

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 15, 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

AMERICA FOR CHRIST - "Who is my neighbor?" We will be collecting the **America for Christ Offering in March. Our goal is \$1,500 total. Our offering total is at \$1,115.00.** The theme for this year is "Love your neighbor as yourself". In the coming weeks we will learn how our past contributions have gone to help children in poverty, helped rebuild and renew Puerto Rico, helped organizations resettle displaced persons, provided scholarships, mobilized volunteers, and empowered Community Outreach Ministries. Please give generously as we continue to help our neighbors in need! ~ Jim Goodnow, Coordinator of Mission

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.

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.



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.

EASTER EGG HUNT – Outreach will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt for the children (toddler-5th grade) on **Sat., April 11 at 2:00 pm.** We need a person to spearhead efforts to collect individually wrapped candy and plastic eggs, recruit volunteers, and organize the one-day event. See Jack Janway to volunteer.

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.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE – **“I Love My Church!”** Pastor Ivan and Outreach will be leading a **new member drive** during the month of April. Know someone who may want to join? Come forward or share their information with the Church Office. We will schedule visits and encourage Christians to join.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

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

MONDAY, MARCH 16 OFFICE CLOSED

9:00 am Baby Closet

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

6:00 pm Men’s Chorus (FH)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

10:30 am Bible Study
3:30 – 5:30 pm Fruit & Vegetable Food Pantry (FH)
5:00 – 7:00 pm Baby Closet Ministry
5:30 – 6:00 pm Supper (FH)
6:00 – 7:00 pm WWW Bible Clubs
7:00 pm Choir Practice (S)

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

1:00 - 3:00 pm Baby Closet Ministry

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

1:30 pm Worship Team

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

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 Ireland; UK (Eng., N. Ireland, Scotland, Wales) (1-7 March 2020)+
Church in Denmark, Faroe Islands, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway,
Sweden (8-14 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
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 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.



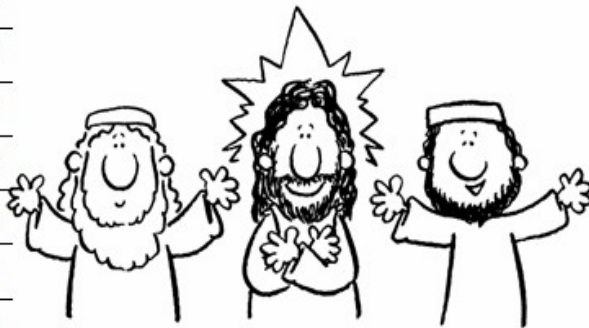
INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES – Pastor Ivan will attend the International Ministries (Am. Baptist Foreign Mission Society) Board of Directors meeting on Sunday (after church), March 22 thru Wednesday, March 25 in Orlando, Florida. Please call the Church Office if you need to speak with him.

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:

- **"Letters of the Revelation"** by D.A. Horton with Brandon D. Smith Jack Janway's class It is a study of the letters to the seven churches. We will be in this study for 3 weeks. 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.

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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 1st and Fillmore or 1st 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!

