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:

- <u>ADMIT</u> 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).
- <u>BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED</u> 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).
- <u>CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD</u> 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. <u>DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO JESUS</u> 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, JANUARY 19, 2020

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

ANNUAL MEETING – Come to the Annual Meeting and Potluck Luncheon on Sunday, January 26 at noon in the Fellowship Hall (downstairs). The Church will provide the meat, so bring a side-dish to share. All Council members need to send their report to Lynda in the Church Office (office@wsbctopeka.org) by Thurs., Jan. 16, 2020.

BACK TO BETHEL! We will once again be providing a meal and message at Bethel Neighborhood Center in Kansas City, KS, on each 5th Friday evening. The first one is coming up on Friday, January 31. We will meet at the church and leave in the church van no later than 4:00pm. The other 5th Friday dates are May 29th, July 31st and October 30th. Please consider helping with this fun and fulfilling ministry. If you have questions, please contact Jim Goodnow at 246-1807 or jim.goodnow@sbcglobal.net.

MISSIONARIES VISITING TODAY, JAN. 19 - The Revs. Peter and



Sarah McCurdy will be visiting WSBC today, January 19 at 6:00 pm. Sarah and Peter serve in Costa Rica at the invitation of the Federation of Baptists of Costa Rica, a partner of IM. Peter's ministry

focus is spiritual renewal and spiritual formation. He serves local pastors and seminary students, seeking to provide a safe and nurturing environment for them, their families and others pursuing a call to ministry. He will also extend his ministry into Cuba. Sarah, a former French teacher, is developing her role as an educator. Peter and Sarah's hope is that, through their ministries, hearts and minds will be changed and people will grow into the image of Christ. Come hear of God's glorious work in Costa Rica through the McCurdys.

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



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 client's NAME and CURRENT ADDRESS as proof-of-residency every visit. 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.** See Jack Janway for more information or details about volunteering

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 <u>NOT</u> contact the Church Office or the Pastor. You or a family member must call the Church Office at (785) 233-4241 or the PASTOR at HOME (785) 267-0936. Pastor is willing to visit the hospital and pray prior to surgeries.



OUTREACH AND EVANGELISM COMMITTEE - Get involved! Consider



joining the **Outreach and Evangelism Committee**. We need people to plan, organize and run the many activities we do. Would you like to oversee the Easter Egg hunt, or parking lot sale, a movie or game night? Or would you be willing to help? Do you have a new idea for a new activity that will attract people to our church? If interested, please plan on coming to our meeting **Tuesday**, **January 28th at**

6:00 pm in Holmer Hall or contact Jack Janway for information.

SUPPER BOWL WATCH PARTY - Come watch the Super Bowl with us! Pre-game chili feed will start at 4:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Chili, crackers, cheese and onions will be provided. If you prefer other chili fixings, feel free to bring it. We will move up to Holmer Hall to watch the game. Bring your favorite snacks for the game. Most importantly, bring a guest to watch the game with us.



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.

COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES – The Church Council (Officers, Coordinators of Ministries, and the Pastor) will meet on the **second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm in Holmer Hall**. The meetings are open, and members are encouraged to attend. See Pat Carpenter, Moderator, for details or agenda.

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

	<u>01</u>	<u>-12-2020</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
General Fund	\$	1401.00	\$ 5,222.00
Building Fund	\$		\$
Sunday School	\$	10.00	\$ 15.00
Fellowship/Benevolence	\$	150.00	\$ 228.00

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19 GUEST SPEAKER

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

9:00 am

Baby Closet

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

5:30 pmChristian Ed Meeting6:00 pmMen's Chorus

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

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 Bible Clubs
7:00 pm	Choir Practice (S)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

1:00 - 3:00 pm Baby Closet Ministry

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Albert, Henry – Lou Gehrig's Disease (Karen & Janice Kirby's cousins' husband) Carpenter, AI & Bradley – Health concerns Carpenter, Harry and Pat – Health concerns Davis, Valarie – Health concerns (Bev. McCurdy's neighbor and friend) Goff. Jim – Health concerns 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 Mansfield, Virginia – Fallen Matthiessen, Jessica – Health concerns May, Nancy – Health concerns May, Steve – Health concerns Miller, Jeannine – Health concerns (Tera Triggs' mom and WSBC Volunteer) 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 Zab, Lola – Health concerns (Marianne Spano's sister) Human Trafficking / Sexual Slavery International Ministries and Missionaries (Global Servants) Ward Meade Neighborhood WWW Kids Bible Club **HOMEBOUND & CARE FACILITIES:** *Allbert. Portia *Landis, Etta – Capital Ridge *Cunningham, June – Brewster Place *Lundgren, Hilda *Dell, Shirley & Larry *May, Renea *Goodnow. Grace *Merrifield, Marie – Lexington P. *Farrar, Helen –Plaza West *Moody, Rogene – Homestead *Pasley, Ken - Brookdale *Haney, Gerald *Hunter, Russ *Penny, Theo *Johnson, Mary Lou – Aldersgate *Perkins. Edward *Kieffer. Alice *Smith-Tindall, Hazel – Ottawa



