

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 wrong things). Apologize to God and turn away from bad behavior and start doing good things (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 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, MARCH 24, 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.

AMERICA FOR CHRIST - Each March, WSBC receives the **America for Christ Offering (AFC)**. Your gifts to the AFC Offering impacts thousands – through ministries with marginalized children, mission trips that transform lives torn asunder by hurricanes, resources that cultivate Christian leaders, chaplains who bring comfort to hospitals and nursing homes, and much more through our denomination's American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS). **The 2019 theme is "Healing Communities," based on Galatians 6:9-10 ("Let us not become weary in doing good").** It reminds American Baptists that mission and ministry are rooted in service and that God's grace extends to all, regardless of location. We have received \$1,320.00 towards our goal is \$1,500.00. Thank you for giving generously to the AFC Offering. ~ Don Johnson, Coordinator of Mission

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - The **Camping Scholarship** program will be underway soon for children and youth to earn up to \$100.00 each to help them go to a summer camp. We are also planning a repeat of our **Summer Sunday School Cinema** and are looking for 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, CE.

OUTREACH - The Easter Egg Hunt will take place at Ward Meade Park on April 14th from 2 to 3 p.m. We are asking for donations of non-chocolate candy. We also need volunteers to assist in the hunt. Please contact Tera Triggs to volunteer or to drop off donations.

Would you be interested in the Church hosting a Swedish Festival/Craft Fair on or about the 15 of June? If so, please indicate your interest on the pew pads or let Jack Janway know.

In the near future, we will provide counselors to assist in the invitation/decision part of the service. If you would like to serve as a counselor, please notify Jack Janway or Pastor Ivan of your interest. Pastor Ivan will provide training for all counselors.

FRUIT & VEGETABLE FOOD PANTRY – Free bread, fruits, and vegetables on **Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30 pm**, while supplies last at West Side Baptist Church, 1008 SW 4th St, Topeka. **Program Eligibility:** Clients must be currently living in the Topeka area (zip code 66601-66619). **ID Required:** Clients MUST BRING a government issued PHOTO ID. **Residency Required:** Clients MUST bring a recent piece of US Mail with the client's NAME and CURRENT ADDRESS as proof-of-residency. **Income Guidelines:** None. **Households:** One household per address. Call the Church Office at (785) 233-4241 for weather-related closures or more information. *All food is available at no cost



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - Please join us for Sunday School at 9:15 am. **We have classes for adults, children, and youth:**

- Grades K-3 Colleen Smith & Becky Poe (Downstairs)
- Grades 4-8 Fran Seymour-Hunter & Pat Carpenter (2nd Floor)
- Grades 9-12 Standard Bible Lessons w/ Pastor Ivan (Youth Rm)
- Adult: Bible as Literature (DVD) Doug Mauck (Holmer Hall)
- Adult “Pray Like This” Jack Janway (2nd Floor)
- Adult Women’s Study w/ Rexanne Greuter (2nd Floor)

Coffee, tea, and a breakfast item (mostly donuts) are served in the first-floor parlor kitchen before classes start. The Sanctuary is open for private prayers during this time.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 24 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
 9:15 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Worship Service (S)

MONDAY, MARCH 25
 9:00 -11:00 am Baby Closet Ministry
 9:00 am **No Music Committee (HH)**
 6:00 pm DAR

TUESDAY, MARCH 26
 6:00 pm Outreach Meeting
 6:00 pm Capital City Men’s Chorus (FH)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27
 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 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY, MARCH 28
 1:00 - 3:00 pm Baby Closet
 6:00 pm NIA Meeting

FRIDAY, MARCH 29
Middle School Adventure

SATURDAY, MARCH 30
 1:00 pm Worship Team Practice

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
 9:15 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Worship Service (S)

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Al Carpenter – Health concerns
Bradley Carpenter – Health concerns
Harry and Pat Carpenter – Health concerns
Pat Carreno – Health concerns
Guy Carreno - Health concerns (Tony Carreno's brother)
Esther and James Carrier - Health concerns
Wayne Cottril – Health concerns
Valarie Davis - Health concerns (chemo) (Bev McCurdy's friend)
Angie Foster – Health concerns
Ernie and Judy Longstaff – Health concerns
Jan Mauck – Health concerns
Nancy May – Health concerns
Marie Merrifield – Health concerns
Don and Jonesy Morris - Health concerns
Pat – Health concerns (Virginia M's friend at Brewster Place)
Ken Paslay – Health concerns (Brookdale, 5800 SW Drury Ln., 66604)
Carolyn Peck – Health concerns (James and Matthew Peck's grandmother)
Becky and Terry Poe – Health concerns
Bob and Jill Roesler – Health concerns
Keith Springer – Health concerns (Marianne Spano's brother)
Larry Springer – Health concerns (Marianne Spano's brother)
Linda Thomas – Health concerns (Atria 3415 SW 6th Ave, 66606)
Lola Zab - Health concerns (Marianne Spano's sister)

ABCUSA General Secretary – Dr. Lee Spitzer – health concerns

HOMEBOUND & CARE FACILITIES:

*Portia Allbert	*Etta Landis –Capital Ridge
*June Cunningham – Brewster Place	*Renea May
*Shirley & Larry Dell	*Rogene Moody
*Helen Farrar –Plaza West	*Ken Paslay – Brookdale
*Gerald Haney –	*Theo Penny
*Russ Hunter –	*Edward Perkins – Frazier H
*Mary Lou Johnson – Aldersgate	*Juanita Plankinton
*Alice Kieffer	*Hazel Smith-Tindall

REMEMBER MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN – Over the years several people

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have joined our congregation during March. You can recognize them in worship services by their golden ribbon. On the first Sunday of each month, we will recognize those celebrating an anniversary in the worship service by using a brief petition to dedicate them to God once more.

Those celebrating an anniversary membership renewal in March:

♦ Lundgren, Hilda	Baptism	3/28/1948	71 Years
♦ Farrar, Helen	Letter	3/29/1953	66 Years
♦ Goodnow, Jim	Baptism	3/23/1969	50 Years
♦ Carpenter, Pat	Letter	3/30/1980	39 Years
♦ Greuter, Jessamine	Letter	3/08/2016	3 Years
♦ Carrier, Caroline	Experience	3/13/2016	3 Years
♦ Carrier, Esther	Experience	3/13/2016	3 Years
♦ Carrier, James	Experience	3/13/2016	3 Years
♦ Carrier, Laura	Experience	3/13/2016	3 Years
♦ Carrier, Randall	Experience	3/13/2016	3 Years
♦ Poe, Aaron	Baptism	3/24/2016	3 Years
♦ Poe, Nathan	Baptism	3/24/2016	3 Years
♦ Poe, Sage	Baptism	3/24/2016	3 Years
♦ Roach Jr., Brian	Baptism	3/24/2016	3 Years
♦ Bennett, Juliano	Baptism	3/27/2016	3 Years
♦ Greuter, David	Baptism	3/27/2016	3 Years

Please offer them your congratulations and rejoice with them in the celebration of another year of giving and service to God through West Side Baptist Church.

NEW CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY – Be a part of our new family directory! ***Our goal is to include everyone!*** The Church will partner with Lifetouch professional photography to create a new photo directory for all families connected with West Side Baptist Church. **Lifetouch will photograph at WSBC on Tuesday, April 16 beginning at 2:00 pm.** In your one-hour session, you will be professionally photographed, immediately view your photographs, and be able to purchase photography gifts (no pressure to buy). Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 print and directory for participating. Volunteers with the spiritual gift of hospitality are needed to help contact families and greet our guests. Contact the Church Office for more information.



YOUTH ACTIVITIES & CALENDAR – The Ministry of Christian Education approved the Middle School and High School Youth Calendar of Activities for 2019. See the updated calendar on the Youth bulletin board in the first-floor hallway. **The next Middle School adventure is Friday, March 29** (let Pastor know if you are interested in bowling and go-carts). Parents and adults are welcome to participate.

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

	3 -17-2019	Y-T-D
General Fund	\$ 1636.00	\$ 48,298.61
Sunday School	\$ 9.00	\$ 142.04
Fellowship/Benevolence	\$ 50.00	\$ 235.00
Youth Fund Income	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,334.83
America For Christ	\$ 215.00	\$ 1,320.00
M & M		\$ 45.00
WMO		\$ 40.00
Building Main	\$ 15.00	\$ 1,021.00
Baby Closet		\$ 50.00

LIFEWAY CHRISTIAN RESOURCES will close their store in Topeka KS at the end of March as store traffic and sales lag, the organization announced Wednesday. They will close their doors completely in about a week.

The Nashville-based Southern Baptist publishing company [announced in January](#) it would reduce its retail presence and cut staff, but it had planned to keep operating some stores, where it sells Bibles, books, Christian music and other faith-oriented products but the Topeka store was not doing as well as they wished for.

The company plans to shift to a digital strategy as consumers increasingly rely on online shopping, a challenge that retailers face nationally. LifeWay resources – including online Bible studies and worship plans – will be offered at LifeWay.com, through the LifeWay Customer Service Center and its network of church partners.

Spring Word Search




W	G	A	B	U	T	T	E	R	F	L	Y	O	Z
H	I	B	L	E	S	P	A	W	I	N	X	L	C
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Word Bank

Spring	butterfly	bees	garden
March	Easter	bird	growing
April	eggs	rain	sprout
May	flower	tree	bloom
Earth	chicks	grass	windy