

## 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!

### IT'S COMING...STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY –

Our annual Stewardship Commitment Sunday “**Faithful, Hopeful, Loving**” is coming **November 15**. Families will be invited to dedicate their confidential commitment cards during the service as an act of worship.

Commitment Cards were mailed to families on Friday, November 6. Worshippers may return the Commitment Cards by mail or in-person on Nov. 15. We will celebrate the conclusion of our campaign with a **special catered luncheon will be Sunday, Nov. 15, in Holmer Hall after church**. The meal will be catered by Mr. G as it has been in the past. **Please make reservation by Monday, November 9. Let the Office know if you plan to eat “In Person” or want your meal “To Go.”** Health policies in effect at that time will be observed. ~ Harry Carpenter



**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION** – Grace Goodnow has decided NOT to have a reception after church on her birthday, November 15th. In lieu of the reception, if you would like to send her a birthday card or special memory, her address is: **Grace Goodnow, 5135 NE Indian Creek Road, Topeka, KS 66617**

**HANGING OF THE GREENS** – The Worship Committee invites everyone to help decorate the church for the Advent/Christmas Season with the **Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, November 22 after worship**. The decorations will be brought downstairs to prepare for the

event. The Hanging of the Greens usually takes one hour. See Brice Smith, Coordinator of Worship, if you have any questions.

**BABY CLOSET CHRISTMAS** – 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. 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

**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) or ZOOM.

**CHILDREN’S CLOTHING 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 has been set up in the sanctuary where these items can be placed.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.** No Food Pantry on Wed., Nov. 25 (Closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday).



**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.**

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

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

	<u>11-01-2020</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
General Fund	\$ 4,438.00	\$ 133,866.58
Building Fund/Cap. Cm.	\$ 15.00	\$ 12,644.99
Sunday School	\$ 16.00	\$ 189.25
ABCUSA OGHS	\$	\$ 3,016.78
Am. For Christ Offering	\$	\$ 2,145.00
Baby Closet	\$	\$ 2,275.00
Fellowship/Benevolence	\$ 208.00	\$ 6,200.00
School Supplies	\$	\$ 800.00
World Mission Offering	\$ 25.00	\$ 1,688.00
M & M Offering	\$	\$ 50.00

## 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)  
 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  
 Manley, Nadine – Fell and bruised herself up  
 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)  
 Reed, Ernie – In St. Francis hospital with pneumonia  
 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:

- 08-14 November 2020 - Aotearoa New Zealand, Australia†
- 15-21 November 2020 - East Timor (Timor Leste), Indonesia, Philippines
- 22-28 November 2020 - Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore†

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

<b>SUNDAY, NOV 8</b>		
9:15 am	Sunday School	
10:30 am	Worship	Facebook or YouTube
<b>MONDAY, NOV 9</b>		
	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>PASTOR'S DAY OFF</b>
9:00 – 11:00 am	Baby Closet	
<b>TUESDAY, NOV 10</b>		
4:00 pm	Women's Bible Study	Zoom – See Rexanne
6:00 pm	Men's Chorus	
<b>WEDNESDAY, NOV 11</b>		
	<b>VETERAN'S DAY</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
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	
<b>THURSDAY, NOV 12</b>		
1:00 – 3:00 pm	Baby Closet	
<b>FRIDAY, NOV 13</b>		
<b>SATURDAY, NOV 14</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

Perkins, Edward\*

Penny, Theo\*