

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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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

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARIN ANNUAL MISSION OFFERING - We will be collecting the **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering in June**. Thank you! **We have received \$1,910.00**

towards our goal is \$1,500. OGHS supports disaster relief, development projects, and refugee ministries of the American Baptist Churches and its partners. As part of the disaster relief efforts, OGHS is already providing aid to people and churches impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. These are challenging times for all of us, but God is still in control and we hope you will prayerfully consider your gift to God's work through the OGHS. Thank you!
~ Jim Goodnow

BIBLE STUDY ONLINE – Pastor is leading the “**Gospel of Matthew**” Bible Study on **Wednesdays IN-PERSON at 10:30 AM and ONLINE at 6:30 PM via ZOOM** (see email for Meeting ID number and Password). Join this one-hour small group study for free.

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.**

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 Camp is canceled for 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 mask or face covering to protect the health and safety of our volunteers.** **MAY 2020 PANTRY**

REPORT: 1,283 Individuals (674 adults, 426 children, and 183 seniors) in 342 families were able to receive 10,252 pounds of free bread, fruits, vegetables, and other items from the Fruit & Vegetable Food Pantry at West Side Baptist Church during the month of MAY 2020. Thank you to Jack and his volunteers for serving an average of 86 families per week, which is thirty more families (60% increase) compared to the months prior to the pandemic. **Volunteers are needed to serve June 17 and 24, and July 15 and 29th.** There will be no food pantry on July 1, 8, or 22 for a summer recess.

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

	<u>06-07-2020</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
General Fund	\$ 5,801.00	\$ 79,046.62
Building Fund/Cap. Cm.	\$ 230.00	\$ 4,130.00
Sunday School	\$	\$ 130.25
Am. OGHS	\$ 1,710.00	\$ 1,910.00
Am. For Christ Offering	\$	\$ 2,145.00
Baby Closet	\$	\$ 2,275.00
Fellowship/Benevolence	\$ 26.00	\$ 2,430.00
ABW – LOVE Gift	\$	\$ 231.09

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.



Sick and Hospitalized

INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY – The **Church Office will be closed on Friday, July 3** in observance of the 4th of July Independence Day holiday. The Office will reopen on Tuesday, July 7 at 8:00 AM.

INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – Pastor Ivan will be attending the IM Board of Directors online meeting via Zoom next Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (June 15-17). He plans to lead Bible Studies on Wednesday. You can reach him at his home if you need to speak with him.

OFFERING PLATES are strategically located at the entrances of the Sanctuary. We will not pass plates or trays. Donors can mail gifts to the Church, drop off in the secure mailbox, or give **ONLINE** at <https://squareup.com/store/west-side-baptist-church>. Thank you for supporting God work through the church!



SONGS IN WORSHIP – Do you have a favorite hymn or song you would like to sing? The Worship Committee meets regularly to select music for worship services. The Committee tries to choose a variety of songs to relate with the lectionary scripture texts with an equal number of traditional and contemporary. Give your suggestions to Brice Smith (Chair), Janice Kirby, Nadine Manley, or Matthew Smith.

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 3 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. 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.

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Coronavirus (COVID 19) Pandemic

Albert, Henry – Lou Gehrig's (Karen & Janice Kirby's cousins' husband)
Brousseau, Barbara – Healing for health concerns (Bev McCurdy's niece)
Carpenter, Al & Bradley – Healing for health concerns
Cottril, Nancy – Healing for health concerns
Decker, Chelle – Healing for health concerns
Dwire, Frankie – Healing for health concerns (Nelda Janway's cousin)
Goff, Jim – Healing for health concerns
Haney, Gerald – Healing for health concerns; moved to Oakley Place
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.
Martin, David – Healing for health concerns
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)

Church and people in:

- Malawi and Zambia (14-20 June 2020)[†]
 - Christianity (75.7% of population)
 - Unreached People (no indigenous Church movement): Swahili, Kachchi [Indian immigrants], Gujarati [India], and Yao
- Kenya and Tanzania (21-27 June 2020)[†]

Human Trafficking / Sexual Slavery

International Ministries and Missionaries (Global Servants)
National Guard and Military Personnel – Active Duty
Police, Security Forces, Peaceful Protests, Unrest/Riots, National Security
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, JUNE 14

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

MONDAY, JUNE 15

9:00 am	OFFICE CLOSED	Closed
	No Baby Closet	

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

6:00 pm	Men's Chorus	See Matt Smith
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

10:30 am	Bible Study (HH)	
3:30 – 5:30 pm	Baby Closet	North Door
3:30 – 5:30 pm	Food Pantry	Parking Lot
6:30 – 7:30 pm	Bible Study (Online)	Zoom

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

PASTOR'S DAY OFF

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

1:30 pm	Worship Team
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SUNDAY, JUNE 21

9:15 am	FATHER'S DAY
10:30 am	No Sunday School
2:00 pm	Worship
	Mission Meeting (HH)