

## 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, MARCH 1, 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

**AGAPE BENEVOLENCE FUND** – We receive a benevolence offering for persons in need the **first Sunday of each month after the Lord's Supper**. These funds are shared with members and neighborhood. Please see the Pastor, Church Office, or the Moderator to complete an Application for Assistance.

**AMERICA FOR CHRIST** - Each March, WSBC receives the

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2020

**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). **Our goal is \$1,500.00**. Thank you for giving generously to the AFC Offering.

~ Jim Goodnow, Coordinator of Mission

**MOVIE NIGHT** - Come put your mind in the Easter Spirit with the movie "**King of Kings**" on **March 6 from 6 to 9 pm**. Popcorn will be provided. Please invite a guest. ~ Jack Janway, Coord. of Outreach

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS** – Set your clocks forward one hour for Daylight Savings Time on Sunday, March 8 at 2:00 am or before bedtime on Saturday, March 7.

NEWS IN THE PEWS

**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.** 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](mailto:jim.goodnow@sbcglobal.net).

**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.

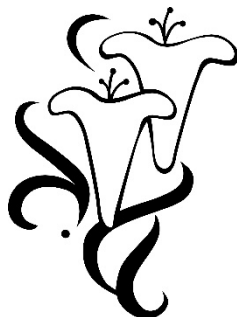
**CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS** - The Church Camp Scholarship program is underway for all children and youth to earn up to \$100.00 each to help them go to a summer camp. Students earn points for registering their attendance AND for volunteering to help others. **CAMP REGISTRATIONS and PAYMENT are due Wednesday, April 29.** See Pastor today for camp information, registration form, or to make payment arrangements.

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



**EASTER EGG HUNT** – Outreach will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt for the children (toddler-5<sup>th</sup> grade) on **Sat., April 11 at 2:00 pm.** We need a person to spearhead efforts to collect individually wrapped candy and plastic eggs.

**EASTER FLOWERS ORDERS DUE** – The deadline for ordering Easter flowers is **Monday, March 9 (see insert).** Please give your order form and payment to an Usher or drop-off in the Church Office. Lynda will call in the order Tuesday, March 10. Flowers will be delivered in time for Easter on Sunday, April 12. Please see Lynda in the Church Office for details, to place multiple orders, or to make payment arrangements.



## **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 1**

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

### **MONDAY, MARCH 2**

9:00 am Baby Closet

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 3**

5:30 pm Ladies Night Out @ Red Robin  
5:30 pm Men’s Night Out @ Freddy’s on Wannamaker  
6:00 pm Men’s Chorus (FH)

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4**

10:30 am Bible Study – The Gospel of Matthew (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, MARCH 5**

1:00 - 3:00 pm Baby Closet Ministry

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 6**

6:00 pm Movie Night “King of Kings” (HH)

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 7**

1:30 pm Worship Team

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 8**

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

## OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Albert, Henry – Lou Gehrig's (Karen & Janice Kirby's cousins' husband)  
Carpenter, Al & Bradley – Health concerns  
Carpenter, Harry and Pat – Health concerns  
Church in Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands (23-29 February 2020)+  
Church in Ireland; UK (Eng., N. Ireland, Scotland, Wales) (1-7 March 2020)+  
**Cripe, Brinley Mae – Newborn, Monday, Feb. 24: Amy & Jared Cripe**  
Davis, Valarie – Health concerns (Bev. McCurdy's neighbor and friend)  
Gilmore, Jessica – Health concerns  
Goff, Jim – Health concerns  
Human Trafficking / Sexual Slavery  
International Ministries and Missionaries (Global Servants)  
Jones, Gwen – Health concerns (Potwin Presbyterian)  
Lewis, Joanna – Health concerns (Nelda and Jack Janway's grandniece)  
Lightcap, The Very Rev. Torey – Health (Dean of Grace Epi. Cathedral)  
Longstaff, Judy and Ernie – Health concerns  
Lundgren, Hilda – Health concerns  
Lynch, Holly – Health concerns (Nancy Oshe's daughter)  
Mansfield, Virginia – Health concerns  
May, Nancy – Health concerns  
May, Steve – Health concerns  
McCullough, Mark – Health concerns and health of coworkers  
Merrifield, Marie – Health concerns  
Morris, Don and Molly – Health concerns; hospice  
Poe, Becky & Terry – Health concerns  
Shaw, Nelis – Health concerns (Potwin Presbyterian)  
Springer, Keith – Health concerns (Marianne Spano's brother)  
Springer, Larry – Health concerns (Marianne Spano's brother)  
Swank, Kim – Health concerns  
United Methodist denomination (General Convention in May)  
Ward Meade Neighborhood  
Wigfield, Hazel – Concerns (Bev McCurdy's sister-in-law)  
WWW Kids Bible Club  
Zab, Lola – Health concerns (Marianne Spano's sister)

+Ecumenical Prayer Cycle "In God's Hands - Common Prayer for the World" from the World Council of Churches (<https://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/prayer-cycle>)

## **HOMEBOUND & CARE FACILITIES:**

\*Cunningham, June – Brewster Place  
\*Dell, Shirley & Larry  
\*Goodnow, Grace  
\*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  
\*Smith-Tindall, Hazel – Ottawa

**FOOD PANTRY - The Free Fruit & Vegetable Food Pantry is now open every Wednesday, 3:30-5:30 pm. Clients MUST provide a PHOTO I.D. with current address (including apartment number, if applicable) every visit for identification. If the address is incorrect, the client must provide a piece of US Postal Mail with name and current address. Clients without identification must see the Program Supervisor. Call the Church Office at (785) 233-4241 for more information. Equal Opportunity. \*All food is available at no cost.**

**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 the PASTOR at HOME (785) 267-0936.** Pastor is willing to visit the hospital and pray prior to surgeries.



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

	<u>02-23-2020</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
General Fund	\$ 5,840.00	\$ 37,069.92
Building Fund	\$ 170.00	\$ 585.00
Sunday School	\$ 14.00	\$ 80.75
Fellowship/Benevolence	\$	\$ 380.00
Baby Closet	\$	\$ 25.00

## **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 to come to one of our meetings every **Fourth Tuesday, at 6:00 pm** in Holmer Hall or contact Jack Janway for information.

**SPRING BREAK** – Pastor will be on vacation with his family during Topeka Public School (USD 501) **Spring Break, March 9-15, 2020**. Call the Church Office in the event of an emergency, hospitalization or pastoral need.

**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:

- **"Knowing Jesus" by Robby Gallaty** Jack Janway's class will begin a new 6-part video series on Sunday mornings. All are invited and please bring a friend.
- **"The Basics of Christian Faith"** taught by Pastor Ivan. We meet downstairs in the Youth Room.
- **"The Armor of God" by Priscilla Shirer**. 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.

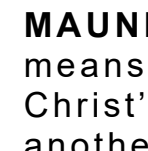
You would be welcomed at any of these classes. They are open to all. It's a great chance to fellowship with other believers and to enhance your spiritual growth. Classes begin @ 9:15 every Sunday morning.

**YOUNG CHRISTIANS WEEKEND @ SILVER DOLLAR CITY** – The Youth Group and adult sponsors will be traveling to Silver Dollar City to attend **Young Christians Weekend on Friday, April 3 thru Sunday, April 5**. See Brice for cost of trip, balance fundraising accounts, and registration forms.

## **LENT & EASTER SEASON**



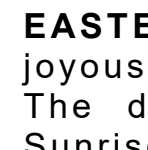
**PALM SUNDAY (April 5, 2020)** – The day Christians commemorate Jesus Christ's Parade into Jerusalem which starts Holy Passion Week.



**MAUNDY THURSDAY (April 9, 2020)** – Maundy means "Command" Thursday, the day remember Christ's command to his disciples to wash one another's feet and celebrate The Last Supper (Holy Communion). **Potwin Presbyterian Church, 400 SW Washburn Ave.**, will host the annual, ecumenical "Agape Feast" with Holy Communion from **6:00 to 8:00 pm**. Guests are encouraged to bring cheese, fruits, and/or nuts to share. RSVP to the Potwin Church Office, (785) 235-1311, before Wednesday, April 8.



**GOOD FRIDAY (April 10, 2020)** – A day of prayer and fasting in solemn remembrance of Jesus Christ's crucifixion and death. **Westside Christian Church, 432 SW Lindenwood Ave**, will host the Good Friday service at **6:30 pm**. The service will recall the last words of Jesus Christ as well as his crucifixion and burial. Call Westside Christian Church office for more information.



**EASTER SUNRISE VIGIL (April 12, 2020)** – The joyous service of Jesus' Resurrection from the dead. The day begins with an ecumenical Communion Sunrise service hosted by West Side Baptist Church in **Old Prairie Town in Ward Meade Park at 7:00 am**. The sun is predicted to rise at 6:50 am on Easter Sunday. Please use the parking lot off 1<sup>st</sup> and Fillmore or 1<sup>st</sup> and Clay streets. Holy Communion will be served by intinction during the service. The service will be held in the chapel if inclement weather. Breakfast is scheduled to be served following this service at our respective churches. All are welcome to participate!