

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, APRIL 7, 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.

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. If you would like to volunteer to help with this, please sign up outside the sanctuary. Contact the Church Office for more information.



FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WWW BIBLE CLUB – We are making plans for a celebration carnival for our last night of the year, May 1. Please watch for a sign-up sheet for donations of baked goods, candy & trinkets for prizes, and pop. Volunteers are also needed to help with Game Booths such as Cake Walk, Pop Toss, Fish Pond, etc. Come out for a night of fun and a chance to treat our WWW attendees, who love this night and are so grateful for everything we do.

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 Meadows Grade School playground 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.

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

	<u>3-31-2019</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
General Fund	\$ 7377.00	\$ 58,720.61
Sunday School	\$ 13.00	\$ 163.54
Fellowship/Benevolence	\$ 425.00	\$ 660.00
Youth Fund Income	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,534.83
America For Christ	\$ 75.00	\$ 1,515.00
M & M	\$ 75.00	\$ 120.00
WMO	\$ 75.00	\$ 115.00
Building Main	\$ 15.00	\$ 1,841.00
Baby Closet		\$ 50.00



SPECIAL SERVICES IN APRIL - 2019 HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES: Join us for these church services to remember the last week of Jesus Christ's life, death and resurrection:

† **PALM SUNDAY — April 14, 2019:** Grab your palm branch and join the children as we reenact the Triumphal Entry by marching around the outside of the church shouting "Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

† **MAUNDY THURSDAY — April 18, 2019: Potwin Presbyterian Church, 400 SW Washburn Ave Topeka,** will host their annual "Agape Feast" with Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday at 6:30 pm. Guests are encouraged to take cheese, fruits, and/or nuts to share. Please RSVP to the Potwin Church Office, (785) 235-1311, before Wednesday, April 17.

† **GOOD FRIDAY MEMORIAL SERVICE** - Westside Christian Church, 432 SW Lindenwood Ave, Topeka, will host the Good Friday service on April 19 at 7:00 pm. The service will recall the last words of Jesus Christ as well as his crucifixion and burial.

† **EASTER SUNRISE VIGIL** – We will host the Easter Sunrise Service at the Chapel in Old Prairie Town in Ward Meade Park on Sunday, April 21 at 6:30 a.m. The sun is predicted to rise at 6:38 a.m. (CDT). Please use the parking lot off of First and Clay streets. Holy Communion will be served by intinction during the service.

† **EASTER BREAKFAST** - Sign up on bulletin board outside of sanctuary to bring a breakfast casserole for an all Church breakfast on Sunday, April 21 at 8:00 am. Coffee, juice, plates, napkins, and silverware will be provided.

† **EASTER RESURRECTION SERVICE** - Invite your family and friends to join us for a joyful Easter Resurrection Service Sunday, April 21 at 10:30 a.m. The Music Committee plans to sing everyone's favorite Easter songs. The Ordinance of Christian Baptism will be performed for anyone interested in being a follower of Jesus. See Pastor Ivan.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 7	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
9:15 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Worship Service (S)
MONDAY, APRIL 8	
9:00 -11:00 am	Baby Closet Ministry
TUESDAY, APRIL 9	
6:00 pm	Council Members Meeting
6:00 pm	Capital City Men's Chorus (FH)
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10	
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, APRIL 11	
1:00 - 3:00 pm	Baby Closet
FRIDAY, APRIL 12	
SATURDAY, APRIL 13	
1:00 pm	Worship Team Practice
SUNDAY, APRIL 14	PALM SUNDAY
9:15 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Worship Service (S)
2:00 -3:00 pm	Easter Egg Hunt @ Meadows Grade School playground

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
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

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 \$1,515.00 towards our goal is \$1,500.00. Thank you for giving generously to the AFC Offering. ~ Don Johnson, Coordinator of Mission

AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2019

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.

REMEMBER

REMEMBER MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN – Over the years several people 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 April:

♦ Lagerberg, Jim	Baptism	April 05, 1942	77 Yrs
♦ Lindamood, Betty	Baptism	April 18, 1943	76 Yrs
♦ Williford, Sandra	Baptism	April 09, 1950	69 Yrs
♦ Anderson, Pam	Baptism	April 01, 1956	63 Yrs
♦ Pointer, Dorothy	Baptism	April 06, 1958	61 Yrs
♦ Wiksten, Clifford	Baptism	April 09, 1961	58 Yrs
♦ Kildow, Barbara	Letter	April 11, 1962	57 Yrs
♦ Wiebanga, Terry	Baptism	April 21, 1965	54 Yrs
♦ Furman, Rita	Letter	April 30, 1967	52 Yrs
♦ Wuchovich, Mary	Experience	April 14, 1968	51 Yrs
♦ Strasser, Steve	Letter	April 18, 1974	45 Yrs
♦ Mauck, Doug	Letter	April 13, 1980	39 Yrs
♦ Mauck, Jan	Letter	April 13, 1980	39 Yrs
♦ Payne, Matthew	Baptism	April 22, 1984	35 Yrs
♦ Eickmann, Tamara	Baptism	April 07, 1985	34 Yrs
♦ Wheeler, Patricia	Letter	April 20, 1988	31 Yrs
♦ Wheeler, Steve	Experience	April 20, 1988	31 Yrs
♦ Rutledge, Thomas	Baptism	April 12, 1989	30 Yrs
♦ Arnold, Betty	Letter	April 14, 1993	26 Yrs
♦ Fowler, Jamie	Baptism	April 14, 1993	26 Yrs
♦ Cripe, Amy	Baptism	April 21, 1996	23 Yrs
♦ Wolgast, Valerie	Baptism	April 21, 1996	23 Yrs
♦ Haney, Gerald	Letter	April 14, 1999	20 Yrs
♦ Kieffer, Alice	Experience	April 09, 2000	19 Yrs
♦ Decker, Dan	Baptism	April 08, 2004	15 Yrs
♦ Milton, Theresa	Baptism	April 18, 2004	15 Yrs
♦ Hurla, James	Experience	April 11, 2007	12 Yrs
♦ Cripe, Jared	Baptism	April 08, 2012	07 Yrs
♦ Haskins, Adonis	Baptism	April 08, 2012	07 Yrs
♦ Calloway, Mariah	Baptism	April 01, 2018	01 Yrs

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