



WEST SHORE BAPTIST CHURCH UPDATE

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From the Desk of Pastor Kelly

I'm fairly convinced that the original design team for my house could not reach a consensus. So, instead, they implemented everyone's design plans. As a result, my home has 4 entrances. None of which make sense. Having lived there for a year and successfully navigated the door issues, I'm not too bothered by this. I only ever think about it when a guest arrives.

For instance, last week I watched through my window as a salesman stood on the sidewalk eyeing the situation, attempting to discern which of the 4 doors to use. 1 leads down a set of narrow, steep stairs to the basement. He quickly ruled it out. Next he stared intently at the door off of my laundry room (the one I use daily). It's by far the most convenient, but requires entering via the tiny, dark carport at the rear of my home. That, too, did not appeal.

He opted to walk all the way around to the front of the house, but there he met his greatest challenge yet: which of the *two* front doors to knock on. The designers built my front porch into the house, leaving a 90 degree angle where the porch meets the living room on one side and the kitchen on the other. Then they put a door in the corner of each side of that 90 degree angle; one enters the kitchen and one goes into the living room. They are literally 6 inches apart and cannot, therefore, be opened at the same time. He stood there trying to guess which door was his best bet. Every single visitor to my home goes through this bizarre process.

Every building has this type of issue: entrances or quirks that those most familiar with it hardly even notice anymore. It's only when guests arrive that we are reminded of the oddities and problems. The same is true in churches. We become so adjusted to our worshiping environment that we can hardly picture it as a guest. For instance, we know where to park, which door to enter, and what direction to go when we get here. We know where to find the coffee and have someone to sit with at coffee café. We know where the children's classrooms are and how to find any of the 8 other bathrooms when the 1 nearest the sanctuary is filled. But our guests don't.

That's part of what is fueling our Trustee Board's conversations around revitalizing our main floor. They are looking at our building through the eyes of a guest and asking questions like, how can we help parents with very small children feel connected and part of the worship service, even if they need to leave the sanctuary? What creative design choices can be made that creates an open environment to direct the flow of traffic to coffee café, so more people wander in and get connected in relationship? Would re-envisioning our main entrance both help to communicate to passersby that life is happening here and help our guests to know exactly where they are going?

Thank you for praying for and with them for creative physical plant ideas that facilitate making disciples who believe, belong, bridge, and become. We welcome your ideas, insights, and questions. And we deeply value your commitment to being a people maintaining a place that welcomes others.

Love ya,
Pastor Kelly

From Pastor Greg

When I was 9, I wandered away from my father in a Walmart. My mother had gone to get groceries and I had, without telling my father, decided to follow her. My mother, assuming my father knew, took me with her to the other end of the store. As we perused the vegetable section, both of us were entirely unaware of the intense panic my father felt when he realized I was no longer by his side. When he recognized I was gone, my father asked the cashier to make an announcement and frantically began searching the entire store in order to find me. Not giving a lick about what others thought, he sprinted up and down every aisle, calling my name, until he finally saw me, safe, by my mother's side. When he found me, he fell to his knees and hugged me, thankful that I was safe.

It is all too common for me to hear Christians speak about God as if they were the father and God were the little child. Poor God! He left our side and got lost in a Walmart. We speak about God as if he has gone missing and it's up to us to try to find Him. Jesus is talked about as the "way we get to God," and we speak of "searching for God," or "finding faith." It's almost as if we assume that God is the one who is lost, and human beings are all out frantically searching for Him and occasionally He'll reveal Himself.

But that is not the picture the Bible paints. In the Bible, no one searches for God – God searches for them. No one finds faith – God creates faith in them. No one gets to God through Jesus, rather, through Jesus, God gets to them. God is the Father, intensely pursuing His people and His people are the lost children, wandering around without a clue that they are even being sought after. In fact, this analogy (as all do) breaks down here. In the Bible, unlike a lost child in Walmart, human beings are sprinting at full gait as far away from God as they possibly can get. We are less like a child lost in a Walmart and more like a child who hates their Father with every atom in their body, never wants to see Him again, and wants to get as far away from Him as possible. And God, in the person of Jesus, relentlessly, lovingly chases them down to restore them and make them His own. It is less that Jesus is the only way for humans to get to God and more that Jesus is the definitive way God has come to us.

You see, you do not "find" God. God finds you. God was not lost. You were. This is the beauty of the incarnation. God took on a human nature and dove headlong into a world that despised Him. While we ran in the opposite direction of God, hating everything about Him, He chased us down to bring us home.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Associate Pastor Greg Kabakjian



A Note from the Music Director...

There are lots of music opportunities coming up in the fall where you could share your gifts!?

Can you play an instrument, sing, dance, or count to 4?

We hope anyone who is interested in being part of the Music Ministry Team will join us on August 28th @ 6:30 p.m. for a kick off get together! We will follow this time with a rehearsal at 7:00 p.m. We will share ideas on how to enhance our current music program, and worship experience, and how we might reach beyond our walls to the community. Choir Rehearsals will continue, after August 28th on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. This will include preparing for our Christmas Musical. **Join us!**

If you are interested in becoming part of the Praise Team, we currently rehearse right after church on Sundays.

The Bell Choir rehearses every other Monday beginning September 16.

I believe God is calling us to do so much more!

On September 22 @ 6:30 p.m. we are having a night of Music! Invite your friends and family to join us to hear individuals provide special music, duets, quartets, choirs, bands, the Baptones, and much more!

I hope you will pray about how you can get involved and use your talents, and if you have any suggestions, please let me know! carolsaltzer@hotmail.com

I am so excited to see what God has planned for us!

Carol

How Small Churches Do Great Things

Adapted from Rev. Dr. Cory Hartman, previously of ABCOPAD

You know the saying, "The bigger they are, the harder they fall"?

Thousands of years ago a wise man named Agur, the son of Jakeh, made a similar observation. He looked at four small animals and noticed that even though they aren't big and strong, they are "exceedingly wise" (Prov. 30:24). Agur's insights are really important for small churches like ours. It's easy for a small church to compare itself to a larger church or even a humongous church and sigh, "If only we had what they have, then we could do something." But Agur says that if they are wise, the small can do great things, even things that the great can't do.

"Ants - they aren't strong, but they store up food all summer" (v. 25). Small churches can do great things if they work hard to seize opportunities *now* that won't be available for long. A wise small church can thrive if it learns to be nimble.

"Rock badgers - they aren't powerful, but they make their homes among the rocks" (v. 26). Small churches can do great things if they invest their energy and resources in places that withstand threats in the wider world. A wise small church can thrive if it learns to invest in people.

"Locusts - they have no king, but they march in formation" (v. 27). Small churches can do great things if their members are united by a common vision and are individually led by the Holy Spirit to achieve that vision. A wise small church can thrive if it learns to let members' relationships with the Holy Spirit and each other direct ministry.

"Lizards - they are easy to catch, but they are found even in kings' palaces" (v. 28). Small churches can do great things if they focus on the access to people God has given only to them. A wise small church can thrive if it learns make the most of the unique outside relationships of its members.

"Small" does not hold churches down! Heeding God's wisdom enables small churches to do great things.

When searching for a new church, I only want three things:

1. I want to hear the fullness of the good news again, and I want to be invited to follow Jesus again this week.
2. I want to be invited (with words, lighting, keys of songs, etc.) to be a worshiper of God, not to consume the spectacle of the people on stage doing it (or to check items off the service agenda).
3. I want someone to want to know my name and to want me to know theirs.

From the Diaconate Board – cont'd

Church Picnic

Mark your calendars! The deacon board is hosting a church-wide picnic on Saturday, September 14 at the Northeast Pavilion of Adams-Ricci Park. The picnic begins at 12 noon and will include great food and fun games.

WSBC Discovery Course

We are offering our 3-week WSBC Discovery Course on Sundays September 8, 15 & 22 at 9 AM for anyone interested in learning more about the history, vision, and beliefs of WSBC. This course is a prerequisite for becoming a member at WSBC. Look for sign-ups on your connect card in August.

Benevolence Fund

Do you know about our Benevolence Fund? This fund blesses those both within and beyond our faith community facing financial need. Recently, these monies went toward desperately needed car repairs, a family's first-month's rent, groceries, bus passes for job transportation, electric bills and more. The fund is replenished monthly on the 2nd Sunday by your generous giving. If you or anyone you know need assistance from the fund, connect with Bruce Montgomery (deacon board chair), Greg Hartman (deacon board treasurer), or Pastor Kelly.

From the Mission Board

Steve Campbell

Clothes Closet

Saturday, August 10, 2019

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



Puerto Rico Missions Trip

WSBC and Living Bridge Church (Rev. David Klock, pastor) are exploring the possibility of forming a joint mission team to engage in hurricane relief work in Puerto Rico in 2020. The trip would likely last 1 week and largely be dedicated to home repair (the actual assignments will depend upon the makeup of our team). The team would stay at the Las Cruces Retreat Center in Cayey with lodging, showers, and food provided on site. If you think you might be interested in joining the team, please let Pastor Kelly know or sign-up on your connect card. Dates (January-March or June) will be selected by those expressing interest in participating.

From the Mission Board – cont'd

Christian Churches United - New Apartment Welcome Home Kit

During the months of August and September we are partnering with Christian Churches United (CCU) to help a homeless household to get a fresh start.

When CCU helps an individual or family to obtain an apartment after being homeless, they typically start from scratch. You can help them have a fresh start with a new apartment Welcome Home Kit.

Here is a list of items needed for the month of August:

Kitchen items:

- Kitchen trash can (approx. 11-13 gallon)
- One plastic dish pan
- One box of kitchen trash bags (13 gallon bags, 20 bags)
- One bottle of dishwashing liquid
- Kitchen paper towels (2 rolls)
- Two kitchen hand towels/two kitchen dishcloths

Approx. Cost of Above: \$40

General Cleaning:

- One laundry basket
- One cleaning bucket
- One spray bottle all-purpose cleaner
- One spray bottle bathroom cleaner

Approx. cost of above: \$18

Thank you for your partnership in this project.

From the Christian Education Board

Judy Brouse and Becky Gentzler

Baldwin Scholarship

The Christian Education Board is pleased to announce that Madison Ice, Remington Ice, Tyler Lewis and Madeline Waring will be receiving a monetary gift on August 11th for successfully completing an application for a Baldwin Scholarship. Congratulations!!

Upcoming Opportunities

Men's Breakfast Fellowship

The next meeting of the Men's Breakfast Fellowship will be at 8:00 a.m. on, **Saturday, August 17, 2019**, at Perkins on Erford Road. All men are invited!

Ladies Breakfast Fellowship

The next meeting of the Ladies Breakfast Fellowship will be at 8:00 a.m. on, **Saturday, August 17, 2019**, at Metro Diner on the Carlisle Pike.

August Meetings

Missions Board Meeting

The Missions Board will meet on **Monday, August 5**, at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

Board of Trustees Meeting

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

Advisory Council Meeting

The Advisory Council will meet on **Tuesday, August 13**, at 6:30 p.m. in Room G-2.

Board of Christian Education Meeting

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

Diaconate Board Meeting

The Diaconate Board will meet on **Tuesday, August 27**, at 7:00 p.m. in Room G-4.

Special Dates



Birthdays:

- 2 – Charles Bihl
- 3 – Judy Maurer
- 6 – Robert Phillips
- 9 – Becky Gentzler
- 11 – Carol Sweigard
- 14 – Beth Ice
- 18 – Rev. Betty Norford
Deena Kennedy
- 20 – Odette Hoffman
Fred Lebo
- 21 – Gary Dambach
- 25 – Cal Stevens
- 28 – Emily Foster
- 29 – Jesse Barth
Sheri Conner



Anniversaries:

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



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SUNDAY SERVICES:

Christian Education Hour— 9:00 AM

Coffee Café —10:00 AM

Worship Service— 10:30 AM

We seek to make disciples who

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