

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 harmful 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 religious 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, SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

WELCOME TO WORSHIP – *I am glad you are here!* There are lots of churches in Topeka, so we're happy you have chosen to worship with us. Please talk with me after the worship service if you would like to know more about being a follower of Jesus, need personal prayer, or want to request a pastoral visit! Blessings, Pastor Ivan.

BIBLE STUDY – Bible Study at 10:30 am every Wednesday in Holmer Hall. Come for the one-hour small group study of the biblical book "**JUDGES.**" Bible studies are free and open to the public.

FREE MEALS ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS – Come join our neighbors for a free meal on Wednesday nights (5:30-6:00 pm) starting August 28. *All food is available at no cost. Make a reservation today!

CELEBRATING A 90 YEAR BLESSING - We are having a 90th birthday celebration for Mom and wanted to extend the invitation to her Westside family: **Rogene Moody's 90th Birthday**

When: Saturday, September 7th, 2:00-4:00pm

Where: Homestead of Topeka

5820 SW Drury Ln

Topeka, KS 66604

Who: Anyone who loves Mrs. Moody, Rogene, Mom, RoRo

If you are unable to attend, we invite you to send a card to her at the above address. She loves getting cards. We also invite you to share this invitation. Correspondence systems have changed so much, and we want to be sure those who love her know about this. Love, Janine, Chris, and Erin

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 kits and children’s bulletins.** Please take home your artwork. Place the packets on the front pew after the worship service so we can restock them.



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

	<u>08-25-2019</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
General Fund	\$ 6215.00	\$ 143,476.93
Building Main	\$ 55.00	\$ 6,181.00
Sunday School	\$ 6.00	\$ 335.38
America For Christ	\$	\$ 1,542.00
Baby Closet	\$	\$ 50.00
Fellowship/Benevolence	\$	\$ 1,447.97
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$	\$ 2,145.93
Vacation Bible School	\$	\$ 124.80
World Mission Offering	\$	\$ 115.00
Youth Fund Income	\$ 250.00	\$ 3,540.72
School Supplies	\$	\$ 270.00
ABW	\$ 20.00	\$ 590.00

Bill Merrifield, Stewardship Secretary, mailed quarterly giving statements. See him with any questions or to request giving envelopes.



WWW KIDS BIBLE CLUB – West Side has begun another year of adventure at **Wonderful West Side Wednesdays** (WWW) Bible Club! Supper will be served at **5:30 pm**. Come on in and register between 4:30 -5:30 pm. Forms for registration will be available at the door or you may request those ahead of time by calling the church office. Bible Study classes available for Kdg through adult. Van rides to and from

the church are available. Please call the church office (785 233-4241) to arrange a ride or for more information. We want to see you there!!

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Acolytes (September) – Aaron Poe, Pat Carpenter

Communion Servers (September) – Jim Lagerberg, Pat Carpenter, Don Johnson, Amy Cripe

Evangelism Counselor -

Scripture Readers – Jan Mauck

Technology – Harry Carpenter, Tom Mansfield, Brice Smith, and Bruno Sprenks

Ushers (September) Chuck Cozad, Doug Mauck, Dick May, Steve May, Aaron Poe

NEWS FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION...

We have had a great summer of fellowship while viewing and discussing 4 different movies during Sunday School. We want to thank everyone who participated. A special thanks to all who brought treats to share and to Ernie for setting up chairs and tables and making coffee early every Sunday.



Regular Sunday School begins again on Sept 8 @ 9:15 am.

- K-3, taught by Colleen Smith meets downstairs by the Nursery.
- Grades 4-8 taught by Fran Seymour-Hunter and Pat Carpenter meet upstairs in the NW corner classroom.
- Grades 9 -12 taught by Pastor Ivan meets downstairs in the Youth Room.

For Adults there are three choices:

- “Reading the Bible as Literature” (a video series) taught by Doug Mauck in Holmer Hall;
- “The Explicit Gospel” (video) taught by Jack Janway upstairs in the NE classroom;
- Max Lucado’s Outlive Your Life taught by Rexanne Greuter (for women) upstairs in the SE classroom.

We hope you will choose to join us for Sunday School this fall.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

9:00 am SS Cinema Movie ("Pete's Dragon") (FH)
10:30 am Worship Service (S)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

9:00 -11:00 am Baby Closet Ministry

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

5:30 pm Ladies Night Out @ El Torito's
5:30 pm Men's Night Out @ El Torito's
6:00 pm Men's Chorus (FH)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

10:30 am Bible Study – Book of Judges (HH)
3:30 – 5:30 pm Fruit & Vegetable Food Pantry (FH)
5:00 – 7:00 pm Baby Closet Ministry
5:30 – 7:00 pm Supper and WWW
7:00 pm Choir Practice (S)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

1:00 - 3:00 pm Baby Closet

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 PASTOR'S DAY OFF

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

1:00 pm Worship Team Practice

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service (S)

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Annie Morris – Health concerns (Don and Molly's granddaughter-in-law)
Ella – Health concern (Don and Molly's great-granddaughter)
Kim – Health concerns (Nancy Ohse's friend)
Mark Arnold – Health concerns
Al & Bradley Carpenter – Health concerns
Harry and Pat Carpenter – Health concerns
Amy Cripe - expecting
Joanna Lewis – Health concerns (Jack & Nelda Janway's niece)
Nancy May – Health concerns
Bill and Marie Merrifield – Health concerns
Don and Molly Morris – Health concerns
Sandra Parnell – Health concerns (Marianne Spano's friend)
Becky and Terry Poe – Health concerns
Chris Poe – Health concerns
Carolyn Roach – Health concerns (Nelda Janway's sister)
Keith Springer – Health concerns (Marianne Spano's brother)
Larry Springer – Health concerns (Marianne Spano's brother)
Melissa Weikel – Health concerns (Nancy and Wayne Cottril's daughter)
Lola Zab - Health concerns (Marianne Spano's sister)
Victims and perpetrators of human trafficking (sexual slavery)
Topeka Rescue Mission – Financial Help
Ward Meade Neighborhood
El Paso & Ohio Shootings

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
*Mary Lou Johnson – Aldersgate	*Juanita Plankinton
*Alice Kieffer	*Hazel Smith-Tindall – Ottawa

COMMUNION MINISTERS – Please sign-up on the bulletin board to deliver the Lord’s Supper (Holy Communion) to our Nursing Home and Homebound members on the first Sunday of a month. Lay Ministers will be working in pairs of two or teams. Pastor Ivan will provide training for all communion ministers. We currently have eighteen Nursing Home and Homebound members to visit each month.



REMEMBER

Over the years several people have joined our congregation during the month of September. You can recognize them in worship services by their golden ribbon. On the first Sunday of each month, those celebrating an anniversary are recognized in the worship service, and we use a brief litany to dedicate them to God once more. Those celebrating an anniversary membership renewal in September:

◆ John Summers	Baptism	September 12, 1954	65 Yrs
◆ Betty Hoy	Baptism	September 22, 1963	56 Yrs
◆ Neil Johnson	Letter	September 30, 1966	53 Yrs
◆ Dawn Cook	Letter	September 27, 1970	49 Yrs
◆ Joye Kratochvil	Letter	September 06, 1970	49 Yrs
◆ Connie Ellis	Letter	September 15, 1971	48 Yrs
◆ Steve Varney	Letter	September 19, 1971	48 Yrs
◆ William Varney	Letter	September 19, 1971	48 Yrs
◆ Linda Manley	Baptism	September 12, 1972	47 Yrs
◆ Greg Pukach	Baptism	September 13, 1981	39 Yrs
◆ George Wheeler	Letter	September 14, 1980	39 Yrs
◆ Eric Rosa	Baptism	September 18, 1983	36 Yrs
◆ Michelle Varney	Baptism	September 09, 1984	35 Yrs
◆ Timothy Pasley	Letter	September 14, 1988	31 Yrs
◆ Shirley Green	Letter	September 14, 1994	25 Yrs
◆ Penny Monthey	Letter	September 14, 1994	25 Yrs
◆ Allison Kimble	Baptism	September 27, 1998	21 Yrs
◆ Conrad Metcalfe	Baptism	September 27, 1998	21 Yrs
◆ Zachary Smith	Baptism	September 27, 1998	21 Yrs
◆ Kevin Young	Baptism	September 27, 1998	21 Yrs
◆ Matthew Smith	Baptism	September 24, 2006	13 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 Baptist Church. If you have information for a missing member, please contact the Church Office.
Blessings, Pastor Ivan



FOOD PANTRY - The Free Fruit & Vegetable Food Pantry is now open every Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. Call the Church Office at (785) 233-4241 for more information. **May 2019 Report:** 922 individuals (468 adults, 362 children, plus 92 senior citizens) in 259 families were able to receive for free 5,199 pounds of bread, fruit, milk, vegetables, and other items from the Fruit & Vegetable Food Pantry on Wednesday nights at West Side Baptist Church,

1008 SW. 4th St., Topeka.



AMERICAN BAPTIST NORTHEAST AREA MEETING - I want to cordially invite you, your congregation, and friends to the Annual Meeting of all the Northeast Area American Baptist Churches. This year our annual meeting will be September 8, 2019 from 5 to 7 pm, at the First

Baptist Church, 2121 Blue Hills Road, Manhattan, Kansas. A free will donation for dinner will be accepted and an offering received as indicated on the flyer. Dinner will be served at 5 pm, followed by a very short business meeting, and then praise music and presentations by Amber Wilhelm (a literal miracle), Roger and Jody Will (missionaries in training), and Gregg Hemmen, Executive Minister, ABCCR. You do not need to make a reservation. However, if you can estimate the number from your church who plan to attend, would you please email that number to Pastor John Parsley, fbcpastorjcp@gmail.com. Thank you so much and I hope to see you all there.