



# UPDATE

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NEWSLETTER

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## AS WE BEGIN THE NEW YEAR . . .

*A Message from the Associate Pastor*

West Shore Baptist Church,

Change can be a terrifying thing, and this brief letter presents a large one. It is my prayer that you carefully read, fervently pray, and seriously consider this proposal.



**Proposal:** I believe it would be beneficial to the spiritual maturity of the congregation of WSBC to have a single, unified, and blended worship service. The Sunday schedule *could* look something like this...

9:00—10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
10:00—10:30 a.m.	Coffee Cafe
10:30—11:30 a.m.	Blended Service

### Why one service?

Above all, the motivation to create a single, blended service finds its root in the paradigm the Bible sets forth for how Christians are to interact with the other believers in their local bodies. The Holy Spirit, through human authors, has commanded us to operate in the context of the local church in a specific way. We are to count others as more significant than ourselves, not only looking after our own interests, but also looking after the interests of others (Phil. 2). We are to love one another (John 13:34, Rom. 12:10). We are to live in harmony with one another (Rom. 12:16). We are to be patient and bear with one another (Eph. 4:2, Col. 3:13). We are to accept one another as Christ has accepted us (Rom. 15:7). We are to agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among us and that we may be perfectly united in mind and thought (1 Cor. 1:10, 1 Pe. 3:8). We are to serve one another in love (Gal. 5:13). We are to sing to one another (Eph. 5:19, Col. 3:15). We are to build one another up and encourage one another (1 Thess. 5:11, Heb. 3:13). We are to spur one another on to love and good deeds (Heb. 10:24).



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### Please Note:

The church office will be closed on **Monday, January 1**

### Annual Meeting



**Sunday, January 21**

*(details on page 3)*

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

It is the prayerful opinion of both Pastor Paul and myself that these commands can be fulfilled better, in our specific ecclesiastical context, by having a single, blended service, than it can by having two services. By petitioning for the switch to a single service, we are simply attempting to be as faithful as we possibly can to the biblical witness. I'd like to encourage you to seriously examine each of these texts and ask yourself the question, "Can this specific biblical command be fulfilled better by a single, blended service or by two services?" I believe that for most of them, if not all, the answer will be a single, blended service.

### **Five More Reasons...**

#### **A single, blended service would promote friendship between people who usually attend different services.**

Not only would this promote fellowship during the service, it would promote fellowship during Sunday School. A single service would allow people who previously attended Sunday School apart from one another to build relationships. It also would allow families to be separated for their respective Sunday School classes, and come together in worship for the service. Furthermore, it would allow the youth to worship with their parents (which doesn't happen now) and the Sunday School teachers to be able to attend a worship service (which frequently doesn't happen now).

#### **We would be able to make better use of limited resources/people if they focused their energies into one service.**

Previously problematic areas such as a great lack of Sunday School teachers, a need for more sound technicians, better speakers, a digital mixer, etc. are all solved by moving to a single, blended service. Furthermore, we would have the ability to utilize the great talents of individuals (and youth!) who would normally not attend the same service. For example, we would have multiple people who could run the sound board. This would create a more acoustically appealing service as well as give individual sound technicians some weeks off—and there would be no major disturbance when a key contributor to the service cannot be present.

#### **A single, blended service would create an easier transition for the new Senior Pastor.**

Not only would a single service most likely appeal more to an incoming pastor, it would surely make it an easier transition for them. The complexities of this congregation's structure on Sunday morning would not only be confusing to a new pastor, they are confusing to visitors. A single, blended service would create a unified church environment conducive to church growth and friendlier to visitors. As Pastor Paul as stated, a 10:30 a.m. start time drastically increases the chances of visitors not only coming, but staying.

#### **Overall, it is a simpler structure, and creates an easier environment to plan, manage, and vision cast.**

A single, blended service has the capacity to activate inactive members (easier to encourage service). It is simply less cluttered and complex overall. A single service would also make it easier to vision cast/set well-defined goals for WSBC if there is a unified group. Additionally, it would give the pastors an opportunity to work together in ministry, rather than being constantly divided. It is difficult to lead a flock if one part of the flock is separated from the other.

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## ***A Message From the Associate Pastor*** (continued from page 2)

**It allows us the ability to rethink and reevaluate *why* we do what we do.**

Reevaluation is a fantastic and uncomfortable thing to partake in. Although terrifying, blending the services gives us the opportunity to reconsider carefully how we want WSBC to look, feel, and be. Along with this come incredible opportunities for improvement in every element of our worship service.

I understand there are authentic objections to making this shift in our church structure. Many of the objections have good answers, which were too long to include here. Some of the objections do not have good answers. Few, if any, human ideas are without valid critique and this one is not an anomaly. We merely believe that the biblical positives of switching to a blended service far outweigh the negatives. If you have questions/concerns/objections, please do not hesitate to reach out to Pastor Paul, me, or the Worship Review LIGHT Team. We will listen. We love you and we are here to serve you. It is our love for the people in this congregation that serves as the primary motivator for this change. May the Lord continue to bless our church.

Soli Deo Gloria,  
-Associate Pastor Greg Kabakjian



# Annual BUSINESS MEETING

**Sunday, January 21, 2018**  
**11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary**



WSBC's Annual Church Business Meeting will be held on ***Sunday, January 21, 2018***. The Diaconate has approved the following schedule: All Sunday School classes will meet at 9:00 a.m. followed by Coffee Café at 10:00 a.m. There will be a baptism in Davidson Chapel at 10:30 a.m. followed by a Unity Service in the Sanctuary. The Business Meeting will take place at 11:30 a.m.

All church officers and boards should submit their reports to the church office no later than ***Monday, January 15***, by email to [b.prior@wsbc.org](mailto:b.prior@wsbc.org) or by hard copy. Thank you!



### **Service of Leadership Dedication on Sunday, January 28**

On ***Sunday, January 28***, elected Church Officers, Advisory Council, Board Members, and LIGHT Team Members will be commissioned for service during the worship service.

## *From the Diaconate Board*



### *The Bible on Demons, Karma, and Reincarnation*

*By Deacon Hilary Art Nixon*

Martin Luther's hymn, A Mighty Fortress is Our God, begins verse 3 with "And tho' this world with devils filled." Yet in our western culture, we don't recognize many (if any) demons - those fallen angels who joined Satan in rebellion against God. In the book of Job, Satan seems to have free access to God's throne and even wagers that Job will curse God if God takes His hedge of blessings, protection, and health from Job (Job 1:8-12; 2:4-6). After Jesus overcomes His temptation trials (Luke 4), it seems to me that Satan no longer can accuse God of not having a perfect man, so he is kicked out of heaven. On earth, Jesus' disciples healed the sick, did miracles, and cast out demons - so Jesus said, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven" (Luke 10:9,13,17,18).

In Europe and the world's western hemisphere, science, rational logic, and an Aristotelian world view (reality is in the chair) have tried to diminish if not totally put away the idea of fallen angels. Modern psychiatry has no category of demon possession; instead they have "dissociative identity disorder" (formerly known as "multiple personality disorder"), which they treat with pills, not exorcism. A movie, The Exorcism of Emily Rose, and court records clearly document a true story of demon possession. Why is it that our culture cannot comprehend evil spirits? A young lady goes to an intensive weekend of TM (Transcendental Meditation), then comes home trying to kill herself - succeeding a week later. Four pages of newsprint and not even a suggestion of demons! Perhaps past excessive use has made us shy: Billy Sunday waxed eloquent about the evils of demon rum. There is not a demon behind every urge to smoke. There is not a demon behind every thought that runs contrary to God's reality, although Luther would categorize wayward thoughts as demonic! (Note: in Mark 8:33 Jesus rebuked Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." Here the human thoughts fit into Satan's plans, not God's way! "The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ" 2 Cor. 2:4-5). I think in our "advanced culture" where we don't believe in demons, they won't show themselves. They already have us in spiritual darkness, so they won't shed light on the spirit realm.

Asia is another story. Hinduism is full of gods; Buddhism seeks spiritual enlightenment. They place a higher value on the spiritual (or inner) realm than on the physical realm. In Western terms, they are Platonic or Neo-Platonic (the reality is in the spiritual realm: divine-ness, or the thought realm of a divine). In Eastern thought ignorance is the root of evil (not sin and self-will). This is why they seek experiences and enlightenment. Yoga says we are divine and part of the One, so it's purpose is to bring the soul to a clear realization of its own divine nature. Not having a personal God who defines sin, Zen wants absolute freedom even from God. So there is total lack of discernment of right and wrong and of good and evil spirits. But to them there are absolutes of karma and reincarnation. *Karma* rules the universe and is the law of cause and effect. What a man sows, he reaps - if not in this life than perhaps in the next life or the next. *Reincarnation* holds that when a person dies, their soul passes into a new body and is reborn complete with all the good and bad karma accumulated up to that point. Jesus rejected karma. When asked about the blind man, Jesus said, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned" (John 9:1-3). You get to live once, not thousands of times: "it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment" (Hebrews 9:27).

Christians must confess their sin and not blame every wrong on devils. To do spiritual warfare, we need to be spiritually equipped in the name of Jesus through the Holy Spirit. The best guidebook that I have come across dealing with the mind-fields of eastern mysticism is Pat Means, The Mystical Maze, Campus Crusade for Christ, 1976.

## *A Message From the Mission Board*



### Thanksgiving Offering Update

This year's Thanksgiving Offering will support church home improvements. A total of **\$5,420** was contributed. Thank you for giving!



### **Operation Christmas Child**

Many thanks to all who participated in this year's Operation Christmas Child Shoebox collection. The total number of shoeboxes collected will be published soon. You've helped to spread the good news of Jesus Christ to children around the world!

### **The Annual Christmas Mission Offering**

The Annual Christmas Mission offering was received during the Advent season. This special offering is shared equally by two important mission concerns: Our retired American Baptist ministers and missionaries (RMMO) and our region – American Baptist Churches of Pennsylvania and Delaware (ABCOPAD). The offering total as of Sunday, December 24, is **\$2,910**. Thanks for caring and sharing!



**Christmas Offering**

*Thank You*  
*Notes*

*Be sure to check the bulletin board outside the church office to read the many Christmas cards and Thank-You letters sent by the many organizations WSBC faithfully supports.*

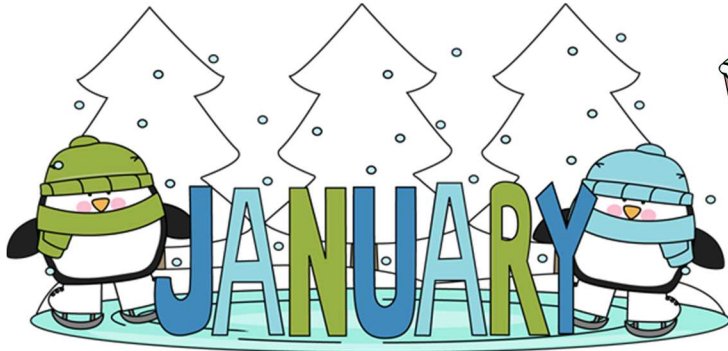


### **Community Meal and Church Fellowship on January 20—**

The WSBC Anniversary LIGHT Team has planned a Community Meal and Church Fellowship event on Saturday, January 20, at 5:00 p.m. Plan to attend this event which will be open to the surrounding community. This will be a soup, sandwich, and dessert meal. The LIGHT Team is asking you to please bring a dish to share, following the schedule below:

*Those whose last names begin with the letters A-J, please bring soup; letters K-R are asked to bring a dessert; and letters S-Z are asked to bring a platter of **prepared** sandwiches.*

Please sign up on your bulletin insert to make your reservation. Questions? Call Cheryl Vulich at (717) 421-1920.



**Birthdays:**

- 1 Ashley Stine
- 3 Olivia Hoke
- 4 Betty Johnson  
Cheryl Vulich
- 10 David Carr
- 11 Kim Mankey
- 13 Carol Wittle
- 14 Judy Spangler
- 15 Peg Phillips  
Clark Stefanic
- 16 Judson Brouse
- 17 Steve Sleboda
- 27 Charles McCown
- 29 Pastor Paul Thompson



**Anniversaries:**

- 6 Ron & Carol Keeney
- 17 Ralph & Karen Stimeling
- 28 Steve & Rose Sleboda



**Childcare Schedule**



DATE	NURSERY 9:00 AM	NURSERY 10:30 AM
January 7	Jayne Metz Cheryl Montgomery	Linda Fleming Lisa Fleming
January 14	Kristin Born Rose Sleboda	Becky Gentzler Gayle Campbell
January 21	Judy Brouse Patty McCown	Mary Hartman Edie Kennerly
January 28	Ida Rhone Jayne Metz	Lisa Fleming 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 Kristin Born, at (717) 743-4586, if you are unable to meet your obligation.

***Happenings and Highlights***

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**Missions Board Meeting**

The Missions Board will meet on *Monday, January 8*, at 6:30 p.m. in Room G-4.

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

The Board of Trustees will meet on *Monday, January 8*, at 6:30 p.m. in Room G-2.

**Advisory Council Meeting**

The Advisory Council will meet on *Thursday, January 9*, at 6:30 p.m. in Room G-2. December.

**Board of Christian Education Meeting**

The Board of Christian Education will meet on *Tuesday, January 16*, at 6:30 p.m. in Room G-2.

**Diaconate Board Meeting**

The Diaconate Board will meet on *Tuesday, January 16*, at 6:45 p.m. in Room G-4.



**Faith In Action**



The Faith in Action LIGHT Team will meet on *Tuesday, January 9*, at 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 February UPDATE**

The deadline for the submission of articles and announcements for the February UPDATE is *Monday, January 22*. You may forward your input to Bonnie Prior via hard copy or by email to [b.prior@wsbc.org](mailto: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, January 20*, 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 9:00 a.m. on *Saturday, January 20*, at Perkins on Erford Road. All women are invited! Please sign up on your bulletin insert.

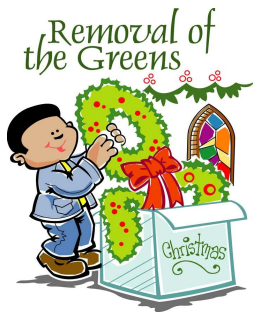
**Worship Review LIGHT Team**

The next meeting of the Worship Review LIGHT Team will be on *Tuesday, January 9*, at 6:00 p.m. in Room G-2.

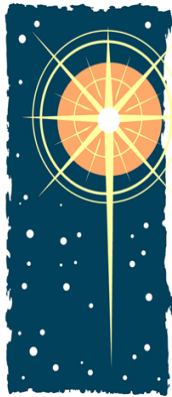
**Prayer Meetings Continue On Wednesdays**

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.

## Happenings and Highlights



The Diaconate Board invites church members and friends to assist in a post-Christmas season “un-decorating” project on **Saturday, January 6**, beginning at 10:00 a.m.



## EPIPHANY

**Saturday,  
January 6, 2018**

### Definition:

One of the oldest Christian holy days (along with Christmas & Easter), the festival originated in the Eastern church and was adopted in the Western church by the 4th century. It commemorates the first manifestation of Jesus to the Gentiles, as represented by the Magi. The eve of epiphany, called Twelfth Night, is thought to mark the arrival of the Wise Men in Bethlehem. Epiphany also celebrates the much later baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist and Jesus' first miracle, performed in Cana.



### Winter Weather Information!

While every effort will be made to hold Sunday morning services, during severe winter snow or ice storms follow these steps for the latest information:

- 1) Check the WSBC website ([www.wsbc.org](http://www.wsbc.org)) for the latest news on winter weather-related worship cancellations or church closings.
- 2) Phone Pastor Paul at 717-575-6121 or Pastor Greg at 717-877-6055 to inquire about cancellations and/or church closings.
- 3) Watch your CBS or NBC local television station to see if WSBC is listed.

*At all times, please use care and discretion in your winter travel decisions.*

Happy New Year ♪ Happy New Year ♪ Happy New Year



## Happenings and Highlights

### 2018 Church Directory



An updated 2018 church directory is currently being compiled. This is a non-pictorial directory. If you have any recent updates to your address, phone number, or email address, please send the information to Bonnie in the church office at [b.prior@wsbc.org](mailto:b.prior@wsbc.org) by January 7, or call 761-0942. Thank you!

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Haven't seen your birthday or anniversary listed in the UPDATE Newsletter? Send your information to Bonnie in the church office and she will be sure to include your special date. Call (717) 761-0942 or email [b.prior@wsbc.org](mailto:b.prior@wsbc.org).



## *Directory*

**UPDATE**

### Address & Phone Updates:

#### **Dale Zoll**

Bethany Village, The Oaks, 32B  
5225 Wilson Lane  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

#### **Helen Harmon**

Church of God Home  
801 N. Hanover Street  
Carlisle, PA 17013

#### **Alice Orozco**

624 Wilhelm Rd., Room 61  
Ecumenical Retirement Com.  
Harrisburg, PA 17111

#### **Hkaw Ze Xoolang**

531 Walton Street  
Lemoyne, PA 17043  
717-919-7816

## From the Christian Education Board

# YOUTH RETREAT



The youth will be going on retreat from Friday afternoon, **February 2** through Sunday, **February 4** to the Loft Retreat Center. It will be a great time for fellowship, games, outdoor fun, and excellent devotions. See Pastor Greg for further information and to sign up!

## *From the Christian Education Board*



### **Walton -Wall Scholarship**

The Walton-Wall Scholarship is granted to support an individual's maturity, leadership development, and Christian advancement through activities such as sport camps, scout camps, music camps, etc. That is, while the activities can be Christian development oriented, they do not necessarily have to be. With this in mind, the WSBC Board of Christian Education is pleased to offer this scholarship opportunity to children who regularly attend WSBC.

This application is available to rising K through current 11th grade students and can be picked up at the church office beginning January 7. In order to administer this scholarship appropriately, the student will fill out the application now (deadline is Feb 11, 2018) for any camp that they are attending during the 2018 year. Applications will be evaluated and, if accepted, the student will be notified by March 18, 2018. Final monies will not be paid to the student until they return from camp with a receipt showing payment and a written summary of their camp experience. (Those students who cannot yet write are asked to share a picture.)

We look forward to presenting this opportunity for our students.

**Board of Christian Education**



Children's **ADVENT** Activity



# January 2018

## Calendar of Events

JANUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2 6:30pm - Pastoral Search	3 6:30pm - Prayer Meeting @ 7pm - Sunshine Singers	4 6:30pm - Advisory Council	5	6 10am - Christmas Clean-Up  Removing of the Greens
7 9am - Christian Ed Classes 9am - Morning Worship 10am - Children's Choir Practice 10am - Coffee Cafe 10:30am - Christian Ed Classes 10:30am - LifeHouse Worship 11:45am - LifeHouse Band 11:45am - Prayer LIGHT Team @ 6pm - Youth Group	8 6:30pm - Board of Trustees Mtg 6:30pm - Mission Board Mtg. @	9 9am - Faith in Action 6pm - Worship Review LIGHT	10 5:45pm - Men's Bible Fellowship 6:30pm - Prayer Meeting @ 7pm - Sunshine Singers	11 6:30pm - Pastoral Search	12	13
14 9am - Christian Ed Classes 9am - Morning Worship 10am - Children's Choir Practice 10am - Coffee Cafe 10:30am - Christian Ed Classes 10:30am - LifeHouse Worship 11:45am - LifeHouse Band 11:45am - Prayer LIGHT Team @ 6pm - Youth Group	15 7pm - Beacon Bell Ringers @	16 6:30pm - Chr. Ed Board Mtg @ 6:45pm - Diaconate Board Mtg @	17 2pm - Remembrance Service @ 6:30pm - Prayer Meeting @ 7pm - Sunshine Singers	18	19	20 8am - Ladies Fellowship 8am - Men's Fellowship 5pm - Community Meal & 
21 9am - All Christian Ed Classes 10am - Children's Choir Practice 10am - Coffee Cafe 10:30am - Unity Worship Svc 11:30am - Annual Business 6pm - Youth Group 	22	23	24 5:45pm - Men's Bible Fellowship 6:30pm - Prayer Meeting @ 7pm - Sunshine Singers	25	26	27 8am - Pastoral Search
28 9am - Christian Ed Classes 9am - Morning Worship 10am - Children's Choir Practice 10am - Coffee Cafe 10:30am - Christian Ed Classes 10:30am - LifeHouse Worship 11:45am - LifeHouse Band 11:45am - Prayer LIGHT Team @ 6pm - Youth Group	29	30	31 6:30pm - Prayer Meeting @ 7pm - Sunshine Singers	 Meets weekly on Sundays 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.		

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

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