



WEST SHORE BAPTIST CHURCH

# UPDATE

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NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PASTOR



Apostle Paul addressed the Ephesians as saints and faithful in Christ Jesus. In verse 15, he uses two profound thoughts: your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints. This is what Sue and I found here at West Shore Baptist Church.

Since we see you only one day a week, please be patient with us as we learn your names and get acquainted with all of you. We have already experienced your love for the Lord and for each other.

As we look to future sermons, I feel most comfortable going through a book of the Bible and seeking to make it come alive and be relevant for our everyday lives. Here is the plan for the next weeks ahead:

- Ephesians 1:15-23—Awesomeness of God's Power
- Ephesians 2:1-10—Made Alive
- Ephesians 2:11-20—Breaking Down the Wall
- Ephesians 3:1-13—The Mysterious Plan
- Ephesians 3:14-21—Deep and Wide
- Ephesians 4:1-6—The Unity Factor
- Ephesians 4:7-16—Understanding Spiritual Gifts
- Ephesians 4:17-24—Living As Children of Light
- Ephesians 4:25-31—Living By God's Standards
- Ephesians 5:1-20—Part 2
- Ephesians 5:21-9—Inspired Relationships
- Ephesians 5:10-19—The Real Battle



Unless the Lord directs otherwise, I trust I will be able to make Ephesians become so real to you that you will never forget what Apostle Paul said, not only to the church then, but how it applies to our lives today. Let's enjoy our time together as our Search Committee searches for your next pastor, and remember to pray earnestly for him.

*Pastor Paul*

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Would you like to hear last week's sermon again? WSBC Sermon Audios are now available on the website.



## *A Message From the Diaconate*

**By Deacon Ida Rhone**  
*Inspired by 1 Corinthians 13*



The apostle Paul originally wrote this eloquent passage on love for the community in Corinth which was deep in conflict and dissension, to the point of its future being in peril. Paul established this Christian community in Corinth (in present-day Greece) less than twenty years after the crucifixion of Jesus. Through his powerful preaching and teaching, people from all walks of life had come together to live, not according to the culture, but to follow a way of life based on God's love.

Paul loved this community, so imagine his shock and despair when two years later, in Ephesus (in present-day Turkey), he received word that his beloved community was in crisis. What happened? Instead of following Christ's teaching, the Corinthians had become arrogant about their new-found spirituality. They were living self-centered lives rather than loving one another, so Paul wrote a

letter imploring them to return to living as Jesus taught - based on God's love.

Paul's message asserts the permanence of love, contrasting it with other spiritual expressions that are more transitory. Paul was convinced that at the heart of the world is God's desire for all people to experience love and give love. At the end of time, when God completes His good and loving purposes, nothing but love will matter. We won't need faith or hope anymore, as all will be fulfilled in God, but love will remain for eternity! Love is the constant which endures from this imperfect world, now until the perfect time to come.

Why have Paul's words endured for over two millennia? Perhaps because our hearts resonate with Paul's conviction that love is all we need—as complicated and conflicted as that can sometimes seem. Love is a power, a force that is unfathomable, immeasurable, eternal, and abiding. To love—to truly love—is to participate in God's love for us which believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. No matter what life gives us, God's love never fails and never ends.

### *1 Corinthians 13*

*If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.*

*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always preserves.*

*Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me.*

*Now we see but a poor reflection; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.*

*And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.*

## From the Mission Board



### 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, August 23*. An additional date is *September 27*. Please contact Steve Campbell at (717) 774-4186 if you plan to serve at the soup kitchen on any of these dates.

### "Together We Can Beat Hunger"

#### Summer Food Drive

Our "Together We Can Beat Hunger" Summer Food Drive is well underway. This food drive benefits *The Bridge* food pantry in New Cumberland (now supported by New Hope Ministries). Reusable grocery tote are available in Fellowship Hall. Take an extra bag or two if you can, fill it and return it to the designated tables in Fellowship Hall. The food drive will run through August, and September. 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.



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### **Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, September 22, 2017**

WSBC will hold its next Red Cross Blood Drive on *Friday, September 22, 2017* from 11:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A LIGHT Team is forming. Please sign up on your bulletin insert to volunteer. Questions? Contact Steve Campbell at 774-4186.



**American  
Red Cross**



# August



## Anniversaries:

- 1 Cameron & Ashley Jennings
- 3 Dick & Brenda Webb
- 6 Charlie & Brigid Alford
- 14 Steven & Jayne Metz
- 19 Albie & Diana Thompson  
Milan & Cheryl Vulich
- 22 Ken & Carol Saltzer
- 23 Fred & Dottie Lebo
- 25 Roland & Monica Carpenter
- 27 Al & Carol Sweigard  
Ken & Bev Whitcomb
- 31 H. Art & Suzanne Nixon



## Birthdays:

- 2 Charles Bihl  
Ella Pollard
- 3 Judy Maurer
- 6 Robert Phillips
- 10 Peter Bruland
- 11 Carol Sweigard
- 12 Will Thompson
- 18 Rev. Betty Norford  
Deena Kennedy
- 20 Odette Hoffman  
Fred Lebo
- 21 Gary Dambach  
Josh Kowalczyk
- 24 Albie Thompson
- 25 Cal Stevens
- 27 Moses Torchilo
- 28 Emily Foster
- 29 Jesse Barth  
Sheri Connor

## Childcare Schedule



DATE	NURSERY 9:00 AM	NURSERY 10:30 AM
August 6	Jayne Metz Anne Bihl	Linda Fleming Lisa Fleming
August 13	Rose Sleboda Cheryl Montgomery	Mary Hartman Cheryl Montgomery
August 20	Ida Rhone Judy Brouse	Gayle Campbell Becky Gentzler
August 27	Kristin Born Patty McCown	Edie Kennerly Mary Hartman

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, August 1*, at 6:30 p.m. in Room G-2

### Missions Board Meeting

The Missions Board will meet on *Monday, August 14*, at 6:30 p.m. in Room G-4.

### Board of Trustees Meeting

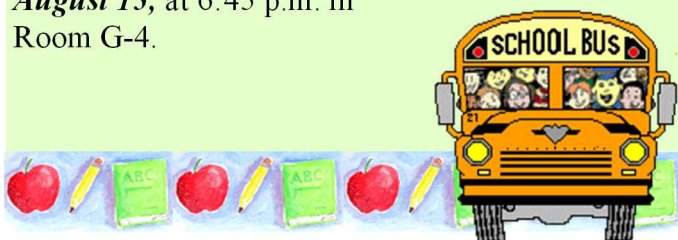
The Board of Trustees *will not meet* in the month of August.

### Board of Christian Education Meeting

The Board of Christian Education *will not meet* in the month of August.

### Diaconate Board Meeting

The Diaconate Board will meet on *Tuesday, August 15*, at 6:45 p.m. in Room G-4.



**UPDATE**

## *Directory*

### Address & Phone Update:

**Eric & Kristin Born**  
1065 Lewisberry Ave.  
Lewisberry, PA 17339  
(717) 743-4585—Eric  
(717) 743-4586—Kristin

### Address Update

**Pearl Tomlinson**  
7691 Easton Club Rd.  
Easton, MD 21601

### Address Update

**Eryn Frischkorn**  
3674 Pampas Circle  
Chambersburg, PA 17201

### Address Update

**Dustin & Rebekah  
(Frischkorn) Mulcahey**  
29 Vasser Street  
Rochester, NY 14607

### Address Update

**Joe & Rachel Gifford**  
227 Brindle Road  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

### **Faith In Action**



The Faith in Action LIGHT Team will meet on *Tuesday, August 1*, 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.



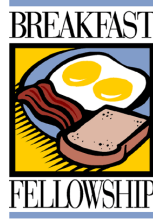
### **Deadline for September UPDATE**

The deadline for the submission of articles & announcements for the September UPDATE newsletter is *Friday, August 25*. 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*

### Men's Breakfast Fellowship

The next meeting of the Men's Breakfast Fellowship will be at 8:00 a.m. on *Saturday, August 19*, at Bob Evans 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, August 19*, at Bob Evans in New Cumberland. All women are invited! Please sign up on your bulletin insert.



### All-Church Work Day

The Board of Trustees will hold an All-Church Work Day on *Saturday, September 9*, beginning at 8:00 a.m. All members and friends are invited to lend a hand! Sign up on your bulletin insert to help make the church sparkle!



**CHURCH  
WORKDAY**



Have pictures from this summer's WSBC group events that you'd like to share? Send your pictures for inclusion in the next UPDATE newsletter to [b.prior@wsbc.org](mailto:b.prior@wsbc.org) or bring them to the church office.



Interested in joining the  
Sonshine Singers or Beacon Bell  
Ringers this fall?  
Contact Carol Saltzer at  
(717) 383-9740.

### Church Picnic

Stay tuned for more information on WSBC's annual Church Picnic to be held in September!



## *From the Christian Education Board*

### WSBC 2017 Baldwin Scholarship



The Board of Christian Education is pleased to announce that Charles McCown, Jr. has received the WSBC Baldwin Student Scholarship this year. Charles submitted a Scholarship essay, along with reference letters, and was awarded the Scholarship by the Board. He will be continuing his degree work toward his Master's in Music Performance, Brass Specialist at Michigan State University. Congratulations Charles!

## *From the Christian Education Board* (continued from page 6)



Children &  
Youth Ministry  
*From Pastor Greg*

## **AUGUST EVENTS**

- 6**—Youth Group (6:00 -8:00 p.m.)  
**20**—Youth Group (6:00 -8:00 p.m.)  
**23**—Youth Tubing Trip (10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.)  
*(rescheduled)*

## *From the Associate Pastor*

Friends,

In light of my most recent studies from the book of Philippians, I'd like to explore a theological problem with you. God has revealed himself in written words. Therefore, participles, prepositions, articles, and all the rest are not only of grammatical, but theological significance. As John Piper once wrote "Your life depends on the meaning of little words. 'Soldier get *in* your fox-hole now!' If you think 'in' means 'out,' you're dead! The stakes are even higher with 'justified *by* faith.' Or, '*in* this hope we were saved.' Or, 'created *in* Christ Jesus *for* good works.' Or, '*On account of* these the wrath of God is coming.'" The discussion, here, in Philippians 2:7, centers on one small word. But that doesn't mean it is trivial. In fact, it is the opposite of trivial! Allow me to explain why...

**The Problem:** In the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, German and English scholars conceived a new perspective on Christ's incarnation. These scholars came to be known as "kenotic theologians" and the theory as the "kenosis theory" because the debate centered on Philippians 2:7, in which, Paul (or whoever wrote the Christ Hymn) used the verb kenoó (κενόω) with Christ as its subject. Kenotic theologians argued that kenoó meant "I empty" or "I deprive of content" based off a literalistic interpretation of the verb. With

this understanding of kenoó, they argued that Christ "emptied himself" of certain divine attributes in his incarnation.

**The Problem with the Problem:** Aside from the various negative theological conclusions that could be drawn from this view of the incarnation, a Kenotic theory also misunderstands the Pauline use of the verb kenoó. Kenosis theologians argue that because kenoó is so closely tied to the adjective kenos (κενός), which means empty, vain, or hollow, and is used in a literal sense, kenoó must also have the semantic possibility of being used literally. But however true in theory this might be, it is highly unlikely that Paul intended to use kenoó to mean Christ literally emptied himself of divine attributes. Paul is the only author in the entire New Testament to use this verb. He uses it five times (Rom. 4:14, 1 Cor. 1:7, 1 Cor. 9:15, 2 Cor. 9:3, and Phil. 5:7). Here's the problem with the problem: every single other time Paul uses this verb, he uses it metaphorically. He never uses it to describe some type of contents being emptied from a container. It is with terms like "the promise," "the cross," and "boasting," that kenoó is used. As Dennis E. Johnson writes, "Paul's use of the verb is not to invite the question "When Jesus 'emptied' himself, *of what* did he empty himself?" Paul's point, rather, is that Christ 'emptied' *himself* – made *himself* power-

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## ***From the Associate Pastor*** (continued from page 7)

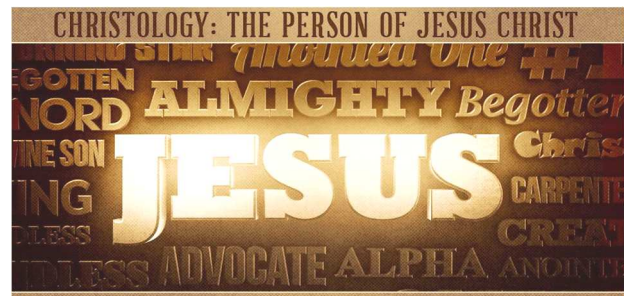
less, ineffective. He embraced a role of insignificance and impotence, assuming “the form of a servant.” In light of Paul’s usage of *kenoó*, discourse on humility in 2:1-4, his use of Christ as an example, and his lack of commands for the Philippians to “give up” their own attributes, a more appropriate translation would be “he humbled himself,” with the remainder of verse seven describing the means and depth of his exemplary humility.

**More Problems with the Problem:** We must also be careful, as always, not to read our own thoughts into the text. The Philippians passage *does not* say anything like “Christ emptied himself of specific divine attributes” or “Christ temporarily gave up omniscience.” Even if we were to translate *ἐκένωσεν* as “he emptied,” we ought not to go so far beyond the information that the text divulges and assume things the text doesn’t speak about. Especially when Philippians 2:7 itself defines this ‘emptying’ for us. Paul elaborates on what he meant by *kenoó* when he says Jesus emptied/humbled himself “by taking the form of a slave/bondservant!” Christ did not empty/humble himself by *discarding* his divine perfections, but by *adding* on a complete human nature! John Frame articulates this well when he says “Jesus’ self-humbling is an example for the believers in Philippi, to serve one another rather than themselves. This is an ethical point, not a metaphysical one. Paul is telling them to behave differently, not to divest their metaphysical status (finite humanity) to become something else.” Besides what was stated previously, there are several other reasons to reject kenosis theories of the incarnation. First, no recognized theologian in the first 1,800 years of church history, including those for whom koine Greek was their native tongue, ever taught *kenóō* to mean that Christ gave up any divine attributes. The position is new and lacks historical backing. Finally, and possibly most importantly, the kenosis view doesn’t fit with the wider teachings of the New

Testament concerning the divinity of Jesus Christ. Scripture teaches that Jesus was fully God while on earth. All the fullness of God dwelled within him (Col. 1:19, Col. 2:9). Jesus repeatedly claimed to be God and his followers contended for his deity unapologetically (John 1:1, Rev. 22:13, 1 Cor. 8:6, Heb. 1:10-12, John 8:58). Jesus was omnipotent (Matt. 8:26-27). Jesus was eternal (John 8:58). Jesus was omniscient (Mark 2:8, John 1:48, John 21:17). Jesus was omnipresent (Matt. 18:20, Matt. 28:20). Jesus was sovereign (Matt. 11:25-27).

**The Solution to the Problem:** As Christians who accept a Chalcedonian Christology, we would be more biblically consistent to reject kenotic theories of the incarnation and interpret *ἐκένωσεν* as “he humbled himself.” The person of the Son is eternal. In the incarnation, he took on a second nature, stooping and voluntarily condescending to do so. He remained one person and within him dwelled the fullness of God; all while still having a fully human nature. This is how it had to have been, for none other than the God-man himself could have attempted the rescue of God’s people and succeeded. We will never fully understand the infinite mysterious perfections of our God, but we can affirm what the Bible affirms. He is complex. He is a mystery. And he is our Lord. Let us praise our Lord for who he is and who he has revealed himself to be.

Soli Deo Gloria,  
-Associate Pastor Greg Kabakjian







# August 2017

## Calendar of Events

AUGUST 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>30</p> <p>AB Men's Conference</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>	31	<p>1</p> <p>9am - Faith In Action</p> <p>6:30pm - Advisory Council</p>	2	3	4	5
<p>6</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 Group</p>	7	8	9	10	11	12
<p>13</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>14</p> <p>6:30pm - Board of Trustees Mtg</p> <p>6:30pm - Mission Board Mtg @</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:45pm - Diaconate Board Mtg @</p>	16	17	18	<p>19</p> <p>8am - Ladies Fellowship</p> <p>8am - Men's Fellowship</p> 
<p>20</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 Group</p>	21	22	<p>23</p> <p>10am - Youth Tubing Trip</p> <p>4:15pm - Men's Group at</p> 	24	25	26
<p>27</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>	28	29	30	31	<p>Pray for educators, children and their parents as a new school year begins!</p> 	



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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**

**This Summer:**

**Christian Education Hour— 9:00 AM**

**Fellowship Time—10:00 AM**

**Unity Worship — 10:30 AM**

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