their congregations and communities. This year’s theme, **Extending Our Hands to Our Neighbors** illustrates the importance of



being there for one another and remembering we are stronger together than on our own is central to the Christian faith. We hope you will join us in honoring God's committed servants. Envelopes available in the pews. We have received \$935.00 towards our \$1,500.00 goal to honor God's servants.

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:



- 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 Lynda in the Church Office.

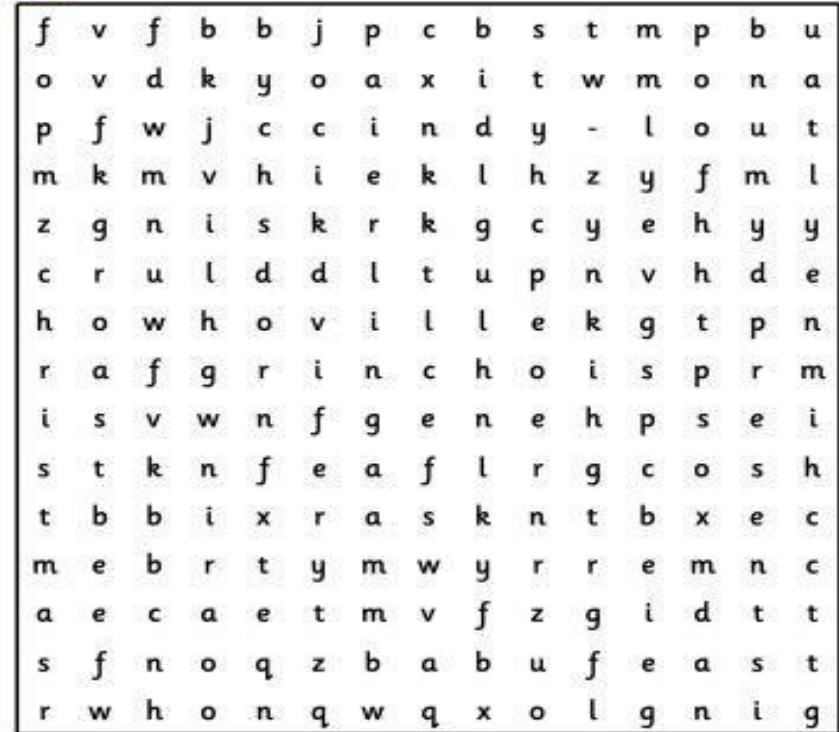
WWW KID'S BIBLE CLUB – CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE BEFORE NOON TO REQUEST A RIDE TO/FROM CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS. Supper is served at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall (cafeteria). Bible Studies are offered for children and adults of all ages. NO WEDNESDAY SUPPERS, WWW KIDS BIBLE CLUB, OR ADULT BIBLE STUDY ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26 OR JANUARY



2, 2019. The new semester will begin again on January 9 at 5:30 pm. Questions? See Alice Payne, Coordinator of Christian Education.



The Grinch Who Stole Christmas Word Search



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| awful | chimney | christmas | cindy-lou | feast |
| grinch | heart | Max | merry | presents |
| roast beef | sing | sleigh | trick | who |
| whoville | | | | |