

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, DECEMBER 8, 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

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS FOR WWW KIDS – Donate a new or gently used Christmas Ornament for the WWW Kids Bible Club students. Each child will receive a small gift of candy, fruit, and an ornament. Place item in the box inside the Sanctuary **before Tuesday, December 10**. Thank you! ~ Alice Payne, Coordinator

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT - Our semester of WWW Kids



Bible Club ends **December 11**. We will celebrate with a dinner and **Christmas Pageant**. You are all invited to attend. **Dinner will be @ 5:30 and the program will be in the sanctuary from 6:00-7:00**. We hope you will come and be a part of this special evening. Many of the children that attend WWW have little knowledge about the true gift of Christmas. What is such a familiar story to us is new for them. Even as teachers, we are always amazed when a child asks, "Who is Joseph?" or "What's a shepherd?" Come participate and enjoy the Christmas story as if you were hearing it for the very first time.

~ Alice Payne, C.E. Coordinator



CHRISTMAS OFFERING – "Home for the Holidays!"- We will receive a special Christmas Offering for families in the neighborhood with children that do not have utilities (e.g., electric, gas, water) in their homes. Thank you for giving

generously (\$880.00) to help. You can give online, mail your donation to the church, or use the envelopes available in the pews.

BABY CLOSET - As we begin to prepare for Christmas, the Baby Closet is asking for help to fill 50 personal care bags for families that visit the Baby Closet during December. Items needed for the bags include **deodorant, shampoo, body wash, toothpaste and toothbrushes, combs, band aids and lotion.** We thank each of you for helping us out with this project. The families are happy to receive these bags



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 “**MICAH.**” Bible studies are free and open to the public.

CHOIR CHANGES - All who enjoy singing and have some available time to spend learning music are invited to join the Choir on **Wednesday's at 7:00 pm**, Contact our Choir Director, Matt Smith at (785) 230-6442 if you have any questions or songs you would like to sing.



GREUTER FAMILY OPEN HOUSE COOKIE PARTY – Come to the **Greuter Open House Cookie Party** on **Saturday, December 14** from **1:00 to 4:00 PM** at **2211 SW 33rd St., Topeka 66611.** We make a couple of thousand cookies, so you will not need to bring cookies, gifts, or anything

but an appetite. Enjoy the many tasty treats we make to share during the holidays. We will serve coffee and punch. It is a “come and go” event. No reservations needed. Kids welcome! ~ Ivan, Rexanne, Jessa, Macy, & David

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE – The Worship Committee is planning the **Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service** on **Dec. 24 at 5:00 pm.** We will sing familiar hymns, listen to special music, and worship the Lord. Share your ideas with Jan Mauck, Chair of the Worship Committee. **Cookies, Cocoa, and Carol Singing at 4:30 pm.**



WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:00 am Baby Closet
5:00 pm Cornerstone Dinner

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

6:00 pm Council Member Meeting
6:00 pm Capital City Men's Chorus (FH)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

10:30 am Bible Study – Book of Micah (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 WWW KIDS CHRISTMAS PAGEANT (S)
7:00 pm Choir Practice (S)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

1:00 - 3:00 pm Baby Closet Ministry

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

PASTOR'S DAY OFF

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

1:00-4:00 pm Greuter Christmas Cookie Open House
2211 SW 33rd St., Topeka, KS 66611

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service (S)
2:00 pm Mission Meeting

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Carpenter, Al & Bradley – Health concerns
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Goff, Jim – Health concerns
International Ministries and Missionaries (Global Servants)
Jones, Gwen – Health concerns (Potwin Presbyterian)
Key, Charles – Health concerns (Nelda Janway's brother)
Lewis, Joanna – Health concerns (Nelda and Jack Janway's grandniece)
Longstaff, Judy and Ernie – Health concerns
Matthiessen, Jessica – Health concerns
May, Nancy – Health concerns
McClain, Sherry – Grief, husband passed on Nov. 30 (Nancy Ohse's friend)
McCullough, Mark – Healing after surgery
Morris, Don and Molly – Health concerns
Poe, Becky & Terry – Health concerns
Roach, Carolyn – Health concerns (Nelda Janway's sister)
Springer, Keith – Health concerns (Marianne Spano's brother)
Springer, Larry – Health concerns (Marianne Spano's brother)
Swank, Kim – Health concerns
WWW Kids Bible Club
Wildman, Kay – Infection in leg
Zab, Lola – Health concerns (Marianne Spano's sister)
High School & College Students – finals
Human Trafficking / Sexual Slavery
Ward Meade Neighborhood
WWW Kids Bible Club

HOMEBOUND & CARE FACILITIES:

*Allbert, Portia
*Cunningham, June – Brewster Place
*Dell, Shirley & Larry
*Farrar, Helen – Plaza West
*Haney, Gerald
*Hunter, Russ
*Johnson, Mary Lou – Aldersgate
*Kieffer, Alice
*Landis, Etta – Capital Ridge

*Lundgren, Hilda
*May, Renea
*Merrifield, Marie – Lexington P.
*Moody, Rogene – Homestead
*Pasley, Ken - Brookdale
*Penny, Theo
*Perkins, Edward
*Plankinton, Juanita
*Smith-Tindall, Hazel – Ottawa

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 17, 2020. The **Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, Jan. 26 at 12:00 pm, downstairs.**

FIFTH SUNDAY CAROLING & UGLY SWEATER SUNDAY at WESTSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH – The Congregation voted during our recent Business Meeting to accept the invitation of Westside Christian Church: To make sure we sing your favorite song during the holidays, we will have a **Fifth Sunday Caroling on, December 29 at 10:30 am. Wear Your Ugliest Christmas Sweater to Westside Christian Church, 432 SW Lindenwood Ave, Topeka, KS 66606. Sunday school at 9:15 am at WSBC.** There will be no sermon only the Gospel message in song!



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. **BRING a government-issued PHOTO ID and a piece of US Mail with the clients NAME and CURRENT ADDRESS as proof-of-residency every visit. November Pantry Report - 918** Individuals (452 adults, 372 children, and 94 seniors) in 241 families were able to receive free bread, fruits, vegetables, and other items (total 6,480 pounds) from the Fruit & Vegetable Food Pantry at West Side Baptist Church during the month of November 2019. The Fruits & Vegetable Food Pantry will be open on Wednesdays in December (4, 11, and 18) from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm. **The Pantry will be CLOSED on December 25 and January 1 for the winter holidays.** Call the Church Office at (785) 233-4241 for more information. Equal Opportunity. *All food is available at no cost. **We need empty egg cartons and reusable bags.**



HOSPITAL & EMERGENCIES – If you or a loved one is admitted to the hospital for an emergency or for surgery, **the hospital staff and chaplains' office will NOT contact the Church Office or the Pastor. You or a family member must call the Church Office at (785) 233-4241 or Pastor's home at (785) 267-0936.** Pastor is willing to visit the hospital and pray prior to surgeries.



YOU'RE INVITED TO SUNDAY SCHOOL - Be kind to yourself and join a class! It's an opportunity to learn more about the Bible, our faith, ourselves, our past, present, & future, and our Savior. We are offering four different class opportunities for adults.

- **“The Apostles Creed: Together We Believe”** by Matt Chandler taught by Jack Janway upstairs in the first room off the elevator. It is a new 12-week, video-based study. Each session is based on a part of the Apostles Creed and how it applies to living as Christians.
- **“The Basics of Christian Faith”** taught by Pastor Ivan. It meets downstairs in the Youth Room.
- **“Outlive Your Life” by Max Lucado.** Rexanne Greuter is leading a women’s class discussing ideas and spending meaningful time in prayer support. This class is upstairs in the first room off the South stairway.
- **“Reading the Bible as Literature”** a video series taught by Doug Mauck in Holmer Hall. These videos help bring the Bible to life and increase our understanding.

You would be welcomed at any of these classes. They are open to all. It's a great chance to fellowship with other believers and to enhance your spiritual growth. Classes begin @ 9:15 every Sunday morning.

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

| | <u>12-01-2019</u> | <u>Y-T-D</u> |
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| General Fund | \$ 3,566.00 | \$ 198,427.08 |
| Building Fund | \$ 265.00 | \$ 9,731.00 |
| Sunday School | \$ 15.22 | \$ 467.78 |
| Baby Closet | \$ | \$ 1,550.00 |
| Christmas Offering | \$ 880.00 | \$ 880.00 |
| Fellowship/Benevolence | \$ 242.00 | \$ 2,218.22 |
| Ret. M & M Offering | \$ 795.00 | \$ 795.00 |
| World Mission Offering | \$ | \$ 1,763.09 |

CHRISTMAS CAROLING & COOKIES – Come sing with the Choir & Youth Group on Wednesday, December 18 at 5:00 pm. We will sing for several shut-ins and homebound friends. Cocoa and Cookies afterwards at the Church. See Matt Smith for more information.

**DEC. 20
6:00 PM**

**THE
STAR**
THE STORY OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

**FREE
MOVIE
NIGHT**

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