

## 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, MAY 3, 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 visit!

~ Pastor Ivan

**RE-ENTRY CORONAVIRUS (COVID 19) PLAN** - The Church Council



**Office  
Open**

is preparing a strategic plan for the reopening of the Church building in cooperation with the State of Kansas, Shawnee County, and our denominational leadership. Share your concerns and ideas with Pastor Ivan or Pat Carpenter. **The building will remain CLOSED to the public until further notice.** Religious Services (including funerals and weddings) will be broadcast LIVE and comply with all health codes (e.g., Shawnee County residents should maintain social distancing, practice good hygiene, remain home when sick, follow isolation and quarantine orders issued by state or local health officers, use cloth face masks when leaving their homes, and continue to clean and disinfect surfaces). See County Health Department website for more information: <https://www.snco.us/hd>.

**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. Thank you to the generous neighbor for the financial gift the Baby Closet!**

**BIBLE STUDY ONLINE** – Pastor is leading the **Wednesday EVENING Bible Study online at 6:30 PM via ZOOM (see email for Meeting ID number and Password).** Join this one-hour small group study of **“THE GOSPEL OF**

**NEWS IN THE PEWS**

**MATTHEW.**" Bible studies are free and open to the public.

**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.

**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 will visit as State and County health code allow.

**INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES** – IM has canceled the **2020 World Mission Conference at the Green Lake Conference Center (Wisc) this summer.** The IM Board meeting scheduled for Chicago in June has been moved online. Pastor will attend the meeting on Zoom.

**MISSION COMMITTEE** – The Mission Committee meet on Sunday, April 26. The **June Mission Trip to Murrow Indian Children's Home has been postponed** until late fall. Participation in the **Bethel Neighborhood Center Fifth Friday Meals has been suspended** until further notice. Please continue to pray for our mission partners and social service agencies.

**NEWSLETTER** – Read the May issue of church newsletter, The Witness, online at <https://wsbctopeka.org/downloads> or pick-up a copy at the 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](#)**!

**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>.



**TOPEKA PUBLIC SCHOOL LUNCHESES** – Thank you for the amazing volunteers who have help feed 675+ kids at Meadows Elementary School for the past four weeks! The Church will continue to oversee the Grab-n-Go lunch program through May 1, 2020. The TPS School District will begin feeding kids again on Monday, May 4. Help show our gratitude for doing an awesome job serving as the hands and feet of Christ!

**QUEST YOUTH CAMPS** – Canceled. The Green Lake Conference Center has canceled all Quest Youth Camps for the 2020 summer.

**YOUTH 4TEN LEADERSHIP** – The Region has canceled the 4TEN Youth Leadership Mission Trip to Rainbow Acres the first week of June 2020.

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

	<u>04-26-2020</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
General Fund	\$ 2,285.00	\$ 60,161.62
Building Fund/Cap. Cm.	\$ 480.00	\$ 3,380.00
Sunday School	\$	\$ 130.25
Am. Baptist Women	\$	\$ 732.09
Am. For Christ Offering	\$	\$ 1,745.00
Baby Closet	\$	\$ 25.00
Fellowship/Benevolence	\$ 250.00	\$ 2,353.00

**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  
\*Lundgren, Hilda  
\*May, Renea  
\*Moody, Rogene – Homestead  
\*Penny, Theo  
\*Perkins, Edward  
\*Smith-Tindall, Hazel – Ottawa

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, MAY 3

9:15 am

10:30 am

### COMMUNION SUNDAY

NO Sunday School **Canceled**

Online Worship **Facebook or Youtube**

### MONDAY, MAY 4

### OFFICE CLOSED

### TUESDAY, MAY 5

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

3:30 – 5:30 pm

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6:30 – 7:30 pm

### OFFICE CLOSED

Baby Closet **North Door**

Food Pantry **Parking Lot**

Bible Study **Online Zoom**

### THURSDAY, MAY 7

### FRIDAY, MAY 8

### SATURDAY, MAY 9

1:30 pm

Worship Team

### SUNDAY, MAY 10

9:15 am

10:30 am

### MOTHER'S DAY

NO Sunday School **Canceled**

Online Worship **Facebook or Youtube**

## OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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

Ansell, Trena – Health concerns

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

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:

- Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan (26 April-02 May 2020)
- India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka (03-09 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>)

