



WEST SHORE BAPTIST CHURCH

# UPDATE

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NEWSLETTER

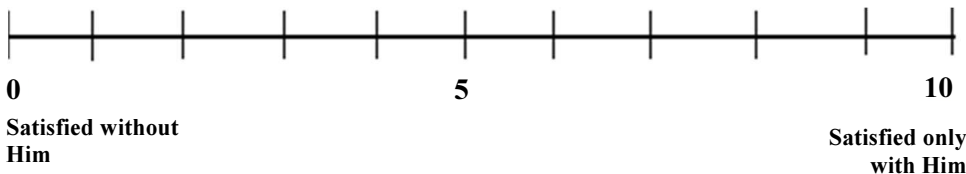
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I have a love/hate relationship with sugar. In certain phases of life I've drastically limited my sugar intake; intentionally choosing not to indulge daily. Over time, I simply stopped craving my usual sugar fixes (ice cream, comes to mind). With it out of my system, I ceased longing for it. However, the second I reintroduce it to my normal diet, watch out! My body begins to crave and even need the sugar. Daily.

Cravings are funny like that. The more I indulge, the more I want. With ice cream, that's a problem, but when we're talking about craving God, that's a very, very good reality. Can I ask a question about your cravings?

**On an average Tuesday, how much do you crave (long for; want greatly; desire eagerly; need) God?** Please be honest and as subjective as possible.



Where did you rate yourself? On an average, run-of-the-mill day, how acutely aware of your need for Jesus are you? Do you live dependent upon our Father and in tune with the Spirit? How much do you long for His voice, seek out His will, recognize your need for His presence and power in your day?

The more we "ingest" God (spending time in His presence and Word, asking for His intervention, relying on Him in our daily tasks), the more we will *crave* Him each and every day. That means, if you average a 4 on the scale above, the more you intentionally talk to Him, look for His hand, and ask Him to use you throughout an average day, the more you will hear Him, see Him at work, and receive His call. You'll begin to crave God more and more, as you slide a little closer to knowing satisfaction in Him on the scale.

So as 2019 begins, what will you do to grow your craving and "dig in" to the Lord? Why not try one of these ideas or use them as a launching pad for your own?

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### Please Note:

The church office will be closed on **Tuesday, January 1**

### Annual Meeting



**Sunday,  
January 20  
at 11:30 a.m.**

## **From the Pastor** (continued)

- Set an alarm to go off each waking hour of your day. When it goes off – wherever you are, whatever you’re doing – pray. Invite the LORD into that moment. And see if a craving to be with Him in every situation grows.
- Commit to a Bible reading plan like one found at [www.bible.com](http://www.bible.com) and get in it *daily*. Consider picking up a book like *How To Read the Bible Book by Book* or *How to Read the Bible For All It's Worth* by Gordon Fee to help you understand more of what you’re reading.
- Join a Community Group to invite others to walk with you in developing and satisfying your craving for God.
- Tune your radio station, find a Pandora station, or rework your iTunes playlist to Christian music. Turn it on in the car, while you’re doing housework, or exercising. Let worship become a part of your daily routine.

Let me know what you decide to do! I’d love to pray with you in this new year.

Love ya,  
Pastor Kelly

## **From the Associate Pastor**



Outside of the New Testament, the oldest written account of Christian martyrdom is a letter written as early as AD 156, commonly called *The Martyrdom of Polycarp*. In it, a detailed account, presumably by an eyewitness, is given of Polycarp’s venerable death for the sake of Christ. As Polycarp is about to be burned at the stake for refusing to renounce Christ, he cries out “You threaten with a fire that burns only briefly and after just a little while is extinguished, for you are ignorant of the fire of the coming judgement and eternal punishment, which is reserved for the ungodly. But why do you delay? Come! Do what you wish!”

The bravery of Polycarp’s stoically uncompromising posture in the face of lethal opposition served to strengthen the churches who read of it. *The Martyrdom of Polycarp* circulated through hundreds of churches and served to bring hope to those facing persecution and encourage those downcast. In our age of persecution-free comfort, with luxury cars, memory foam mattresses, and electric toothbrushes, it is necessary to remember the martyrs of the past – and those of the present. Martyrdom and severe physical persecution are the norm for the Christian church. The world has always hated Christians. They still do. It’s just easier to see it when they are slaughtering us by the dozens.

Though our culture’s collective physical suffering is at an all-time low, meditation on Christian martyrdom and persecution should remind us of something: persecution has historically been good for the church of Christ – not bad. The church has experienced its largest, and deepest, growth when it faces persecution and seems to develop the most stagnancy when it is most com-

## **From the Associate Pastor** *(continued)*

fortable. Where the blood of Christians has been shed, the church of Christ multiplies. The church thrives where it is being built on the spilled blood and broken bones of Christians.

It might seem like an extreme assertion, but this thought has led me to consider praying that persecution would come to the church in America. I mean real persecution. Not to belittle being mocked by coworkers, a harsh social media encounter, or a painfully severed relationship, but comparatively, those things don't hold a candle to being beheaded, crucified, or buried alive. Perhaps it would be a good thing if American Christians began to be martyred. Perhaps it would serve to shake us out of our complacency, separate the wheat from the chaff, and refocus our attention on the primacy and ultimacy of the gospel of Jesus Christ. I can't help but think that maybe, if our families began to be killed in front of us, burned at the stake like Polycarp, we would begin to take Christ more seriously. Maybe, just maybe, we should pray for persecution.

Soli Deo Gloria,  
Associate Pastor Greg Kabakjian

## **From the Diaconate Board**

*By Bruce Montgomery*

### **DISCIPLESHIP**

It's 2019, our church enters its sixty-first year of existence, and we have a sense of excitement for what's new on the horizon. We have seen a sixtieth year full of activity and wonderful improvement. We also look forward to making disciples in our midst, and reaching out to our neighbors. They have received plenty of invitations to the many and varied events of the last year, and will start receiving mailers reminding them that we will welcome them to our facility throughout 2019 as well.

More than that, the Diaconate believes that our members need to climb out from behind our shelters here in our "Sanctuary" and get involved with our local community. This may mean delivering items to needy families, tutoring needy students, and providing other needs as God has gifted various individuals. Simply warming seats once a week should become a thing of the past - **discipleship involves getting involved.**

In order to make this impact on our community, each of us needs to search our hearts for where we fit into God's plan. Our Advisory Council is currently seeking to define what a disciple at WSBC looks like, and designing a process that only our church can accomplish, based on the gathering of individuals who have been attracted into our midst. The current working model consists of 1) getting connected, 2) joining in, 3) reaching out, and 4) challenging ourselves. In the coming months these points will be refined into a process that is simple, yet transforming. It will be so refreshing when all of our members will be supporting each other, targeting current and future disciples!

In order to move forward, each of us should be developing a desire to see our process through – becoming passionate about discipleship. When spiritual passion meets spiritual need, God will certainly do mighty works among us.

## ***A Message From the Mission Board***

### **Project A.S.K. PowerPack**

The Mission Board invites you to donate food items for the Project A.S.K. PowerPack program, providing weekend food packs for children in the West Shore School District. In January we are requesting:

- *Small containers of peanut butter*
- *Small containers of jelly*
- *Tab-Top ready-to-eat canned/bagged meals (Raviolis, Spaghetti O's, Kid-Friendly Soups, Pasta with Sauce, etc.)*
- *Easy Mac cups*
- *Individuals cups of fruit*
- *Individual cups of pudding*
- *Fruit snacks*



These items must be able to be carried home in a backpack by a child and prepared by a child. Many of these children only have a microwave for preparing food. Items must be shelf-stable (no refrigeration available) and the foods need to be "Sturdy" (no pop-tarts or easily crushable foods.)



### **WSBC Hosts a Blood Drive in January**

On **Saturday, January 26**, WSBC will host a Blood Drive for the Central PA Blood Bank from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you would like to volunteer for the Blood Drive, please contact Steve Campbell at (717) 774-4186 or email him at [sandgcamp@gmail.com](mailto:sandgcamp@gmail.com).



WSBC's Annual Church Business Meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 20, 2019** in the Sanctuary at 11:30 a.m. following the Worship Service.

All church officers and boards should submit their reports to the church office no later than **Monday, January 14**, by email to [mail@wsbc.org](mailto:mail@wsbc.org) or by hard copy. Thank you!



WSBC is launching Community Groups — small gatherings of 8 to 12 people who will commit to meet 3-4 times each month for the next 12-18 months to enjoy one another, dig deep into the Bible, and pray. Groups will meet in homes throughout our area and be led by a facilitator excited about growing in community together. Sign up on your Connect Card for one of the following groups: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Mechanicsburg; Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in New Cumberland; 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Colonial Park; Thursdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Mechanicsburg; or Young Adult Women's Group, date and time to be determined.

To register for a group, visit <https://doodle.com/poll/bp9k3ueiwyyi8qam>. Locations and facilitators for each community group can also be found by visiting the link. Not available any of those times but want to connect with a group? Visit the link above and select the final option.



## *From the Christian Education Board*



### **Dambach -Walton -Wall Scholarship Available in January**

The Dambach-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 regularly attending WSBC.

This application is available to rising K through current 11th grade students and can be picked up at the church office beginning Sunday, January 13. Deadline for applications is Sunday, February 17.

## **YOUTH RETREAT**



The youth will be going on retreat from Friday afternoon, **March 15**, through Sunday, **March 17**, 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!



### **Christmas Eve Candlelight and Carols Service**

**Monday, December 24, 2018**



## Happenings and Highlights



### Missions Board Meeting

The Missions Board will meet on *Monday, January 7*, at 6:30 p.m. in Room G-4.

### Advisory Council Meeting

The Advisory Council will meet on *Tuesday, January 8*, at 6:30 p.m. in Room G-2.

### Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees will meet on *Monday, January 14*, at 6:30 p.m. in Room G-2.

### Board of Christian Education Meeting

The Board of Christian Education will meet on *Tuesday, January 15*, at 6:30 p.m. in Room G-2.

### Diaconate Board Meeting

The Diaconate Board will meet on *Tuesday, January 22*, at 7:00 p.m. in Room G-4.

### **Faith In Action**



The Faith in Action LIGHT Team **will not meet** in the month of January. If you would like to join the group, call Richard Zulaica at (717) 255-9085.

## *Directory*

**UPDATE**

### Address Updates:

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Ecumenical Retirement Com.  
Harrisburg, PA 17111

### Email Address Updates:

**Dave Sweigard**

[dsweigard@yahoo.com](mailto:dsweigard@yahoo.com)

### Men's Breakfast Fellowship

The next meeting of the Men's Breakfast Fellowship will be at 8:00 a.m. on *Saturday, January 19*, 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 8:00 a.m. on *Saturday, January 19*, at the Camp Hill Café. All women are invited! Please sign up on your Connect Card.

## **Birthdays:**

- 1 Ashley Stine
- 3 Olivia Hoke
- 4 Betty Johnson
- Cheryl Vulich
- 10 David Carr
- 13 Carol Wittle
- 14 Beth Ice
- Judy Spangler
- 15 Peg Phillips
- Clark Stefanic
- 16 Judson Brouse
- 17 Steve Sleboda
- 27 Charles McCown



## **Anniversaries:**

- 6 Ron & Carol Keeney
- 28 Steve & Rose Sleboda

# January 2019

## Calendar of Events

JANUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>30</b> 9am - Christian Ed Classes 10am - Coffee Cafe 10:30am - Worship Service 11:45am - Prayer LIGHT Team @ 6pm - Youth Group	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> New Years Day 9am - Church Office Closed 	<b>2</b> 6:15pm - Praise Team Practice 7pm - Choir Practice	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  Removing of the Greens
<b>6</b> 9am - Christian Ed Classes 10am - Coffee Cafe 10:30am - Worship Service 11:45am - Prayer LIGHT Team @ 6pm - Youth Group	<b>7</b> 10am - Staff Meeting @ 6:30pm - Mission Board Meeting 7pm - Beacon Bell Choir Practice	<b>8</b> 6:30pm - Advisory Council	<b>9</b> 6:15pm - Praise Team Practice 7pm - Choir Practice	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9am - ACTS meeting @	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 9am - Christian Ed Classes 10am - Coffee Cafe 10:30am - Worship Service 11:45am - Prayer LIGHT Team @ 6pm - Youth Group	<b>14</b> 10am - Staff Meeting @ 6:30pm - Board of Trustees Mtg	<b>15</b> 4:15pm - Men's Group at 6:30pm - Chr. Ed Board Mtg @	<b>16</b> 6:15pm - Praise Team Practice 7pm - Choir Practice	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 8am - Men's Fellowship 8am - Ladies Fellowship 
<b>20</b> 9am - Christian Ed Classes 10am - Coffee Cafe 10:30am - Worship Service 11:30am - Annual Business 11:45am - Prayer LIGHT Team @ 6pm - Youth Group 	<b>21</b> 10am - Staff Meeting @ 7pm - Beacon Bell Choir Practice	<b>22</b> 7pm - Diaconate Board Mtg. @	<b>23</b> 6:15pm - Praise Team Practice 7pm - Choir Practice	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 12pm - Blood Drive @ Fellowship 
<b>27</b> 9am - Christian Ed Classes 10am - Coffee Cafe 10:30am - Worship Service 11:45am - Prayer LIGHT Team @ 6pm - Youth Group	<b>28</b> 10am - Staff Meeting @	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 6:15pm - Praise Team Practice 7pm - Choir Practice	<b>31</b>	 Meets weekly on Sundays 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.	



***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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**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

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