



WEST SHORE BAPTIST CHURCH

UPDATE

FEBRUARY 2018
NEWSLETTER

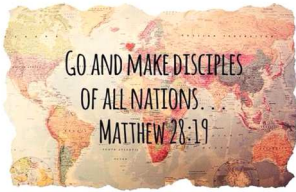
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FROM THE PASTOR



What is the purpose of the church? Why are we here? Is it for our benefit and enjoyment? Just before Jesus into heaven He gave us our marching orders in Matthew 28:19, “As you go into the world, make disciples of all nations...” The other purpose of the church according to Apostle Paul is to serve one another and build one another up in the Lord. There is no room for any self-interest in the body of Christ. I have been greatly encouraged by the new vision I see emerging in reaching out to our community. In reality, we have been focused inward for quite a long time and have lost our vision to reach out. It is time to do what Jesus told us to do. But it will be uncomfortable, because we will have to get out of our comfort zone. It starts with our desire. Do you remember last fall when I asked you to start praying for someone who is not a believer? You will be surprised to see how the Lord will open the door for you to share your story with them. We are a loving and caring family, but the people from the community don’t know that. When we start to invite them in, they will see the love of the Lord among us. That is what they are longing for. Jesus said, “Go out into the highways and byways and compel them to come in.” How long has it been since someone has come to faith in Christ because of our ministry? Let us re-focus and see how the Lord will open the doors and rejoice to see people coming to Him.

Pastor Paul



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60th Anniversary LIGHT Team’s February Event!

Saturday, February 10 at 1:00 p.m.

“Healthy People=Healthy Relationships”

The West Shore Baptist Church will host a “**Healthy People = Healthy Relationships**” Seminar on **Saturday, February 10**, featuring Debra Fileta, a Licensed Professional Counselor specializing in Relationship and Marital Issues. This FREE seminar is designed for married and singles alike. Debra has been featured in numerous media outlets from national television to church ministries such as Saddleback Church, Focus on the Family, The 700 Club, and more. She will speak at 1:00 p.m., followed at 3:00 p.m. by a Vow Renewal Ceremony for interested married couples. A Reception will follow at 3:30 p.m. with cake and other refreshments. Childcare will be available. Sign up on your bulletin insert to RSVP.



Debra Fileta,
LPC



Wednesday,
February 14

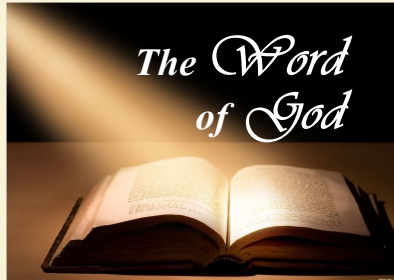
Happy
Valentine’s
Day

“I have loved you with
an everlasting love.”
Jeremiah 31:3



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A Message From the Associate Pastor



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“Christian, listen closely, we must read our Bibles. Read them carefully. Read them with longevity. Read them joyfully. Read them intently.”

“Visit many good books, but live in the Bible.”

C.H. Spurgeon

The Bible is a remarkable book. It contains writings that span across thousands of years, written in three languages by over 40 different authors with incredibly diverse cultural backgrounds. It contains poetry, songs, narrative, prophecy, proverbs, law, epistles, and apocalyptic literature. It is also amazingly popular. With over 100 million copies of the Bible sold each year, and with the full Bible being translated into 670 different languages, it is easily the most popular book of all time. And yet, for the Christian, those who read the Bible and believe it, the Bible is so much more. Far from simply being a historical document, for the Christian, the words in the Bible are the very words of God. In 2 Timothy, Paul calls all Scripture “God-breathed” or “breathed out by God.” Meaning, quite simply, that the writings of the Bible are not *merely* human writings, though they are that as well. The writings of the Bible are also divinely spoken words. They are divine words, written by human authors in such a way that God’s words are perfectly preserved and the human author’s personality and cultural background are left intact and unimpeded. The Bible, for us as Christians, is a miracle. Within it we find the very words of God, the Creator of the universe. We proclaim this truth from the pulpit, we teach this truth in Sunday School, we sing about it in our songs, and yet, it is often puzzling to me how inconsistently I live by it. I cannot help but wonder, if I really believe the Bible is the Word of God, why don’t I read it more? Why don’t I consult the Bible during meetings when a decision is to be made? Why do I sit around waiting for a sign from the Lord when he has already definitively spoken? The Bible is a miraculous, wonderful book filled to the brim with truth that satisfies. Christian, listen closely, we must read our Bibles. Read them carefully. Read them with longevity. Read them joyfully. Read them intently. Don’t just give your Bible a small part of your day before you run off to do what you really want to do. Let yourself swim in the ocean of goodness found in the God-breathed Scriptures. Make the Scriptures the center of your day; the highlight of it. My prayer for West Shore Baptist Church is that we would become a people of The Book. That we would love our Bibles because we love God. Christian, do you want to hear from God? Then read your Bible. Do you want to hear an audible voice from God? Then read your Bible out loud. Either way, read your Bibles and read them well. It is in the Word of God that life is found.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Associate Pastor Greg Kabakjian

From the Diaconate Board

Thank you
Pastor Paul
 By Deacon Russ Miller



Let me begin by saying I hope your 2018 is off to a healthy and prosperous start. As of this writing, West Shore Baptist Church is still searching for a new Senior Pastor. When Pastor Gary Bruland announced he would be retiring in June 2017, I for one was stunned. I

thought he was a terrific pastor and knew he would be missed. Judging by the outpouring of affection at his retirement luncheon, the WSBC congregation felt the same way.

Our Pastoral Search Committee was tasked with the job of finding Pastor Gary's permanent replacement. My understanding is that a number of candidates have been interviewed, but the committee is correctly taking as much time as necessary to find the right person. I am confident they will select an excellent candidate, but until then WSBC has been incredibly blessed to get acquainted with and benefit from our current interim pastor, Dr. Paul Thompson.

Pastor Thompson in my opinion has been amazing. He is older than most of us, younger than some of us, and relates to all of us. Both his personality and passion for the gospel are infectious. Listening to one of his sermons, you will invariably find yourself chuckling one minute and having serious reflections on his message the next. Replay one of his sermons that are on the WSBC website and see if that is not the case. I overheard a comment after a recent service where a member of the congregation said "He grows on you." Simple, but well put.

But aside from his sermons, I have been even more impressed with how he and his wife Sue, from Day One, have gotten involved with WSBC. He is doing a whole lot more than preaching excellent sermons each week. It started with just mingling and shaking hands with early arrivers prior to the service. Then he had us wear name tags. Finally for the summer months he, along with Associate Pastor Greg, instituted a combined service between the LifeHouse service and traditional service members. The goal was to get all of us to get to know and interact with each other. Pastor Paul makes that commute from Lancaster at least four days a week to either make him available in his office or to pick up where Pastor Gary left off with visitation. I can vouch for receiving sound advice from him during his office hours.

Pastor Thompson attends our monthly Diaconate meeting and contributes with both his knowledge and leadership. He realizes change at WSBC is both necessary and inevitable. He is helping to enact changes that will not occur at WSBC until long after the new pastor has arrived. Suffice to say he doesn't have to be that involved. But he is because he cares. He is giving us quite a "bang for our buck".

WSBC sponsored a Thanksgiving potluck outreach dinner open to everyone. We had an impressive turnout and all who attended were treated to a wonderful meal and terrific fellowship. Perhaps WSBC will attract some new members? At the very least we hope to make local people aware of WSBC. Positive outcomes or not, it was still a more than worthy effort by WSBC to reach out to our community. I do not believe this event would have taken place without the efforts of Pastor Thompson. This is another example of him going above and beyond what is required of him.

I would be remiss if I did not extend kudos to Pastor Greg. I don't think he expected to be our only non-interim pastor when he was hired. Out of necessity, he has been asked to do much more and he has responded admirably. In addition to organizing numerous opportunities for our youth, he has preached a number of sermons in both the LifeHouse and traditional services. He preaches with a different style but similar passion as does Pastor Thompson and the excellent rapport they have with each other is apparent. Personally I think they are learning a lot from each other.

We don't know how long Pastor Thompson will be with us, but in the meantime if you feel as I do – and I think you do – please give him a heartfelt thank you and praise God for sending him to us. He has been a gift. So thank you Pastor Paul. Thank you Pastor Greg. And God bless our new Senior Pastor leading us through 2018 and beyond.

From the Missions Board



2018 AFC Offering

The theme for the 2018 America for Christ Offering is “Equipping Disciples,” informed by this biblical text: *“The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ”* (Ephesians 4:11-13, NRSV).

For American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS), equipping disciples entails supporting and enabling highly motivated Christian disciple-makers who are delivering the Good News of Jesus Christ and producing life-saving and life-giving change in individuals and congregations across the United States and Puerto Rico.

As you contribute to AFC, you enable ABHMS to provide high-quality Christian resources and encouragement to our network of disciple-makers, thereby improving their effectiveness in equipping other Christians. Our Equipping Disciples team facilitates virtual communities and networks of American Baptists engaged in discipleship for mutual support and enrichment.

WSBC will begin receiving the America for Christ offering on *Sunday, February 18*, and the offering will conclude on *Sunday, March 25*. Offering envelopes are available in the pew racks and in your individual offering envelope box. The Mission Board has set a goal of **\$5,000**. Please give as you are able.

Update



Operation Christmas Child

This Christmas, 52 shoeboxes were collected by many generous WSBC contributors for Operation Christmas Child distribution. Along with these shoeboxes, the Mission Board also collected 36 shoeboxes for “Three Kings Celebration” in Puerto Rico, sent along with other relief from ABCOPAD. Thanks to all who contributed to these efforts. Well done!

Just a quick reminder!

Thanks to all who continue to help fill our pantry shelves with non-perishable food items. These items are delivered regularly to New Hope Ministries. The needs in our community continue year-round. Through your generosity, we share Christ’s love with those less fortunate.



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!

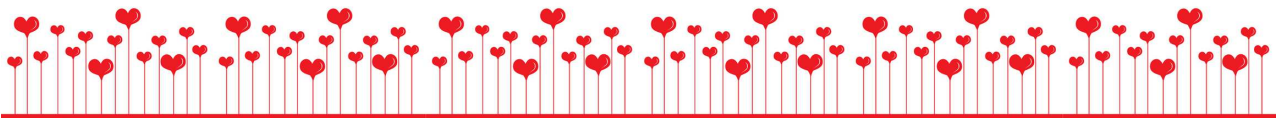
Walton -Wall Scholarship

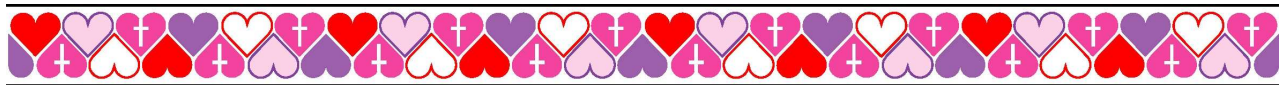
The Walton-Wall Scholarship is granted to support an individual's maturity, leadership development, and Christian advancement through activities such as sport camps, scout camps, music camps, etc. That is, while the activities can be Christian development oriented, they do not necessarily have to be. 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. 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





Birthdays:



- 2 Rita German
 - 3 Ollie Miller
 - 4 Lisa Fleming
 - 5 Barb Strine
 - 7 Joe Gifford
 - 9 Joe Manzo
 - 10 Janet Ressler
 - 11 Cheryl Montgomery
 - 12 Carol Saltzer
 - 18 Maryke Clark
 - 19 H. Art Nixon
 - 20 Edward Bihl
 - 23 Roland Carpenter
 - 24 Jessie Sites
 - 25 Kristine Zoll
 - 26 Elynore Uhl
 - 27 Candy Barth
- Rachel Gifford

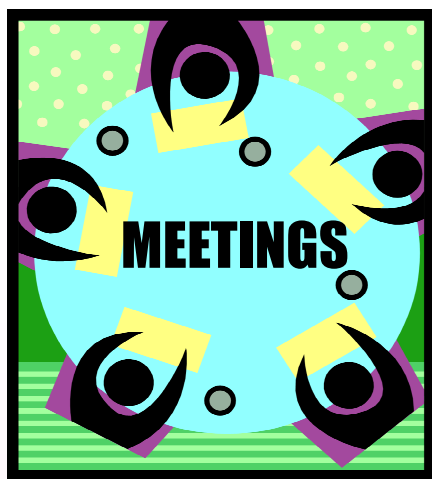
Childcare Schedule

DATE	NURSERY 9:00 AM	NURSERY 10:30 AM
February 4	Cheryl Montgomery Kristin Born	Gayle Campbell Becky Gentzler
February 11	Rose Sleboda Judy Brouse	Mary Hartman Edie Kennerly
February 18	Patty McCown Ida Rhone	Linda Fleming Lisa Fleming
February 25	Ida Rhone Cheryl Montgomery	Becky Gentzler Gayle Campbell

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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Staff Meeting

The staff will meet on *Monday, February 5*, at 12:30 p.m. in the Library/Conference Room.

Advisory Council Meeting

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

Missions Board Meeting

The Missions Board will meet on *Monday, February 12*, at 6:30 p.m. in Room G-4.

Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees will meet on *Monday, February 12*, at 6:30 p.m. in Room G-2.

Diaconate Board Meeting

The Diaconate Board will meet on *Tuesday, February 13*, at 6:45 p.m. in Room G-4.

Board of Christian Education Meeting

The Board of Christian Education will meet on *Tuesday, February 20*, at 6:30 p.m. in Room G-2.

Pastoral Search Committee Meeting

The Pastoral Search Committee will meet on *Thursday, February 1*, at 7:00 p.m. in Rooms 201-202.

Faith In Action



The Faith in Action LIGHT Team will meet on *Tuesday, February 6*, 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 March UPDATE

The deadline for the submission of articles and announcements for the March UPDATE is *Monday, February 19*. Please 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, February 17*, at Bob Evan's in New Cumberland. 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, February 17*, at the West Shore family Restaurant. All women are invited! Please sign up on your bulletin insert.

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



**Welcome
Our New
Members**

Joe and Linda Manzo
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Directory

UPDATE

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Harrisburg, PA 17111

Don Norris
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Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
(717) 620-0962

Lamb Award Recipients



Left to right: Doug Hill, Moderator;
Ida Rhone, Janet Ressler, & Carol Wittle

Janet Ressler, Ida Rhone, & Carol Wittle

were recently honored at the January Annual Business meeting. Janet was honored for her excellent leadership in visitation of our homebound members and friends. Ida and Carol were recognized for their faithfulness in sending birthday and anniversary cards to WSBC members and friends. Ladies, we thank you for your servant hearts!



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:


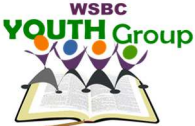
- 1) Check the WSBC website (www.wsbc.org) for the latest news on winter weather-related worship cancellations or church closings.
- 2) Phone Pastor Paul at 717-575-6121 or Pastor Greg at 717-877-6055 to inquire about cancellations and/or church closings.
- 3) Watch your CBS or NBC local television station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

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

February 2018

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>28</p> <p>9am - Christian Ed Classes</p> <p>9am - Morning Worship</p> <p>10am - Children's Choir Practice</p> <p>10am - Coffee Cafe</p> <p>10:30am - Christian Ed Classes</p> <p>10:30am - LifeHouse Worship</p> <p>11:45am - LifeHouse Band</p> <p>11:45am - Prayer LIGHT Team @</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>6:30pm - Prayer Meeting @</p> <p>7pm - Sonshine Singers</p>	<p>1</p> <p>7pm - Pastoral Search</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8am - Youth Retreat @ The Loft</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8am - Youth Retreat @ The Loft</p>
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*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

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