

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! 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 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).

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME – It's time to **FALL BACK!** Remember to **set your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 1,** so you do not miss Sunday school and worship.

BABY CLOSET - The Baby Closet will be giving out personal care bags to each family that come in during the month of December. We are asking for donations from our church family to help fill these bags.

NEWS IN THE PEWS

Items that can be donated include shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, lotion, band-aids and body wash. There will be a box in the front of the sanctuary for your donations. We are so grateful for your help with our community service project.
~ Pat Carreno

THANK YOU - Your prayers, flowers cards, phone calls, and Food has really brightened all my days. Since I have been down. I have wonderful neighbors helping me as well. They will be replacing the brace I have on right now and a physical therapist will begin to bend the knee that has been immobile since August 24. Using Psalm 91 I ask God to wrap his heavenly arms around myself and all of you as well. I miss being at Church and seeing everyone. Hopefully, I will get to come back before Thanksgiving. Thank you all again. God is Good!

Marianne Spano

HOLIDAY COLLECTION - During November, we will be asking for donations of **socks, sweatpants, and other warm clothing** for the children who attend Meadows Elementary and for children in the neighborhood. A small tree will be set up in the sanctuary where these items can be placed.

MISSION MOMENTS - WORLD MISSION OFFERING. We will be collecting the World Mission Offering in October. **Our goal is \$1500.00 total so far \$1375.00.** I want to extend a huge "Thank You" to all of you for your generous giving to the special offerings this year. I pray that God will richly bless you as you continue to seek His will in your words, actions and giving! ~ Jim Goodnow, Chair of Missions

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

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

Adults/Teens may choose from:

1. **"The Chosen"**, led by Jack Janway in Holmer Hall. For the first time ever, the greatest story ever told is being presented as a multi-season show. Digging deeper into the backstories and context of the people and events of the gospels, Season One of the #1 highest crowd-funded media project of all times introduces you to people such as Simon Peter, Nicodemus, Mary Magdalene, Matthew, and of course, Jesus in a way never before seen on film.
2. **Who's Who in the Bible**, taught by Pastor Ivan in the Youth Room downstairs.
3. **Elementary/Middle School** students will meet with Fran Seymour-Hunter & Pat Carpenter on 2nd floor.

BIBLE STUDY ONLINE – Come to "The Psalm Book of Israel" Bible Study, starting on Wednesday, October 28, (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.**

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

	<u>10-18-2020</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
General Fund	\$	\$ 125,245.53
Building Fund/Cap. Cm.	\$	\$ 12,549.99
Sunday School	\$	\$ 164.25
ABCUSA OGHS	\$	\$ 3,016.78
Am. For Christ Offering	\$	\$ 2,145.00
Baby Closet	\$	\$ 2,275.00
Fellowship/Benevolence	\$	\$ 5,492.00
School Supplies	\$	\$ 800.00
World Mission Offering	\$	\$ 1,375.00
M & M Offering	\$	\$ 50.00

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.**

SEPTEMBER 2020 PANTRY REPORT: 1,787 Individuals (811 adults, 716 children, and 260 seniors) in 446 families were able to receive 17,632 pounds of free bread, fruits, vegetables, and other items from the Fruit & Vegetable Food Pantry at West Side Baptist Church during the month of SEPTEMBER 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 (139%), with three-times the food than before Covid 19 Pandemic. Thank you to Jack Janway and his volunteers for serving!



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)
 Carpenter, Al & Bradley – Healing
 Clark, Andrea – Healing (Doug & Jan Mauck’s daughter)
 Cottril, 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
 Peck, Matthew – Baptism
 Pinkham, Al, and Barbara – Healing (Nancy Lindberg’s cousins)
 Pucket, Roxy – Healing (Molly Morris’s sister)
 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
 Weikel, Melissa – Intercession (Nancy and Wayne Cottril’s daughter)
 Zab, Lola – Healing (Marianne Spano’s sister)
 Church and people in:

- The Caribbean: Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba, Curaçao, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Sint Maarten, St Kitts-Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago (18-24 October 2020)
- Canada and the United States of America (25-31 October 2020)†

International Ministries and Missionaries (Global Servants)
 National Guard and Military Personnel – Active Duty
 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, OCT 25		
9:15 am	Sunday School	
10:30 am	Worship	Facebook or YouTube
MONDAY, OCT 26		
OFFICE CLOSED		PASTOR'S DAY OFF
9:00 – 11:00 am	Baby Closet	
TUESDAY, OCT 27		
4:00 pm	Women's Bible Study	Zoom – See Rexanne
6:00 pm	Men's Chorus	
6:00 pm	Outreach Meeting	Holmer Hall
WEDNESDAY, OCT 28		
10:30 – 11:30 am	Bible Study	Holmer Hall
3:30 – 5:30 pm	Fruit & Veg Pantry	Parking Lot
5:00 – 7:00 pm	Baby Closet	
THURSDAY, OCT 29		
1:00 – 3:00 pm	Baby Closet	
FRIDAY, OCT 30		
SATURDAY, OCT 31		
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*	