

## 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](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)).

**MISSION MOMENTS - WORLD MISSION OFFERING.** We will be collecting the World Mission Offering in October. **Our goal is \$1500.00.** 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

NEWS IN THE PEWS

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

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

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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

**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.**

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

	<u>09-27-2020</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
General Fund	\$ 2,857.00	\$ 119,973.53
Building Fund/Cap. Cm.	\$ 365.00	\$ 12,194.99
Sunday School	\$ 10.00	\$ 148.25
ABCUSA OGHS	\$	\$ 3,016.78
Am. For Christ Offering	\$	\$ 2,145.00
Baby Closet	\$	\$ 2,275.00
Fellowship/Benevolence	\$ 50.00	\$ 5,291.00
School Supplies	\$	\$ 800.00
World Mission Offering	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00

**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.** **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!

**NEWSLETTER** – Pick up a copy of the OCTOBER Newsletter in the hallway outside the Church Office or read it online at [www.wsbctopeka.org/downloads](http://www.wsbctopeka.org/downloads). Articles for the November newsletter are due on Wed., Oct. 21 at noon.

**NEXGEN LIVE** – Meet the **NEXGEN**eration of International Ministries Global Servants during a live thirty-minute videocast on **Saturday, October 17, and October 24 from 7:00 to 7:30 pm (Central Time).** Registration is now open and free through the NexGen webpage at



[www.internationalministries.org](http://www.internationalministries.org)!

- **October 17** - Meet IM global servants: Eric & Yuree Lembke who will serve in Thailand, Aaron & AmyEstelle Trout who will serve in the Philippines, and Amy & Joseph Vo who will serve in Vietnam.
- **October 24** - Meet Deliris Carrión-Joseph & Moise Joseph who will serve in Mexico, Eliberto & Molly Juárez who will serve in El Salvador, Stacy & Tim Reese who will serve in the Dominican Republic, and Jae Stockton who will serve in Mexico.

Join us for these exciting opportunities to interact with and ask questions of the next generation of IM global servants.

## 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  
 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  
 Weikel, Melissa – Intercession (Nancy and Wayne Cottril’s daughter)  
 Zab, Lola – Healing (Marianne Spano’s sister)  
 Human Trafficking / Sexual Slavery  
 Everyone affected by the Earthquakes and Fires  
 International Ministries and Missionaries (Global Servants)  
 National Guard and Military Personnel – Active Duty  
 Police and Security Forces and Firemen  
 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, OCT 4</b>	<b>COMMUNION SUNDAY</b>	
9:15 am	Sunday School	
10:30 am	Worship	Facebook or YouTube
<b>MONDAY, OCT 5</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>PASTOR'S DAY OFF</b>
9:00 – 11:00 am	Baby Closet	
<b>TUESDAY, OCT 6</b>		
4:00 pm	Women’s Bible Study	Zoom – See Rexanne
5:30 pm	No Ladies Night Out	
5:30 pm	No Men’s Night Out	
<b>WEDNESDAY, OCT 7</b>		
10:30 – 11:30 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, OCT 8</b>		
1:00 – 3:00 pm	Baby Closet	
<b>FRIDAY, OCT 9</b>		
<b>SATURDAY, OCT 10</b>		
1:30 pm	Worship Team	

### 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 – Brewster Place  
 Perkins, Edward\*  
 Penny, Theo\*