

## 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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**SEPTEMBER 20, 2020**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP** – *We are glad you have joined us in the Sanctuary and Online! 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: ORANGE PHASES - MASKS REQUIRED**



**IN PUBLIC AND Non-Religious Mass Gathering Limits is 25 persons.** 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 available on the front pew and should be worn during congregational singing.** For more information about preventing the spread of COVID 19, visit: <https://www.snco.us/hd/coronavirus> or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website ([www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)).

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

Everyone is welcome to join us for Sunday School @ 9:15.

Adults/Teens may choose from:

1. "The Letters of the Revelation" a video series, led by Jack Janway in Holmer Hall

2. Who's Who in the Bible, taught by Pastor Ivan in the Youth Room downstairs. Elementary/Middle School students will meet with Fran Seymour-Hunter & Pat Carpenter on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

**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 Wednesday MORNINGS ONLY at 10:30 am in Holmer Hall (face masks and social distancing required)**.



**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.**

**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. AUGUST 2020 PANTRY REPORT:** 1,773 Individuals (835 adults, 710 children, and 228 seniors) in 443 families were able to receive 19,844 pounds of free bread, fruits, vegetables, and other items from the Fruit & Vegetable Food Pantry at West Side Baptist Church during the month of AUGUST 2020. We are serving double the number of families, more than twice the number of children (130%) and two-times more adults and senior citizens (109%), with three-times the food (343%) compared to March. Thank you to Jack Janway and his volunteers for serving!



**MISSION COMMITTEE** - The Mission Committee will meet today, **September 20 at 2:00 pm in Holmer Hall**. See Jim Goodnow for more information about the Mission Committee and the upcoming World Mission Offering, our annual offering to support global servants and world missions.

**PASTOR'S SCHEDULE/DAY OFF** – Pastor Ivan has move his **"Day Off" to Mondays starting in September** to help his family with virtual schoolwork (David and Macy will attend school online for the start of the semester). Please speak with Pastor or Pat Carpenter if you have any concerns or questions. The Church Office will be closed on Mondays.

**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>09-20-2020</b>	<b>Y-T-D</b>
General Fund	\$ 1,221.00	\$ 116,636.53
Building Fund/Cap. Cm.	\$ 5,015.00	\$ 11,814.99
Sunday School	\$ 5.00	\$ 135.25
ABCUSA OGHS	\$	\$ 3,016.78
Am. For Christ Offering	\$	\$ 2,145.00
Baby Closet	\$	\$ 2,275.00
Fellowship/Benevolence	\$	\$ 5,241.00
ABW – LOVE Gift	\$	\$ 231.09
School Supplies	\$	\$ 800.00

Marianne Spano  
826 SW Warren Ave  
Topeka, KS 66606

**If anyone would like to make a meal for her please contact Pat Carreno @ 785-286-2054 or her cell 785-250-2194.**

Gerald Haney's Birthday is September 25. Please send him a card or drop him a note:  
Gerald Haney  
Oakley Place #2  
618 SW Oakley Ave.  
Topeka, KS 66606

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 NO LATER THAN NOON.**

## 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  
 Longstaff, Shelby – Healing (Ernie and Judy Longstaff’s granddaughter)  
 May, Nancy – Healing  
 May, Renea\* & Steve - Healing  
 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  
 Zab, Lola – Healing (Marianne Spano’s sister)

Church and people in:

- Argentina, Paraguay, and Uruguay (13-19 September 2020)†
- Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, and Peru (20-26 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

<b>SUNDAY, SEPT 20</b>		
9:15 am	Sunday School	
10:30 am	Worship	Facebook or YouTube
2:00 pm	Mission Meeting	Holmer Hall
<b>MONDAY, SEPT 21</b>		
<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>		<b>PASTOR'S DAY OFF</b>
9:00 – 11:00 am	Baby Closet	
<b>TUESDAY, SEPT 22</b>		
4:00 pm	Women’s Bible Study	Zoom – See Rexanne
6:00 pm	Outreach Meeting	Holmer Hall
<b>WEDNESDAY, SEPT 23</b>		
10:30 – 11:00 am	Morning Bible Study	Holmer Hall
3:30 – 5:30 pm	Fruit & Veg Pantry	Parking Lot
5:00 – 7:00 pm	Baby Closet	
<b>THURSDAY, SEPT 24</b>		
1:00 – 3:00 pm	Baby Closet	
<b>FRIDAY, SEPT 25</b>		
<b>SATURDAY, SEPT 26</b>		
1:30 pm	Worship Team	

### HOMEBOUND:

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