

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 6, 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.

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 \$26,709.38 towards these expenses plus \$1,132.00 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 and Potluck will be held on Sunday, Jan. 27 at 12:00 pm, downstairs in fellowship hall.**

THE AGAPE FUND COLLECTION – 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 generously shared with persons in the church and neighborhood. Please see the Pastor, Church Office, or the Moderator to complete an Application for Assistance.

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, January 2, 2019**. Bible study will begin again on Wed., Jan. 9 at 10:30 am.



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.

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.

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.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6 EPIHANY
8:30 – 9:15 am Breakfast (FH)
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service (S)
11:45 am De-decorate the Church (S)

MONDAY, JANUARY 7
9:00 am Music Committee Meeting (HH)
9:00 -11:00 am Baby Closet Ministry

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8
6:00 pm Men's Chorus

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9
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 10
1:00 - 3:00 pm Baby Closet

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12
1:00 pm Worship Team Practice

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13 BAPTISM OF THE LORD
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
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:

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| *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 – | |

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.

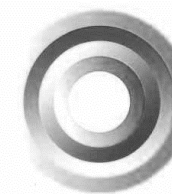


THE LORD’S SUPPER – West Side Baptist Church celebrates the **Lord’s Supper (Holy Communion) on the first Sunday of each month**. We practice “**open communion**” which means we recognize the Table of the Lord does not belong to any church but solely to Jesus Christ. Therefore, any baptized Christian is welcome to receive the bread and the cup in this Christian church.

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 \$1,210.91 towards our \$1,700.00 goal to honor God’s servants.**



Retired
Ministers &
Missionaries
Offering
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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 Sprengs 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 and classes for all children and youth.

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 also being made 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 Ed. 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 offered for children and adults of all ages. The new semester will begin again on January 9 at 5:30 pm. Questions? See Alice Payne, Coordinator of Christian Education.



SOUP-ER BOWL – 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 the month of January to donate to those in need. ~ Jack Janway, Outreach & Evangelism

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

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