

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. **Download the Bulletin and News in the Pews from the church website:** www.wsbctopeka.org. Share greetings, prayer concerns, and comments online or private message me at <https://www.facebook.com/ivangreuter>. In-person attendees are asked to **complete a Connection Card and leave in the pew after the service**. 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!

Thank you! ~ Pastor Ivan

PUBLIC HEALTH NOTICE: FACE MASKS REQUIRED IN PUBLIC –

The Shawnee County Health Department requires **all persons, certain exemptions apply including all children age ten 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 occasional or incidental moments of closer proximity) is not possible (see Shawnee County Resolution 2020-44). Masks are on the front pew. For more information, visit: <https://www.snco.us/hd/coronavirus>



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 – The 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. Neighbors need additional masks. 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.** **See Jack Janway if you would like to volunteer to help serve during the Food Pantry.**



HOSPITAL & EMERGENCIES – If the hospital admits you or a loved one for an emergency or 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) 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.

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!



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

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:

	08-09-2020	Y-T-D
General Fund	\$ 5,047.00	\$ 100,028.53
Building Fund/Cap. Cm.	\$ 15.00	\$ 6,250.00
Sunday School	\$	\$ 130.25
ABCUSA OGHS	\$	\$ 2,966.78
Am. For Christ Offering	\$	\$ 2,145.00
Baby Closet	\$	\$ 2,275.00
Fellowship/Benevolence	\$ 100.00	\$ 4,959.00
ABW – LOVE Gift	\$	\$ 231.09
School Supplies	\$	\$ 400.00

GIVING – Thank you for giving generously during the Coronavirus (COVID 19) national crisis. Please mail your gifts, give in person, or give ONLINE at <https://west-side-baptist-church.square.site>.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE – The Worship Committee will meet on **Saturday, August 29, at 10:00 in Holmer Hall** (mask required). Please share your music/song requests with Matt Smith or Brice Smith, Chair of Worship. The updated music report was posted on the bulletin board at the back of the Sanctuary.

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)
Brown, Kay – Healing (Almira Collier's friend)
Carpenter, Al & Bradley – 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)
Lindberg, Nash – Healing (Nancy Lindberg's Cousin's Grandson)
Longstaff, Judy and Ernie – Healing
Mansfield, Jan – Healing
May, Nancy – Healing
May, Renea* & Steve – Healing
Miller, Carla - Healing (Clarence Payne's cousin in Texas)
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 (Marianne Spano's sister)
Church and people in:

- Liberia and Sierra Leone (16-22 August 2020)†

International Ministries and Missionaries (Global Servants)
Police, Security Forces, Peaceful Protests, Unrest/Riots, National Security
Schools – Public, Private, and Parochial: staff, students, teachers, 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
Dell, Shirley & Larry* - Capital Plaza
Farrar, Helen* –Plaza West
Goodnow, Grace*
Haney, Gerald*
Hunter, Russell*

Kieffer, Alice
Johnson, Mary Lou* – Aldersgate
Lundgren, Hilda
Perkins, Edward*
Penny, Theo*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUG 16

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

Sunday School
Worship
Mission Meeting

Holmer Hall
Facebook or YouTube
Holmer Hall

MONDAY, AUG 17

9:00 – 11:00 am

OFFICE CLOSED
Baby Closet

TUESDAY, AUG 18

6:00 pm

Holmer Hall

WEDNESDAY, AUG 19

10:30 – 11:00 am
5:00 – 7:00 pm
3:30 – 5:30 pm
6:30 – 7:30 pm

Bible Study
Baby Closet
Fruit & Veg Pantry
Bible Study

Holmer Hall
Parking Lot
Zoom (Online)

THURSDAY, AUG 20

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Baby Closet

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

SATURDAY, AUG 22

1:30 pm

Worship Team

Sanctuary

SUNDAY, AUG 23

9:15 am
10:30 am

Sunday School
Worship

Holmer Hall
Facebook or YouTube

