

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, APRIL 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

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.***



Marie Merrifield Visitation and Service – It is with deep sadness we announce the passing of our friend and faithful church member, Marie Merrifield. Private family graveside services will be held at Memorial Park Cemetery **at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2020**. Graveside services can be viewed on the Davidson Funeral Home & Cremation Services Facebook page. **Visitation at Davidson Funeral Home on Sunday, April 19, 2020, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** Memorial contributions may be made to Elara Hospice or to West Side Baptist Church.

NEWS IN THE PEWS

ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY - Lynda is an AMAZING church office administrator! She works hard to keep the church working - including keeping me on task. Help me honor her this year on **Administrative Professionals Day is Wednesday, April**



22. Send a card. Give a gift. Call her (she'll like the extra phone calls). Let her know you appreciate her dedication and diligence. ~ Pastor Ivan

BABY CLOSET – The Baby Closet is CLOSED to the public until further notice to help stop the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID 19). Families can leave a message on the Baby Closet voice mail for diapers, formula, ointment, and wipes. A volunteer will return the message within 48 hours. Families may pick-up supplies on **WEDNESDAYS from 3:30-5:30 pm at the North Door.**

BIBLE STUDY ONLINE – Pastor is leading the **Wednesday EVENING Bible Study online at 6:30 PM via ZOOM (Meeting ID: 973 756 482, Password: 227168).** Join this one-hour small group study of **“THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW.”** Bible studies are free and open to the public. Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/973756482?pwd=aTVJLzZOS2JOY2N3UThqd0xqQjV2Zz09>.

CARE CALLS – Pastor Ivan will be preaching on Sundays and teaching Bible studies online, as well as calling our homebound, and making pastoral visits upon request. Please contact him at his home (785) 267-0936 if you have an emergency or need to speak with him.

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).

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETING – The Ministry of Christian Education will meet on **Tuesday, April 14 at 5:30 pm by ZOOM.** The meetings are open, and members are encouraged to attend. See Alice Payne, Coordinator, for agenda.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

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

MONDAY, APRIL 20

9:00 am **OFFICE CLOSED**
 NO Baby Closet **Closed**

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

6:00 pm **OFFICE CLOSED**
 No Men's Chorus **Canceled**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

10:30 am **OFFICE CLOSED**
 3:30 – 5:30 pm No Bible Study **@ 6:30 pm**
 3:30 – 5:30 pm Baby Closet **North Door**
 5:30 – 6:30 pm Food Pantry **Parking Lot**
 6:00 pm No Supper **Canceled**
 7:00 pm No WWW Clubs **Canceled**
 No Choir Practice **Canceled**

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

1:00 pm **OFFICE CLOSED**
 No Baby Closet **Closed**

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

1:30 pm Worship Team

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
 Emmert, Melissa – nurse in Omaha (Jan & Doug Mauck’s daughter)
 Fowler, Jamie – business concerns & losing friend (Betty Arnold’s son)
 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
 Morris, Don and Molly – Health concerns; hospice care
 Alice Payne – Health concerns
 Poe, Becky & Terry – Health concerns
 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)
 Zab, Rachel & Ethan – Birth of twins (Marianne Spano’s great-nephews)
 Church and people in:

- Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia (19-25 April 2020)
- Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan (26 April-02 May 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	*Kieffer, Alice
*Dell, Shirley & Larry	*Lundgren, Hilda
*Goodnow, Grace	*May, Renea
*Farrar, Helen – Plaza West	*Moody, Rogene – Homestead
*Haney, Gerald	*Penny, Theo
*Hunter, Russ	*Perkins, Edward
*Johnson, Mary Lou – Aldersgate	*Smith-Tindall, Hazel – Ottawa

FACE MASKS – Donations of cloth face masks or covers are needed at the Food Pantry to protect our volunteers.

FOOD PANTRY - Free Fruit and Vegetable Food Pantry on Wednesdays from



3:30 to 5:30 pm, while supplies last. **MOBILE SITE:** enter western PARKING LOT from 4th and CLAY Streets; do not park or exit your vehicle. Program Eligibility: Permanent residents in the Topeka area (zip code 66601-66619). Quondam: Clients are limited to receive one distribution per week. Call the Church Office at (785) 233-4241 for holiday and weather-related closures. Equal Opportunity. *All food is available at no cost. **Please wear a [face mask or cover](#)** to protect the health and safety of our volunteers.

GIVING – Thank you for giving generously during the Coronavirus (COVID 19) national crisis. Please mail your gifts to the Church, drop off in the secure mailbox, or give ONLINE at <https://west-side-baptist-church.square.site>.



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

	<u>04-12-2020</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
General Fund	\$ 4,877.00	\$ 69,033.64
Building Fund/Cap. Cm.	\$ 15.00	\$ 2,890.00
Sunday School	\$ 0.00	\$ 121.25
Am. Baptist Women	\$	\$ 732.09
Am. For Christ Offering	\$	\$ 1,745.00
Baby Closet	\$	\$ 25.00
Fellowship/Benevolence	\$ 10.00	\$ 1,503.00

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 and during emergencies as Coronavirus (COVID 19).

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.



MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING – The Ministry of Mission will have their monthly meeting at **2:00 pm on Sunday, April 26.** We will be discussing options for the Bethel meal on May 30th and our trip to Murrow on June 1-4. You can attend in person (10 or fewer persons) in Homler Hall or via ZOOM.

THANK YOU! Ernie and Judy Longstaff would like to thank all of you for the phone calls and visits and beautiful cards. They really appreciate everyone keeping in touch. They dearly miss each and every one of you and Sunday morning church. Praying for everyone that they stay healthy during this scary time.

