

## 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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### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 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** – To protect the health and safety of worshippers, the Congregation and its leaders are *voluntarily* complying with the Executive Orders of the Governor of Kansas, and the health orders issued by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), the Shawnee County Health Department, and the advice of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO). The Church Council consented to the **Church Building and Offices being CLOSED until further notice**. Religious services (including funerals and weddings) will be broadcast LIVE and *limited to 10 or fewer persons*. Every person is required to comply 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.**

**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.**



## 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.



**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 at 6:30 PM** – Pastor is leading the Children's Food Program at Meadows Elementary School each morning, Monday thru Friday for the next two weeks. Therefore, **Wednesday Bible Study will occur in online in the EVENINGS at 6:30 pm on ZOOM (Meeting ID: 973 756 482 Password: 227168:)**. To deter the intrusion of hackers, participants will need the Zoom Meeting Number and Password. See the instructional email Pastor sent to participants. 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.

**CARE CALLS** – Pastor Ivan continues to fulfill his vows and vocational calling during this current national crisis. He 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.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, APRIL 12 EASTER SUNDAY

6:30 am	Easter Sunrise Vigil	Facebook or Youtube
9:15 am	NO Sunday School	Canceled
10:30 am	Online Worship	Facebook or Youtube

### MONDAY, APRIL 13 OFFICE CLOSED

9:00 am	NO Baby Closet	Canceled
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### TUESDAY, APRIL 14 OFFICE CLOSED

6:00 pm	Council of Ministries	Online Zoom
6:00 pm	No Men's Chorus	Canceled

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15 OFFICE CLOSED

10:30 am	No Bible Study	RESCHEDULED
3:30 – 5:30 pm	Fruit & Vegetable Food Pantry	PARKING LOT
3:30 – 5:30 pm	Baby Closet Ministry	North Door Only
5:30 – 6:00 pm	NO Community Supper	Canceled
6:00 – 7:00 pm	NO WWW Bible Clubs	Canceled
6:30 – 7:00 pm	Online Bible Study	ZOOM/Facebook
7:00 pm	NO Choir Practice (S)	Canceled

### THURSDAY, APRIL 15 OFFICE CLOSED

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

### SATURDAY, APRIL 16 OFFICE CLOSED

1:30 pm	Worship Team (S)	
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### SUNDAY, APRIL 17

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

## OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Coronavirus (COVID 19) Pandemic

Albert, Henry – Lou Gehrig's (Karen & Janice Kirby's cousins' husband)

Carpenter, Al & Bradley – Health concerns

Carpenter, Harry and Pat – Health concerns

Decker, Chelle – Healing and 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

Payne, Alice – 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)

The Church in United Prayer: **Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine**

**(12-18 April 2020)†**

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>)

**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. They will be posted on FACEBOOK LIVE.** The meetings are open, and members are encouraged to attend. See Pat Carpenter, Moderator, for details or agenda.

**EASTER FLOWERS DISPLAYED** – Thank you for ordering flowers to decorate the Sanctuary for Easter! Flowers will be delivered in time for our Easter Services on Sunday, April 12. Please call to Church Office to schedule a time to pick-up your flowers after Monday, April 13 (Church Office is closed on Mondays).

**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.



**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.



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

	<u>04-05-2020</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
General Fund	\$ 1,024.00	\$ 64,156.64
Building Fund/Cap. Cm.	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,875.00
Sunday School	\$ 0.00	\$ 121.25
Am. Baptist Women	\$ 60.09	\$ 732.09
Am. For Christ Offering	\$ 25.00	\$ 1,745.00
Baby Closet	\$	\$ 25.00
Fellowship/Benevolence	\$ 10.00	\$ 1,503.00