

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, JANUARY 13, 2019

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.

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 and Potluck will be held on Sunday, Jan. 27 at 12:00 pm, downstairs in the fellowship hall.**

SOUP-ER BOWL WATCH PARTY – Come watch the big game with all of us Sunday, February 3, 2019, at 4:00 pm. We will serve chili along with all the fixings (crackers, cheese, onion, and hot sauce). And provide soda as well. Once everyone has eaten, we will move up to Holmer Hall just in time for kick off at 5:30 pm. Please bring a favorite snack to share during the game. In conjunction with this, we will be collecting soup and crackers during January to donate to those in need.



~ Jack Janway, Outreach & Evangelism

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING – Our youth groups will collect **cans of soup, crackers, and loose change** for Doorsteps, Inc. on Sunday, Feb. 3. The Souper Bowl of Caring program was started in 1990 by a church youth group to mobilize young people to fight hunger and poverty in their

local communities by collecting monetary and food donations during the week leading up to **Super Bowl Sunday (February 3, 2019)**. The Souper Bowl of Caring utilizes Super Bowl weekend in America to mobilize young people to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities.



Its vision is to transform Super Bowl weekend into America's most massive youth-led weekend of giving and serving.

AGAPE BENEVOLENCE FUND – West Side Baptist Church receives a benevolence offering for the poor and those in need the **first Sunday of each month after the Lord's Supper**. These funds are shared with persons in the church and neighborhood. Please see the Pastor, Church Office, or the Moderator to complete an Application for Assistance.

BIBLE STUDY - Come for the one-hour small group study of the biblical book "FIRST PETER" on **Wednesdays at 10:30 am in Holmer Hall**. Bible studies are free and open to the public.



BREAKFAST ON SUNDAYS – Sign-up if you plan to attend the free meals on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall starting at 8:30 am. All ages are welcome. All food is available at no cost.

CHILDRENS ACTIVITY BAGS AND BULLETINS – We are glad to have **children in worship!** Activity bags filled with coloring pages, crayons, and other items are available for preschool and elementary-aged children near the sanctuary door. Enjoy the bags and children's bulletins; take your artwork home. Place the bags on the front pew after the worship service so we can restock them.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING – "Home for the Holidays!"- Thank you for donating **\$27005.38 towards these boiler/repair expenses plus \$1,132.00 for the Christmas Offering**. Ten-percent of all gifts to the Christmas Offering will help fund the Habitat for Humanity house built at 422 SW. Taylor Ave in the Ward

Meade Neighborhood.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 14

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

6:00 pm Council Members Meeting (HH)
6:00 pm Men's Chorus

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

1:00 - 3:00 pm Baby Closet

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

Deadline for all Annual Reports

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

1:00 pm Worship Team Practice

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

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

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
Jerome – Massive Stroke (Mark Calloway’s Uncle)
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 & Larry 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 –	

COMMITTEES – Volunteer to serve on a committee this year! Each chairperson must recruit volunteers to help with the ministries of the Church.

1. **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** – The Christian Education Committee oversees all discipleship programs including Bible studies, Children’s programs (WWW), Small Groups, Sunday School, VBS, Youth, etc. Christian Ed meets the third Tuesday of the month (Jan. 22) at 5:30 pm in Holmer Hall. See coordinator, Alice Payne, for more information or to volunteer.
2. **FELLOWSHIP & MEMBERSHIP** – The Fellowship and Membership Committee oversees the kitchens, all gatherings and social events, funeral luncheons, and membership care. They meet as needed. See coordinator, Lonna Hersh, for more information or to volunteer.
3. **MISSION** – The Mission Committee oversees all our local agency partnerships, promotes the annual ABCUSA offerings, and coordinates the mission trip. Mission will hold their monthly meeting on the third Sunday of each month (January 20) at 2:00 pm in Holmer Hall. See coordinator, Don Johnson, for more information or to volunteer.
4. **OUTREACH** – The Outreach and Evangelism Committee oversees the evangelism program and neighborhood activities. They hold their monthly meeting on the fourth Tuesday of each month (January 29) at 6:00 pm in Holmer Hall. See coordinator, Jack Janway, for more information or to volunteer.
5. **TECHNOLOGY** – The Technology Committee oversees all the computer equipment and programs, reporting to the Trustees. They meet (virtually) as needed. See chairman, Brice Smith, for more information or to volunteer.
6. **TRUSTEES** – The Trustees oversee the maintenance and repair of all church property (building, grounds, vehicles, etc.). They meet as needed, along with the property committee. See coordinator, Harry Carpenter, for more information or to volunteer.
7. **WORSHIP** – The Worship Committee oversees all aspects of worship including acolytes, decoration, music ministry, ordinances of Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, specials, ushers, etc. The Music Committee selects songs for services and reports to the Worship Committee. See coordinator, Jan Mauck, for more information or to volunteer.

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. All food is available at no cost. We will start the Food Pantry again this New Year on Wed., Jan. 9. Volunteers are needed to help unload, set-up, and distribute food. **December Report:** 679 individuals (348 adults, 279 children, and 52 seniors) in 181 families received 2,814 pounds of free food and supplies.



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.



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:

- Pat Carreno Letter 01-21-2001 18 Years
- Janet Nyfeler Letter 01-18-2004 15 Years
- Bruno Sprens Baptism 01-15-2006 13 Years
- Ivan Greuter Letter 01-31-2016 03 Years
- Macy Greuter Letter 01-31-2016 03 Years
- Rexanne Greuter Letter 01-31-2016 03 Years

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHRISTIAN ED - Happy New Year! We are looking forward to a great year in 2019. On Sunday mornings there are three choices of classes for adults, children, and youth.

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| 1. Bible as Literature DVD | Doug Mauck | Holmer Hall |
| 2. Philippians DVD | Jack Janway | Second Floor |
| 3. Women’s Bible Study | Rexanne Greuter | Second Floor |

Please join us for Sunday School at 9:15. **By Feb 1, the Camping Scholarship program will be underway for children and youth to earn up to \$100 each to help them go to a summer camp sponsored by ABCCR.** We are also planning a repeat of our Summer Sunday School Cinema and need recommendations for good films. Plans are underway for Vacation Bible School, July 15-19. Watch for more details soon and prayerfully consider how you might support and participate in any or all Christian Education activities. ~ Alice Payne, C.E. Coordinator

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 taught for children and adults of all ages. Questions? See Alice Payne, Coordinator of Christian Education.

FINANCIAL GIVING – Thank you for the generous support of the work of God in and through West Side Baptist Church. Donations report:

	<u>01-06-2019</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
General Fund	\$6,423.00	\$6,423.00
Sunday School	\$ 5.50	\$ 5.50
Fellowship/Benevolence	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 296.00	\$ 296.00

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Acolytes (January) – Jessamine Greuter and Becky Poe

Communion Servers (January) – Jim Goodnow, Nancy Lindberg, Doug and Jan Mauck

Scripture Reader – Jan Mauck

Technology – Mark Calloway, Harry Carpenter, Tom Mansfield, and Bruno Sprens

Ushers (January) – Jack Janway, Ernie Longstaff, Doug Mauck, Don Morris, and John Swain (Head Usher)