WEST SHORE BAPTIST CHURCH

UPDATE

West Shore Baptist Church = 2025 Market Street = Camp Hill, PA 17011 = (717) 761-0942



Pastor Kelly Legg



Thoughts Welcoming on Our New Pastor

- Introduce yourself by name until Pastor Kelly gets to know you.
- * Be patient, kind, and gracious, remembering that there is no timetable on these actions.
- * Pray for spiritual vitality and energy for Pastor Kelly. She has just moved to our area and has said goodbye to her friends and former congregation.
- * Invite Pastor Kelly to lunch or dinner with your family. One-on-one conversation is the best way to get to know someone.
- * Don't compare. Comparison is seldom helpful in the Kingdom of God. We don't need to compare our church or our pastor to other churches. We are a uniquely called congregation with a unique mission.
- * Focus on the future. The past can be misremembered at times, so look ahead to God's good plan for WSBC.
- * Value Pastor Kelly's expertise. She has been called here, and we will soon realize the many spiritual gifts and abilities she brings to us.
- * Pray for Pastor Kelly and tell her you are praying for her. There is something so reassuring to know that other people are specifically praying for you. This will be encouraging in at least two ways: First, it will be so encouraging for Pastor Kelly to know that there is spiritual maturity in this new flock of people in that we are praying for her. And second, it is good for her to know that we care and love her enough to pray to God for her.



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NEWSLETTER

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Please note: The church

office will be closed on

Wednesday, July 4th. **VBS 2018**

A Message From the Associate Pastor



We are strangers, exiles, aliens, and foreigners awaiting the resurrection and hoping in the promise that He who died for us is returning to reconcile all things to Himself.

On the fourth of July, we celebrate the anniversary of America's

Declaration of Independence from Great Britain. Since

1941, when Independence Day became a federal holiday, Americans have celebrated α their freedom from Britain with fireworks, barbeques, parades, and, of course, beer.

The celebrations commemorating this historic event are monumental and often quite loud - as they should be! After all, independence from Great Britain was a historically noteworthy event, worthy of celebratory remembrance. However, for the Christian American, there is an even greater reason for celebration. The Christian, on the Lord's Day each week, celebrates his independence, not from the tyranny of Britain, but from the clutches of sin and death. The Christian, most fundamentally, is not a citizen of America. In fact, he is not, most basally, a citizen of any earthly nation. At his core, the Christian is a citizen of heaven. We, as those who are saved by faith in the Lord Jesus, belong in the city of God – not man. Therefore, this world, as it currently stands, is not our home. We are strangers, exiles, aliens, and foreigners awaiting the resurrection and hoping in the promise that He who died for us is returning to reconcile all things to Himself. When you, as a Christian, think about the hope that your citizenship promises to you, does it enthrall you? Are you gripped by the coming realities that are promised to you in Christ? Do you feel – down deep in your bones – that you do not belong in America, but belong in the New Jerusalem? Do you long for Him to return? If not, why not? May we never buy into the lie that earthly, American citizenship can begin to parallel heavenly citizenship. May we never begin to believe that America is where we belong, or that this earth is our home. May we endlessly fight to be more consistent and genuine citizens of heaven. May we celebrate our citizenship with a vigor that puts the festivities of Independence Day to shame. After all, we have been rescued from far more than Great Britain, and we are citizens of a nation far greater than America. Let us celebrate!

> Soli Deo Gloria, Associate Pastor Greg Kabakjian

From the Diaconate Board

A Note ...

- Diaconate Member Carol Saltzer

I love Diaconate meetings! I know, you're saying to yourself, who loves meetings? I enjoy planning our fellowship activities, and helping to create meaningful worship. We are blessed to have a great team, and we also have wonderful LIGHT Teams who help carry out these events. The 60th Anniversary LIGHT Team has been very busy. There are so many awesome upcoming events they've been working on, that you can just sense the excitement in our church!

We have had some challenges this year and lots of changes - and there will be more, but we have remained faithful to our vision and God's plan for our church. On June 16, we "walked the talk" and once again, went outside of our walls, as we shone the Light of Christ into the community. The whole congregation united to help out two families at our Family Festival and Yard Sale. People saw Christ's love through us, and we continue to say "Yes" to the Lord! We truly have an amazing church family - thank you for all you do!

The Diaconate also prayerfully considers how to best design the worship service so we can feel the presence of the Holy Spirit, and everyone has a positive experience. It's hard to please everyone, but we really only want to be pleasing to One! Things may look a little different this summer, and we may be somewhat out of our comfort zone, but we ask that you have open minds and open hearts, as we seek to follow God's leading.

As we blend our two services into one, let us not focus on styles or preferences, but rather focus all of our attention on our loving God, and loving God! As Pastor Greg was enthusiastically reporting at the June Diaconate Meeting about the then upcoming youth mission trip, I felt encouraged about our young people and our future, and I believe we will celebrate 60 more years of ministry at WSBC! It was Pastor Paul's last meeting and he brought years of wisdom to us. It was Pastor Kelly's first meeting and she brings fresh, new life to our church. We know that God has called each of them here for a purpose – His purpose, and we are grateful to them for accepting the call! What might God be calling us to do? I can't wait to see what God has in store for us!



In Christian Love, Carol Saltzser

From the Missions Board

"Together We Can Beat Hunger"

Summer Food Drive

Once again this year, our Mission Board will be sponsoring the "Together We Can Beat Hunger" Summer Food Drive to benefit New Hope Ministry's Food Bank. On Sunday, July 1, the Mission Board will be handing out reusable grocery tote bags. Fill the tote with non-perishable food items and return it to a designated area in the back of Fellowship Hall. This food drive will run through July, August, and September.

Summer is the hardest time of the year for the poor in our area. With school not in session, kids aren't receiving school lunches. The Mission Board wishes to thank all of you for your support of this ministry over the years, and asks for your generosity once again. Questions? Contact Steve Campbell at (717) 774-4186 or email <u>sandgcamp@gmail.com</u>.





ABCOPAD-Sponsored Domestic Short Term Mission Trips for 2018

Trip	Location	Dates	Cost (notes)
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:

C Each participant is asked to contribute \$100 toward the cost of this project.







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.



Advisory Council Meeting

The Advisory Council will meet on *Tuesday*, *July 3*, at 6:30 p.m. in Room G-2.

Missions Board Meeting

The Missions Board will meet on *Monday*, *July 9*, at 6:30 p.m. in Room G-4.

Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees will meet on *Monday*, *July 9*, at 6:30 p.m. in Room G-2.

Diaconate Board Meeting

The Diaconate Board will meet on *Tuesday*, *July 17*, at 7:00 p.m. in Room G-4.

Board of Christian Education Meeting

The Board of Christian Education *will not* meet in July due to Vacation Bible School.





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Faith in Action

Prior by email to b.prior@wsbc.org.

The Faith in Action LIGHT

Team will meet on *Tuesday*, *July 3*, 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 August UPDATE

The deadline for the submission of articles and announcements for the August UPDATE newsletter is *Friday*, *July 20.* Please forward your input to Bonnie

> Heartfelt TO OUR VOLUNTEERS! "I thank my God every time

I remember you." Philippians:1:3



Happenings and Highlights



Recognizing our Christian Education Teachers

Christian Education Board Co-Chairs, Judy Brouse and Becky Gentzler

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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 *gcamp@verizon.net*

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 \$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!





Men's Breakfast Fellowship

The next meeting of the Men's Breakfast Fellowship will be at 8:00 a.m. on *Saturday, July 21*, 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, July 21*, at the West Shore Family Restaurant. All ladies are invited. Please sign up on your bulletin insert. **PRAY FOR OUR NATION**



<u>Remember to pray for our nation</u> <u>and its leaders.</u>

"The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." James 5:16



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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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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