

# UPDATE

**OCTOBER 2018** 

NEWSLETTER

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My high school youth group leader, Glenn, loved Jesus, corny jokes, and elaborate analogies. This combination made him the perfect person to work with teenagers. One

evening at church camp, with more than 60 teens in attendance, Glenn put in motion one From the Pastor of his most memorable analogies. everyone silently seated in an amphitheater,

he announced the presence of a terrible, fatal illness in our midst. No one, he said, could survive this (fake) disease. Once caught, death inevitably followed . . . Unless, you received the cure.

Next Glenn called 4 of us down to the front. He explained that he had just enough "cure" for each of us and one more person of our choosing. He handed us old pill bottles containing 2 Tic-Tacs – one for us and one for someone else. After we took our "medicine," Glenn sent us into the silent amphitheater to share the "cure."

When the 8 of us returned to the stage area, Glenn asked us to turn around and look at the 50+ people who would now "die" from the terminal ailment. They looked just like us. None of them any more or less deserving of life than we; all of us plagued by the terminal diagnosis. Only we would live.

Nearly two decades later, I still remember what it felt like to stare at my friends and want them to receive the "cure," too. That was Glenn's point. He knew we needed to understand the life and death reality of our choice to engage our friends (and enemies) with the Gospel of Jesus Christ or not.

The truth is that none of us deserve abundant life today and eternal life tomorrow. The wages of sin (and we all sin) is death. Period. But, as that verse continues, the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 6:23). If you know Jesus as your Savior and Lord today, then you know the gift that gives life! And every day you encounter people with a "terminal diagnosis" who can know life only in Jesus. Pray for their minds to open to His truth, engage them at a heart level, and then offer them the hope you've received.

Remember, I'd love the opportunity to connect with you soon. So feel free to give me a call, pick a date to grab a cup of coffee, or make an appointment to visit at the office.

> Love ya, Pastor Kelly

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#### **Business Meeting**



Sunday, October 28. 11:45 a.m.

in the Sanctuary



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## A Message From the Associate Pastor



One of the amazing things about Pastor Kelly's sermons is her keen attentiveness to how God's special revelation organically unfolds throughout redemptive history. Notice how she frequently paints a thematic picture found in the New Testament and shows how the theme begins, not in the New Testament, but in Genesis. In doing so, she presupposes a key item that is crucial to understanding God's revelation correctly. She correctly presumes that though there are many biblical authors, with different personalities, different cultures,

writing in different genres, there is yet underneath it all one divine Author writing one Book which cohesively tells one interconnected story. Hence, she looks at the stories in our Bible, not as random, unrelated happenings, but as divinely orchestrated instruments, each harmoniously contributing to the grand, redemptive historical symphony of God's glory.

Geerhardus Vos illustrates a helpful way to view these themes in our Bibles. He pictures these themes like roses – organically developing. They begin, in the earliest pages of Scripture, as small seeds.

With time they start to germinate, sprout, and begin to grow. We see themes like the temple, the kingdom, covenant, or sacrifice. These themes originate as seeds in the beginning of the Bible and,

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as God's revelation is progressively revealed, begin to mature. As time goes on, these themes develop and become more detailed. In the New Testament (the continuation of the Old Testament) we see these themes dramatically and climactically unfold as stunning roses in the person of Jesus Christ and His purchased people. The beauty of the temple is revealed in Christ, the kingdom is inaugurated by Christ, the covenant is perfectly kept by Christ, and the demands for sacrifice are perfectly fulfilled by Christ. How amazing is it that the entirety of the Old Testament was intentionally scripted to be the very blueprint which the Lord Jesus Christ would fulfill! When we read the Old Testament, we are reading a book about Christ. The grand narrative of the Bible is more breath-taking than we could ever imagine. Let us read it carefully, reverently, even obsessively. It is a well of inexhaustible truth concerning the One who has made us, loved us, sought us, and redeemed us.

Soli Deo Gloria, Associate Pastor *Greg Kabakjian* 



## Youth Group October Events





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#### From the Diaconate Board

### by the Rev. Dr. Hilary Arthur Nixon

The Way of

"There are three things which are too wonderful for me, Marriage and Divorce Four which I do not understand: The way of an eagle in the sky, The way of a serpent on a rock, The way of a ship in the middle

of the sea, And the way of a man with a maid [or virgin]" (Proverbs 30:18-19). Focus is on the way - how two follow one path in life through marriage. "For this cause, a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh." (Genesis 2:24). Note three distinctions. 1) Bride and groom set up their own home. (They leave the authority of their parents.) Society recognizes this with a marriage certificate. 2) They cleave together; they interweave. "You" and "me" become "we." Their lives, hearts and minds intertwine. 3) Heterosexual sex consummates marriage. In a mystery, the two become one flesh. They become a holy conglomerate unity. God blessed marital sex has two purposes: pleasure which may lead to children who are raised in a loving family. The promise to love only one another is a sacred vow. Hence, "What God has joined together, let no one put asunder (or tear apart)." Since there is no marriage after the resurrection (Mt 22:30), many wed with the promise "to be faithful to love one another until death do you part." Remember the marriage relationship has 3 elements. 1) Society recognizes their union. 2) Two lives intertwine so they walk on the same life path. 3) Sexual fidelity keeps the marriage holy and their promises to one another unbroken. Marriage is supposed to be permanent. But after Adam and Eve sinned, physical death and death of the marriage relationship can happen.

When a spouse dies, the marriage dies. Grief may last a while; it is the painful recognition that things are different. The "we" gets buried along with the spouse. The interweaving, cleaving and planning together is gone. Shock, anger, or difficulty adjusting can beset the survivor. Society hands out death certificates to acknowledge the death. Funerals help face the new reality.

Divorce is the death of the relationship. Both the ex-husband and ex-wife live on; but they go separate ways. Sex often drops first. Arguments tear apart the couple's unity. Affection for one another dries up. Separation tears away the last shreds of their psychological and emotional bond. Society hands out divorce papers after dividing up material assets. Emotional scars are deep, especially on children.

Consider Christ's words. "It was said, 'WHOEVER SENDS HIS WIFE AWAY, LET HIM GIVE HER A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE'; but I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except for the reason of unchastity, makes her commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery" (Matthew 5:31-32; quote is from Deuteronomy 24:1.) Misunderstanding this, many pastors refuse to remarry divorced people. Miss the hyperbole (the overstatement), then the improper conclusion becomes "post-marital sex is adultery." But no earthly judge would accuse a remarried divorcee of adultery. So that result is not proper. What do these words mean? If there was sexual fidelity in the former marriage, then remarriage causes that former vow to be broken! [The exception clause proves this understanding - "except for the reason of unchastity." - In this case, unchastity already fractured the fidelity promise! Keeping a promise is a big deal. Breaking a vow is sin - a snare an innocent divorce is trapped into. Divorce is more than society's divorce paper; it necessitates the breaking of the vow of sexual fidelity and the separation of paths that once were joined together.

God allows divorce because of the hardness of human hearts (Matthew 19:8). Yes, God hates divorce (Malachi 2:16). Nevertheless God had Jeremiah write His bill of divorce against Israel (the ten tribes in the North) because of her unfaithfulness (Jer 3:8).

The take away: Rejoice that God and society recognize and bless your marriage (and even remarriage). Work daily on strengthening that walk and life together with mutual sacrifice. Love your spouse.

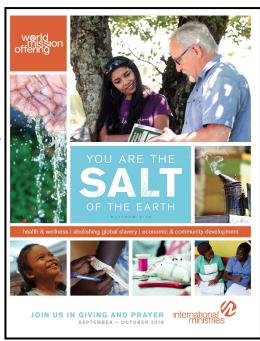
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### From the Missions Board

# MISSION 2018 OFFERING

Every September and October, congregations come together for a time of awareness, advocacy, and action for global mission. Churches across the country celebrate and support the ministries that God is using to transform the world. This is the World Mission Offering.

For the 2018 World Mission Offering, we are high-lighting the Ministry Priorities of Health and Wellness, Abolishing Global Slavery, and Economic and Community Development. While these represent only a fraction of IM's ministries, they provide a window into what God is doing worldwide through our 120 global servants, 900+ volunteers, 43 home staff, and 240+ global partners.



The Mission Board has set a goal of \$5,000 for the 2018 World Mission Offering and would encourage you to give as you are able. This year's World Mission Offering will be received through the month of October. Envelopes for your gift may be found in your offering envelope box, as well as in the pew racks in the Sanctuary.



## CAPC "Walk for Life" Friday, October 5

"Walk For Life", which benefits the Capital Area Pregnancy Center, will be held on *Friday, October 5*, at 6:00 p.m. at Vibrant Church (Adventure Pavilion), 1775 Lambs Gap Rd. in Mechanicsburg. If you have questions, please contact Linda Fleming at 774-3044 or email her at walkingshoes0429@aol.com. Pledge sheets are at the Welcome Center. Consider either walking or sponsoring a walker.



### **Operation Christmas Child**

Help share Christ's love with needy children by taking part in Operation Christmas Child once again this year. An outreach program of Samaritan's Purse, OCC is working to share the Good News of Christ with children around the world. 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 foyer



on or before *Sunday*, *November 11*. 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 <u>walkingshoes0429@aol.com</u>.

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## Birthdays:

- 3 Donna Sweigard
- 4 Don Norris
- 5 Sue Sweigard
- 6 Elana Stine
- 7 Gary Stefanic
- 8 Ellen Boyd
- 13 Richard Zulaica
- 15 Elaine Deimler
- 19 Dottie Lebo
- 23 Dawne Strock
- 24 Ida Rhone
- 27 Kristin Born
  Doug Ice
  Karly Ice
  Linda Neubaum
- 28 Eric Born Janet Howell
- 29 Tom Kennerly Lindsay Neve





## Anniversaries:

- 10 Bryan & Judy Spangler
- 16 Bob & Kristine Zoll
- 23 Wayne & Janet Howell
- 26 David & Stacey Kennerly Frank & Dawne Strock
- 31 Judd & Judy Brouse





## Childcare Schedule

DATE	NURSERY 9:00 AM	NURSERY 10:30 AM
October 7	Judy Brouse (Patty McCown)	Rose Sleboda (Jayne Metz)
October 14	<b>Edie Kennerly</b> (Alexis Kabakjian)	<b>Gayle Campbell</b> (Maryke Clark)
October 21	Ida Rhone (Cheryl Montgomery)	<b>Linda Fleming</b> (Lisa Fleming)
October 28	Kristin Born (Judy Brouse)	Jayne Metz (Rose Sleboda)

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.

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## Happenings and Highlights



#### **Missions Board Meeting**

The Missions Board will meet on *Monday*, *October 1*, at 6:30 p.m. in Room G-4. Note: Beginning in October, the Mission Board will meet on the first Monday of each month.

#### **Advisory Council Meeting**

The Advisory Council will meet on *Tuesday*, *October 2*, at 6:30 p.m. in Room G-2.

#### **Board of Trustees Meeting**

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

#### **Board of Christian Education Meeting**

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

#### **Diaconate Board Meeting**

The Diaconate Board will meet on *Tuesday*, *October 30*, at 7:00 p.m. in Room G-4.





Email Address Updates:

**Doug and Beth Ice** 

bice1991@gmail.com

**Clark Stefanic** 

clark@stefanic.video

#### Faith in Action

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

*October 2*, at 9:00 a.m. to do general building and grounds maintenance. If you'd like to join the team, call Richard Zulaica at (717) 255-9085.

## **Deadline** for November UPDATE

The deadline for the submission of articles and announcements for the November UPDATE is *Monday*, *October 22*. 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*, *October 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*, *October 20*, at the West Shore Family Restaurant. Please **sign up** on your Connect Card.

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## Happenings and Highlights

## **Attention**

The Third
Quarter Business Meeting
will be held on
Sunday, October 28
at
11:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary

#### **Deadline** for 3rd Quarter Reports

Church officers and boards should submit their Third Quarter Reports to the church office no later than **Monday, October 22.** 



#### A.B. Women's Ministries Fall Gathering

The American Baptist Women of Harrisburg will be meeting on Saturday, November 10, for a day of inspiration and fellowship at the Colonial Park Community Baptist Church, 700 S. Houcks Rd. in Harrisburg. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. The program starts at 10:00 a.m. and concludes at 2:00 p.m. Guest speakers will be Brian and Lynette Smith, newly commissioned missionaries to Haiti. They are part of a maintenance and project construction crew at the Eye Center, Convention Hospital and Christian University of Northern Haiti near Cap Hatien. Offerings will be taken as a Love Gift and for the Smiths. A lunch is provided for a cost of \$4.00. Registration is necessary. Please contact Gayle Campbell by November 1 at (717) 774-4186 or gpcamp@verizon.net if you have questions or to make a reservation.

# September 8, 2018 WSBC Honors Local First-Responders



Camp Hill Mayor, Mark Simpson, and Ida Rhone



Our friends from the local Camp Hill Fire Company.



The cake was donated by Giant Foods.

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## WSBC's Anniversary LIGHT Team Presents...

WSBC's Anniversary Celebration

WSBC will celebrate its 60th Anniversary on *Saturday, October 13*, with dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy historical displays and a pictorial presentation of memories throughout the evening. The Diaconate is asking for the following: Last names beginning with the letters **A-H** please bring a salad or side dish,

letters **I-P** please bring a dessert or drinks, letters **Q-Z** please bring an Italian-style entrée.







#### Special Weekend with Joseph Martin

WSBC is pleased to present Joseph Martin in concert on *Saturday*, *October 20*, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Mr. Martin is a world-renowned pianist and composer, whose music can be heard in such diverse locations as Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center in New York City; Constitution Hall in Washington DC; The Lawrence Welk Theatre in Branson, Missouri; St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City; and in hundreds of worship services in churches across the United States and Canada.

A native of North Carolina, Joe earned his Bachelor of Music degree in Piano Performance at Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina. Subsequently he earned a Master of Music degree in Piano Performance at the University of Texas, Austin. He is a member of the staff at the <u>Hal Leonard Corporation</u> and <u>Shawnee Press, Inc.</u> as Director of Sacred Publications.

We are also pleased that Joe will be with us during the morning Worship Service on *Sunday, October 21*, at 10:30 a.m. You won't want to miss Joe's exceptional musical talent, so come early!



# Calendar of Events

Sat	2pm - CCU Training Session  6pm - Anniversary Dinner	8am - Men's Fellowship 9am - Ladies Fellowship 6:30pm - Joe Martin	,
E	6pm - CAPC Walk for Life @	28	7
Thu	6:30pm - Men's Bible	6:30pm - Men's Bible	-
PeM	6:15pm - Choir & Praise 7 pm - Choir Practice 6:15pm - Choir & Praise 7 pm - Choir Practice	2pm - Remembrance 6:15pm - Choir & Praise 7pm - Choir & Praise 7pm - Choir & Praise 7pm - Choir Reactice	6:15pm - Choir & Praise 7 pm - Choir Practice
Tue	9am - Faith In Action 6:30pm - Advisory Council	4:15pm - Men's Group at 6:30pm - Chr. Ed Board Mtg	7 pm - Diaconata Board
Mon	10am - Staff Meeting @ 6:30pm - Mission Board 7 pm - Beacon Bell Choir 10am - Staff Meeting @ 6:30pm - Board of Trustees	10am - Staff Meeting @ 7 pm - Beacon Bell Choir 10am - Staff Meeting @	10am - Staff Meeting @
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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

 $T_{\it eaching Truth}$  and equipping disciples to develop Christ-like spiritual maturity

## **West Shore Baptist Church**

2025 Market Street Camp Hill, PA 17011

#### **SUMMER SUNDAY SERVICES:**

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

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