

## 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** – *We are glad you have joined us in the Sanctuary and Online!* WSBC is 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](http://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 the Pastor if you would like to know more about being a follower of Jesus, being baptized, need prayer, or want to request a visit!

### **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> Masks are on the front pew. Non-Religious Mass Gathering Limits are currently 25 persons during Orange phase.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** – Christian Ed hopes to return to a "regular" schedule of **Sunday School beginning Sunday, September 13** (the weekend after Labor Day). Please let Alice Payne know if you are interested in attending or teaching a class this fall:

1. **The Letter of Revelation** video series, Jack Janway in Holmer Hall
2. **Upper Elementary** with Fran Seymour-Hunter on second floor
3. **Who's Who in the Bible** with Ivan Greuter in the Youth Room

**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>.

**BACK TO SCHOOL** – Wow!! Thank you for donating over 500 school supplies for Meadows elementary! The Church received:

- Backpacks – 54
- Crayons (10 Count) – 5
- Dry Erase Markers – 21
- Glue (bottles) – 2
- Headphones – 4
- Notebooks – 6
- Pencils (#2) – 285
- Scissors – 3
- Washable Markers – 4
- Zip Lock Bags – 1 Quart + 1 Gallon size
- Colored Pencils (12 ct) – 8 boxes
- Crayons (24 Count) – 40
- Erasers – 4
- Glue Sticks – 36
- Highlights – 4
- Pencil Boxes – 4
- Pens – 16
- Sticky Notes (4 pack) – 8 packages
- Water Bottles – 5



Plus 450+ cloth masks (homemade, reusable) and \$800 in **cash donations**. **Meadows Principal, Ms. Nicole Johnson** wrote, "I am so thankful for this community. The outpouring of support for our school is overwhelming. I cannot thank you all enough!" **Assistant Principal Ms. Valdivia** wrote, "Holy cow! That is absolutely amazing! What a wonderful congregation! We are so lucky to have your support. Thank you!!" We will receive donations until school starts on September 9. Mark your gifts "School Supplies" or GIVE ONLINE.

**BIBLE STUDY ONLINE** – The Pastor is leading the "**Gospel of Matthew**" Bible Study on Wednesday **MORNINGS ONLY at 10:30 am in Holmer Hall (face masks and social distancing required)**. Please contact Alice Payne, Coordinator of Christian Education, if you would like to lead an online or in-person evening Bible study.

**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>.

**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 October newsletter articles to the Church Office ([office@wsbctopeka.org](mailto:office@wsbctopeka.org)) before Wednesday, September 23, by 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.

**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:

	<b>08-23-2020</b>	<b>Y-T-D</b>
General Fund	\$ 5,865.00	\$ 106,749.53
Building Fund/Cap. Cm.	\$ 15.00	\$ 6,630.00
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	\$ 5,109.00
ABW – LOVE Gift	\$	\$ 231.09
School Supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ 700.00

## OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Coronavirus (COVID 19) – healing, health, isolation, discovery, wisdom, etc.  
Albert, Henry – Lou Gehrig’s (Karen & Janice Kirby’s cousins’ husband)  
Beyer, Martha – Healing (Nancy Cottril’s sister)  
Brousseau, Barbara – Healing; home (Bev McCurdy’s niece)  
Brown, Kay – Healing for health concern (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  
Longstaff, Judy and Ernie – Healing  
May, Nancy – Healing  
May, Renea\* & Steve - Healing  
Miller, Carla - Healing (Clarence Payne’s cousin in Texas)  
Peck, Carolyn – Healing (David Peck’s mother; Matt’s grandmother)  
Pinkham, Al, and Barbara – Healing (Nancy Lindberg’s cousins)  
Smith, Helen – Healing (Bev McCurdy’s friend)  
Spano, Marianne – Healing  
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:

- Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, and Togo (30 August - 05 September 2020) †

Human Trafficking / Sexual Slavery  
International Ministries and Missionaries (Global Servants)  
National Guard and Military Personnel – Active Duty  
Police and Security Forces  
Schools – Administration, Students, Staff, 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>)

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **SUNDAY, AUG. 30**

9:15 am

Summer Sunday School Holmer Hall

10:30 am

Worship

Facebook or YouTube

### **MONDAY, AUG. 31**

9:00 – 11:00 am

### **OFFICE CLOSED**

Baby Closet

### **TUESDAY, SEPT 1**

5:30 pm

No Ladies Night Out

5:30 pm

No Men’s Night Out

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPT 2**

10:30 – 11:00 am

Morning Bible Study

Holmer Hall

5:00 – 7:00 pm

Baby Closet

3:30 – 5:30 pm

Fruit & Veg Pantry

Parking Lot

### **THURSDAY, SEPT 3**

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Baby Closet

### **FRIDAY, SEPT 4**

**Pastor’s Day Off**

### **SATURDAY, SEPT 5**

**LABOR DAY** – The Office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, September 7, in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

### HOMEBOUND:

Cunningham, June\* – Brewster Place

Kieffer, Alice

Dell, Shirley & Larry\* - Capital Plaza

Johnson, Mary Lou\* – Aldersgate

Farrar, Helen\* –Plaza West

Lundgren, Hilda

Goodnow, Grace\*

Perkins, Edward\*

Haney, Gerald\*

Penny, Theo\*

Hunter, Russell\*