



WEST SHORE BAPTIST CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PASTOR



We heard the news this week that Billy Graham was called home to home to heaven, a man whom God called to preach the Gospel to the entire world. He really became America's pastor.

Permit me to reflect on what an impact he made on my life. When I was 10 years old, my Mom and Dad took me down to Minneapolis (130 miles) where Billy was holding a crusade. We couldn't even get into the auditorium because of the crowd, so we heard him on the broadcast in the parking lot, along with thousands of others. I had already accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior a year before, but what was going through my mind was, "Who was going to take his place when he is done?" That was the beginning of the stirring in my heart.



Billy Graham

In 1960, while a student at Wheaton College, Billy came to hold a small crusade on campus since it was Wheaton's centennial. I was assigned to take his and Ruth's picture since the yearbook was dedicated to them. As I stood with Dr. Edman, they came up the walk and Billy came straight over to me and said, "Hi my name is Billy, what is yours?" He was the most humble man that I had ever met.

Since then I have had the privilege to work in 3 crusades with him and the team, in Kansas City, Anaheim, and Cleveland. He raised my perspective to think way beyond the local church to see what God can do when one is totally surrendered to Him. In the Cleveland crusade I was assigned to manage the training and coordinating of counsellors, which meant I had to be on the corner of the platform when the invitation was given to make sure each inquirer had a counsellor. When I saw thousands of people streaming down the isles at the stadium to come to Christ, I wept to see what God was doing through His servant. I come to you with that image deep in my mind to see what God can do here.

When our hearts are totally devoted to Him and His mission, this ministry will absolutely flourish beyond our imagination. I know it can happen. I have seen it happen.

Pastor Paul

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Time to Spring Ahead

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 11 at 2:00 a.m. Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday evening.

A Message From the Associate Pastor

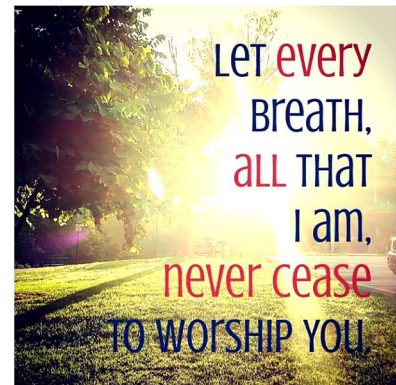


Just Imagine . . .



Christianity is now the world's second largest religion. At one point, it was the largest. Now, its passionate adherents are dwindling. Surprisingly, the religion that surpassed Christianity wasn't Islam! It wasn't even Hinduism, Buddhism, or Sikhism. In fact, you may have never heard of this religion. Its followers gather on Sundays in their temples, dressed brightly in the colors of their god. It is quite a spectacle, actually. Once a year, in February, they make a pilgrimage to a mega-temple, where they worship all together. The sight of the mega-temple is astounding. This year, over 100,000 people lifted their hands in worship as they fellowshipped and sang hymns in worship of their god. I was not there, but I can only imagine that the sound of their worship was deafening. What's more, the worship service was streamed out though television so that the worshippers who couldn't make the pilgrimage could still partake in the annual temple rituals. Over 100 million followers "attended" the service by means of television. Even now, people are abandoning Christianity for this religion in droves. It isn't uncommon for church members to frequently avoid their Sunday services in order to be present at their other religious temples for worship. Week after week, church members exit their boring church buildings and bow down before the god of their other religion in all-out adoration. And whatever this other religion teaches, it sure seems to be of far greater importance! Church members will come, half-asleep, to their church service, mumbling and grumbling if it goes longer than it should. Yet, when they go to their temple, they are wide awake, eating, drinking, and singing hymns. Unlike their church service, when the temple worship goes longer than expected, they get more excited! Interestingly, this religion hasn't officially been classified as a religion quite yet. Its followers still prefer simply to call it football.

Just imagine. Just imagine that we cared as deeply about the truths of God's Word as much as we do about a game. Just imagine that we were as emotionally invested into our local church as we are into whether or not some 20-year-old kid drops a ball. Just imagine that we sang with as much vigor on Sunday morning as we do when we cheer for our favorite team on Sunday afternoon. The truth is - we don't. The truth is, we aren't nearly as passionate about God as we are about an inconsequential, entertaining competition. But just imagine. Just imagine that we were. Oh, the things we could accomplish....



Soli Deo Gloria,
Associate Pastor Greg Kabakjian



Anyone who would like to join us in a caroling party for Eliana Brengel should meet next **Sunday, March 4**, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. From there we will head to the Brengel home to wish Elaina a "Happy Birthday" - she will be 3 years-old on March 2.

From the Diaconate Board



We Need to Celebrate Jesus Always and in All Ways.

by Deacon Ida Rhone



With the new year begun, we should continue to worship Jesus, for he is always worthy of our praise and worship. It has been three months since we celebrated Christmas. The season is over—or is it?

Let’s think about it: We still have someone to celebrate! Jesus Christ is Immanuel, “God with us” (Matthew 1:23), not only at Christmas, but always, every day of the year—forever. He is worthy to be worshipped all the time because He is our maker, and He is always with us. We need to keep Jesus in our heart and mind daily and worship Him as though it is Christmas every day.

The more we trust Him, praise, and worship Him, the more we will know that He will be with us in all we do and supply all we need. He will lead us and guide us in everything. Just as the Magi sought Him, may we seek Him and worship wherever we are. As we go through the rest of this year, let’s remember we have someone to celebrate, and He will always be with us.

We should be a light in this community by sharing, caring, and loving all who need us. Let the people see that we have the greatest Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to celebrate every day of every year. Let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord, our maker (Psalm 95:6).

Immanuel, “God with us” (Matthew 1:23)

March 60th Anniversary Event!

A Community Lecture Co-Sponsored by CS Lewis Institute of Central PA and West Shore Baptist Church



Who is Jesus?

A Conversation between a Muslim and a Christian

With Imam – Mr. Inamul Haq of Elmhurst College
and
Professor - Dr. Mark Draper of Evangelical Seminary



Thursday, March 15th from 7:00 – 9:00 PM
West Shore Baptist Church - 2025 Market St, Camp Hill, PA 17011

Registration is Free!
www.cslewisinstitute.org/Whoisjesus

From the Missions Board



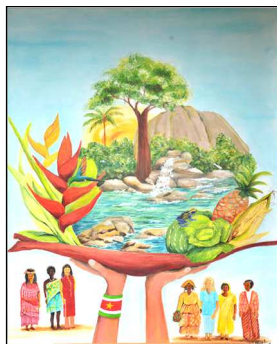
2018 AFC Offering

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.



2018 World Day of Prayer

Church Women United of Harrisburg invites all women to the 2018 “World Day of Prayer” service this **Friday, March 2**, here at West Shore Baptist Church. “All God’s Creation is Very Good!” is this year’s theme prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Suriname. The Republic of Suriname is located on the northeastern coast of South America. Its history includes native peoples, Africans, Creoles, Dutch, Indonesian, and Chinese. The program begins at 10:00 a.m. and concludes at 11:30 a.m. It will include a Bible Study on Genesis 1:1-31.



American Baptist Men’s Retreat

The 2018 A.B. Men’s Retreat will be held at Shippensburg University **Friday, July 27, through Sunday, July 29**. The theme of this year’s retreat is “Nothing Is Impossible With God. So Let Your Light Shine for Jesus to All!” The keynote speaker will be the Rev. Chuck Stecker, Executive Director and Founder of “A Chosen Generation.” Come for challenging and relevant workshops, inspiring testimonies, worship, and special music. The cost is \$175 per person by May 1, \$185 by June 1, \$195 by July 15. The Youth Program’s theme is “Control,” led by Ryan Seckman and Kyle West. More information can be found on the men’s bulletin board in the foyer. Fill out a registration form, available at the Welcome Center, and send it in today!



From the Christian Education Board

Easter Egg Hunt & Outreach Event on March 24

Sponsored by the Christian Education Board



On **Saturday, March 24**, at 10:00 a.m., the Christian Education Board will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt and Community Outreach Event at WSBC. The day will begin with the Easter story followed by a special craft time. There will be a hot dog lunch provided for the children, and the Easter Egg Hunt will conclude the day. Spread the word! Any questions? Contact a member of the C.E. Board.



Palm Sunday

Hey, kids! There will be a special craft time for you on Palm Sunday, **March 25, 2018**. Watch your bulletin for details!



Order Your Easter Flowers!

Now through **Sunday, March 18**, you can order beautiful Easter flowers to decorate the sanctuary or chapel in memory or in honor of loved ones. This year you have the option of ordering tulips, lilies, or daffodils, for \$10.00 each. To place an order, please complete the information on the special order envelope found in the pew racks, enclose your payment, and place your envelope in the offering plate. Questions? Please call the church office at 761-0942.



From the Holy Lands

Bruce and Cheryl Montgomery were re-dedicated/baptized in the Jordan River during their trip to the Holy Lands in February, 2018.



Birthdays:

- 1 June Karschner
- 2 Eliana Brengel
- 3 Diana Thompson
- 6 Earl Blust
- 8 Pearl Tomlinson
Carolyn Wolf
- 9 Jason Barth
- 11 Diane Auten
Shirley Wall
Dale Zoll
- 13 Edward Ellmore
- 14 Ken Saltzer
- 17 Pat Zulaica
- 19 Alice Orozco
- 21 Collin Kindig
- 22 Nadiya Torchilo

Birthdays (cont.)

- 25 Anna Carr
Alexis Kabakjian
- 27 Stephen Hill
Monica Lopez
Patty McCown
- 28 Vladimir Torchilo
- 30 Edie Kennerly

Anniversaries:

- 7 Bud & Rita German
Joe & Rachel Gifford
- 14 Doug & Amy Hill
- 24 Ed & Anne Bihl



Childcare Schedule



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

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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Faith In Action

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

The deadline for the submission of articles and announcements for the April UPDATE is **Friday, March 23**. Please forward your input to Bonnie Prior via hard copy or by email to b.prior@wsbc.org.

Advisory Council Meeting

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

Missions Board Meeting

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

Board of Trustees Meeting

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

Board of Christian Education Meeting

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

Diaconate Board Meeting

The Diaconate Board will meet on **Tuesday, March 20**, at 7:00 p.m. in Room G-4.

Men's Breakfast Fellowship

The next meeting of the Men's Breakfast Fellowship will be at 8:00 a.m. on **Saturday, March 17**, 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 9:00 a.m. on **Saturday, March 17**, at Perkins on Erford Road in Camp Hill. 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

C.S. Lewis Institute of Central PA

Do you want to experience the power of a transformed life? Applications are now being accepted for the 2018-2019 Year One Fellows Program through the Central Pennsylvania C.S. Lewis Institute.

Do you desire a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and other believers? The C.S. Lewis Fellows Program is a year-long discipleship program designed for believers who:

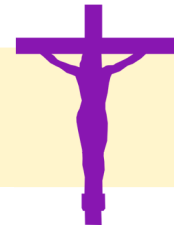


- Are already established in their faith
- Are highly motivated to grow deeper in their knowledge of and obedience to Jesus Christ
- Desire for God to use them more effectively in the work of His kingdom
- Have the time and can make the commitment required to achieve these goals

If that sounds like what God is calling you to, you are invited to learn more about the program and to submit an application at http://www.cslewisinstitute.org/Fellows_Program.



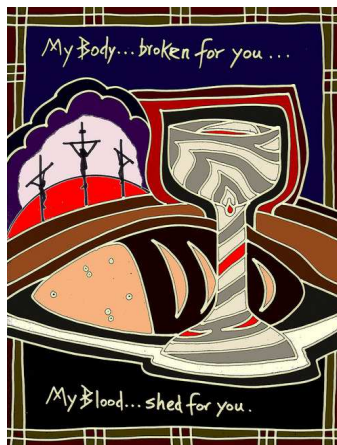
HOLY WEEK



“But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world” (KJV). Galatians 6:14

Maundy Thursday

Worship & Communion Service



Join us on
Thursday, March 29,
at 7:00 p.m.
for Maundy Thursday
Worship and Communion.

EASTER

April 1, 2018



March 2018

Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 ● 9am Christian Ed Classes ● 9am Morning Worship ● 10am Children's Choir Practice ● 10am Coffee Cafe 5 more	26 ● 12:30pm Staff Meeting	27 ● 6:30pm Christian Ed Board Mtg	28 ● 5:45pm Men's Bible Fellowship ● 6:30pm Prayer Meeting ● 7pm Sonshine Singers Rehears	Mar 1 ● 7pm Worship Review Team Mtg	2 ● 8:30am CWU World Day of Pra	3
4 ● 9am Christian Ed Classes ● 9am Morning Worship ● 10am Children's Choir Practice ● 10am Coffee Cafe 5 more	5 ● 7pm Beacon Bell Ringers	6 ● 9am Faith in Action ● 6:30pm Advisory Council Meet	7 ● 6:30pm Prayer Meeting ● 7pm Sonshine Singers Rehears	8 ● 6:30pm Prayer Meeting ● 7pm Sonshine Singers Rehears	9	10
11 ● 9am Christian Ed Classes ● 9am Morning Worship ● 10am Children's Choir Practice ● 10am Coffee Cafe 5 more	12 ● 6:30pm Board of Trustees Mtg ● 6:30pm Mission Board Mtg.	13 ● 6:30pm Chr. Ed Board Mtg ● 7pm Diaconate Board Mtg	14 ● 5:45pm Men's Bible Fellowship ● 6:30pm Prayer Meeting ● 7pm Sonshine Singers Rehears	15 ● 6pm Christian Debate Event	16 ● 8am Men's Fellowship Breakfa ● 8am Ladies Fellowship Breakfa	17 
18 ● 9am Christian Ed Classes ● 9am Morning Worship ● 10am Children's Choir Practice ● 10am Coffee Cafe 5 more	19 ● 7pm Beacon Bell Ringers	20 ● 6:30pm Chr. Ed Board Mtg ● 7pm Diaconate Board Mtg	21 ● 2pm Remembrance Service ● 6:30pm Prayer Meeting ● 7pm Sonshine Singers Rehears	22 ● 10am Easter Egg Hunt Event	23 	24
25 Palm Sunday ● 9am Christian Ed Classes ● 9am Morning Worship ● 10am Children's Choir Practic... 6 more	26	27	28 ● 5:45pm Men's Bible Fellowship ● 6:30pm Prayer Meeting ● 7pm Sonshine Singers Rehears	29 ● 7pm Maundy Thursday Comm	30	31

*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