

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 26, 2020

WELCOME TO WORSHIP – *I am glad you have joined us in the Sanctuary and Online!* We are a small church with a big heart for our neighbors. Please contact me if you would like to know more about being a follower of Jesus, need personal prayer, or want to request a pastoral visit!
~ Pastor Ivan

CORONAVIRUS (COVID 19) CLOSURE – The Church is *voluntarily cooperating* with the community health orders of the Shawnee County Health Department, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), and Governor of the State of Kansas, on the advice of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO). ***The Church Council voted to CLOSE the building and offices to the public until further notice.***

Religious services (including funerals and weddings) will be broadcast LIVE. Attendance in the Sanctuary is limited to 10 or fewer persons who are required to comply with all health and hygiene orders including handwashing, social distancing (families must remain six feet apart), and face masks/covers. ***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.***

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 Holmer Hall or via ZOOM.

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.

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.

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.

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 persons to join our Christian church.

ONLINE WORSHIP - Stay Safe at Home but Pray with the Church Online! Join us **ONLINE for WORSHIP this Sunday at 10:30 am.** The service bulletin with song lyrics is attached to this electronic mail or downloaded at <https://wsbctopeka.org/downloads>. All services will be broadcast LIVE on **[FACEBOOK](#) and [YOUTUBE](#).**



WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

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

MONDAY, APRIL 27

OFFICE CLOSED

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

6:00 pm No Men’s Chorus **Canceled**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29 OFFICE CLOSED

3:30 – 5:30 pm Baby Closet **North Door**
 3:30 – 5:30 pm Food Pantry **Parking Lot**
 6:30 pm Bible Study **Online Zoom**

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

OFFICE CLOSED

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

FRIDAY, MAY 1

SATURDAY, MAY 2

1:30 pm Worship Team

SUNDAY, MAY 3

COMMUNION SUNDAY

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

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
 Gayle in Garnet, KS – Health concerns (Marianne Spano's friend)
 Goff, Jim – Health concerns
 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
 May, Nancy – Health concerns
 May, Steve – Health concerns
 McCullough, Mark – Health concerns and health of coworkers
 Morris, Don and Molly – Health concerns; hospice care
 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)
 National Guard and Military Personnel – Active Duty
 School Staff, Students, Teachers, and Parents – Continuous Learning
 Ward Meade Neighborhood and
 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>)



HAPPY EASTERTIDE

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>04-19-2020</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
General Fund	\$ 1,382.00	\$ 70,415.64
Building Fund/Cap. Cm.	\$ 15.00	\$ 2,905.00
Sunday School	\$	\$ 121.25
Am. Baptist Women	\$ 25.00	\$ 757.09
Am. For Christ Offering	\$	\$ 1,745.00
Baby Closet	\$	\$ 25.00
Fellowship/Benevolence	\$ 600.00	\$ 2,103.00