



WEST SHORE BAPTIST CHURCH UPDATE

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From the Desk of Pastor Kelly

As a little girl, I remember sitting on the couch watching *Cheers* with my dad (in retrospect, that may not have been the best show for a toddler to view). The show featured an odd grouping of relatable people, gathering regularly and sharing together the ups, downs, and zany turns of their life at a local Boston bar. And it opened with an iconic theme song. Remember it?

*Sometimes you want to go / Where everybody knows your name
And they're always glad you came / You want to be where you can see
The troubles are all the same / You want to be where everybody knows your name*

Cheers capitalized on the need common to all human beings to find a place where they are known and seen, a space where they discover the hope that they are not alone in the struggles and troubles they face. We want a place where everyone knows our name and our story. We look for a community where we *belong*.

Last Thursday our community group gathered for the second time. As we shared food, swapped our most embarrassing moments, dived into God's word, and prayed for one another, I was struck by what took place. First, we are what one might call an odd grouping of people. Our group ranges in age from early 20-somethings to those in their 80s; we come from all sorts of walks of life and backgrounds; our faith journeys are different. Yet, we know, see, and value one another – knowing that each brings something essential to our gathering. We *belong*.

Second, as we shared pieces of our story (and will do so with more intentionality in the coming weeks) we began to discover that our “troubles are all the same.” We resonate with each other's stories, because they often reflect a variation of our own. We *belong*.

Third, because we “know one another's name,” we're excited to see one another and to connect at deeper, more real levels throughout the week. We *belong*.

But there's a fourth truth that jumped out at me as the *Cheers* theme song played in my head: We have something to offer each other that far exceeds what any other community can give. We can show one another that we *belong* not just to this group, but to the very family of God Himself. We *belong* to Him.

We can hear one another's celebrations and join in praising the Giver of all gifts. We can come alongside each other through difficulties and hold onto faith that the One who works all things to the good of those who love Him is still true to His word. We can hear confessions of sin and walk together to the cross of Christ. We can tell each other that we're unsure of a next step and know someone will come with us to ask the King. Because we *belong*.

That true *belonging* can be found nowhere else than the Church. You *belong* here. So plug into this community.

Love ya,
Pastor Kelly

From Pastor Greg

I'll be honest – I find it an arduous task to listen to Christian radio for extended periods of time. They only seem to play one genre of music (Contemporary Christian Music) which quickly grows bland and repetitive, both in terms of the musical style and the lyrical content. This poses a problem for the people who dislike this particular genre (like me) – and leaves them with the choice of either listening to music they do not enjoy or abandoning Christian music altogether and listening to more talented, secular artists. Perhaps it is just my cynicism, and most likely the song-writers mean well, but I can only handle a certain amount of nebulous personal struggles symbolized with abstract geographical analogies (storms, valleys, deserts) followed by peppy choruses encouraging me to feel good about myself. My desire for deeper, more biblically saturated and honest songs that pushed musically creative boundaries led me to begin searching for artists who were not played on the WORD-FM or K-LOVE. And what I found over the years, I fell in love with. These artists were more than just positive and encouraging. Their songs displayed a wide range of emotional expression, pushed creative boundaries, and made me think deeply about a variety of topics. Below you will find a short list of a few Christ-honoring songs that break out of the Contemporary Christian Music mold. They differ in genre, as I've learned to enjoy everything from rap/hip hop to alternative folk. Here are a few artists, along with a personally favorite song, that I've found worthy of listening to:

Easy Listening

Shepherd of My Soul – Rivers and Robots
Rejoice – The Modern Post
Psalm 126 – Bifrost Arts
Come to the Feast – The Gospel Coalition

Modern Hymns

Come, Ye Sinners - Indelible Grace
All I Have is Christ – Sovereign Grace
How Firm A Foundation - Norton Hall Band
Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery – Matt Papa

Individual Worship/Edification

It's Not Enough – Dustin Kensrue
This My Soul – The Gray Havens
Though He Slay Me - Shane and Shane
Is He Worthy – Andrew Peterson

Thought Provoking

Zion and Babylon – Josh Garrels
Crooked Ways - Propaganda
Symbols and Signs – Beautiful Eulogy
Poison Tree – Ghost Ship

Soli Deo Gloria,

Associate Pastor Greg Kabakjian

From the Diaconate Board

Bruce Montgomery

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) believe, 2) belong, 3) bridge, and 4) become. 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.

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.

Easter Sunrise

Mark your calendars! We will hold an Easter Sunrise service at 6 AM at Negley Park in Lemoyne on Sunday, April 21. Plan to return to the church for a hot breakfast afterward, before heading home to get ready for our 10:30 AM celebration.

From the Mission Board

Steve Campbell

For the month of February we are asking you to donate the following items for the A.S.K. PowerPack program:

- Small tab-top cans of vegetables
- Juice Boxes/Bags
- Small containers of Sunny D and/or shelf-stable orange juice
- Small packages of snacks (crackers, pretzels, Rice Krispy treats)
- Small packages of cereals and/or cereal bars (no pop-tarts)
- Instant Oatmeal and Cream of Wheat packages

Thank you!

From the Christian Education Board

Judy Brouse and Becky Gentzler

Friday, February 15, 2019
5:00 pm – 9:00 p.m.



We are offering a Valentine's gift to parents in our community! On Friday, February 15, parents may drop off their children, ages 3-12, for dinner, fun games, great crafts, and a movie. Check-in begins at 5 PM and children must be picked up by 9 PM.

Help spread the word by sharing the event on Facebook, distributing fliers at your favorite stores and restaurants, and telling those in your circle of influence. Serve on the kitchen crew, aiding in the arts & crafts room, "floating" while the kids watch a movie, helping lead group games, or cleaning up. Sign-up on your connect card today! See Judy Brouse, Becky Gentzler, or Bruce Montgomery for more details.

**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!

From the Christian Education Board – cont'd

Musical Theatre Camp

The Christian Education board seriously desires to maximize our ability to connect with unchurched children and families in our community. After much discussion around the topic, the board chose to shift from a traditional Vacation Bible School model, that predominately attracts church-ed elementary-aged children, to a week-long musical theatre camp for kids in grades K-12. Each day the kids will develop musical theatre skills, learn about our great God, and begin building relationships with Christian mentors. The camp will be held **June 24 - 28 from 9 AM - 3 PM** with a performance of *The Wizard of Oz* on **Saturday, June 29 at 3 PM & 6 PM**. Rehearsals for lead roles will take place at WSBC on Saturday, May 18 at 1 PM. Connect with Carol Saltzer, Becky Gentzler, or Judy Brouse to learn more!

Youth Mission Trip

Our youth will travel to Millersville, MD for a mission trip June 30 - July 6! This trip is open to all youth and you can discover more details by visiting <https://groupmissiontrips.com/pc/West-Shore-Baptist-Church-Camp-Hill/19MD01/faq/> and connecting with Pastor Greg at gkabakjian@gmail.com.

A from the Music Director: **SING!**

Sing! Is the title of the book that Pastor Kelly, Pastor Greg, and I are reading together and discussing in our staff meetings; we can't wait to share it with all of you! This book was written by Keith and Kristyn Getty who are worship leaders, and have written numerous songs, and are currently touring and teaching about the book that asks the question, "why do we sing"?

There are over 400 references to music in the Bible, and it is one of the most commanded acts in scripture; 50 direct commands to sing! Did you ever stop and think about the fact that we are *commanded* to sing!? Singing praise to our Lord is one of God's ultimate purposes for our lives, singing is so intimately connected with joy; we are to delight in the Lord and find our satisfaction, and our happiness in Him! "Come let us sing for joy to the Lord, let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him **with music and song.**" Psalm 95:1-2.

Here are the Getty's 5 points in writing Sing!

1. To discover why we sing and the overwhelming joy and holy privilege that comes with singing.
2. To consider how singing impacts our hearts and minds and all of our lives.
3. To cultivate a culture of family singing in our daily home life.
4. To equip our churches for wholeheartedly singing to the Lord and one another as an expression of unity.
5. To inspire us to see congregational singing as a radical witness to the world.

From the Music Director - cont'd

Notice what it doesn't talk about? Style, instruments, or our preferences...

Singing is not about the kind of songs we sing, it is about praising God! When we wake up on a Sunday morning, do we merely come to church, or do we come to worship?

Do you only sing if you think you have a good voice, or do you "make a joyful noise"? Do you only sing if you love the organ playing, or if you love hearing the drums, or do you sing with either because you love Jesus?

I will never hike big mountains, learn Greek, or preach like Pastor Greg, or Pastor Kelly, (my old legs can only hike to the refrigerator). I will never be a builder, like some of the skillful, faithful people in our church. I won't be a seamstress, because it takes special patience that I don't have. I don't have the training and education to be President, (and I wouldn't want that job, lets not go there...), and maybe you can't/don't/won't do any of those things either, but EVERYONE can sing— it is the universal language; God created all of us that way!

God has blessed me with some musical gifts that I love to share, and He has commanded me to use my talents, but now I am asking Him what I should do with my gifts; I'm finding out it may have be different that I thought... I have been reflecting on why I sing, how I sing, and making sure I am singing the word of God and I am so excited about the work I get to do for God!

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom singing psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God" Colossians 3:16.

Music can transform the heart, mind, and soul; we use it for everything - every worship service, weddings, funerals, in schools, sporting events, movies, commercials, therapy, we have hundreds of stations in our cars, we buy iTunes to make YouTube music videos, and it starts at birth - as children we often hear, and learn music before anything else because it is so important, and impacts all of us.

So maybe the question is not why do we sing, but why don't we sing...?

In Christian love,

Carol Saltzer



- 2 – Rita German
- 4 – Lisa Fleming
- 10 – Janet Ressler
- 11 – Cheryl Montgomery
- 12 – Carol Saltzer
- 18 – Maryke Clark
- 19 – H. Art Nixon
- 20 – Ed Bihl
- 24 – Jessie Sites
- 25 – Kristine Zoll
- 26 – Elynore Uhl
- 27 – Candy Barth

Special Dates

February Meetings

Missions Board Meeting

The Missions Board will meet on **Monday, February 4**, at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

Advisory Council Meeting

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

Board of Trustees Meeting

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

Board of Christian Education Meeting

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

Diaconate Board Meeting

The Diaconate Board will meet on **Tuesday, February 26**, at 7:00 p.m. in Room G-4.

Upcoming Opportunities

Men's Breakfast Fellowship

The next meeting of the Men's Breakfast Fellowship will be at 8:00 a.m. on **Saturday, February 16**, 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 8:00 a.m. on **Saturday, February 16**, at Friendly's in Camp Hill. All women are invited! Please sign up on your Connect Card.

Discovery Course

This 3-week class will provide an overview of life at WSBC, explain our Baptist heritage, and explore how your unique gifts equip you to serve in this body. Discovery Course is a prerequisite for joining WSBC as a covenant member and is open to anyone ready to explore WSBC. Classes will be held at 9:00 a.m. on **Sundays February 24, March 3, & 10**. To sign-up contact Pastor Kelly or indicate interest on your Connect Card .



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SUNDAY SERVICES:

Christian Education Hour— 9:00 AM

Coffee Café —10:00 AM

Worship Service— 10:30 AM

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to our community by:*

Loving God • Inviting Friends • Growing Together • Helping Others • Teaching Truth