

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

1008 SW Fourth Street | Topeka, KS 66606
Phone: (785) 233-4241 | office@wsbctopeka.org
www.wsbctopeka.org

JULY 26, 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!

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.

BACK TO SCHOOL - WSBC will partner with Potwin Presbyterian, WS Christian, and our neighborhood to collect school supplies for Meadows elementary before Friday, August 28. We have been asked to collect 75 of each of the following items:

- Backpacks (empty)
- Crayons (8 or 24 ct)
- Dry Erase Markers
- Pencils (#2)
- Zip Lock Bags (quart and gallon size)



Cash donations for supplies will be appreciated.

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.

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

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.**



JUNE 2020 PANTRY REPORT: 1,034 Individuals (467 adults, 384 children, and 183 seniors) in 283 families were able to receive 11,102 pounds of free bread, fruits, vegetables, and other items from the Fruit & Vegetable Food Pantry at West Side Baptist Church during the month of JUNE 2020. We are serving 60% more children and twice (106%) more senior citizens, with twice as much food (103%) each month. Thank you to Jack Janway and his volunteers for serving! ~ 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.**



NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUES – Submit your September newsletter articles to the Church Office (office@wsbctopeka.org) before Wednesday, August 26 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>07-19-2020</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
General Fund	\$ 1,052.00	\$ 90,372.62
Building Fund/Cap. Cm.	\$ 1,365.00	\$ 6,105.00
Sunday School	\$	\$ 130.25
ABCUSA OGHS	\$	\$ 2,921.00
Am. For Christ Offering	\$	\$ 2,145.00
Baby Closet	\$	\$ 2,275.00
Fellowship/Benevolence	\$ 55.00	\$ 4,343.00
ABW – LOVE Gift	\$	\$ 231.09

WORLD MISSION CONFERENCE (ONLINE) - Save the dates! The **World Mission Conference is coming to you ONLINE through five half-hour live stream events on July 14, 16, 21, 23 & 28 at 6:00 pm Eastern (5:00 pm CDT) time.** Join International Ministries for life-changing storytelling and the latest news and testimonies from IM's global servants. Registration is free.

- **Tuesday, July 14 – Health & Wellness** - <https://youtu.be/l1baQJrrMCE>
- **Thursday, July 16 – Abolition of Trafficking in Persons & Global Slavery** - <https://youtu.be/8OM4xG6qvHU>
- **Tuesday, July 21 – Abolition of Trafficking in Persons & Global Slavery, Education and Evangelism** - <https://youtu.be/7wx8fF08KSs>
- **Thursday, July 23 – Theological Education and Health & Wellness** with JD & Rhonda Reed (Bolivia) and Kihomi Ngwemi & Nzunga Mabudiga (Haiti) - <https://youtu.be/5OZONQDioeY>
- **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) - <https://youtu.be/qlp8HDyo218>

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Coronavirus (COVID 19) Pandemic – healing, isolation, wisdom, etc.
Clergy – burnout, closures, exhaustion, frustration, and spiritual renewal
Albert, Henry – Lou Gehrig’s (Karen & Janice Kirby’s cousins’ husband)
Brousseau, Barbara – Healing; home (Bev McCurdy’s niece)
Carpenter, Al & Bradley – Healing
Cottril, Nancy and Wayne – Healing
Cunningham, June* – Brewster Place
Dell, Shirley & Larry* - Capital Plaza
Farrar, Helen* –Plaza West
Goodnow, Grace*
Haney, Gerald*
Hunter, Russell* – Healing
Johnson, Mary Lou* – Aldersgate
Kieffer, Alice* – Healing
Lesser, Anthony – Healing (Harry Carpenter’s friend)
Lewis, Joanna – Healing (Nelda and Jack Janway’s grandniece)
Longstaff, Judy and Ernie – Healing
Lundgren, Hilda – Healing
May, Nancy – Healing
May, Renea* & Steve - Healing
Penny, Theo*
Perkins, Edward*
Sammie – Healing, automobile accident (Granddaughter of Susan Rhodes)
Smith-Tindall, Hazel* – Ottawa
Springer, Keith – Healing (Marianne Spano’s brother)
Springer, Larry – Healing (Marianne Spano’s brother)
Wildman, Kay – Healing (Church Organist)
Zab, Lola – Healing for health concerns (Marianne Spano’s sister)
Church and people in: Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tome and Principe
(26 July-01 August)

- Christianity (75.2-88.2% of pop) 6 Unreached People Groups
International Ministries and Missionaries (Global Servants)
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 26

9:15 am
10:30 am

No Sunday School
Worship

Canceled
Facebook or Youtube

MONDAY, JULY 27

9:00 am

OFFICE CLOSED

Baby Closet

TUESDAY, JULY 28

4:00 pm

5:00 pm

6:30 pm

Women’s Bible Study

World Mission Conference (online)

Outreach Meeting

Holmer Hall

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

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 30

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Baby Closet

FRIDAY, JULY 31

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

1:30 pm

Worship Team

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

9:15 am

10:30 am

12:00 pm

Sunday School Movie

Worship

Facebook or Youtube

Quarterly Business Mtg