

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 29, 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.

ABCCR ANNUAL GATHERING 2019 – American Baptist Churches of the Central Region will host their Annual Gathering on Friday and Saturday, October 11-12 at Crosswinds Conference Center & Camp in Heston, Kansas. The Keynote Speaker will be Dr. Scot McKnight, an American New Testament scholar, historian of early Christianity, and theologian. He is currently Professor of New Testament at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Lombard, IL. Missionary Speaker will be IM Global Servant, David Reed, regional consultant alongside partner Baptist conventions in Iberoamerica and the Caribbean focusing on spiritual renewal, spiritual formation and vocational calling. On October 12th the ABMen will have a luncheon meeting. Register online: <https://abccr.org/2019annualgathering> or call the Region Office at (785) 272-7622.

~ Franklin Ruff, ABCCentral Region President

WORLD MISSION OFFERING (WMO) - Every October, ABCUSA churches celebrate and support the ministries that God is using to transform the world through the **World Mission Offering**.

While these represent only a fraction of International Ministries' work, they provide a window into what God is doing worldwide through our 120 global servants, 900+ volunteers, 43 home staff and 240+ global partners. **Our goal is \$1,500.00.** Please use the envelopes in the pews or write "WMO" on your offering envelope or check.



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.

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.



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.

CHOIR SEASON HAS BEGUN - All who enjoy singing and have some available time to spend learning music on **SUNDAYS at 4:00 pm**, are invited to join the Choir. Contact our Choir Director, Matt Smith at (785) 230-6442, if you have any questions or songs you would like to sing.

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. **AUGUST REPORT:** 944 individuals (492 adults, 360 children, plus 92 senior citizens) in 262 families were able to receive for free 4,328 pounds of fresh bread, eggs, fruit, vegetables, and other items from the Fruit & Vegetable Food Pantry on Wednesday nights at West Side Baptist Church, 1008 SW. 4th St., Topeka. The Food Pantry will be open all Wednesdays in October. **We are in need of empty egg cartons. Please bring them to the office.**



NEWS FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION...

We have had a great summer of fellowship while viewing and discussing four 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 has begun @ 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.

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 Kindergarten 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!!



SKATING PARTY – The Children and Youth plan to go skating at Sk8Away on Sunday, October 20 at 1:00 pm for Children's Sabbath. See Pastor.

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

PASTOR ON VACATION – Pastor Ivan will be **out-of-the-office on Thursday, October 10 thru Monday, October 14** to attend a Continuing Education class in Topeka. The Rev. Dr. Angela Jackson will be our guest speaker on Sunday, October 13, 2019.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

9:15 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Worship Service (S)
1:30 pm	Wedding Shower (Matt Smith & Ashley Lewis)
4:00 pm	Choir Practice (S)
6:00 pm	Pastor Teaches Perspectives Class

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

9:00 -11:00 am	Baby Closet Ministry
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

5:30 pm	Ladies Night Out @ Cook's American Grill
5:30 pm	Men's Night Out @ Schlotzsky's on Gage
6:00 pm	Capital City Men's Chorus (FH)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

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 – 6:00 pm	Free Supper (FH)
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Bible Study and WWW Kids Bible Club

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

1:00 - 3:00 pm	Baby Closet
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4 PASTOR'S DAY OFF

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

1:00 pm	Worship Team Practice
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

9:15 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Worship Service (S)
4:00 pm	Choir Practice

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Al & Bradley Carpenter – Health concerns
Harry and Pat Carpenter – Health concerns
Wayne Cottril – Health concerns
Jim Goff – Health concerns
Gwen Jones – Health concerns (Potwin Presbyterian)
Charles Key – Health concerns (Nelda Janway's brother)
Joanna Lewis – Health concerns;
Judy and Ernie Longstaff – Health concerns
Holly Lynch – Health concerns (Nancy Oshe's daughter)
Hilda Lundgren – Health concerns; rehab
Nancy May – Health concerns
Bill and Marie Merrifield – Health concerns
Annie Morris – Healing (Don & Molly Morris granddaughter-in-law)
Don and Molly Morris – Health concerns
Becky & Terry Poe – Health concerns
Christopher Poe – Health concerns
Carolyn Roach – Health concerns (Nelda Janway's sister)
Bob and Jill Roesler – Move to Oklahoma
Keith Springer – Health concerns (Marianne Spano's brother)
Larry Springer – Health concerns (Marianne Spano's brother)
Kim Swank – Health concerns
Lola Zab – Health concerns (Marianne Spano's sister)
Clinton Presbyterian Church - fire
Human Trafficking / Sexual Slavery
Ward Meade Neighborhood

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

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

	09-22-2019	Y-T-D
General Fund	\$ 3,470.00	\$ 164,146.93
Building Main	\$ 135.00	\$ 6,731.00
Sunday School	\$ 6.00	\$ 373.88
America For Christ	\$	\$ 1,542.00
Baby Closet	\$	\$ 50.00
Fellowship/Benevolence	\$ 2.00	\$ 1,534.97
One Great Hour Sharing	\$	\$ 2,245.93
Vacation Bible School	\$	\$ 124.80
World Mission Offering	\$	\$ 115.00
Youth Fund Income	\$	\$ 3,540.72
School Supplies	\$	\$ 270.00
ABW	\$	\$ 640.00

TRUNK OR TREAT - As you have probably noticed, the Halloween Candy is out in the stores. Please pick up some to donate for our annual "Trunk or Treat" to be held on Halloween from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. A signup sheet to participate in the event will be available soon. Thank you! ~ Jack Janway, Outreach



YOUTH – The Youth Group is planning to attend **Braving Discipleship** on **Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, November 1-3 at Ottawa University**. The registration is free for students who attend the Labor of Love camp. Student will need to pay for hotel expenses for the weekend. See Tera Triggs to go.

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