



UPDATE

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FROM THE PASTOR



From my experience in pastoring both small and large ministries and observing others, I found a working principle that has no exceptions. The difference between those who grow and those who are stagnant is found in unity and vision. So many smaller churches across America go through their routine Sunday after Sunday with no vision, and worship soon dwindles down to a social meeting in the name of God with no expectations for reaching people for Christ. My question is, “Does this apply to our ministry here at West Shore Baptist Church?”

In last Sunday’s message Apostle Paul was quoted, “Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” I have found that the Holy Spirit will not work when a church is divided. It is not always from a major conflict, but it can happen through attrition—just drifting apart. Just like what can happen in a marriage.



Apostle Paul stated, “make every effort . . .” which means it is a commitment and it is work. It means putting the interest of others before ours. It means we have to give up some of our interest for the sake of the body.

I don’t think we want to settle for second best, but it requires sacrifice on everyone’s part to do what God has called us to do in fulfilling the Great Commission—to start at home first and then go out into the world. As I stated in the message in the book of Acts, the disciples were in one accord, and then the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. Another power principle! When there is unity, the Lord added to their number.

Let’s make every effort to build the Spirit of unity, and then come expecting the Lord to do great things among us, not just hoping something happens, but doing that which requires a greater commitment from all of us.

Pastor Paul



SEPTEMBER 2017
NEWSLETTER

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LABOR DAY September 4, 2017

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 4, for the Labor Day holiday.



SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 30
Adams-Ricci Park

A Message From the Diaconate

Suffering and Increased Pain

By Deacon Hilary Art Nixon

Origin: God created all things and called them “Good” (Gen 1:31). He made mankind in His own image (with an eternal spirit, Gen 1:27). He put man in the Garden of Eden to “work and care” for it (Gen 2:15, Note: work is not a curse, it is a duty). He gave them one restriction: “You must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.” Adam and Eve wanted to be like God - knowing both good and evil. Their willful disobedience brought sin, death, suffering, and increased pain into their lives. God banished them from His holy presence and from the garden (Gen 3:23). Eve’s curse was increased birthing pain. Adam’s curse included sweating, painful toil to have the earth provide food. Now he contended with weeds, thorns, and thistles (Gen 3:16-19). Note: since mankind had dominion over the earth (Gen 1:28-30), the earth also is cursed. Note: Death came that day. Spiritually, fellowship with God stopped. Physically, death entered their lives, even though Adam lived 930 years (Gen 5:5).

At the cross of Jesus, God made a cure for sin and death. But that cure involves taking a poison pill to the god of self. The cure begins with a humble confession of ones sin, believing Jesus paid for it, and making God the Lord of one’s life. The bodily resurrection of Jesus shows that death has been broken. Alas, death is not yet removed. Even during Christ’s millennial reign, “the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child” (Isa. 65:20)! Eventually Christ eradicates death (1Cor15: 26). In redemption, God adjusts His creation with **perseverance of the saints.**

Today: Death, moral weakness, and sickness are defeated, but the total victory is not won. During World War II, Defeat Day (D-Day) looked forward to Victory Day (V-Day). So it is today. God delivers some people from crippling sins. He cures some from their disease with medicine and a few with miracle. Others learn to live with their thorn in the flesh. These take God’s word to heart, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness” (2 Cor 12:9). We still face moral weakness and persist in putting the old nature to death (Col 3:5-9). We still face sickness and live by grace.

“No temptation (trial) has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it” (1 Cor 10:13). The saints still face death, but see it as the door that ushers us into eternal life (2 Cor 5:1).

Consider Job’s Suffering: Job never got an answer to his question “why me.” His companions were right to gently ask if a specific sin brought on his trials. But they were wrong to think that is the only cause! Ask God if your illness is caused by sin, but don’t dwell on it. The Holy Spirit gives wisdom when asked! “Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed” (James 5:16, Note: “The prayer offered in faith” is a Charismatic gift of faith that God can channel through someone to bring healing. It is not something humans can muster on their own. See James 5:13-20; 1 Cor12:9;13:2)! As Job’s friend, I have to admit, “I don’t know why some suffer.” I can explain the sin problem and the Gospel cure. I know God will someday comfort and wipe away the believer’s tears. But for now, the time is to build character and humbly live by grace through faith. When death rips our soul from our body, we have confidence in God. Even Jesus “learned obedience from what he suffered” (Heb 5:8). “For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame” (Heb 12:2). Laugh at your adversity; rest your soul in God. Rejoice in your trials for they prove the genuineness of your faith (1 Peter 1:6-7). “We glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope” (Rm 5:3-4).

Christians Inflict Pain: Consider the Crusades, the Spanish Inquisition, or the Salem witch trials. Most of that was done by those who profess Christ but don’t possess Christ (Mt 7:23). Still the perishing find offense at the message, “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Rm 3:23). Therefore to the perishing, genuine Christians are “the smell of death” but to God we are “the fragrance that brings life” (2 Cor 2:15-16).

From the Mission Board



2017 World Mission Offering



The 2017 World Mission Offering theme, ***Discipleship: Come, Follow Me*** (Mark 1:17), illustrates the many ways that International Ministries provides holistic discipleship through the work of our global servants and partners worldwide. It is our mission to follow Jesus just as the disciples did more than 2,000 years ago. This year, we are highlighting our ministries in the areas of Conflict Transformation, Abolishing Slavery, and Economic and Community Development. Thanks to your partnership, together we are mobilizing local communities in the name of Jesus Christ to lighten the burden of poverty, encourage peaceful ways to live in diverse cultural contexts, and offer hope and dignity to the marginalized. The Mission Board has set a goal of **\$6,000** for the 2017 World Mission Offering and would encourage you to give as you are able. This year's World Mission Offering will be received from

Sunday, September 10, through Sunday, October 15. Envelopes for your gift may be found in your offering envelope box, as well as in the pew racks in the sanctuary and Davidson Chapel. May God bless our giving to help people everywhere come to Christ, grow in their relationships with God, and change their worlds through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, September 22, 2017

Under the direction of the Mission Board, WSBC will hold a Red Cross Blood Drive on **Friday, September 22, 2017** from 11:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up on your bulletin insert to volunteer at the Blood Drive. Questions? Contact Steve Campbell at (717) 774-4186.



"Together We Can Beat Hunger"

Summer Food Drive

The Mission Board's "Together We Can Beat Hunger" Summer Food Drive continues. In July, 27 bags of food (that's 424 lbs.!) were delivered to the food pantry. Running through the end of this month, there's still of time to pick up another bag and fill it with your donations. The Mission Board wishes to thank all of you for your support of this ministry!



CAPC Walk for Life **Saturday, September 23**

The Capital Area Pregnancy Centers will hold their 31st annual "Walk for Life" campaign on **Saturday, September 26**, at Memorial Park in Mechanicsburg. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the walk begins at 9:00 a.m. CAPC provides for both the physical and spiritual needs of their clients as they seek to impact and transform people with the love of Christ. Sign-up sheets/sponsor forms are available at the Mission Board table in the foyer. Need for walkers is greater than ever! Please consider walking or sponsoring a WSBC walker. Thank you!



Birthdays:

- 3 Pastor Greg Kabakjian
- 5 Josh Transue
- 7 Charles Maurer
- 9 Russ Miller
Peyton Rodgers
- 13 Richard Feeser
- 21 Ann Loucks
- 27 Bennett Montgomery
- 30 Logan Whitcomb



Anniversaries:

- 2 Bruce & Cheryl Montgomery
- 4 Michael & Allison Goldman
Frank & Carolyn Frischkorn
- 13 Philip & Tricia Kowalczyk
- 18 Steve & Pam Norford
- 20 Charles & Judy Maurer
- 22 Greg & Mary Hartman



Childcare Schedule

DATE	NURSERY 9:00 AM	NURSERY 10:30 AM
September 3	Rose Sleboda Cheryl Montgomery	Linda Fleming Lisa Fleming
September 10	Ida Rhone TBD	Gayle Campbell Becky Gentzler
September 17	Patty McCown Judy Brouse	Dawne Strock TBD
September 24	Kristin Born Jayne Metz	Edie Kennerly Linda Fleming

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, September 5*, at 6:30 p.m. in Room G-2

Missions Board Meeting

The Missions Board will meet on *Monday, September 11*, at 6:30 p.m. in Room G-4.

Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees will meet on *Monday, September 11*, at 6:30 p.m. in Room G-2.

Board of Christian Education Meeting

The Board of Christian Education will meet on *Tuesday, September 19*, at 6:30 p.m. in Room G-2.

Diaconate Board Meeting

The Diaconate Board will meet on *Tuesday, September 19*, at 6:45 p.m. in Room G-4.



Directory

UPDATE

Phone Update:

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(717) 512-4650

Address Update:

Alice Orozco
624 Wilhelm Rd., Apt. 55A
Ecumenical Retirement Com.
Harrisburg, PA 17111

Faith In Action



The Faith in Action LIGHT Team will meet on *Tuesday, September 5*, 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 October UPDATE

The deadline for the submission of articles and announcements for the October UPDATE is *Friday, September 22*. You may forward your input to Bonnie Prior via hard copy or by email to b.prior@wsbc.org.

Men's Breakfast Fellowship

The next meeting of the Men's Breakfast Fellowship will be at 8:00 a.m. on *Saturday, September 16*, at the Front Street Diner in Harrisburg. 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, September 16*, at Bob Evan's in New Cumberland. All women are invited! Please sign up on your bulletin insert.

Happenings and Highlights

Music Updates



The Children's Choir – The Children's Choir will practice on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in Harmony Hall beginning on **Sunday, September 13.**

The Beacon Bell Ringers – The Beacon Bell Ringers will begin rehearsals on **Monday, September 18**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. They will meet weekly on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month.



Prayer Meetings to Begin on Wednesday, September 6

Beginning on **Wednesday, September 6**, at 6:30 p.m., you are invited and encouraged to come to Prayer Meetings in Room G-4. Led by Pastor Thompson, these meetings are to pray for our Pastoral Search Committee and the next WSBC Pastor of God's choosing.

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!



All-Church Picnic

Adams-Ricci Community Park



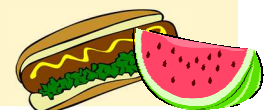
Saturday,
September 30

Join us for WSBC's All-Church Picnic on **Saturday, September 30**, at the Adams-Ricci Community Park in Enola. Arrival begins at 11:30 a.m. and the picnic will begin at 12:00 noon. The Diaconate Board will provide hot dogs

and rolls, drinks, and condiments. They are asking for the following items for the picnic:

*Persons with last names beginning with letters **A-J**, please bring a main dish; letters **K-R**, please bring a side dish or salad, and letters **S-Z**, please bring a dessert.*

Sign up on your bulletin insert, then join us on September 30!



Happenings and Highlights



A.B. Women’s Ministries Kick-Off Picnic

The American Baptist Women’s Ministries invites all ladies of WSBC to our annual kick-off picnic at the home of Dottie Lebo on ***Sunday, September 10***, at 12:30 p.m. Beverage and place settings will be provided. Please sign up on your blue bulletin insert to bring a dish to share. White Cross quotas and upcoming dates will be shared. Join us for a lovely afternoon!

2017 American Baptist Girl’s Conference



The A.B. Girl’s Conference was held in conjunction with the A.B. Women’s Conference in July at Shippensburg University. Our own, **Anna Carr**, was named the A.B. Girl’s President at this year’s conference.

Congratulations Anna!

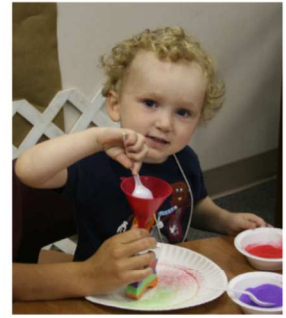
Anna Carr and **Jena Myers** played lead roles in the A.B. Girl’s skit, “Set Me Free”. Anna played a girl who is being tempted and pulled in every direction by sin. Jena played the Holy Spirit who rescues the girl and sets her free. ***Great job, Jena and Anna!***



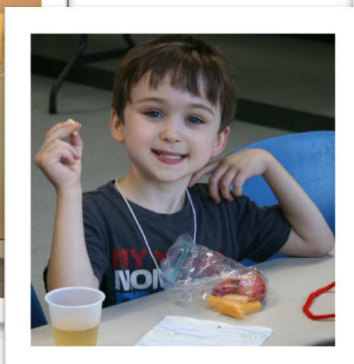
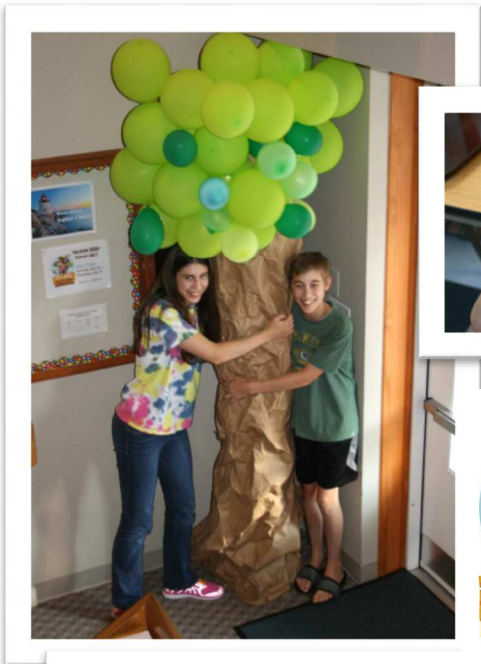
From the Christian Education Board



VBS 2017 Fun!



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Children &
Youth Ministry
From Pastor Greg



Youth Group (6:00 -8:00 p.m.)

Meets weekly beginning September 3

Youth Service Day—September 23

I was born on September 3, 1993. I recently began an annual custom where I visit a cemetery around my birthday. I search the cemetery until I find someone who died around the age I am turning. I usually sit by the grave and pray, read Scripture, and reflect on the finitude of life; wondering if I've used my life to the best of my ability and reminding myself that life is short. This year, it wasn't the prayer, Scripture reading, or meditation that moved me most. It was the three-hour search for someone my age that shook me. It was the countless graves of 16 year-old children that blended right in with the graves of 100 year-old grandparents that brought tears to my eyes. It was the vastness of the cemetery that caused my stomach to drop. Thousands of people must have been buried there, and gazing out over the grounds, a sort of mild nihilism crept over me. So very little of what we think matters actually does. Regardless of who you are, what color your skin is, or what you've done, nobody escapes death. Death is no respecter of persons. In 250 years, it's very likely that nobody alive at that point in time will ever know, or care, that you or I existed. As I observed the cemetery, considering these thoughts, a snippet of a poem's last stanza, written by C.T. Studd, recurred to me...

"Only one life, twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.

And when I'm dying, how happy I'll be, If the lamp of my life has been burned out for Thee."

The truth of the words "only what's done for Christ will last" echoed in my mind. These people might've lived wonderfully joyous lives. They might've been amazingly successful by the world's standards. Yet, if they did anything but live their lives for Christ, they had squandered their precious time on transitory and secondary tasks. It was at that thought that I wept. How many people spent their lives living for anything other than Christ? How many of them spent their days focused on the things they deemed important, all the while totally missing the point of life? How many of the thousands of people lying in these graves had wasted their lives? John Piper tells an excellent story in his book, aptly named, "Don't Waste Your Life."

"I will tell you what a tragedy is. I will show you how to waste your life. Consider a story from the February 1998 edition of Reader's Digest, which tells about a couple who 'took early retirement from their jobs in the Northeast five years ago when he was 59 and she was 51. Now they live in Punta Gorda, Florida, where they cruise on their 30-foot trawler, play softball, and collect shells.' At first, when I read it I thought it might be a joke. A spoof on the American Dream. But it wasn't. Tragically, this was the dream: Come to the end of your life—your one and only precious, God-given life—and let the last great work of your life, before you give an account to your Creator, be this: playing softball and collecting shells. Picture them before Christ at the great day of judgment: 'Look, Lord. See my shells.' That is a tragedy."







If you are reading this, I have a single plea for you. Please, I beg you with all my heart, live for Christ. Burn your life out for Him. Live in light of eternity! Use every second of every activity as a way to please Him, savor His beauty, and get to know Him more. Oh Church, please, whatever you do and however you do it, don't waste your life. Yes, you will die someday, but you are alive right now. Are you wasting your life?

Soli Deo Gloria,
Associate Pastor Greg Kabakjian

September 2017

Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>Meets weekly on Sundays 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.</p>	28	29	30 7pm - Sunshine Singers	31	1	2
<p>9am - Christian Ed Classes 9am - Traditional Worship 10am - Coffee Cafe 10:30am - LifeHouse Worship 11:45am - LifeHouse Band 11:45am - Prayer LIGHT Team @ 2pm - Memorial Service for Naw</p>	<p>Labor Day</p> <p>9am - Church Office Closed</p> 	<p>9am - Faith In Action 6:30pm - Advisory Council</p>	<p>6:30pm - Prayer Meeting @ 7pm - Sunshine Singers</p>	7	8	<p>8am - All-Church Work Day</p> 
<p>9am - Christian Ed Classes 9am - Traditional Worship 10am - Children's Choir Practice 10am - Coffee Cafe 10:30am - LifeHouse Worship 11:45am - LifeHouse Band 11:45am - Prayer LIGHT Team @</p>	<p>6:30pm - Board of Trustees Mtg 6:30pm - Mission Board Mtg @</p>	12	<p>6:30pm - Prayer Meeting @ 7pm - Sunshine Singers</p>	14	15	<p>8am - Ladies Fellowship 8am - Men's Fellowship</p> 
<p>9am - Christian Ed Classes 9am - Traditional Worship 10am - Children's Choir Practice 10am - Coffee Cafe 10:30am - LifeHouse Worship 11:45am - LifeHouse Band 11:45am - Prayer LIGHT Team @</p>	18	<p>6:30pm - Chr. Ed Board Mtg @ 6:45pm - Diaconate Board Mtg @</p>	<p>2pm - Remembrance Service @ 6:30pm - Prayer Meeting @ 7pm - Sunshine Singers</p>	21	<p>11:30am - Red Cross Blood Drive</p> 	<p>8:30am - CAPC's Walk for Life 8:00 a.m. Youth Service Day</p>
<p>9am - Christian Ed Classes 9am - Traditional Worship 10am - Children's Choir Practice 10am - Coffee Cafe 10:30am - LifeHouse Worship 11:45am - LifeHouse Band 11:45am - Prayer LIGHT Team @</p>	25	26	<p>4:15pm - Men's Group at 6:30pm - Prayer Meeting @ 7pm - Sunshine Singers</p>	28	29	<p>11:30am - All-Church Picnic @</p> 
24			27			30



*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*

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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

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