

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.

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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!

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 today, November 22 after worship**. The decorations will be brought downstairs to prepare for the event. The Hanging of the Greens usually takes one hour. Health policies in effect at that time will be observed. See Brice Smith, Coordinator of Worship, if you have any questions.



THANKSGIVING OFFERING – Give to the annual Thanksgiving Offering to financially support our local mission partners: Doorsteps Inc., Habitat for Humanity of Topeka, Harvesters Community Food Network, and Let's Help. We are grateful for the ways our partners help us serve our neighbors and families in need. Make checks payable to West Side Baptist Church. 100% of all donations will be given to each agency in equal amounts.

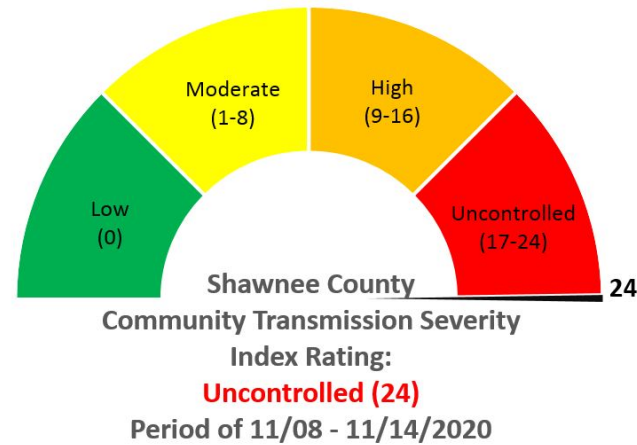
FIFTH SUNDAY CAROL SING – Join us online for the **First Sunday of Advent, November 29 for a Fifth Sunday Carol Sing**. Write the title of your favorite Christmas hymn on the back of your Connection Card.

PUBLIC HEALTH NOTICE: RED PHASE – BUILDING CLOSED TO PUBLIC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

To mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID 19), the Church leaders have enacted **Phase Red Protocols** on the advice of our Executive Minister, the Governor of the State of Kansas, and Shawnee County Health Officer. Effective immediately until further notice:

1. **BUILDING CLOSED** to the public.
2. **MASKS REQUIRED** - All persons (age 6 and older) are required to **WEAR A MASK IN PUBLIC including employees of the church**, with certain exemptions apply including all children *age 5 and under*, when social distancing (keeping six feet of distance between yourself and others outside your household, except for occasional or incidental moments of closer proximity) is not possible. (see SNCO Emergency Order #2020-68 and the Governors Executive Order #20-68 Mandatory Mask Protocol).
3. **LIMIT MASS GATHERINGS to 10 persons (including weddings)**
4. **HIGH RISK INDIVIDUALS and PARENTS AND SMALL CHILDREN should take more intensive precautions including *staying-safe-at-home***. High-risk individuals include those with underlying medical conditions, including chronic lung disease, asthma, heart conditions, severe obesity, chronic kidney disease, liver disease, or who are otherwise immunocompromised.
5. **NURSERY CLOSED** – The church nursery will be CLOSED today until December 12 for cleaning and sanitizing.
6. **CHILDRENS PROGRAMS are SUSPENDED** including Sunday School (all ages including youth), Children’s Church, Youth Bowling League, etc.
7. **SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS will operate in MOBILE DISTRIBUTION.**
8. **WORSHIP and BIBLE STUDIES will be offered REMOTELY (online).**

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).



STAY HEALTHY / STAY SAFE - All Shawnee County residents must comply with all health codes, emergency orders, and public health protocols including:

1. **Clean and Disinfect Surfaces** – The church will follow industry-specific guidelines and business sector best practices
2. **Face Masks** – Persons are required to wear face coverings or masks (bandanas, gaiters, and masks with valves or vents do not qualify)
3. **Maintain Social Distancing** (individual or family groups must stay at least 6’ feet apart; refrain from hugging, shaking hands, or other forms of contact; no greeters or ushers)
4. **No Visits to Long-term Care Facilities or Correctional Facilities**
5. **Practice Good Hygiene** (e.g., wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth; cover coughs and sneezes into an elbow or tissue, throw the used tissue away and immediately wash your hands)
6. **Remain Home when Sick or a Family Member is Sick** (follow isolation and quarantine orders issued by state or local health officers)
7. **Staff and Employees will Work Remotely or Limit Access to Offices.**
8. **Stay Informed** (e.g., local and county governments retain authority to impose equal or more stringent restrictions on businesses during the phases, except as to essential functions in KEFF and constitutionally protected rights).

BABY CLOSET – The **Baby Closet is CLOSED** to the public and will operate in **MOBILE DISTRIBUTION ONLY** until further notice. Families may pick-up **diapers, formula ointments, and wipes on WEDNESDAYS from 3:30-5:30 pm at the North Door**. Parents may leave a message on the Baby Closet voice mail for supplies. A volunteer will return the message within 48 hours.

BIBLE STUDY ONLINE – NO BIBLE STUDY ON NOV. 25 (Thanksgiving Break). Join us for “**The Psalm Book of Israel**” **Bible Study on Wednesday MORNINGS ONLY at 10:30 am in Holmer Hall (face masks, mass limit, and social distancing required) or ZOOM (see email for link and password).**

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. **FACE COVERINGS or MASKS REQUIRED.** No Food Pantry on Wed., Nov. 25 (Closed for Thanksgiving).

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

	<u>11-15-2020</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
General Fund	\$ 848.00	\$ 136,655.48
Building Fund/Cap. Cm.	\$ 565.00	\$ 13,574.99
Sunday School	\$ 3.00	\$ 195.25
Baby Closet	\$ 119.57	\$ 2,394.57
Fellowship/Benevolence	\$ 81.98	\$ 6,371.98
School Supplies	\$	\$ 800.00
Thanksgiving Offering	\$	\$
World Mission Offering	\$	\$ 1,838.00
M & M Offering	\$	\$ 75.00

PLEDGE SUNDAY REPORT – Thank you for participating in Commitment Sunday. The Church received 19 Commitment Cards totaling \$137,930 for the General Fund and \$14,800 for the Building Fund. You can submit a Commitment Card in person, by mail or online. ~ Nancy Lindberg

NO COOKIE PARTY – The Greuters are saddened to share the family **Cookie Party is cancelled** for this year because of COVID 19.

OFFICES CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING – The Church Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 26-27 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The Office will reopen on Tuesday, December 1 at 8:00 am with limited access. Please call the Church Office before visiting the building.



HOMEBOUND:

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

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Coronavirus (COVID 19) – healing, health, isolation, discovery, wisdom, etc.
 Albert, Henry – Lou Gehrig's (Karen & Janice Kirby's cousins' husband)
 Amos, Barbara – Broken Hip
 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:

- 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>)