

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>



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.

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

NEWS IN THE PEWS

the following items:

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



Cash donations for supplies will be appreciated. Mark your donation "School Supplies" or GIVE ONLINE.

ABCCR ANNUAL GATHERING "A NEW THING – A NEW WAY" – Our denomination's regional judicatory will hold its Annual Gathering Business Meeting on **Tuesday, September 29, at 7:00 pm via Zoom**. Congratulations to Trena Ansell and Pat Carpenter for being elected as WSBC's Voting Delegates. Delegates will be notified in September of the Zoom instructions and will be provided the documents which will be presented for a vote. Find information at <https://abccr.org/2020annualgathering>.

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.

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 was published monthly on the last Sunday. Please contact the Office if you would like a copy mailed to you free-of-charge.

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE/DAY OFF – The Pastoral Relations Committee approved Pastor Ivan's request to move his **"Day Off" to Mondays starting September 1** to help his family with virtual schoolwork (David and Macy will attend school online for the start of the semester). He will telecommute (work remotely) until the end of August. Please speak with Pastor or Jim Goodnow, chair of the Pastoral Relations, if you have any concerns or questions. The Church Office will be closed on Mondays starting in September.

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:

	<u>08-16-2020</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
General Fund	\$ 856.00	\$ 100,884.53
Building Fund/Cap. Cm.	\$ 365.00	\$ 6,615.00
Sunday School	\$	\$ 130.25
ABCUSA OGHS	\$	\$ 2,966.78
Am. For Christ Offering	\$	\$ 2,145.00
Baby Closet	\$	\$ 2,275.00
Fellowship/Benevolence	\$ 50.00	\$ 5,009.00
ABW – LOVE Gift	\$	\$ 231.09
School Supplies	\$ 50.00	\$ 450.00

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>.

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Coronavirus (COVID 19) Pandemic – healing, isolation, wisdom, etc.
Albert, Henry – Lou Gehrig's (Karen & Janice Kirby's cousins' husband)

**ABWCR PROJECT 2019-2020
PARENTING FOR LOVE -AMOS HEALTH & HOPE
Nicaragua (Dr. Laura Parajon)**

Brousseau, Barbara – Healing; home (Bev McCurdy's niece)
Brown, Kay – Healing (Almira Collier's friend)
Carpenter, Al & Bradley – Healing
Clark, Andrea – Healing (Doug & Jan Mauck's daughter)
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 family)
Longstaff, Judy and Ernie – Healing
May, Nancy – Healing
May, Renea* & Steve - Healing
Miller, Carla - Healing (Clarence Payne's cousin in Texas)
Pinkham, Al, and Barbara – Healing (Nancy Lindberg's cousins)
Smith, Helen – Healing (Bev McCurdy's friend)
Springer, Keith – Healing (Marianne Spano's brother)
Springer, Larry – Healing (Marianne Spano's brother)
Swank, Kim – Healing
Wildman, Kay – Healing (Church Organist)
Zab, Lola – Healing (Marianne Spano's sister)

Church and people in:

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

Human Trafficking / Sexual Slavery

International Ministries and Missionaries (Global Servants)

Police, Security Forces, Peaceful Protests, Racial Justice

Schools – staff, students, teachers, administration, parents, etc.

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*

This year's ABWCR Project is to support the development of training materials to empower local volunteer Mother leaders to facilitate breastfeeding parent-child bonding and early childhood stimulation, decreasing the long-term impact on their children and families. Our central region goal is \$35,000.

As of the close of the May books, the total raised was \$9,531.58. Considering the current COVID-19 situation, it is awesome to have raised 27% of our goal. The close of the June books will reveal an even higher percentage. However, we are a long way from our \$35,000 goal and have only two months to reach that goal.

These times are certainly different from other years we have experienced a shortfall at this time of the year. During the project for 2014-2015, we were also at a great shortage of making our goal. God makes miracles happen. During the last two months of that project period, the women of the central region donated over \$18,000 of the \$32,200 goal, putting the project \$6,000 over the goal. We have always put a lot of monies forward in donations during the last two months. Why do we procrastinate so much? Maybe we all do not realize the shortfall. Or perhaps this year, we are all focused more on 'stay at home' matters and are monies are short because our rallies have not occurred.

You CAN make a difference —with or without a rally. You can make a gift directly to the ABWCR Project by making a check payable to ABCCR, noting ABW Project on your memo line and sending it to the Region Office:

ABCCR - ABW Project

5833 SW 29th St, Ste A

Topeka KS 66614

Rita will make sure your gift is credited to this year's project.

Won't you please help us get closer to, meet, and maybe even exceed our goal?

Thank you.

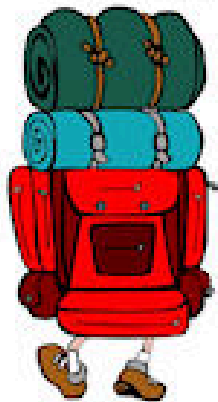
Patty Hodge, Project Chair
Mary Etta Copeland, Coordinator of Mission &
Service Ministries

Great Outdoors

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BACKPACK	HIKING	SCENERY
BEARS	KAYAK	SQUIRREL
BIRDS	LAKE	SUMMER
CAMPING	MOUNTAINS	TRAILS
CANOE	NATURE	TREES
DEER	RACCOON	WATERFALL
FISHING	RANGER	WILDERNESS
FOREST	RIVER	WILDLIFE

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUG. 23

9:15 am
10:30 am

Sunday School
Worship

Holmer Hall
Facebook or YouTube

MONDAY, AUG. 24

9:00 – 11:00 am

OFFICE CLOSED
Baby Closet
No DAR Meeting

TUESDAY, AUG. 25

6:00 pm

Outreach Meeting Holmer Hall

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 26

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

Bible Study Holmer Hall
Baby Closet
Fruit & Veg Pantry Parking Lot
Bible Study Zoom (Online)

THURSDAY, AUG. 27

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Baby Closet

FRIDAY, AUG. 28

PASTOR'S DAY OFF

SATURDAY, AUG. 29

1:30 pm
10:00 am

Worship Team **Sanctuary**
Worship Committee Holmer Hall

SUNDAY, AUG. 30

9:15 am
10:30 am

Sunday School
Worship

Holmer Hall
Facebook or YouTube