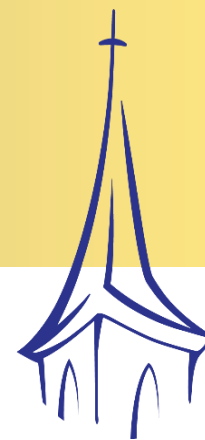


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WEST SHORE BAPTIST CHURCH

# UPDATE



## From the Desk of Pastor Kelly

I don't wait well.

This morning I'm trapped at home waiting, less than patiently, for contractors to make an appearance. The alarm went off pre-dawn to ensure that I had time to make the few last-minute preparations for their arrival. I've done my part, so now I am pacing around the house, waiting for them to come and do theirs.

I don't wait well.

Truth is, I realize that I have to wait. It is pointless for me to try to undertake any of the next steps. I'm incompetent when it comes to household projects and if I try to move forward with the stuff I can do (like put the items back that I had to move out of the way), I'll just mess things up more. So, I try to find another project to tackle that, honestly, will get in the way, even though I really should just wait.

Do you wait well?

What about with the stuff of life that's far more significant than killing time waiting for contractors? Like when the Lord is working to bring about healing or change in your life? Maybe He's inviting you to grow in compassion and understanding and you want your heart to overflow with Christ's mercy today, but the process is slow as He beckons you to fall more deeply in love with Him and allow Him to refine your sharp edges through interactions with those you struggle to love. Or perhaps the Father wants to show you that He is sufficient for you, but getting there will first involve a season of loss that you would much prefer ends quickly. Are you pacing the proverbial floor, urging Him to hurry up, muttering "let's go"?

Do you wait well?

Waiting is not passive, friend. Waiting is the active choice to trust the God who created the heavens and the earth to continue creating you in His image. It is determining to surrender to the process, resting in His goodness, and relying on His power. Waiting is believing that the long obedience in the same direction, a lifetime of discipleship, is worth it. For it's in the waiting that you come to know the God who makes all things, including you, new.

Love ya,  
Pastor Kelly

**PS:**

I will be on vacation October 21 – 28. If you have a need, please contact Pastor Greg or a Deacon.

## From Pastor Greg

Have you ever been discipled? Think carefully about how you'd answer that question. Have you ever been intentionally trained in religious belief? I think I know how you would answer. In fact, I'm pretty confident your answer is "yes." Maybe you've not been discipled in Christianity. Perhaps you haven't been mentored by an older Christian. Maybe you've never experienced the relationship of discipleship. But the fact is, you have been (and are being) actively discipled by *something*.

The truth is, we're all being discipled. We are all being trained to believe religious truths. We are all being indoctrinated by something. Every time I scroll through social media, the algorithm records what I like, and it is training me to spend the maximum amount of time online. Every time my eyes linger on a meme, the time spent is captured, logged, and the algorithm prepares to show me similar memes in the future. It's a funny thing, isn't it? Being discipled by algorithms! I'm being discipled by tv shows and movies, by commercials, by friends, by books, by advertisements, by catchy songs on the radio, and by cultural trends.

My worldview is like a ball of clay that is slowly being formed by each one of these discipling authorities. There's a reason those popular on Instagram are called "influencers." Fashion magazines disciple us in what to believe about our bodies, Instagram discipled us in what it means to live a good life, Pinterest discipled us in how to have an attractive home or the ideal wedding, news channels disciple us in how to think about our society, and on and on we could go. We are constantly imbibing the ideals of those whom we call to pour into our worldview.

Each of those discipling us is conveying their version of the "good life" to us and attempting to get us to buy it. Each of those discipling us have assumptions about what the world is, who we are, and how we fit into it. Although we may not even be aware of it, we are constantly being trained, indoctrinated, and discipled. When we ask questions like "What does the ideal body look like?" "Why am I valuable?" "What will make me happy?" "What is friendship?" or "How should I treat people?" those discipling us claim to have the answers.

Discipleship isn't a question of whether or not you're being discipled, but by whom. Not being discipled is not an option. We can only decide what we allow to disciple us. So, allow me to ask you a final question: *Who* are you being discipled by? Who are you letting disciple you? Who are you letting form your version of the "good life?" And, most importantly, are you being discipled into God's truth or away from it?

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

Sue Sweigard

### Clothes Closet

The Clothes Closet ministry will be held on Saturday, October 9, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Gently used/clean clothes, toys and books may be dropped off in Room G-2 Monday-Thursday from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. or any Sunday.

If you would like to volunteer in any way please connect with Dawne Strock at: [dawne1954@aol.com](mailto:dawne1954@aol.com).



### Central PA Food Bank

See you on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.!  
Be sure to sign-up on your Conect Card.



### Let's Celebrate!

The Mission Board is pleased to share that during the unprecedented year of 2020 West Shore Baptist has been recognized for our generosity and faithfulness of our American Baptist churches. We received a letter and certificate from the American Baptist Churches USA Office of the General Secretary congratulating the congregation on being ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in United Mission giving throughout the entire denomination of approximately 5000 churches and marking our generous support of \$40,216 in 2020. Your faithful giving makes possible many programs and ministries within our region, nationwide and globally, all furthering the Kingdom of God. We are proud to be United in Christ and Together in Mission!

### Operation Christmas Child

From October 10 – November 7 we will be involved in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Project. Boxes and labels will be in Davidson Chapel on Sunday, October 10. Please return filled boxes by November 7.



### New Hope Ministries

Steve Sleboda delivered non-perishable items that were donated by WSBC folk and wanted to report that they were extremely grateful for the donation. This included numerous jars of peanut butter that were given in honor of Pastor Betty Norford's birthday!

## From the Christian Education Board

### Community Groups

Community groups continue to meet at a variety of times and locations. If you are interested in becoming involved in one please contact Pastor Kelly to see what group may work for you.

### Men's Community Group

On Friday mornings at 9:00 a.m. you are invited to a men's community group meeting in Davidson Chapel. The topic of the group is the book "Gentle and Lowly" by Dane Ortlund. If you are interested in joining this group, you can learn more by contacting Clark Stefanic or Pastor Greg!

## October Meetings

### Advisory Council Meeting

The Advisory Council will meet on **Tuesday, October 5**, at 6:30 p.m.

### Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees will meet on **Monday, October 11**, at 6:30 p.m.

### Board of Deacons Meeting

The Board of Deacons will meet on **Tuesday, October 12**, at 7:00 p.m.

### Missions Board Meeting

The Missions Board will meet on **Tuesday, October 19**, at 6:00 p.m.

### Board of Christian Education Meeting

The Board of Christian Education will meet on **Tuesday, October 19**, at 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)

### Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, October 23, at 8:00 a.m at West Shore Family Restaurant.

### Ladies Breakfast

The Ladies Breakfast will be held on Saturday, October 23 at 8:30 a.m at Peachtree Restaurant.

### The Baptones in Concert

The Baptones will be hosting an "Evening of Music" on November 7, 2021, at 7:00 PM. The goal is to give God glory through the medium of music. The location is: Compass Point Church, [15 W. Church Street, Dillsburg, PA](#). The Baptones will be singing many songs familiar to all. Also appearing on the program will be two local musicians: a guitar player/singer and a trumpeter. A freewill offering will be taken. We look forward to seeing you there!"

## Quarterly Business Meeting

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Business Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 17, 2021 immediately after the morning worship service.



## Ordination Service

The Harrisburg Association of ABCUSA churches convened an ordination council for Pastor Greg Kabakjian on Sunday, Oct. 3 and voted unanimously to recommend that WSBC proceed with his ordination to the Gospel ministry. Therefore, WSBC is planning his ordination service for Sunday, November 14 at 3 PM. You are cordially invited to attend in affirmation of Pastor Greg's ministry here at WSBC and to join in praying for him as we set him apart for ordained ministry within Christ's Church.

## Special Dates

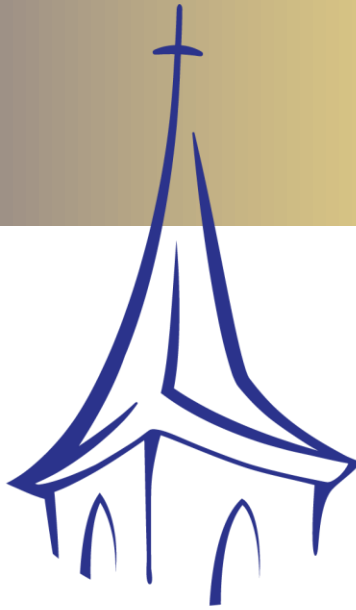


### Birthdays:

3 – Donna Sweigard  
5 – Sue Sweigard  
6 – Elana Stine  
7 – Gary Stefanic  
13 – Richard Zulaica  
15 – Elaine Deimler  
17 – Jorrie Gentzler  
19 – Dottie Lebo  
23 – Steve Goff  
    Dawne Strock  
24 – Ida Rhone  
27 – Kristin Born  
    Doug Ice  
    Linda Neubaum  
28 – Eric Born  
    Janet Howell  
29 – Tom Kennerly  
    Lindsay Neve

### Anniversaries:

10 – Steve & Tina Goff  
    Bryan & Judy Spangler  
14 – Dave & Stacey Kennerly  
16 – Bob & Kristine Zoll  
23 – Wayne & Janet Howell  
26 – Frank & Dawne Strock  
31 – Judd & Judy Brouse



# WEST SHORE

## BAPTIST CHURCH

### SUNDAY SERVICES:

Worship Service — 10:30 AM

Live streaming online and at church

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