WEST SHORE BAPTIST CHURCH

# **UPDATE**

## November 2017 Newsletter

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FROM THE PASTOR



ur new series of expositional sermons will be focused on 1 Peter, "LIVING A GODLY LIFE IN AN UNGODLY WORLD." America has become secular. It has become a "pagan" culture just like in the days of Rome. We can honestly say that we don't live in a *post-Christian* world, but we now live in a *pre-Christian* culture. That is how it was when the church began. Yes, we know there are many believers in America, but the culture around us has become pagan.

How are we to reach them? First, we must remember that they are searching for meaning and purpose in life, just as we were. Peter said, "He has given us new birth into a living hope." Second, we know that people are looking for a group where there is honesty, acceptance, and unity. Acts 2:42-47 refers to the church with a great sense of unity, "And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." The Holy Spirit will not work in a church where there is not that sense of unity. That is an absolute basis for God working and moving in a congregation. We do have a ways to go in developing that spirit among us.

Another basic ingredient is a compassion and willingness to reach out beyond our comfort zone and look for opportunities to share our faith without pushing ourselves on others. No one can refute your testimony. Remember the definition I gave: "Witnessing is sharing Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy and leaving the result to God." Jesus said, "And you shall be my witnesses."



I do sense that there is a stirring of the Spirit among us that will lead to a new beginning for West Shore Baptist Church. A lady in a Midwestern town invited her neighbor many times to attend her church which was close by, only to be turned down many times. One night that church caught on fire, which brought the neighbor out to watch. The church member saw her watching and said, "I didn't think you were interested in church." The neighbor responded, "*I have never seen a church on fire before*."

Pastor Paul

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Daylight Saving Time officially ends at 2 a.m. on *Sunday, November 5.* Remember to turn your clocks *back* one hour.

Please Note: The church office will be closed on *Thursday*, *November 23 and Friday, November 24*, to for the Thanksgiving holiday.

# <u>A Message From the Diaconate</u>

Loves  $\operatorname{GOD}$  with all your  $\bigcirc$ 

By Deacon Ida Rhone

Loving God with your whole heart is the key to everything in life, because your relationship with

God affects everything and everyone in your life. It is impossible to love God too much, however, it is easy to fall short of loving Him with your whole heart.

In a moment of honesty with myself and with the Lord, I asked, "Lord, how can I love you more?" Instantly the Lord responded, "Be thankful." With those two words several Scriptures came to mind and concepts that I had not thought of before: God says in everything give thanks, for this is His will for you in Christ Jesus. Right now you may be saying, "I can't be thankful for the terrible tragedy or wrong that happened to me." You may even be in a current situation that is very painful, but your choice in every situation is to either be angry with God or be thankful. Sometimes we say we love God, but we admit that we are angry with someone who hurt us. If we say, "I love God", and do not love our brother, then we lie—for he who does not love his brother who he has seen, cannot love God who he has not seen. (1John 4:20). If you will decide to be thankful for the situation, recognizing that it is God's will for you, then the hate and anger will be replaced with love—even for the people who have hurt you. Love always brings revelation, allowing us to see things and people in God's light.

Here are a small list of Bible verses to help us give thanks to God always in all things:

- 1) **1 Thessalonians 5:16,** "...give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
- 2) Psalm 107:1, "Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; his steadfast love endures forever."
- 3) Ephesians 5:20, "... always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ."
- 4) Colossians 3:15-17, "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."
- 5) James 1:17, "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."

Here are eight more verses to look up for praising and giving thanks to our Lord and Savior:

*Philippians 4:6, 2 Corinthians 9:15, Psalm 106:1, Psalm 105:1, Colossians 4:2, Psalm 118:1-18, Psalm 20:4, Psalm 30:12.* 

Right now I ask the Lord how I can experience more love for Him, and to reveal anything in my life that I am not thankful for—anything that is blocking my heart's flow of love to Him more.

"Be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another with Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God, the Father, for everything, in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ." **Ephesians 5:18-20** 

"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for us." 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Thank you, Jesus, for your love. *Ida* 

# From the Mission Board



Ministries

FOOD DRIVE

Sunday, November 19 &

Sunday, November 26

Please bring your canned goods on either

Sunday and place them on the Harvest Home

table in the sanctuary for early December

delivery to New Hope Ministries.

# 2017 World Mission Offering

As of October 22, *\$4,234* has been received toward our goal of \$6,000. Thank you for your generosity!



Christmas is about sharing the gift of God's Son, Jesus Christ, with the world. You can help share His love with needy children by taking part in Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child is an outreach of Samaritan's Purse, which is being promoted at West Shore Baptist Church. Your wrapped shoeboxes filled with gifts for boys or girls along with a check for \$9 postage (enclosed in the designated envelope) may be placed in the fover on or before *Sunday*, *November* 19. Candy and toothpaste can no longer be included in the boxes; however, there are Beanie Babies available in the red tub at the display which you can add to your box (1 per box), donated by the Fleming's daughter, Lori Smeal. Look for empty shoeboxes to fill at the Mission Table in the foyer. Share the gift of God's Son with children around the world! Questions? Contact Linda Fleming at (717) 774-3044 or email her at walkingshoes0429@aol.com.





**"Toys for Tots" Parade Outreach on December 2** The Mission Board invites you to participate in a

community outreach event, the "Toys for Tots" parade on *Saturday, December 2,* at 4:00 p.m. Meet on the front lawn where we will be providing refreshments for parade goers, along with flyers with information about WSBC. We would love to see you there being a "LIGHT" in our Camp Hill community. If you would like, you can bring a NEW unwrapped toy for a needy child. Please sign up on your bulletin insert.



Note: Scheduled nursery workers and children's Sunday School teachers are asked to arrive in their designated rooms **10 minutes** ahead of schedule. If you are unable to make your assigned Sunday, please attempt to switch with another volunteer and let the church office know. Contact Dawne Strock, at 796-9257, if you are unable to meet your obligation.

# Happenings and Highlights



## **Advisory Council Meeting**

The Advisory Council *will not meet* in November.

## **Missions Board Meeting**

The Missions Board will meet on *Monday*, *November 13*, at 6:30 p.m. in Room G-4.

## **Board of Trustees Meeting**

The Board of Trustees will meet on *Monday, November 13,* at 6:30 p.m. in Room G-2.

## **Diaconate Board Meeting**

The Diaconate Board will meet on *Tuesday, November 21*, at 6:45 p.m. in Room G-4.

## **Board of Christian Education Meeting**

The Board of Christian Education *will not meet* in November.





## **Faith In Action**

The Faith in Action LIGHT Team will meet on *Tuesday, November 7,* 9:00 a.m. to do general building and grounds maintenance. If you would like to join them, call Richard Zulaica at (717) 255-9085.



## **Deadline** for December UPDATE

The deadline for the submission of articles and announcements for the December UPDATE is *Friday, November 24.* You may forward your input to Bonnie Prior via hard copy or by email to <u>b.prior@wsbc.org</u>.

## Men's Breakfast Fellowship

The next meeting of the Men's Breakfast Fellowship will be at 8:00 a.m. on *Saturday, November 18*, at Bob Evan's in New Cumberland.

All men are invited!



## **Ladies Breakfast Fellowship**

The next meeting of the Women's Breakfast Fellowship will be at 8:00 a.m. on *Saturday, November 18*, at Friendly's in Camp Hill. All women are invited! Please sign up on your bulletin insert.

## Prayer Meetings Continue On Wednesdays

You are invited and encouraged to come to Prayer Meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in Davidson Chapel. Led by Pastor Thompson, these meetings are to pray for our Pastoral Search Committee and the next WSBC Pastor of God's choosing.

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Potluck, Prayer, & Praise Event Sunday, November 19

The Diaconate Board will host a church family potluck supper, along with a prayer and praise gathering on *Sunday, November 19*, beginning with supper at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The prayer and praise gathering will be held at 6:00 p.m. Please sign up on your Sunday bulletin insert.

Persons with last names beginning with *letters* **A**-**J**, please bring a salad or vegetable dish; *letters* **K**-**R**, please bring a main dish; and *letters* **S**-**Z**, please bring a dessert. Questions? Contact Milan Vulich at (717) 599-6070.



# Saturday, December 2

The Diaconate Board is looking for volunteers for the annual "Hanging of the Greens" here at WSBC. If you can lend a hand on *Saturday, December 2,* come to the church at 10:00 a.m. Sign up on your bulletin insert for this chance to make our church festive and joyful this Christmas. Questions? Contact Milan Vulich.



#### "Growing through Grief" Seminar and Support Group

Have you lost someone who was dear to you in recent months or during the past two years? WSBC members and friends are invited to a three-week seminar being hosted by Grane Hospice, 1200 Camp Hill Bypass, Suite 201, Camp Hill, on *Wednesdays, November 1, 8, and 15.* To better accommodate you, we're offering groups at two different times on these dates. One group will meet in the afternoon from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., and one group will meet in the evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The seminar and support group will meet in the Grane Hospice Library.

The main questions we'll explore are these: "How can I grow through this season of grief and loss? What wise counsel and strategies will best enable me to fulfill the four main tasks of healthy grieving? How can I survive the coming holidays?" We want to offer this kind of teaching and support group experience for you and for anyone you may care to invite to this group. Refreshments and

Fre-registration is requested by phoning Grane Hospice at 717-763-4001, ext. 10446.

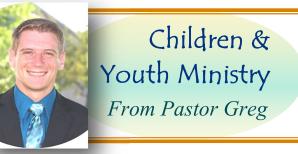
#### **Church Leadership Strategic Planning**

The Advisory Council, all officers, and staff members of the church will participate in a strategic planning and priorities retreat at WSBC on *Saturday, December 9*, at 8:30 a.m. If there are specific topics or ideas anyone would like to be considered for the 2018 church calendar, please contact a member of the Advisory Council. (The regularly scheduled December Advisory Council Meeting on December 5 will be cancelled due to the retreat.)

# Happenings and Highlights



# <u>From the Associate Pastor</u>





Thanksgiving has always been a strange event for me to understand. Families gather together, eat turkey, fellowship, and celebrate what they are thankful for. And yet, rarely does the question arise, "to *whom* 

are we thankful?" Who is this great, omnipotent Being who has so lavished upon us His generosity and grace? Often, we get so caught up in the celebration of "thanksgiving" that we forget to actually give thanks. Aside from the prayer (which often simply serves as a short Segway into the real event, the meal) and possibly a little awkward group sharing about what we're thankful for, Thanksgiving appears to be less about giving thanks and more about getting full. It seems that a holiday of which the main point is being thankful to our loving God would be marked by serious prayer, reflection on God's character and generosity, deliberate celebration of His goodness, repentance from sin, and an attitude of generosity toward others. God's good gifts were not

intended to terminate upon themselves, but rather, point us to a higher and greater gift—God Himself. Turkey and pie don't exist just to taste good and fill our bellies, they point us toward the creative God who thought up the idea of taste buds, who allows us to enjoy the process of eating, and who ordained that humankind would rule over the earth and subdue it. Turkey and pie are intended to lead to worship. Fellowship with family isn't good simply because it's nice to get together again; fellowship points us to our God who has existed in the infinitely joyous fellowship of the Trinity for all of eternity. Every good gift is from God and is intended to direct us back to God in worship. Let us pray that God would grant us an increasing awareness of His splendid glory by means of the good gifts within our day to day lives.



Soli Deo Gloria Associate Pastor Greg Kabakjian



WEEK OF HOPE YOUTH MISSION TRIP

# **June 17—22, 2018** Charleston, South Carolina

Youth, here is an opportunity to follow Christ's call to serve others by joining the team going to South Carolina in June 2018. You'll share the grace of God by helping to rebuild a community while having fun and strengthening relationships with friends. Speak with Pastor Greg for more details.

#### A Thanksgiving Offering of Time and Talent My Christian Service Enlistment at WSBC for 2018 When Everyone Works, No One Overworks. When *Everyone Serves* Our Team Work will Divide the Effort and Multiply the Effect.

Jesus Christ has done so much for me that I want to serve him by serving others! The lines checked below indicate areas where I'm willing to serve based on my spiritual gifts, interests, abilities, and experience. As I am able and needed, with the Lord's help, I want to offer my service on LIGHT teams or groups working in these areas during 2018:

Please fill out your area of interest even if you have served in it previously.

#### Diaconate: Worship & Fellowship

- Choir \_\_ Hand Bells \_\_ Praise Team Drama Team \_\_ Sound Booth Team \_\_ Technology Team \_\_ Usher \_\_ Greeter \_\_ Scripture Readers \_\_ New Member Mentor \_\_ Pew Crew \_\_ Communion and Baptism Preparation Communion Server
- Kitchen Crew Coffee Café Team
- "Make a Meal" Homebound Ministry
- Serving With Artistic Talent (SWAT)
- "Caring Friends" Visitation Team
- Prayer Fellowship LIGHT Team
- Special Events Facility Coordinator
- \_\_Serve on a Fellowship LIGHT Team
- \_Interested in Serving on the Diaconate
- \_Other: \_

#### Missions: Outreach & Social Concern

- Assist w/Community Outreach Events
  Support A.B. Men's Breakfast Group
  Personal/Servant Evangelism Efforts
  Prayer Ministries \_\_Literature Rack
  Plan Special Mission Event/Emphases
  Missionary Correspondence/Updates
  Assist w/Mission Moments/Promotion
  Support/Serve WSBC Mission Teams
  Public Relations Outreach Team
  (PRO Team): Provide Media PR
  Website Support
  Assist w/ABCOPAD/Harrisburg Assn
  Assist w/Sister Church Fellowships
  Interested in Missions Board Service
- Other:

### **Christian Education: Discipleship**

Provide Nursery/Toddler Childcare Teach/Help in Children's Sun. School Serve in Children's Ministry or VBS Assist with Teaching/Substitute Middle & Sr. High Sunday School Serve on the Youth Ministry Team Assist/Chaperone Youth Event/Outing Teach/Assist an Adult Sunday Class Lead/Host Home-Based Small Group Lead/Assist w/WSBC Camps/Retreats Oversee/Assist WSBC Library/Media Interested in Serving on the CE Board Other:

#### **Trustees: Management & Ministry**

Assist w/Faith in Action Maintenance		
PaintingElectricalPlumbing		
Carpentry Other:		
Flower/Shrub Care/Weeding		
Early Morn Sidewalk Snow Removal		
Organize/Help on Special Work Days		
Assist w/Facilities Improvements		
Assist Church Finances/Budget		
Assist w/Stewardship Educ.& Support		
Assist Personnel Oversight / Review		
Assist w/WSBC Policies / Procedures		
Assist w/Ministry Data/People Bank		
Assist w/Leadership Educ.& Devlpmt.		
Church Office Manager Assistance		
(Computer skills required)		
Interested in Trustees Board Service		
Otheru		

\_\_\_\_Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail

# November 2017



NOVEMBER 2017



# West Shore Baptist Church seeks to be a L.I.G.H.T. to our Community by...

Loving God in celebrative worship in order to *magnify* His wonderful name Inviting Friends and sharing a caring witness as part of our life *mission* Growing Together in uplifting fellowship encouraging faith and church *membership* Helping Others and empowering growing disciples to engage in God-shaped *ministry* Teaching Truth and equipping disciples to develop Christ-like spiritual *maturity* 

West Shore Baptist Church 2025 Market Street Camp Hill, PA 17011

#### SUNDAY SERVICES:

Traditional Worship — 9:00 AM Christian Education Hour— 9:00 AM Coffee Café —10:00 AM LifeHouse Worship — 10:30 AM Christian Education Hour— 10:30 AM

We're on the web! Visit: www.wsbc.org