

UPDATE

JUNE 2018

NEWSLETTER

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It will be a full year by the time we complete our ministry with you and it has been a rewarding time together. We did not come to you through the normal channels, which confirms God's definite direction to be with you. My hope and prayer is that, as we complete our time together, you have a new vision and direction for the future of West Shore Baptist.



Churches do go through cycles, which is normally due to losing their vision and their focus. They become in-grown even though the harvest field is still ripe all around them. Death happens in each person when the spirit leaves the body. The same principle holds true in a church. When it is not doing what God has called it to do, which is focusing on reaching people for Christ, the Holy Spirit leaves that family and it eventually dies.

It is the opposite when a church family sees people come to Christ! There is excitement and vibrancy and joy that runs through the body of the congregation. When we first joined you, I urged you to start praying for someone who is not a believer. That is where it begins. Through the power of prayer, God begins to move. He is just waiting for us to take the initiative. This is how evangelism works today in our culture – personal contact. It no longer happens just because the doors of the church are open.

The second imperative for the Holy Spirit to work is unity. He will not work where there is division or fragmentation. It has taken a whole year for this to happen, but I see we are coming together and rebuilding that basic spirit as we move into the summer months. It is much greater than moving our two services together, it is the spirit and attitude of the church body.

As Pastor Kelly comes to motivate and mobilize you all, I pray that you will get behind her and see great things happen to the glory of God. The future is as bright as the promises of God.

Pastor Paul

Beginning Sunday, June 3

9:00 a.m. – Christian Education Classes

10:00 a.m. – Coffee Café in the Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. - Combined Worship Service in the Sanctuary*

*Note: The Worship Service will be held in the Sanctuary until renovations begin. Once renovations are underway, the Worship Service will be held in Davidson Chapel until we are able to move back into the new, revised worship space. Thank you.

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Pastor Appreciation
Potluck Luncheon

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June 24, 11:45 a.m.

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A Message From the Associate Pastor

. . . if you want to live a more sinless life, focus your energies on knowing Christ, loving Him, praying to Him, and reading His Word.

One of the great truths I have discovered over the past few years is that sin often, if not always, finds its root in a distrust of God and His com-

mands. Let me explain: I believe that at the heart of every sinful action lies a deadly fabrication. Every conscious sinful choice is founded upon the same incorrect belief. Namely, that the sinful action, whatever it may be, will bring more joy than obedience to God. Though we might never think of it like this or frame it in this manner, it is true. We sin because we believe it will bring us more pleasure, happiness, and satisfaction than following God will.

Imagine the foolishness of someone burning their own eyes out for fun. Nobody would do that! Why? Because life with eyes is clearly more enjoyable than life without. Yet, when it comes to sin – which leads to far worse than an eyeless life – we gladly partake. Evidencing that

we believe that life with a particular sin will be more enjoyable than life without. We sin under the illusion that somehow we will become more satisfied living in God's world if we disobey God. This is illogical. God has created the rules in His universe, not to be a buzzkill, but to bring us



joy! God has designed His law so that in obedience to it, our lives flourish. And when we sin, we say with our actions that God's law is not as enjoyable as disobedience to it. At the root of sin lies an utter irrationality that commissions us to drink poison because it looks appetizing. We sin because we do not believe God when He said that the wages of sin is death. We sin because we do not believe that God knows best how to make us happy.

So what is the solution to sin? If the root of sin is a distrust of God, the primary solution to sin cannot be to simply stop doing the sin. Rather, the primary solution to sin is to find more joy in God. To pursue God more deeply will result in a greater trust in Him and His ways which will manifest itself in our holy, sinless, living. The more we are satisfied in God, the less we will seek sin. The more we trust Him, the less we think that we know better how to achieve joy. The more we know Christ, the more we will kill sin. Christian, if you want to live a more sinless life, focus your energies on knowing Christ, loving Him, praying to Him, and reading His Word. It is in Him that there is freedom from sin.

Associate Pastor Greg Kabakjian

From the Diaconate Board



By Deacon Hilary Art Nixon, Ph.D.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31). Saving faith is simple yet spiritually and profoundly complex. The Protestant Reformation grounded itself on Habakkuk 2:4, "the just shall live by his faith" (KJV). But look at the various ways this phrase is translated: "The righteous shall live by his faith" (NASB) or faithfulness (NIV), "by his steadfastness liveth" (Young's Literal Translation).

Knowledge: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved" presents several facts which belief grasps and holds onto. "Saved" is one word but fully understood means: 1) you are a sinner (Rom. 3:23); 2) you deserve death (Rom. 6:23) and eternal hellfire (Rev. 20:13-15); 3) but Jesus, the Christ or Messiah, became your Savior because he bore the penalty of your sin with his death at Calvary; and 4) Jesus has become Lord or Master of your life because he arose again from the dead and is alive and is actively engaging in a personal relationship with the believer. The deeper you grow in your faith the more you understand, obey and lean on (or trust) in the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. "Clearly no one who relies on the law is justified before God, because 'the righteous will live by faith'" (Gal. 3:11). But faith is more than facts you can recite. "You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe and shudder" (James 2:19). Demons, fallen angels, know there is their creator God. They rightly fear him but they live in rebellion. James rebukes this intellectualism which is not genuine saving faith. "As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead" (James 2:26).

Power: Our faith does not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power (1 Cor. 2:5). It is the Holy Spirit who convicts us of our sin (John 16:8). Have you humbled yourself before God, admitting He has the right to send you to hell forever? If you haven't swallowed this poison pill to self, you haven't found true faith. In true conversion God makes us into a new creature (2 Cor. 5:27); we are born again by the Holy Spirit (John 3:8). We are "born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God" John 1:13. Christ came to sanctify us (Heb. 13:12) which is to make us holy in Christ's image (Romans 8:29). Mystical union describes God's indwelling in the believer (John 14:23, 18-23). This explains our new capacity to have power over sin and death (Romans 6:1-10) and ability to put down the old nature (Col. 3:1-17) and produce fruit of the spirit (Gal. 5:22-26). "Continue to work out your salvation [sanctification] with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose" Phil. 2:12-13. So God regenerates, dwells inside, empowers and sanctifies. The true believer repents (turns from sin Acts 3:19) and exercises lifelong faithfulness to his Lord and Savior (Hab. 2:4; Gal. 3:11). Caution: on judgment day some will be surprised - God's power worked through them to prophesy, cast out demons, and do miracles, but Christ says, "I never knew [covenanted with] you. Depart from me, you workers of lawlessness (Matthew 7:22-23). Charismatic empowerment gifts include gifts of wisdom, knowledge, faith, healings, miracles, prophecy, tongues, interpretation of tongues (1 Cor. 12:8-11) and the "prayer of faith" (James 5:15 divine healing - not faith healing, not hope healing) - all involve God's miraculous power channeling through the individual. But that power is no guarantee of saving faith (Heb. 6:4-6).

Perseverance: Steadfast, life-long trust in and obedience to God is the hallmark of saving faith. From God's perspective those he foreloved (foreknew), he elected (1Peter 1:2). These are predestined to be conformed to the image of his son (Romans 8:29). Note: in Romans 11:1-7, Israel is saved not according to their actions (which God pre-knew) rather the remnant is saved according to God's election (v.5). Those who were chosen found grace, the rest were hardened (v.7). So God's foreknowledge is His predetermination to (fore) love His elect. From the human perspective, assurance of salvation comes from steadfast belief in Christ and growth in Christ (Phil. 3:12-14). God makes our feet like the deer (Hab. 3:19) - sure footed on the path of righteousness.

In summary, the just will live by faith. Faith is not a creed - though the Apostle's Creed summarizes the doctrines of our faith. Faith is not good works - though faith without good works is dead. Faith is life-long faithfulness to God who is our Savior and Lord. Faith is living in a vibrant relationship with God. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you live justly by trusting in God at your every breath, thought and step.

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From the Diaconate Board



Someone has written these beautiful words. It's a must read. Try to understand the deep meaning of it. They are like the ten commandments to follow in life all of the time!

- 1. Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout the journey.
- 2. So why is a Car's WINDSHIELD so large & the Rear View Mirror so small? Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, look ahead and move on.
- 3. Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes a few minutes to burn, but it takes years to write.
- 4. All things in life are temporary. If going well, enjoy it, they will not last forever. If going wrong, don't worry, they can't last long either.
- 5. Old Friends are Gold! New Friends are Diamond! If you get a Diamond, don't forget the Gold! Because to hold a Diamond, you always need a Base of Gold!
- 6. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, GOD smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!
- 7. When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when GOD doesn't solve your problems HE has faith in your abilities.
- 8. A blind person asked St. Anthony, "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied, 'Yes, losing your vision!'"
- 9. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
- 10. WORRYING does not take away tomorrow's TROUBLES, it takes away today's PEACE.

If you really enjoy this, please pass on to others. It may just brighten someone's day... Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.

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From the Missions Board



2018 One Great Hour of Sharing

This year's OGHS offering theme is "More Than We Can Imagine," based on Ephesians 3:20, where Paul states that God is able to "accomplish abundantly more that we can ask or imagine." For many, 2017 was an apocalyptic year filled with unbelievable hurricanes, earthquakes, fires, floods, and violence. You prayed, stood with, and gave to people and needs from next-door neighbors to global neighbors you may never meet. Your

generous gifts help people envision recovery and new life, strengthened by the assurance that God is working in, through, and beyond us.

Our OGHS offering is being received through *June 10, 2018*. The Mission Board has set a goal of **\$5,000**. Please give generously as you are able.

WSBC has ranked #8 in Mission giving for 2017 by American Baptist Churches USA with receipts totaling \$44,455. Well done!

CAPC's Baby Bottle Blast Continues!

Our Baby Bottle Blast campaign to support the work and vision of the Capital Area Pregnancy Centers continues through *Father's Day*, *June 17*. Please fill the bottles with your donation and return them no later than June 17. Also remember to pray for moms, dads, and their unborn children during this time.





ABCOPAD-Sponsored Domestic Short Term Mission Trips for 2018

Trip	Location	Dates	Cost (notes)	
Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing	Puerto Rico	Ongoing	\$150 (A)	
Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing	Muskogee, Oklahoma	June 17-23		
Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing	Texas	June 17-24	\$150 (B)	
Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing	Texas	June 24-30	\$150 (B)	
Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing	New Jersey	July 14-21		
'Til the Work is Done	New Orleans	July 29-Aug 4		
Sturgis Motorcycle Rally	South Dakota	August 4-12	\$100+ (C)	

Notes:

- A \$150 per person per week includes housing, food and supplies. Volunteers are responsible for transportation to, on, and from the island.
- B \$150 cost includes housing, food and registration. Scholarships are available.
- C Each participant is asked to contribute \$100 toward the cost of this project.

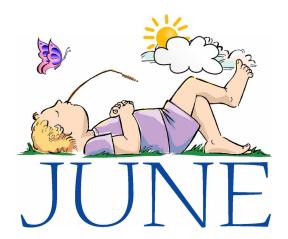


Birthdays:

- 2 Sydney Montgomery
- 3 Pat Dieffenbach
- 5 Andrea Dunkle Kath Nichols
- **6** Michelle Thompson
- 9 Carolyn Frischkorn
- 11 Bud German Ken Whitcomb
- 14 Rimma Torchilo
- 15 Libbie Hitch
- 19 Monsy Lopez Marilyn Ross
- 20 Bruce Montgomery
- 22 Doug Hill
- 24 Kristina Sprecher
- **26 Terry Fleming**
- 28 Dick Webb



- 4 Eric & Kristin Born
- 5 Dick & June Karschner
- 10 Jacob & Kristina Sprecher
- 14 Russ & Michelle Miller
- 28 Cal & E.J. Stevens





Childcare Schedule



DATE	NURSERY 9:00 AM	NURSERY 10:30 AM		
June 3	Kristin Born (Judy Brouse)	Becky Gentzler (Maryke Clark)		
June 10	Patty McCown (Edie Kennerly)	Jayne Metz (Rose Sleboda)		
June 17	Alexis Kabakjian (Ida Rhone)	Lisa Fleming (Linda Fleming)		
June 24	Cheryl Montgomery (Kristin Born)	Gayle Campbell (Becky Gentzler)		

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



The Advisory Council will meet on *Tuesday*, *June 5*, at 6:30 p.m. in Room G-2.

Missions Board Meeting

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

Board of Trustees Meeting

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

Board of Christian Education Meeting

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

Diaconate Board Meeting

The Diaconate Board will meet on *Tuesday*, *June 19*, at 7:00 p.m. in Room G-4.





Faith in Action

The Faith in Action LIGHT Team will meet on *Tuesday*, *June 5*, 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.

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Deadline for July UPDATE

BREAKFAST

The deadline for the submission of articles and announcements for the July UPDATE newsletter is *Friday*, *June 22*. Please forward your input to Bonnie Prior by email to b.prior@wsbc.org.

Men's Breakfast Fellowship

The next meeting of the Men's ELLOWSHII Breakfast Fellowship will be at 8:00 a.m. on *Saturday*, *June 16*, at the Front Street Diner in Harrisburg. All men are invited!

Ladies Breakfast Fellowship

Due to the Family Festival and Yard Sale at WSBC on Saturday, June 16, the Ladies Breakfast Fellowship *is cancelled* for the month of June. Next meeting is July 21. Watch for details to come.

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Sunday, June 24, at 11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

We will celebrate the ministry and service of Interim Pastor Paul Thompson and Sue Thompson on *Sunday, June 24*, at an Appreciation Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall at 11:45 a.m. We want to show our deep appreciation for the Godly ways they've both served WSBC over the past year. The Diaconate Board will provide the main dish and they are asking for the congregation to provide the following:

Persons with last names beginning with letters A-H, please bring a dessert, and letters I-Z, please bring a salad or side dish. Sign up on your bulletin insert to make your reservation.

There is a basket available in the foyer for placing your cards and messages of appreciation for Pastor Paul and Sue Thompson.





Frayer Meeting Announcement

Prayer meetings at WSBC on Wednesday evenings have been so encouraging for those attending during this critical time in the church's life. The last meeting will be on *Wednesday*, *May 30*, *at 6:30 p.m.* Beginning June 3, with our new worship schedule, this prayer meeting will be folded into the Prayer LIGHT Team which meets regularly on Sunday mornings at 10:10 a.m. in Room G-2. Please consider coming to these prayer meetings with your fellow church members and friends.



Special Sunday School Offering in June

On June 10 and June 24, Bruce Montgomery will offer the following during the Christian Education hour at 9:00 a.m.:

June 10 – "What a Normal Month at the C.S. Lewis Institute's Fellows Program Looks Like."

June 24 – "The Montgomery's Trip to Israel."

These sessions will be held in the Sanctuary. Questions? Call the church office at (717) 761-0942 or speak to Bruce.

From the Christian Education Board

WSBC/Baldwin Student Scholarship Fund

The WSBC/Baldwin Student Scholarship Fund seeks to grant modest financial assistance to student members of the congregation or regularly -attending students engaging in undergraduate, graduate, or specialized training in higher education. Applications may be picked up at the church office. These applications are due to the church no later than *June 10, 2018*. Students will be notified of their



WSBC's Christian Educators will be recognized during the worship service on Sunday, June 3, 2018.



acceptance by August 5, 2018.

Graduate Recognition Sunday

Class of 2018 graduates will be recognized in the service on *Sunday*, *June 3*, by the Board of Christian Education.





July 16 through July 20

Vacation Bible School at WSBC will be held **Monday, July 16, through Friday, July 20,** from **6:00** — **8:00 p.m.**

At "A King is Coming", children will enjoy songs, skits, games, food, and fun while learning from Bible stories about

Kings. Kids and friends between the ages of 4 through 4th grade (completed) are welcome to register and attend. Registration forms are available online at www.wsbc.org or you can pick up a printed copy at the Welcome Center and in the children's classrooms.

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Ready ... Set ... THRIVE!

Ladies, summer is approaching faster than you think! It's time to plan on attending the 2018 ABW Ministries THRIVE Conference from



Friday, July 13, through Sunday, July 15, at Shippensburg University. Join women from across PA and Delaware for Bible study with keynote speaker Kelley Latta, workshops,

praise and worship time, and fellowship. The weekend cost of \$165 includes room, meals, and events.

Go to: http://www.abcopad.org/Ministries/ABWM/Thrive-Conference-2018.aspx. Questions? Contact Gayle Campbell at 717-774 4186 or email <u>gcamp@verizon.net</u>

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!





In July, we will welcome Pastor Kelly Legg as the new Senior Pastor at WSBC. Her first official day will be Monday, July 2, and she will preach at the Worship Service on *Sunday*, *July 8*, at 10:30 a.m. Many thanks again to the Search Committee and all who faithfully prayed for God's choice for Senior Pastor at WSBC.

Blessings and a warm welcome, Pastor Kelly!

"Pray for Pastor Kelly that she may, in the power of the Holy Spirit, equip us in the work of advancing God's Kingdom for the honor of Christ our Lord."

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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

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

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SUMMER SUNDAY SERVICES:

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

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