



WEST SHORE BAPTIST CHURCH

# UPDATE

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NEWSLETTER

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Let  
There  
Be Light



Those words echo in my mind these days. As I sit with you and hear your stories, listening to the God-given dreams of those who call WSBC home, I find myself whispering, “God, let there be LIGHT.” Let there be LIGHT that penetrates and overcomes darkness, transforming wastelands into vibrant, lush gardens, offering hope in the face of desolation. Real, Jesus-given LIGHT.

When I hear Bruce Montgomery speak with deep compassion and longing for the single-parents in the development behind the church or the people he encounters who need a second chance, I think, “let there be LIGHT.” Listening in on the Mission Board casting vision for mobilizing disciples to move beyond church walls and pour into the immediate community in the name and love of Jesus, I hear God’s first words spoken again. Or when I sit with seniors feeling thrown-away or long-forgotten, high school seniors unsure of what they believe, or college seniors deeply desirous of impacting the world for Christ, I sense the need to pray four simple words.

### Let there be LIGHT!

And there is. Jesus planted West Shore Baptist Church at the corner of 21<sup>st</sup> & Market 60 years ago to be His LIGHT. The LIGHT that is Jesus Christ cannot be overcome and must not be contained. His LIGHT is meant to shine within each of us to give us life and through us collectively to deeply impact and utterly transform Camp Hill. And He is.

In the coming weeks, months, even years, we will see Jesus answer our prayer, “let there be LIGHT,” as we pursue Him and His call to make disciples outside of our walls. It’s going to be an amazing, challenging, more-than-worth-it adventure. And I am so excited to go on it with you!

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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MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday  
August 18  
7:00 p.m.



Disney  
FROZEN

## *A Message From the Associate Pastor*



West Shore Baptist Church, I was not called by God to be your pastor. I mean it. Seriously. God did not call me to pastor this church. Well, sort of. If by “calling” we mean that I used wisdom, prudence, and advice from others to determine that pastoral ministry was an appropriate step to take, then sure, I was called. But, if by “calling” we mean that God somehow supernaturally informed me that this specific vocational choice was what He desired me to do, then no, God has not called me. In fact, I see no biblical warrant for thinking that God has made it His normal practice to pick up His divine phone and mystically “call” people specifically into ministry – or any other vocation, or decision, for that matter. So often, we think of God as a giant, celestial “map” – giving us life direction, telling us which job to take, which school to go to, and which person to marry. We’ve all heard of the High-School breakup stories in which the girl broke up with the guy because “the Holy Spirit told me you’re not the one.” Not only did this poor soul get rejected by a nice Christian girl, he got rejected by the Holy Spirit!

We often sit, praying, expecting a voice to come from heaven and say something like “Greg, go marry Alexis Becker on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May at 4:00 p.m. in Lancaster. Oh, and have Joel photograph the wedding. He does a great job.”

It’s no wonder that when we expect God to tell us what to do in every situation in life we often end up disappointed. Or, more dangerously, confusing our own, inner voice with God’s. I remember praying to God, asking Him to reveal to me if Alexis was the person for me to marry. He didn’t answer. Though I imagine Him saying something like “Greg, you idiot. I gave you a brain. Use it. I surrounded you with knowledgeable elders. Trust them. I laid out principles in my Word. Read it. Stop waiting to supernaturally hear My voice before you make decisions.”

*“If you are seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, you will be in God’s will . . .”*

So, West Shore Baptist Church, God didn’t supernaturally call me to be your pastor. He also isn’t supernaturally calling me to eat dinner tonight. But I think that both of those things please Him and are good. God’s will is not really as complicated as we sometimes make it out to be. I’d like to leave you with one final thought by Kevin DeYoung. He writes “So go marry someone, provided you’re equally yoked and you actually like being with each other. Go get a job, provided it’s not wicked. Go live somewhere in something with somebody or nobody. But put aside the passivity and the quest for complete fulfillment and the perfectionism and the preoccupation with the future, and for God’s sake start making some decisions in your life. Don’t wait for the liver-shiver. If you are seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, you will be in God’s will, so just go out and do something.”

Soli Deo Gloria,  
Associate Pastor *Greg Kabakjian*

## *From the Diaconate Board*



*By Deacon Ida Rhone*

Are you doing anything to serve the Lord with gladness? Do you feel as though you aren't doing enough or aren't serving Him so that He knows you are doing it for Him? In whatever way you serve, do not do it for your glory—do it with gladness and joy to His glory. God calls us in many different ways to do works we might not even know how to do, but if we do what He

askes us with gladness, He will help us do it with joy.

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things, there is no law” (Galatians 5:22-23). Use these fruits to serve with gladness, joy, and a song of praise. When we serve the Lord with murmurings and grumblings from our heart, we aren't serving Him at all. God wants us to serve with a sincere heart: Joshua 24:14 says, “Now therefore, fear the Lord, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord!”

As a believer, there is an abundance of joy that springs forth when you serve others and the Lord; however, to experience that joy and contentment, we need to praise Him with thanksgiving, recognizing what a great privilege it is to be called by God. Some of you may be waiting to be used by Him for greater and bigger things, but God is waiting to use you for the smallest everyday tasks. You have an incredible opportunity and privilege every single day—a chance to sow seeds of faith into the lives of others right where you are. God can take that small seed of kindness and cultivate it and it will become something bigger and better.

Let us “Serve the Lord with gladness! Come before His prescreens with singing. Know that the Lord, He is God, it is He who hath made us, and not we ourselves. We are His people and the sheep of His pasture” (Psalm 100:2-3). Serve the Lord with gladness and thanksgiving!

## MOVIE NIGHT

The 60th Anniversary LIGHT Team invites you, your friends and family, and the Camp Hill community to a Movie Night on Saturday, August 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Get out of the summer heat and see Disney's “Frozen.” You'll also enjoy a time of fellowship and some tasty treats after the movie. Come join us on August 18!



**Saturday, August 18**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**in the Sanctuary**

## From the Missions Board

### *"Together We Can Beat Hunger"*

#### Summer Food Drive

The Mission Board's "Together We Can Beat Hunger" Summer Food Drive to benefit New Hope Ministry's Food Bank continues through September. Reusable grocery tote bags can be found in the Fellowship Hall. Fill the tote with non-perishable food items and return it to a designated area in the back of Fellowship Hall.

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 [sandgcamp@gmail.com](mailto:sandgcamp@gmail.com).



**Mechanicsburg Store**  
*A Fair Trade Retailer*

**Tent Sale!**

**July 31—August 4**

**Discounts of 50% - 75%**



#### **One Great Hour of Sharing**

Our annual One Great Hour of Sharing offering was collected in June with \$4,236.06 received. Thank you for giving!

# mission



**CAPC Walk for Life**  
**Friday, October 5**

**New DATE & PLACE!**

The Capital Area Pregnancy Centers will hold their annual Walk for Life campaign on **Friday, October 5**, at Vibrant Church on Lambs Gap Road in Mechanicsburg. Watch for sponsor forms at the Mission Board table in the foyer beginning in September. The CAPC provides for both the physical and spiritual needs of their clients as they seek to impact and transform people with the love of Christ. Questions? Speak with Linda Fleming.

# From the Christian Education Board

## **VBS Memories**

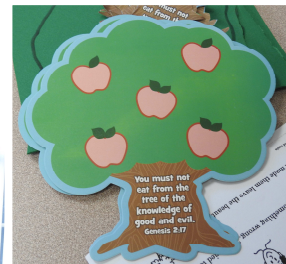
It was a great week at West Shore Baptist Church from the 16th of July through the 20th as we welcomed 24 kids to Vacation Bible School. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make this week a Gospel-filled, fun week



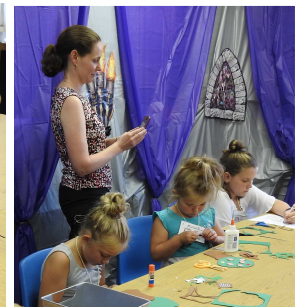
**Opening Night**



**Welcome to the King's Castle**



**Craft Time**



# *From the Christian Education Board*





**Anniversaries:**

- 3 Dick & Brenda Webb
- 6 Charlie & Brigid Alford
- 14 Steven & Jayne Metz
- 19 Milan & Cheryl Vulich
- 22 Ken & Carol Saltzer
- 23 Fred & Dottie Lebo
- 27 Al & Carol Sweigard  
Ken & Bev Whitcomb
- 31 H. Art & Suzanne Nixon



**Birthdays:**

- 2 Charles Bihl  
Ella Pollard
- 3 Judy Maurer
- 6 Robert Phillips
- 11 Carol Sweigard
- 18 Rev. Betty Norford  
Deena Kennedy
- 20 Odette Hoffman  
Fred Lebo
- 21 Gary Dambach  
Josh Kowalczyk
- 25 Cal Stevens
- 27 Moses Torchilo
- 28 Emily Foster
- 29 Jesse Barth  
Sheri Connor

**Childcare Schedule**



DATE	NURSERY 9:00 AM	NURSERY 10:30 AM
August 5	Alexis Kabakjian (Ida Rhone)	Lisa Fleming (Linda Fleming)
August 12	Cheryl Montgomery (Kristin Born)	Gayle Campbell (Becky Gentzler)
August 19	Judy Brouse (Patty McCown)	Jayne Metz (Rose Sleboda)
August 26	Edie Kennerly (Alexis Kabakjian)	Rose Sleboda (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



### Missions Board Meeting

The Missions Board will meet on *Monday, August 13*, at 6:30 p.m. in Room G-4.

### Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees will meet on *Monday, August 13*, at 6:30 p.m. in Room G-2.

### Advisory Council Meeting

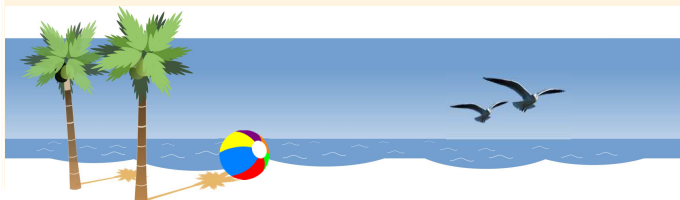
The Advisory Council will meet on *Tuesday, August 14*, at 6:30 p.m. in Room G-2.

### Board of Christian Education Meeting

The Board of Christian Education will meet on *Tuesday, August 21*, at 6:30 p.m. in Room G-2.

### Diaconate Board Meeting

The Diaconate Board will meet on *Tuesday, August 28*, at 7:00 p.m. in Room G-4.



### **Faith in Action**

The Faith in Action LIGHT Team will meet on *Tuesday, August 7*, 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 September UPDATE**

The deadline for the submission of articles and announcements for the September UPDATE newsletter is *Monday, August 20*. Please forward your input by email to [b.prior@wsbc.org](mailto: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, August 18*, at John's Diner 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, August 18*, at Perkins in Camp Hill. All ladies are invited. Please sign up on your Connect Card.





## Happenings and Highlights

**A.B. Women's  
THRIVE  
Conference 2018**



**Gayle Campbell**



**Kath Nichols**



**Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Johnson  
Rev. Dr. Frank Frischkorn**



**A.B. Girls**

**July 13 through  
July 15 at  
Shippensburg  
University**

### **COME THRIVE WITH OUR REGION!**

At the A.B. Women's Ministries Regional Conference this July 13 through 15, Jeff Johnson, Regional Pastor With Congregations, shared this thought with women attending: Throughout 2018, our region is lifting up the theme "Leading At The Edge", using the book, "Canoeing The Mountains" by Tod Bolsinger. The book as a guide to Scriptures focuses on the Lewis and Clark Expedition that explored the Louisiana Territory, which began in western ABCOPAD.

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## ***Happenings and Highlights*** (Continued from page 9)

Among the group that made the trek was a Native American woman named Sacagawea of the Shoshone tribe. She had been kidnapped by the Hidatsa tribe some years earlier. Sacagawea accompanied the expedition from the northern plains through the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific Ocean and back. She served in three remarkable ways while caring for her son, born two months earlier.

- 1) **Interpreter:** Being multi-lingual came in handy considering the expedition encountered 50 different Native American tribes, 24 of which had never met a white man.
- 2) **Peacemaker:** In Captain William Clark's journals dated October 13, he writes (famous for being a bad speller), "The wife of Shabono our interpetr we find reconsiles all the Indians, as to our friendly intentions [...] a woman with a party of men is a token of peace". She was a calming presence.
- 3) **Trader:** From a Clatsop chief Coboway's party, a "robe" made of sea otter, "more butiful than any fun I had ever Seen", was displayed. Several trade articles offered for it were turned down. "At length we precured it for a belt of blue beads which the Squar offered...that she wore around her waste."

As the government-sanctioned exploration party returned, a decision had to be made concerning where to camp for the winter. All group members were given a voice and a vote. This was the first time in U.S. history a woman was given an official right to vote, 100 plus years before women were legally allowed to do so.

The region staff would really encourage you to read the book. It will be the focus of our region's Biennial Leadership Conference, October 18 through 20, in Altoona. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. Charles Revis, who is the executive minister of the ABC churches in the Northwest.

A woman made a difference in that mission then, as women continue to make a difference in God's Mission today.





### **Pictures and Stories Wanted for 60th Anniversary Event**

Please send your photos, memories, and stories of WSBC through the years to the church office by email ([mail@wsbc.org](mailto:mail@wsbc.org)) or bring them into the church office. We are excited to celebrate WSBC's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and we want you to be a part of the celebration!

August 2018

***Calendar of Events***

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>29</p> <p>9am - Christian Ed Classes 10am - Coffee Cafe 10:30am - Worship Service 11:30am - Prayer LIGHT 6pm - Youth Group</p>	30	31	1	2 9:30am - Staff Meeting @	3	4
<p>5</p> <p>9am - Christian Ed Classes 10am - Coffee Cafe 10:30am - Worship Service 11:30am - Prayer LIGHT 6pm - Youth Group</p>	6	7 9am - Faith In Action	8 6:30pm - Men's Bible	9 9:30am - Staff Meeting @	10	11
<p>12</p> <p>9am - Christian Ed Classes 10am - Coffee Cafe 10:30am - Worship Service 11:30am - Prayer LIGHT 6pm - Youth Group</p>	13 6:30pm - Board of Trustees 6:30pm - Mission Board	14 6:30pm - Advisory Council	15 2pm - Remembrance	16 9:30am - Staff Meeting @	17	18 8am - Men's Fellowship 9am - Ladies Fellowship 7pm - Movie Night @ 
<p>19</p> <p>9am - Christian Ed Classes 10am - Coffee Cafe 10:30am - Worship Service 11:30am - Prayer LIGHT 6pm - Youth Group</p>	20	21 6:30pm - Chr. Ed Board Mtg	22 6:30pm - Men's Bible	23 9:30am - Staff Meeting @	24 10am - ABCOPAD ACTS	25
<p>26</p> <p>9am - Christian Ed Classes 10am - Coffee Cafe 10:30am - Worship Service 11:30am - Prayer LIGHT 6pm - Youth Group</p>	27 	28 7pm - Diaconate Board	29	30 9:30am - Staff Meeting @	31	1

*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**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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