

## 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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**AUGUST 9, 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.

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL CINEMA** - Join us for fun and fellowship on the five Sundays in August as we view and discuss our **Summer Sunday School Cinema** film “**A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood.**” There will be food and drinks served @ 9:00 and **the movie will begin @ 9:15 am.** We hope to see you there!

**GIVING** – Thank you for giving generously during the Coronavirus (COVID 19) national crisis. ***We are down approximately \$30,000 in general offerings.*** Please mail your gifts, give in person, or give ONLINE at <https://west-side-baptist-church.square.site>.



**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 are collecting 75 of each of the following items:

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



**Cash donations for supplies will be appreciated.** Mark your donation "School Supplies" or GIVE ONLINE at <https://west-side-baptist-church.square.site>.

**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.

**CHILDREN’S FACE MASKS – NEEDED!** Washable, reusable, cloth face masks for students at Meadows Elementary and kids in the Ward Meade Neighborhood. The Topeka Public Schools will give each child two masks to start school. Additional masks are needed for our neighbors. All sizes welcome! Donate masks at West Side Baptist Church, 1008 SW 4th St., Topeka, Kansas 66606. Thanks!



**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.**



**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** – Christian Ed. hopes to return to a “regular” schedule of Sunday School beginning Sunday, Sept 13 (the weekend after Labor Day). Watch for more details soon.

**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.**

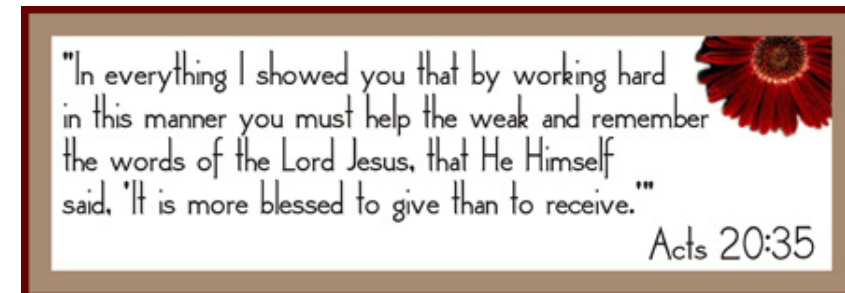


**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE** – Submit your September newsletter articles to the Church Office ([office@wsbctopeka.org](mailto:office@wsbctopeka.org)) before Wednesday, August 26 at noon. The Witness newsletter is published monthly on the last Sunday of the month. Please contact the Church Office if you would like a printed copy mailed to you free-of-charge.

**WWW KIDS BIBLE CLUB DELAYED START** – The Christian Ed. Committee decided to **postpone the opening of Wonderful West Side Wednesdays** that we had tentatively scheduled for September. We will continue to discuss the viability of this program over the next few months.  
~Alice Payne, Coordinator of Christian Education

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

	<u>08-02-2020</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
General Fund	\$ 2,938.91	\$ 94,981.53
Building Fund/Cap. Cm.	\$ 15.00	\$ 6,235.00
Sunday School	\$	\$ 130.25
ABCUSA OGHS	\$	\$ 2,966.78
Am. For Christ Offering	\$	\$ 2,145.00
Baby Closet	\$	\$ 2,275.00
Fellowship/Benevolence	\$ 515.00	\$ 4,859.00
ABW – LOVE Gift	\$	\$ 231.09
School Supplies	\$ 300.00	\$ 400.00



## OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Coronavirus (COVID 19) Pandemic – healing, isolation, wisdom, etc.  
Albert, Henry – Lou Gehrig's (Karen & Janice Kirby's cousins' husband)  
Beyers, Martha – Healing (Nancy Cottril's sister)  
Brousseau, Barbara – Healing; home (Bev McCurdy's niece)  
Carpenter, Al & Bradley – Healing  
Carreno, Pat – Healing  
Cottril, Nancy and Wayne – Healing  
Graham, TaRon – Healing (Judy Billings' grandson)  
Lesser, Anthony – Healing (Harry Carpenter's friend)  
Lewis, Joanna – Healing (Nelda and Jack Janway's grandniece)  
Longstaff, Judy and Ernie – Healing  
Lundgren, Hilda – Healing  
Mansfield, Jan – Healing  
May, Nancy – Healing  
May, Renea\* & Steve – Healing  
Smith, Helen – Healing (Bev McCurdy's friend)  
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:

- Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, and Niger (09-15 August 2020) †
- Liberia and Sierra Leone (16-22 August 2020) †

International Ministries and Missionaries (Global Servants)  
Police, Security Forces, Peaceful Protests, Unrest/Riots, National Security  
School Staff, Students, Teachers, and Parents  
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:

Cunningham, June* – Brewster Place	Johnson, Mary Lou* – Aldersgate
Dell, Shirley & Larry* - Capital Plaza	Penny, Theo*
Farrar, Helen* –Plaza West	Perkins, Edward*
Goodnow, Grace*	Smith-Tindall, Hazel* – Ottawa
Haney, Gerald*	
Hunter, Russell*	
Kieffer, Alice*	

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 9**

9:15 am	Sunday School Cinema	Holmer Hall
10:30 am	Worship	Facebook or YouTube

### **MONDAY, AUGUST 10**

9:00 – 11:00 am      **OFFICE CLOSED**  
Baby Closet

### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 11**

6:00 pm      Council Members Mtg      Holmer Hall

### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12**

10:30 – 11:00 am	Bible Study – Matthew	Holmer Hall
5:00 – 7:00 pm	Baby Closet	
3:30 – 5:30 pm	Fruit & Veg Food Pantry	Parking Lot
6:30 – 7:30 pm	Bible Study – Matthew	Zoom (Online)

### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 13**

1:00 – 3:00 pm      Baby Closet

### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 14**

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 15**

1:30 pm      Worship Team      **Sanctuary**

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 16**

9:15 am	Sunday School Cinema	Holmer Hall
10:30 am	Worship	Facebook or YouTube
2:00 pm	Mission Committee	Holmer Hall

