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WEST SHORE BAPTIST CHURCH

# UPDATE



## From the Desk of Pastor Kelly

At the risk of being labeled an extreme nerd, I'm going to confess. In my personal time of prayer and Bible study each day, I've been reading through the book of Leviticus and studying a commentary as I do. And it's been amazing! (Be kind with your judgments. 😊)

I've read the book many times over – *fascinating* step-by-step directions for offering sacrifices, dealing with mildew, and handling ancient port-a-potties. Let's just say I typically speed read this particular book. (I told you I was going to confess!)

But this time I decided to slow down and actually study the 'why' behind all of those holiness codes and detailed descriptions of priestly rituals. I'm discovering that this aspect of God's heart is even more beautiful than I imagined.

For instance, the opening chapters of Leviticus spell out the who, what, when, where & how of various types of sacrifices. The boiled down version is: "When you show up to worship, then you need to offer this type of animal in this type of way." There's lots of blood, tons of different requirements for which animal may be offered at which time, and serious repetition. It never occurred to me that there might be a very real *why* behind each separate sacrifice.

The first listed is the burnt offering. When someone sins, they were to select a perfect, male extremely costly animal and bring it to the priest. They would lay hands on the animal's head and confess their sin. Then slaughter & burn it completely. The animal took the place of the sinner, dying in his place. Sin brings death, so a sacrifice was made that would give life.

The purification offering has a whole new set of rules and regulations. The bottom line for this one is that the blood of this offering was used to cleanse the temple. Why? Because sin stains, it corrupts, it creates dis-ease. It tarnishes and destroys all that it touches. And that means the defiling sinner cannot come hear a holy God. Therefore, a sacrifice was given that would cleanse, wash and make new, so that the sinner could draw near to the Holy One.

And the reparation offering is also different from the first two. Sin doesn't just bring death or destroy through contamination, it bankrupts. It incurs a debt both vertically and horizontally. You know that. Every time you harm a loved one with your words it costs dearly. There's a sacrifice for that, too. This one 'paid back' what you owed, removing the debt, and restoring relationship.

Isn't it incredible? All these sacrifices were needed to address all of the effects of sin. And every one of them is fully & completely, perfectly & permanently found in the all-sufficient sacrifice of Jesus Christ. His death brings life. His blood washes you clean. His lavish love paid your debt of sin. All the guilt, the shame, the balance due removed in Him.

God's heart is written on every page of Scripture, friend. Can you see it?

Love ya,  
Pastor Kelly

## From Pastor Greg

In his article *The Strange Persistence of Guilt*, Wilfred McClay, an American intellectual historian, writes in his opening paragraph...

*Those of us living in the developed countries of the West find ourselves in the tightening grip of a paradox, one whose shape and character have so far largely eluded our understanding. It is the strange persistence of guilt as a psychological force in modern life. If anything, the word persistence understates the matter. Guilt has not merely lingered. It has grown, even metastasized, into an ever more powerful and pervasive element in the life of the contemporary West, even as the rich language formerly used to define it has withered and faded from discourse, and the means of containing its effects, let alone obtaining relief from it, have become ever more elusive.*

McClay goes on to point out that despite the valiant labors of prominent intellectuals like Nietzsche and Freud to eradicate guilt, it has persisted and is dominating our public, psychological mindset. Even with us living in, arguably, the age with the most affluence and the least amount of suffering this world has ever seen, guilt pervades our public discourse. One would think that as societies get richer and richer and the degree to which the average person suffers gets smaller and smaller, guilt and shame would slowly disappear; but this is not the case. In fact, as time goes on, social scientists are discovering that every single tactic that was once thought to erase guilt, fails; and fails miserably.

As a society's average income level rises, depression skyrockets. In the age of social media, where everyone is more connected than ever before, more people suffer from chronic loneliness than ever before. Many scholars see an undeniable relationship between high socioeconomic positions and high suicide rates. Whatever we are doing, it is not working. There is a nearly universal sense of inescapable guilt smothering our society. People, by the millions, recognize that they feel lonely, depressed, and guilty – and they have no idea what to do about it. Our public, therapeutic mindset assumes the problem is a self-esteem issue and attempts to solve this pervasive guilt by encouraging people to “discover yourself,” “forgive yourself,” and “love yourself.” It should not come as a surprise that this too is failing. A pat on the back and an “empowering” encouragement to “love your true self” just does not seem to do the trick.

So what is the answer? What can erase this strange persistence of guilt our society faces? The answer, as much as Oprah might disagree, is not an improved sense of self-esteem. No surface level reassurance will fix such profound sense of guilt. The answer is Jesus. Only the cross of Jesus can acknowledge both the reality of true guilt while simultaneously offering genuine freedom and forgiveness from it. At the cross, God poured out His wrath toward guilty sinners on Jesus and thereby offers sincere, lasting forgiveness to all who would accept it. Paul writes in 2 Corinthians that “for our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” Where our culture groans under the immense weight of inexorable guilt, only the cross of Jesus can bring true liberation.

Soli Deo Gloria,  
Associate Pastor Greg Kabakjian

## From the Deacon Board

### Benevolence Fund

Thank you for your generous gifts to the Benevolence Fund.

These funds continue to be used to meet the practical needs of congregants and the community. This offering is collected the second Sunday of each month but can be donated anytime online or in person by designating "Deacon's Benevolence Fund."

## From the Mission Board

### Clothes Closet

The Clothes Closet ministry will be held on Saturday, June 11 from 9 -12.

There are lots of items to be sorted!! If you would like to volunteer, please connect with Dawne Strock at: [dawne1954@aol.com](mailto:dawne1954@aol.com).



### Red Cross Blood Drive

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at WSBC on Friday, June 17, 2022, from 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. If you wish to donate, click [here](#).



**American  
Red Cross** | Blood  
Services

We received a Certificate of Appreciation for being an Outstanding Blood Program Leader and collecting 1,000 units of blood.

### Blessing Bags

The Mission Board is accepting ongoing Blessing Bag donations. The list and collection area are in the Fellowship Hall on the left side of the bin beside the food bank donations.

### Earl Besch/New Hope Ministry Food Pantry

Would you be interested in helping at the Earl Besch/New Hope Ministry Food Pantry?

Two volunteers are needed for each of the following dates and times:

Thursday, June 23 @ 4:45 – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, June 24 @ 8:45 – 10:00 a.m.

Please sign up on your Connect Card or contact Janet @ [j.spriggs@wsbc.org](mailto:j.spriggs@wsbc.org). It is required that we have a current background check for you to volunteer.

We are also collecting the following grocery items for the food pantry:

**Toiletries:** Laundry detergent (not large containers), dish soap, paper towels, feminine hygiene products, baby wipes, mouthwash, shampoo, conditioner

**Household items:** Aluminum foil, parchment paper, trash bags, hand soap, etc.

**Food items:** Pasta (all types), pasta sauce, flour, sugar, cooking oil

**These items can be placed on the table in Davidson Chapel before Thursday, June 23, 2022.**

## From the Mission Board – cont'd



### One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing began seventy-three years ago in response to the devastation of World War II. On Saturday evening, March 26, 1949, a national broadcast titled "One Great Hour" featured a remarkable assembly of national leaders and celebrities.

The 33rd U.S. President, Harry S. Truman's, radio address during the broadcast included the following:

*"There are thousands of children in foreign lands today who have no memory of their parents, no knowledge of the meaning of the words "home" and "family," and who have forgotten what it feels like to have enough to eat. There are hopeless thousands who wander among the shattered towns seeking a place to rest, seeking security and a chance to begin their lives anew. There are many who pray to God only in secret, fearing persecution if they profess their beliefs openly.*

*It is hard for us to comprehend grief and distress such as this because we in America are so much more fortunate. Our country has been blessed with material riches. Our homes are secure. We can go to our churches and worship God as we desire.*

*We know that we enjoy these great blessings not because of any special merit on our part, but because of the bounty of God. It is to His Providence that we owe the richness of our country and our heritage of freedom. Since these good things come to us from Him, we know that we must use them for the good of others in accordance with His will."*

The broadcast concluded by asking Americans to give generously the next morning in their churches. More than 75,000 churches responded.

Today, **Love remains**. One Great Hour of Sharing serves people in over 80 countries around the world. Sponsored by eight Christian U.S. denominations and Church World Service, One Great Hour of Sharing makes sure that we can respond to needs as soon as they happen and that tens of thousands of people receive support for ongoing relief, rehabilitation, and development.

The World Relief Committee of the American Baptist Board of General Ministries reviews each development project request funded by the One Great Hour of Sharing offering received from American Baptists. Gifts reach the ministries and people in need through a network of regional and international partnerships.

This offering will be collected during the month of June. All monies received this year from WSBC will go toward Ukraine relief. Offering envelopes will be available in the pews and you can also contribute online.

## From the Christian Education Board

### Community Groups

Community groups will resume in the fall.

### Life Groups

If you are interested in joining a Life Group during the summer months, please contact Pastor Greg at: [gkabakjian@gmail.com](mailto:gkabakjian@gmail.com).

## From the Christian Education Board - cont'd

### Sunday School

The Searchers Sunday School Class will continue to meet throughout the summer months every Sunday at 9 am in Room 201A of the Education Wing. Tom Kennerly leads the class by presenting issues and concerns we face in our daily lives. Tom inspires and encourages discussion on what the Bible has to say on how we are to face those issues and concerns in our daily walk with Christ and how we can develop a closer walk with Him. The class is open to adults of any age. Please contact Tom Kennerly or Gary Dambach if you have questions.

### Around the World Camp

Camp is just around the corner, and we would encourage you to pray:

- For the leaders to be able to communicate the Gospel clearly to the children
- For the kids who will attend to have open ears and hearts to what God is saying to them throughout the week
- For good physical health for all involved
- For a FUN week!

### Graduate Celebration

The following students have graduated and are headed towards a new path. Please pray for them.

Glory Adeyemi	Graduated from Cedar Cliff High School and will be attending Loyola University in Maryland to study information systems.
Micah Waring	Graduated from Mechanicsburg Area Senior High school and will be attending West Virginia University Honors College pursuing a double major in history and political science.
Tyler Lewis	Graduated from Police Academy and is currently working at Lower Allen Township Police Department.
Jennifer Myers	Graduated from Cumberland Valley High School and plans to attend Central Penn College to study Accounting.
Maura Giannone	Graduated from Thomas Jefferson University with a Master of Occupational Therapy degree. She is an Occupational Therapist at Redding Hospital.
Allison Kennedy	Graduated from Shippensburg University in 2020 with a major in Psychology and a minor in Political Science. She is currently with The Giant Company as a Regional Operations Coordinator.
Ashley Kennedy	Graduated from Camp Hill High School in June of 2020, and is now going to be entering her Junior year of college at Shippensburg University this Fall. She is studying Mathematics. Ashley too, works for the Giant Company during her summer time, as a cashier!
Picky Saw	Graduated from Messiah College. He is employed as a fitness trainer.
Nicholas Jennelly	Graduated from medical school at Thomas Jefferson University and is currently Chief Resident at Christian Care in Delaware.
Jackson Kennerly	Graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and is an RN at UPMC.

## WSBC/Baldwin Scholarship

The deadline to return forms to the Church Office is this Sunday, June 5, 2022.

### Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, June 18, at 8:00 a.m. at Front Street Diner.

### Ladies Breakfast

The Ladies Breakfast will be held on Saturday, June 18 at 8:30 a.m. at Hershey Pantry.

### Tour de Belt

This Sunday is Tour de Belt, the annual Capital Area Greenbelt Association fundraiser that cycles the Greenbelt's 20 miles around the City ([www.caga.org/tour-de-belt/](http://www.caga.org/tour-de-belt/)). We have a number of registrants from WSBC, and more are welcome!

This is a note on final arrangements for our group ride. The Tour de Belt is Sunday, June 5 beginning at the Harrisburg Area Community College-Harrisburg Campus (One HACC Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17110). They have staggered starts beginning at 9:00 am, and we'll target 9:30 to get our group underway. Look for us in the area of the start line. We'll take a moderate pace, anticipating about two and a half hours to complete the Tour.

After the ride we'll provide beverages and snacks for our WSBC team (family and friends are welcome to join us too) at the open-air West Pavilion at Fort Hunter Park – it's the pavilion on the river side of the park, near the mansion. Participants are also welcome to bring a lunch or pick something up from the food trucks at the Tour's finish line. We extend the invitation to anyone else from the Church who'd like to stop by. If our pace holds, we anticipate getting to the Pavilion about noon or shortly thereafter.

For anyone else who'd like to participate Individual registration is still available at the [Tour de Belt website](#).

Last, for planning purposes we ask anyone who's registered to let Steve Campbell ([sandgcamp@gmail.com](mailto:sandgcamp@gmail.com)) or Doug Hill ([dehill717@gmail.com](mailto:dehill717@gmail.com)) know if you've not done so already.

### Ladies

## Thrive 2022 Conference

June 24 - 25, 2022

## Transformed by Hope

Blair County Convention Center

To register: [Click here](#)

There is information at the Welcome Center.

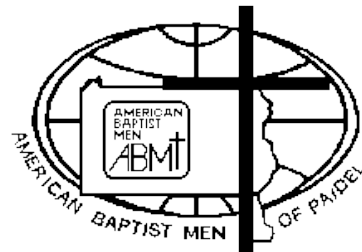


## Men

### 2022 AB Men's Retreat

Men, please mark your calendars!

The AB Men's Retreat will take place at Shippensburg University on the weekend of July 29, 30, 31, 2022.



Theme: Do Not Just Listen – Do Something!

Keynote Speaker: Mr. Dwayne Walton

On Friday, July 29, there will be a work project at Medard's House from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. before the retreat begins.

There are information sheets and registration forms at the Welcome Center.

[Register here](#)

### Our Daily Bread & Secret Place Devotional Books

The summer edition of Our Daily Bread & Secret Place are available at the Welcome Center.

### June Meetings

#### Advisory Council Meeting

The Advisory Council will meet on **Tuesday, June 7**, at 6:30 p.m.

#### Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees will meet on **Monday, June 13**, at 6:30 p.m.

#### Board of Deacons Meeting

The Deacon Board will meet on **Tuesday, June 14**, at 7:00 p.m.

#### Missions Board Meeting

The Missions Board will meet on **Tuesday, June 21**, at 6:00 p.m.

#### Board of Christian Education Meeting

No meeting.

## Special Dates



### Birthdays:

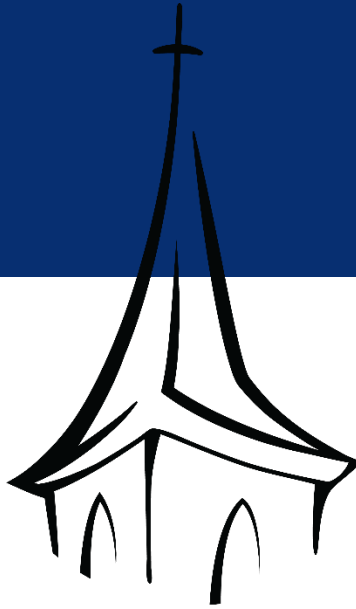
- 2 – Dottie Saltzer
- 3 – Pat Dieffenbach
- 5 – Andrea Dunkle  
Kath Nichols
- 9 – Carolyn Frischkorn
- 19 – Monsy Lopez
- 20 – Olutayo Adeyemi  
Bruce Montgomery
- 22 – Doug Hill
- 26 – Terry Fleming
- 28 – Dick Webb



### Anniversaries:

- 4 – Eric & Kristin Born
- 5 – Dick & June Karschner
- 14 – Russ & Michele Miller
- 28 – Cal & E.J. Stevens





# WEST SHORE

## BAPTIST CHURCH

### SUNDAY SERVICES:

Worship Service — 10:30 AM

Live streaming online and at church

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