

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 8, 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. We have received \$1,475.00 towards our goal is \$1,500.00. Thank you!** 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!

America
for CHRIST
OFFERING
2020

~ Jim Goodnow, Coordinator of Mission

CORONAVIRUS (COVID 19) CLOSURE – By order of the Shawnee County Health Department, on the advice of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), and the World Health Organization (WHO), and upon consent of the Church Council, the **Church Building and Offices are CLOSED until further notice.** Religious services (including funerals and weddings) will be broadcast LIVE and limited to 10 or fewer persons and require compliance with all health codes and public health orders including handwashing and social distancing (families must remain six feet apart). **Lynda and Pastor Ivan are working remotely from their homes. Call the Pastor's home number if you need to speak with him: (785) 267-0936.**

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 ONLINE – Pastor is leading the **Wednesday Morning Bible Study online every week on ZOOM (Meeting ID: 938 576 0091)**. Join this one-hour small group study of **“THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW.”** Bible studies are free and open to the public. Join the Zoom meeting by going to <https://zoom.us/j/9385760091>.

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 (**text Pastor** when you watch the Online Service) AND for volunteering to help others. ***We have not received an official word from the ABCCRegion or Green Lake canceling camps.*** Camp registrations and payments are due Wednesday, April 29 (fully refundable). See Pastor today for camp information, registration forms, or to make payment arrangements.

HOLY COMMUNION - Pastor plans to celebrate Holy Communion on Easter. Prepare by baking bread at home or buy a small loaf. He will give instructions during the service. Qs? Call Pastor at (785) 267-0936.

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 by ZOOM**. The meetings are open, and members are encouraged to attend. See Pat Carpenter, Moderator, for details or agenda.

EASTER EGG HUNT – CANCELED.

EASTER FLOWERS – 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.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE – Broadcast LIVE on Facebook and Youtube.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

9:15 am	NO Sunday School	Canceled
10:30 am	Online Worship	Facebook or Youtube

MONDAY, MARCH 30 OFFICE CLOSED

9:00 am	NO Baby Closet	Canceled
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TUESDAY, MARCH 31 OFFICE CLOSED

6:00 pm	Council of Ministries (HH)	Online Zoom
6:00 pm	Men's Chorus (FH)	

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1 OFFICE CLOSED

10:30 am	Online Bible Study	Online Zoom
3:30 – 5:30 pm	Fruit & Vegetable Food Pantry (Parking Lot)	
5:00 – 7:00 pm	NO Baby Closet Ministry	Canceled
5:30 – 6:00 pm	NO Supper (FH)	Canceled
6:00 – 7:00 pm	NO WWW Bible Clubs	Canceled
7:00 pm	NO Choir Practice (S)	Canceled

THURSDAY, APRIL 2 OFFICE CLOSED

1:00 - 3:00 pm	NO Baby Closet Ministry	Canceled
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FRIDAY, APRIL 3 OFFICE CLOSED

No Young Christian Weekend	Canceled
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SATURDAY, APRIL 4

1:30 pm	Worship Team
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SUNDAY, APRIL 5

9:15 am	NO Sunday School	Canceled
10:30 am	Online Worship	Facebook or Youtube

EASTER BREAKFAST – Canceled.

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
Goff, Jim – Health concerns
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
Lynch, Holly – Health concerns (Nancy Oshe's daughter)
May, Nancy – Health concerns
May, Steve – Health concerns
McCullough, Mark – Health concerns and health of coworkers
Merrifield, Marie – Health concerns; hospice care
Morris, Don and Molly – Health concerns; hospice care
Alice Payne – Health concerns
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
Wigfield, Hazel – Concerns (Bev McCurdy's sister-in-law)
Zab, Lola – Health concerns (Marianne Spano's sister)
Zab, Rachel & Ethan – Birth of twins (Marianne Spano's great-nephews)
Church and people in: **The Balkans** - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia (29 March-04 April 2020)†
Human Trafficking / Sexual Slavery
International Ministries and Missionaries (Global Servants)
Ward Meade Neighborhood
WWW Kids Bible Club

†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	*Lundgren, Hilda
*Dell, Shirley & Larry	*May, Renea
*Goodnow, Grace	*Merrifield, Marie – Lexington P.
*Farrar, Helen – Plaza West	*Moody, Rogene – Homestead
*Haney, Gerald	*Penny, Theo
*Hunter, Russ	*Perkins, Edward
*Johnson, Mary Lou – Aldersgate	*Smith-Tindall, Hazel – Ottawa
*Kieffer, Alice	

GIVING – Mail to the Church or give ONLINE at <https://west-side-baptist-church.square.site>.

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.



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.



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.

