



WEST SHORE BAPTIST CHURCH

# UPDATE

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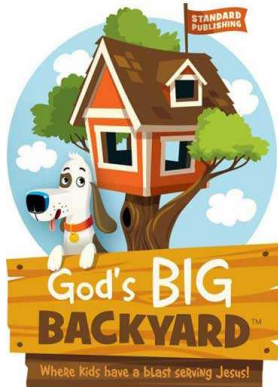
**WSBC's Interim Pastor**  
*Rev. Dr. Paul Thompson*

West Shore Baptist Church welcomes the Rev. Dr. Paul Thompson as our Interim Pastor. The following is a brief note from Pastor Paul:

*Sue and I are looking forward to joining you during the interim time. My primary purpose will be to help prepare West Shore Baptist Church for your next pastor and to maintain the ministry functions while the search goes on. Transitions are difficult but necessary in life in so many ways, but Sue and I want to be an encouragement to you all. Remember, growth demands change. Sometimes it is difficult, but it is how we all handle it that determines how we come out on top. Let's not wait until your next pastor joins you, but reach out to those who need Jesus.*

*Pastor Paul*

VBS is this month . . . July 24 through July 27



Vacation Bible School at WSBC will be held **Monday, July 24, through Thursday, July 27, from 6:00 — 8:00 p.m.** At "God's BIG Backyard," children will enjoy songs, skits, games, food, and fun while learning from Bible stories centered on the theme of serving. Registration forms are available online at [www.wsbc.org](http://www.wsbc.org) or you can pick up a printed copy at the VBS Welcome Center and in the children's classrooms.



JULY 2017

NEWSLETTER

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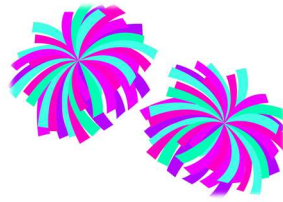
*Please note: The church office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th.*

**UNITY SERVICES  
AT 10:30 A.M.  
THIS SUMMER**



## *A Message From the Diaconate*

# Are You Rooting for



By Russ Miller

# Tim Tebow ???



Let's begin with a totally unrelated riddle: *What is another name for a contortionist in the Philippines?* (Answer given later, but there is a clue in the article.)

Tim Tebow, arguably the greatest collegiate football star of this generation, is now playing the outfield for a low-level minor league affiliate of the New York Mets. Tim is 29 years-old and had not played any organized baseball since high school. I'll get back to his baseball career later as initially I want to look at his football career and why no team will employ him.

Despite his collegiate accomplishments, there were many doubters regarding how Tim's skills would transfer to the professional level. He became the starting quarterback in his second season with the Denver Broncos. At the time Denver had a 1-4 record. Despite not putting up gaudy statistics, Tebow had this penchant for winning games with last minute rallies. He led Denver to the playoffs and even recorded a playoff victory over our beloved Pittsburgh Steelers. A young quarterback who takes over a struggling team and leads them to the playoffs is generally in line for a lucrative new contract. Instead Tim never started another game, only played sparingly in a few games, and was out of the league a year later? Odd but true.

When something like that happens, there is usually a story behind the player's release, either legal problems or, too often, drugs. Tim was just the opposite. He was too good of a person. He was a devout Christian. He would kneel, look to the heavens, and pray in the end zone after scoring a touchdown (a practice that mockingly became known as Tebowing). Like many players, he used black eye shadow to reduce glare, except Tim would script Biblical verses into the eye-shadow - a practice later outlawed. He openly talked about saving his virginity until after he would get married. He came by his faith honestly. His parents were Baptist missionaries in the Philippines. Tim was the youngest of five children and was actually born in Manila in 1997.



Tim's birth is a story in itself. While pregnant with him, his mother contracted an amoebic dysentery and was in a coma for some time. Doctors expected Tim would be stillborn and they recommended an abortion. Because of their faith, the parents would not agree to an abortion, so Tim, their "miracle baby", was born. He was not only healthy, but became an amazing athlete.

Whether or not Tim Tebow should be a starting NFL quarterback is a question I'm not qualified to answer. Frankly the answer is probably *no*, but the way he was unceremoniously bounced from the league is neither normal nor right. It certainly appears he was cut because teams did not want to deal with any distractions that may arise from his faith. A young quarterback with a win-

## *A Message From the Diaconate* (continued from page 1)

ning record (and a playoff win to boot) should at the very least be on a roster. He could probably hire a hot shot lawyer and make a strong discrimination case, but that's not Tim Tebow.

Instead, he took a job as a TV football analyst. I'm sure he was well paid, but Tim still had that desire to compete, so recently he decided to give baseball a try. He had no trouble getting a team (the N.Y. Mets) to sign him—probably as a publicity stunt. Tim will put a lot of curious football fans in empty minor league seats, so this is a financial win for the Mets. At this writing, he is doing surprisingly well, but realistically he is a physically mature 29 year-old playing against mostly 19 year-olds, so his chances of making it to the majors remain very slim indeed. But I, for one, am rooting for Tim Tebow.

What can we learn from Tim Tebow? Plenty! But if I had to choose one word, it would be COURAGE. Tim had to have been told by teammates, coaches, friends, and most certainly his agent, that his career would be better off if he did not openly display his faith. He showed tremendous courage by sticking to his beliefs regardless of the consequences. Do we do that? Without going out on a limb, most of us could probably improve in that area.

It just isn't fair what this good guy has had to endure with regard to his football career. Recently another star football player, former New England Patriot Aaron Hernandez, was in the news for



committing suicide in his prison cell while serving a life sentence for murder. Ironically he had just been acquitted of an unrelated double homicide only a week before his suicide. The guy had a rap sheet a mile long, but hypothetically if he had somehow been released from prison, teams would have been lining up to sign this troubled tight end. He was a very good receiver and—by the way—his friend and college quarterback was Tim Tebow.

(Riddle answer : *A manila folder*)



***2017 2nd Quarter Business Meeting***  
***Sunday, July 16***  
***11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary***

### **Church Board and Committee Reports for the 2nd Quarter of 2017**

Officers, board and committee chairpersons are asked to email or hand-deliver their quarterly report for the period April 1 through June 30, 2017, to Bonnie Prior ([b.prior@wsbc.org](mailto:b.prior@wsbc.org)) on or before *Monday, July 10*, for inclusion in the quarterly report.



## *From the Mission Board*

### *"Together We Can Beat Hunger"*

#### Summer Food Drive

Once again this year, the Mission Board is sponsoring the "Together We Can Beat Hunger" Summer Food Drive to benefit *The Bridge* food pantry in New Cumberland (now supported by New Hope Ministries). On **Sunday, July 2**, the Mission Board will be handing out reusable grocery tote bags. Fill the tote with non-perishable food items and return it to a designated area in the back of Fellowship Hall. Take an extra bag or two if you can. This food drive will run through July, August, and September. *The Bridge* is a ministry sponsored by Harrisburg Christian Churches United, which our church supports through the Missions budget. Summer is the hardest time of the year for the poor in our area. With school not in session, kids aren't receiving school lunches. Please be generous. The Mission Board wishes to thank all of you for your support of this ministry over the years. This is one of WSBC's best supported ministries, and is deeply appreciated by *The Bridge*! Questions? Call Steve Campbell at 774-4186.



#### 2017 One Great Hour of Sharing Update

Our OGHS collection stands at **\$4,974**. Thank you for giving!



## BETHESDA MISSION

#### Men's Bible Fellowship Group

There are opportunities over the summer for men to serve at Bethesda Mission's soup kitchen. The next opportunity is on **Wednesday, July 26**. Additional dates are **August 23**, and **September 27**. Please contact Steve Campbell at (717) 774-4186 if you plan to serve at the soup kitchen on any of these dates.

#### LifeHouse Leadership Council Forming



A LifeHouse Leadership Council is being formed to oversee the LifeHouse worship services at WSBC. If you are interested in serving in this way, please sign up on your bulletin insert. Questions? Speak with Pastor Greg.



### *Coffee Café Changes!*

During the months of July and August, when we will be having Unity Services, Coffee Café will be scaled back to one simple snack and coffee, from 10:00 – 10:20 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This will allow our Coffee Café staff time to go to the Unity Service.



**Anniversaries:**

- 2 Dave & Donna Sweigard
- 3 James & Joan Waring
- 9 Barrie & Pat Dieffenbach
- 10 Terry & Linda Fleming
- 29 Ron & Candy Barth  
Ernie & Monsy Lopez
- 30 Steve & Gayle Campbell



**Birthdays:**

- 1 Tricia Kowalczyk  
Wayne Howell
- 3 Connor Born
- 4 Katerina Kindig
- 5 Pam Norford  
Veronica Lopez
- 6 Barrie Dieffenbach
- 9 Helen Harmon
- 10 Dennis Boyer
- 16 Janet Harvey
- 18 Ernie Lopez
- 25 Dick Johnson
- 26 Madeline Waring
- 27 Olivia Alford  
Linda Walton
- 28 Gayle Campbell
- 29 Rachel Rodgers
- 31 Daniel Torchilo



*July* ★★

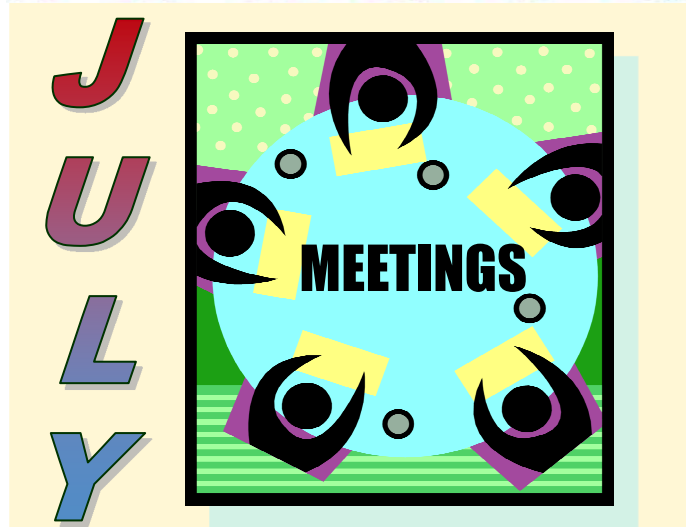
**Childcare Schedule**



DATE	NURSERY 9:00 AM	NURSERY 10:30 AM
July 2	Dawne Strock Ida Rhone	Gayle Campbell Becky Gentzler
July 9	Jayne Metz Cheryl Montgomery	Gayle Campbell Becky Gentzler
July 16	Judy Brouse Rose Sleboda	Linda Fleming Lisa Fleming
July 23	Kristin Born Patty McCown	Gayle Campbell Mary Hartman
July 30	Dawne Strock Ida Rhone	Becky Gentzler Edie Kennerly

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 meet on *Tuesday, July 11*, at 6:30 p.m. in Room G-2



### Missions Board Meeting

The Missions Board will meet on *Monday, July 10*, at 6:30 p.m. in Room G-4.

### Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees will meet on *Monday, July 10*, at 6:30 p.m. in Room G-2.

### Board of Christian Education Meeting

The Board of Christian Education will meet on *Tuesday, July 18*, at 6:30 p.m. in G-2.

### Diaconate Board Meeting

The Diaconate Board will meet on *Tuesday, July 18*, at 6:45 p.m. in Room G-4.



**UPDATE**

## *Directory*

### *Email Address Update:*

**Kim Mankey**  
kimberlymankey@gmail.com

### *Address Update:*

**Richard & Ann Loucks**  
1417 N. 3rd. Street  
Reading, PA 19604

**Zach & Andrea Dunkle**  
1725 Fountain Rock Rd.  
Dover, PA 17315

**Jacob & Kristina Sprecher**  
114 Golden Eye Ct.  
Chester, MD 21619

**Stephanie Strock**  
1243 Community Drive  
Morgantown, WV 26505

### **Faith In Action**



The Faith in Action LIGHT Team will meet on *Tuesday, July 11*, at 9:00 a.m. to do general building and grounds maintenance. If you would like to join them, contact Ken Whitcomb at (717) 732-0348.



### **Deadline for August UPDATE**

The deadline for the submission of articles & announcements for the August UPDATE newsletter is *Monday, July 24*. You may forward your input to Bonnie Prior via hard copy or by email to [b.prior@wsbc.org](mailto:b.prior@wsbc.org).

## Happenings and Highlights

### **American Baptist Women's Ministries Conference 2017**

**Friday—Sunday, July 14-16**  
Shippensburg University

For questions or registration materials, contact Gayle Campbell at [gpcamp@verizon.net](mailto:gpcamp@verizon.net), or call 717-774-4186.



*Micca Campbell*

### **2017 A.B. Men's Retreat** Shippensburg University, July 28—July 30



*Steve Etner*

Information and registration forms can be found on the men's bulletin board in the foyer and on the Welcome Center table.

### Men's Breakfast Fellowship

The next meeting of the Men's Breakfast Fellowship will be at 8:00 a.m. on **Saturday, July 15**, at Friendly's in Camp Hill. 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, July 15**, at Bob Evan's, Limekiln Rd. in New Cumberland. All women are invited! Please sign up on your bulletin insert.



**Memorial Day Parade**  
**Outreach Event • May 29, 2017**

*The WSBC "Sonshine Singers" participated in the Camp Hill Memorial Day Parade.*

**Greg & Alexis Kabakjian**  
9 Sheffield Dr.  
Dillsburg, PA 17019  
(717) 877-6055



## *From the Christian Education Board*



Children &  
Youth Ministry  
*From Pastor Greg*



## **JULY EVENTS**

- 4**—Youth Hangout (6:00 -8:00 p.m.)
- 8**—Summer Cookout for all children and youth at Pastor Greg's home (5:00 p.m.)
- 16**—Youth Hangout (6:00 -8:00 p.m.)
- 19**—Youth Tubing trip (10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.)

The current political climate in America is bizarre and unusual, to say the least. With heightened passion comes heightened tension, and political passion at every point on the spectrum seems to have skyrocketed. In the midst of an unending barrage by the media, relentless news anchors, astringent bloggers, and poorly informed (yet strongly opinionated) Facebook posts, it's nearly impossible to not be influenced in some regard concerning the present state of our nation. I'm writing to change that and to solve all of your political problems. Just kidding! Asking me to give an informed political opinion would be like asking a four year-old to lecture on theoretical quantum physics. Instead, I'm writing to remind all of us of three biblical truths that, as Christians, we would all be wise to remember, regardless of political persuasion.






1. **You are an alien.** No, you're not a little green guy; and no, you (probably) don't have antennas sticking from the top of your head, but you are an alien in this world. Peter calls Christians "sojourners" and "exiles" (1 Pet. 2:11). Paul reminds the Philippians that their "citizenship is in heaven" (Phil. 3:20). And Jesus tells us that we are "not of this world" (John 15:19). As Christians, we must remember that America is not our home, heaven is. We are exiles in this foreign (and temporary) country of America. We don't belong here and we won't stay here long. We are aliens.
2. **Jesus is Lord.** This should be a solace to every believer. It is in Christ that all things hold together (Col. 1:17). The Trinity works everything to its perfect end (Proverbs 16:4). God appoints kings, tears them down, and gives governmental authority to whomever He chooses (Rom. 13:1). Jesus providentially reigns over all, perfectly executing His perfect will. This is not an excuse for inactivity or prayerlessness, but is a cause for unshakable Christian peace.
3. **We have a future hope.** Christ will return to rescue His bride and to deliver everlasting torment to those who oppose Him (Matt. 25:46). He will make all things new and right (Rev. 21:5). He will correct the wrongs and bring justice where it is due. Those who have mocked the glory of God will be the object of His righteous indignation, but the saints will spend an eternity experiencing the most pleasurable thing there is to experience – Christ Himself. No matter who you are, if you are a Christian, you have hope. Maranatha.

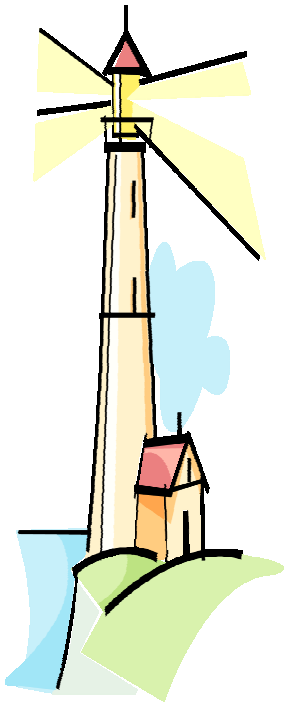
Soli Deo Gloria  
Associate Pastor Greg Kabakjian



# Calendar of Events

July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>25</p> <p>Celebration of Ministry</p> <p>9am - All Sunday School Classes</p> <p>10am - Memories and Music @</p> <p>10:30am - Unity Service @</p> <p>11:45am - Luncheon for Brulands</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>4th of July</p> <p>9am - Church Office Closed</p>  <p>Happy 4th of July</p>	<p>28</p> <p>4:15pm - Men's Group at</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>2</p> <p>9am - Christian Ed Classes</p> <p>10am - Coffee Cafe</p> <p>10:30am - Unity Worship @</p> <p>11:45am - LifeHouse Band</p> <p>11:45am - Prayer LIGHT Team @</p> <p>6pm - Youth Hangout</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>5pm - Children and Youth</p> 
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*West Shore Baptist Church  
seeks to be a  
L.I.G.H.T. to our Community by...*

**L**oving God in celebrative worship in order to *magnify* His wonderful name

**I**nviting Friends and sharing a caring witness as part of our life *mission*

**G**rowing Together in uplifting fellowship encouraging faith and church *membership*

**H**elping Others and empowering growing disciples to engage in God-shaped *ministry*

**T**eaching Truth and equipping disciples to develop Christ-like spiritual *maturity*

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**SUNDAY SERVICES:**

Traditional Worship — 9:00 AM  
Christian Education Hour — 9:00 AM  
Fellowship Time — 10:00 AM  
LifeHouse Worship — 10:30 AM  
Christian Education Hour — 10:30 AM

**We're on the web!**  
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