

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!

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.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING – “Home for the Holidays!”- We will receive a special Christmas Offering for families in the neighborhood. Please give generously to help. You can give online, mail your donation to the church, or use the envelopes available in the pews.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE – Join us in person or online for our **Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service on Thursday, December 24 at 7:00 pm.**

The Ministry of Worship will have Worship in a Box with all the supplies needed to participate in our service, including candles, communion, carol booklets, kids coloring pages, etc.

CHRISTMAS  EVE

Call the Church Office to schedule a porch-drop or time to pick-up your box before Christmas Eve.

ANNUAL REPORTS – It is that time again for all the Council members to start thinking of what you want in your report. Please submit your report to Lynda in the Church Office office@wsbctopeka.org by Tuesday, January 12 The **Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 31 at 12:00 pm, downstairs.**



BIBLE STUDY ONLINE – Join us for “The Psalm Book of Israel” Bible Study on Wednesday MORNINGS at 10:30 am in Holmer Hall (face masks, mass limit, and social distancing required) or ZOOM (see email for link and password). Please let Pastor Ivan know if you would like an evening Bible study. Share what day and time works for you.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR’S HOLIDAY – The Church Office will be **CLOSED on Thursday and Friday, December 24-25** in observance of the Christmas holiday. The Office will be closed on **Thursday and Friday, December 31, and January 1** in observance of the New Year holiday. Call the Pastor at home if you have an emergency.



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.**

2020 GIVING STATEMENTS - IRS regulations require all donations for 2020 to be received or postmarked by December 31, 2020 to be included on your charitable giving statement. See Nancy Lindberg if you have any questions. 2020 Statements will be mailed before Jan. 31, 2021.

YOUTH FUNDRAISERS - West Side Baptist Church Youth are planning to hold two new and unique fundraisers in December.

1. **ORNAMENTS** - They will be creating a beautiful one-of-a-kind Christmas ornament available for purchase. A suggested cost for the ornament is \$10.00.
2. **TO-GO-MEALS** - Tired of cooking or going out for dinner? Today, December 13, the youth will have a home cooked meal of meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll and a pumpkin bar ready to go after church. Preorders are appreciated so they know how much food to prepare. Donations appreciated for this meal and it can be picked up in Holmer Hall immediately after church. We are also able to deliver to your home if you will not be at church.



Order forms for both fundraisers will be on the bulletin board outside the office. You can also contact Colleen Smith at 785-213-1062 or colleen.cksmith1@gmail.com with orders or questions.

Thanks in advance for your support!
West Side Baptist Church Youth

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

	<u>12-03-2020</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
General Fund	\$ 5,769.00	\$ 151,216.48
Building Fund/Cap. Cm.	\$ 65.00	\$ 13,719.99
Sunday School	\$	\$ 195.25
Baby Closet	\$	\$ 2,394.57
Fellowship/Benevolence	\$	\$ 6,371.98
School Supplies	\$	\$ 800.00
Thanksgiving Offering	\$ 130.00	\$ 710.00
World Mission Offering	\$	\$ 1,885.12
M & M Offering	\$ 615.00	\$ 1,190.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 625.00	\$ 625.00

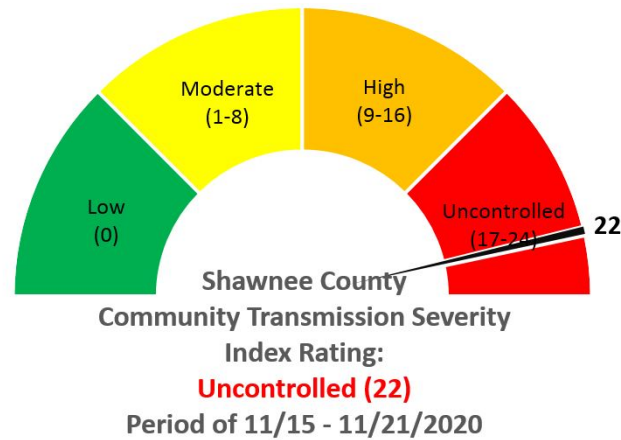
PUBLIC HEALTH NOTICE: RED PHASE – BUILDING CLOSED TO PUBLIC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

– 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).

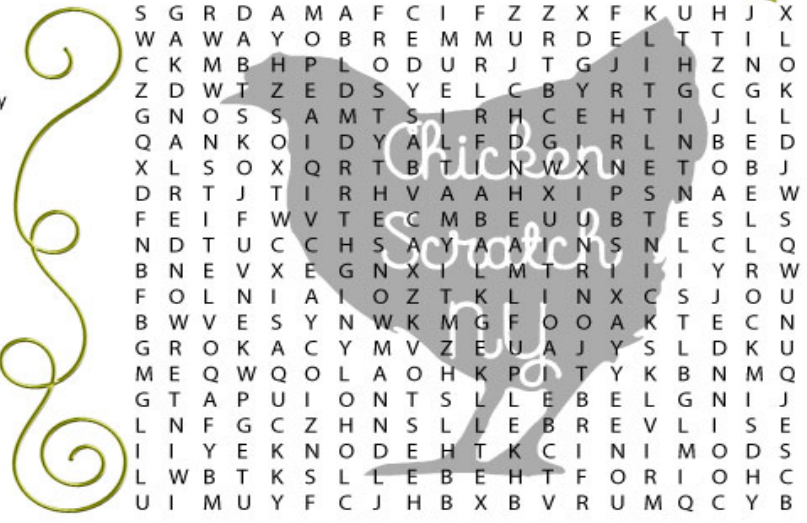
HOMEBOUND:

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



Holiday Tunes

- Away in a Manger
- Choir of the Bells
- Dominick the Donkey
- Frosty the Snowman
- Holly Jolly Christmas
- Jingle Bell Rock
- Jingle Bells
- Let it Snow
- Little Drummer Boy
- Little St Nick
- O Holy Night
- Rudolph
- Santa Baby
- Silent Nigh
- Silver Bells
- The Christmas Song
- The First Noel
- Winter Wonderland



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, Howard – Healing (Nancy Lindberg’s brother)
- 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
- Penny, Theo – Passed away
- Pinkham, Al, and Barbara – Healing (Nancy Lindberg’s cousins)
- Pucket, Roxy – Healing (Molly Morris’s sister)
- Reed, Ernie – Healing
- Smith, Helen – Healing (Bev McCurdy’s friend)
- Spano, Marianne – Healing
- Springer, Keith – 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:
 - 06-12 December 2020 - Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam†
- 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>)

Christmas Word Find



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| JESUS | HAY |
| MARY | ANGEL |
| JOSEPH | FAITH |
| WISEMEN | HOPE |
| MANGER | FRANKINCENSE |
| NATIVITY | MYRRH |
| BETHLEHEM | SILENTNIGHT |
| CAMEL | LORD |
| DONKEY | SAVIOR |
| STAR | CHRISTMAS |

