

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

PUBLIC HEALTH NOTICE: FACE MASKS REQUIRED IN PUBLIC –



The Shawnee County Health Department is **requiring all persons, certain exemptions apply including all children age 10 and under, to wear masks in public, including during worship**, to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID 19) when social distancing (keeping six (6) feet of distance between yourself and others outside your household, except for infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity) is not possible (see Shawnee County Resolution 2020-44). Masks are on the front pew.

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING – The President of the Congregation, Pat Carpenter, has called a Quarterly Business Meeting without a luncheon for Sunday, August 2 after worship in the Sanctuary. The Treasurer will ask the Congregation to approve expenditures for repairing the air conditioning units and electrical system. See Pat for agenda and questions.

NEWS FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - We are planning and hoping to host a shortened version (one month) of Summer Sunday School Cinema this year. **Beginning August 2, we will show the movie “A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood,”** starring Tom Hanks. Watch for more details in the coming weeks.

~ Alice Payne, Coordinator of Christian Education



WORLD MISSION CONFERENCE (ONLINE) - The World Mission Conference is coming to you through five 30-minute Live Stream events on Tuesdays and Thursdays - July 21, 23 & 28 at 5:00 Central Daylight Time (CDT) each evening. Join us for life-changing storytelling and the latest news and testimonies from IM's global servants, who will help you see with 20/20 vision that God's mission is alive and well around the world. Registration is free, but you need to sign up so that we can email you the link to access the Live Streams: <https://portal.internationalministries.org/wmc-2020-live>.

- **Tuesday, July 21 – Abolition of Trafficking in Persons & Global Slavery, Education and Evangelism** with Annie & Jeff Dieselberg (Thailand) and Gordon & Lee Ann Hwang (Japan)
- **Thursday, July 23 – Theological Education and Health & Wellness** with JD & Rhonda Reed (Bolivia) and Kihomi Ngwemi & Nzunga Mabudiga (Haiti)
- **Tuesday, July 28 – Economic Development, Mission from Everywhere to Everyone and Short-Term Mission Engagement** with Ann & Bruce Borquist (Global Consultants) and Madeline Flores-López (Dominican Republic)

BABY CLOSET – The Baby Closet is back to their normal hours of operation: Mondays (9:00-11:00 am), Wednesdays (5:00–7:00 pm) and Thursdays (1:00–3:00 pm). Parents/Guardians can pick-up clothes, diapers, formula, wipes, and other items free-of-charge. Call Pat Carreno if you would like to volunteer.

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

FOOD PANTRY - Free Fruit and Vegetable Food Pantry on Wednesdays – JULY 15 and 22 - 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.**



~ Jack Janway, Outreach

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 FUND FOR L. ROGENE MOODY – The Church is sad to report the passing of L. Rogene Moody on Sunday, July 5, 2020. She was a faithful friend, chorister, and church member. No service is planned at this time. A memorial ceremony may be held later. Dove Cremations and Funerals, Southwest Chapel in Topeka is assisting the family (<https://www.dovetopeka.com>). The Church is honored to receive memorial gifts in her memory.



Donations may be given in worship, in the Church Office, by mail, or online at <https://squareup.com/store/west-side-baptist-church>.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUES – Submit your August newsletter articles to the Church Office (office@wsbctopeka.org) before Wednesday, July 22 at noon. The Witness newsletter is published monthly on the last Sunday of the month. Please contact the Church Office if you would like a printed copy mailed to you free-of-charge.

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

	<u>07-12-2020</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
General Fund	\$ 3,832.00	\$ 89,320.62
Building Fund/Cap. Cm.	\$ 65.00	\$ 4,740.00
Sunday School	\$	\$ 130.25
ABCUSA OGHS	\$	\$ 2,921.00
Am. For Christ Offering	\$	\$ 2,145.00
Baby Closet	\$	\$ 2,275.00
Fellowship/Benevolence	\$ 11.00	\$ 4,288.00
ABW – LOVE Gift	\$	\$ 231.09

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 and Wayne – Healing for health concerns
Goff, Jim – Healing for health concerns
Lesser, Anthony – Healing for health concerns (Harry Carpenter's friend)
Lewis, Joanna – Healing (Nelda and Jack Janway's grandniece)
Lightcap, The Very Rev. Torey – Healing (Dean of Grace Epi. Cathedral)
Longstaff, Judy and Ernie – Healing for health concerns
Lundgren, Hilda – Healing for health concerns
Martin, David – Healing for health concerns
May, Nancy – Healing for health concerns
May, Renea* and Steve - Healing for health concerns
Moody family – Grief Support
Perkins, Edward* - Healing for health concerns
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:

- Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda (19-25 July)†
 - Christianity (88.9- 92.6% of pop) 3 Unreached People Groups
- Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tome and Principe (26 July-01 August)
 - Christianity (75.2-88.2% of pop) 6 Unreached People Groups

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>)

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 19

9:15 am
10:30 am
2:00 pm

No Sunday School
Worship
Mission Meeting

Canceled
Facebook or Youtube
Holmer Hall

MONDAY, JULY 20

9:00 am
1:00 pm

OFFICE CLOSED

Baby Closet
Pastoral Relations Com **Holmer Hall**

TUESDAY, JULY 21

4:00 pm
5:00 pm

Women's Bible Study
World Mission Conference (online)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

10:30 am
5:00 – 7:00 pm
3:30 – 5:30 pm
6:30 – 7:30 pm

Bible Study – Matthew **Holmer Hall**
Baby Closet
Food Pantry
Bible Study – Matthew **Zoom (Online)**

THURSDAY, JULY 23

1:00 – 3:00 pm
5:00 pm

Baby Closet
World Mission Conference (online)

FRIDAY, JULY 24

SATURDAY, JULY 25

1:30 pm

Worship Team

SUNDAY, JULY 26

9:15 am
10:30 am

No Sunday School
Worship

Canceled
Facebook or Youtube

