

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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ASCENSION SUNDAY, MAY 24, 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!

Blessings, ~ Pastor Ivan

STRATEGIC PLAN TO REOPEN - The Council has unanimously adopted a Strategic Plan for the Reopening of the Church building in cooperation with the State of Kansas, Shawnee County, and our denominational leadership. **Read the latest revised version of The Plan at**



<https://wsbctopeka.org/reopen-strategic-plan>. The building will be **OPEN to the PUBLIC** during PHASE 2 and afterwards of the Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen Kansas (<https://covid.ks.gov>). **All religious services will be broadcast LIVE on Facebook and YouTube.** *Religious Services (including funerals and weddings) will NOT be restricted to the mass gathering limitations; however, participants must comply with all public health codes and hygiene practices.* Non-religious gatherings (e.g., choirs, classes, conferences, meetings, etc.) are restricted to the mass gatherings limitations of each phase. Community assistance programs will operate as mobile distribution sites. High-risk individuals should consider providing more intensive precautions and should conduct themselves as if they are a significant risk to the high-risk individual, including staying-safe-at-home. See the Shawnee County Health Department website (<https://www.snco.us/hd>) for more information.

BABY CLOSET – The Baby Closet is **CLOSED** 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. Pick-up supplies on **WEDNESDAYS from 3:30 pm to 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 (see email for Meeting ID number and Password)**. Join this one-hour small group study of **“THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW.”** Bible studies will continue Wed. evenings until June 1, 2020.

CAMP CANCELED - *We have received word from the ABCCRegion and the Green Lake Conference center: Regional camps will not be meeting in person and the Quest Youth Camp is canceled during the 2020 summer.*

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. 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. **APRIL 2020 PANTRY**

REPORT: 1,557 Individuals (739 adults, 550 children, and 268 seniors) in 405 families were able to receive 7,782 pounds of free bread, fruits, vegetables, and other items from the Fruit & Vegetable Food Pantry at West Side Baptist Church during the month of April 2020. This is a 98.98% increase in the number of individuals seeking help (a 117.82% increase in the number of children being feed) in twice the number of families receiving free food compared to two months ago, prior to the Coronavirus (COVID 19) pandemic.

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

	<u>05-17-2020</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
General Fund	\$ 1065.00	\$ 66,596.62
Building Fund/Cap. Cm.	\$ 65.00	\$ 3,560.00
Sunday School	\$	\$ 130.25
Am. OGHS	\$	\$ 100.00
Am. M &M	\$	\$ 100.00
Am WMO	\$	\$ 100.00
Am. For Christ Offering	\$	\$ 2,100.00
Baby Closet	\$ 750.00	\$ 775.00
Fellowship/Benevolence	\$	\$ 2,353.00
ABW – LOVE Gift	\$ 40.00	\$ 221.09

Please mail your gifts to the Church, drop off in the secure mailbox, or give **ONLINE** at <https://west-side-baptist-church.square.site>.

HAND SANITIZER – bottles of hand sanitizer (90% alcohol) are located at key places in the Sanctuary. Please use these hand sanitizers to help keep you and others safe. Thank you!

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.

MEMORIAL DAY – The Church Office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day. Help us remember and honor the military personnel who had died while serving in the United States Armed Forces.



OFFERING PLATES are strategically located at the entrances of the Sanctuary. We will not pass plates or trays. Thank you for your offering!

ONLINE WORSHIP - Stay Safe at Home but Pray with the Church! 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 the **YOUTUBE**.

PENTECOST SUNDAY – Celebrate Pentecost on Sunday, May 31, 2020. Wear red to symbolize the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the New Testament church.

TRINITY SUNDAY – Magnify at the mystery of the Trinity on Sunday, June 7. Holy Communion will be celebrated on the first Sunday of the month. Please call the Church Office if you would like the Lord’s Supper delivered to your home, health care center, or family. We will continue to use the pre-sealed sanitary wafers and cups, as well as offer the traditional bread and cup on the Table of the Lord.



OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Albert, Henry – Lou Gehrig's (Karen & Janice Kirby's cousins' husband)
Carpenter, Al & Bradley – Healing for health concerns
Carpenter, Harry and Pat – Healing for health concerns
Decker, Chelle – Healing for health concerns
Dwire, Frankie – Lung Cancer (Nelda Janway's Cousin)
Gayle in Garnet, KS – Healing for health concerns (Marianne Spano's friend)
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 – Healing for health concerns
Lundgren, Hilda – Healing for health concerns, Brewster Place rehab.
May, Nancy – Healing for health concerns
May, Steve – Healing for health concerns
Morris, Don and Molly – Healing for health concerns; hospice care
Springer, Keith – Healing for health concerns (Marianne Spano's brother)
Springer, Larry – Healing for health concerns (Marianne Spano's brother)
Swank, Kim – Healing for health concerns
Zab, Lola – Healing for health concerns (Marianne Spano's sister)
Zab, Rachel & Ethan – Birth of twins (Marianne Spano's great-nephews)
Church and people in:

- Angola and Mozambique (24-30 May 2020)
- Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland (31 May-06 June 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>)

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 24

9:15 am

No Sunday School **Canceled**

10:30 am

Online Worship **Facebook or Youtube**

MONDAY, MAY 25

9:00 am

OFFICE CLOSED Memorial Day

No Baby Closet **Closed**

TUESDAY, MAY 26

6:00 pm

No Men's Chorus **Canceled**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

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, MAY 28

FRIDAY, MAY 29

SATURDAY, MAY 30

1:30 pm

Worship Team

SUNDAY, MAY 31

9:15 am

No Sunday School

10:30 am

Worship