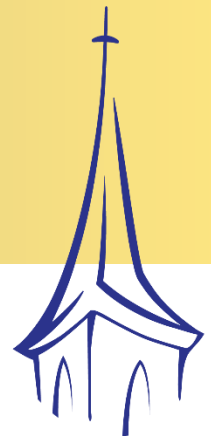


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WEST SHORE BAPTIST CHURCH

# UPDATE



## From the Desk of Pastor Kelly

I sat down to dinner last night and automatically reached to light the Advent wreath. Strange, right? January 4, the presents put away from under the tree and nativity scenes packed up for another year, yet I'm still trying to light candles. After chuckling at myself (and vowing not to tell my mom that I become more like her by the *day*), I reflected on the fact that I *missed* lighting the candles, carving out sacred space during the dinner hour, to simply pray.

The final day of our Advent devotional challenged us to consider what of the rhythms we put into practice throughout that season might be worth holding on to a little longer. For me, I think I'll pull out the Christ candle and keep it on the dinner table, lighting it each night as a reminder that Christ has come, His light is here, and He will come again to remove all darkness.

What about for you? Are their pieces of your Advent practices that should not be packed away? Of praying with friends or family, gathering weekly to focus on Jesus' words, reading *and* responding to the invitation to be or do as He says? Maybe they are worth holding on to this year.

And if you chose not to engage our Advent disciplines, the new year might be a great time to start new practices and build your own intentional rhythm of encountering Jesus. He's very ready to make Himself known, if we are ready to seek Him.

Love ya,  
Pastor Kelly

## From Pastor Greg

As a Christian, I've been trying for years to think Christian-ly about as much as I can. I believe Christianity is an all-encompassing worldview that affects every area of human life. There is no realm of living on this planet that is left unaffected by the glorious gospel of God's grace. It changes how we eat, exercise, grieve, laugh, play, have friendships, how we treat our spouse, and so on. Recently, I've been thinking a lot about how to think about politics as a Christian. And as I attempt to think politically and theologically simultaneously, one phrase keeps getting repeated to me over and over: "The separation of church and state." Often, the separation of church and state is given to me as a reason to why I should put my Christianity on hold when I begin to think politically. Christianity is in a religious category, I'm told, and government is in a political category, and those are two categories that shouldn't be mixed. But if the gospel truly does affect every area of life, then keeping religious commitments separate from political ones is not an option. Therefore, whatever the phrase "the separation of church and state" means for believers, there are at least two things I know for certain it does not mean:

1. It does not mean that Christians should cease to reason theologically about what the precise role of government in the lives of its people should be.
2. It does not mean that Christians should cease to attempt to codify distinctly Christian morals into law.

Basically, if you are a Christian, it is perfectly fine to continue thinking like a Christian when you think about politics. One thing I'm convinced we need more of is Christians thinking and talking about politics from a Christian perspective. We should not be afraid to apply the gospel to all areas of life. As our political world rages angrily around us, let's continue to talk, with grace, about politics and let's do so, unrelentingly, as Christians.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Associate Pastor Greg Kabakjian

## [From the Diaconate Board](#)

### **Online Giving**

Thank you for your continued faithfulness in giving! Your generous obedience in this area allows our church to continue to engage in ministry and mission even in this season. You may give online through our secure portal by visiting [www.wsbc.org/give](http://www.wsbc.org/give).

Please note that the church incurs a fee for each transaction. If you give using your checking account (rather than a credit or debit card), the fee is significantly lower and preferable. Those who prefer to do so can continue to mail their tithes & offerings to 2025 Market Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011.

### **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 were used to purchase Giant gift cards to help needy people in our community to purchase groceries and gas. We also have assisted in overnight accommodations for homeless and insurance and utility bill payments.

Within our church congregation, the Diaconate were able to bless several individuals/families with Giant gift cards to help them with Christmas grocery needs.

These gifts do not go unnoticed. Janet, our Office Manager, has had many from the community express their gratitude in tears when a gift was given. Words of appreciation have also been expressed by members of the congregation.

This offering is collected the second Sunday of each month but can be donated anytime online or in person by designating "Deacon's Benevolence Fund".

Thank you for your generous gifts!

## [From the Mission Board](#)

**Dawne Strock**

### **Clothes Closet**

The Clothes Closet ministry will be held on Saturday, January 9, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Gently used/clean clothes and toys/books may be dropped off in Room G-2 Monday-Thursday from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. or any Sunday.

To help sort clothes in advance on Friday from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. or to volunteer that day, please connect with Dawne Strock at: [dawne1954@aol.com](mailto:dawne1954@aol.com).



## From the Mission Board – cont'd

### Project A.S.K.

In partnership with Christian Churches United (CCU) WSBC will be collecting items for the Project A.S.K. PowerPack program. During the month of January we will be collecting all sizes of underwear, briefs, boxers and panties for boys and girls. Please place your donations in the box located in the Lobby.



During the month of February we will provide you with a list of snack items to donate.

### Red Cross Blood Drive

We will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Bank Blood Drive on Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 6:00 p.m.



## From the Christian Education Board

### Walton Wall Scholarship

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 January 10. In order to administer this scholarship appropriately, the student will fill out the application now (deadline is Feb 14, 2021) for any camp that they are attending during the 2021 year. Applications will be evaluated and, if accepted, the student will be notified by March 28, 2021. Final monies will not be paid to the student until they return from camp with a receipt showing payment and a written summary of their camp experience. (Those students who cannot yet write are asked to share a picture.)

### Community Groups

Community groups are welcome to gather in our building (utilizing Fellowship Hall, the sanctuary, or Davidson Chapel) to meet. Groups must reserve use of the building in advance by contacting the church office, observe social distance rules including the use of masks, limit their movement within the building, and sanitize the area before leaving. Groups may also make use of the WSBC Zoom account. To do so, connect with Pastors Kelly or Greg to reserve a time slot and receive the log-in information.

## January Meetings

*All meetings will be Zoom meetings unless otherwise notified.*

### Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees will meet on **Monday January 4**, at 6:30 p.m.

### Advisory Council Meeting

The Advisory Council will meet on **Tuesday, January 5**, at 6:30 pm.

### Diaconate Board Meeting

The Diaconate Board will meet on **Tuesday, January 12**, at 7:00 p.m.

### Missions Board Meeting

The Missions Board will meet on **Tuesday, January 19**, at 6:00 p.m.

### Board of Christian Education Meeting

The Board of Christian Education will meet on **Tuesday, January 19**, at 7:00 p.m.

### WSBC Annual Meeting



Don't forget the Annual Business Meeting on Sunday, January 17, 2021 immediately following the Morning Worship Service.

### Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, January 16, at 8:00 a.m at West Shore Family Plaza Restaurant, Lemoyne.

### Ladies Breakfast

The Ladies Breakfast will be held on Saturday, January 16, at 8:30 a.m. at Peachtree Restaurant and Lounge, 251 N Progress Ave, Harrisburg. All ladies are invited and will have the opportunity to sign-up on their Connect Card.

## Special Dates



### Birthdays:

- 1 – Ashley Stine
- 4 – Cheryl Vulich
- 5 – Abiodun Adeyemi
- 10 – David Carr
- 11 – Kristine Zoll
- 13 – Cynthia Diaz  
Carol Wittle
- 14 – Beth Ice  
Judy Spangler
- 15 – Peg Phillips  
Clark Stefanic
- 16 – Judd Brouse
- 17 – Steve Sleboda
- 27 – Chuck McCown



### Anniversaries:

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



# WEST SHORE

## BAPTIST CHURCH

### SUNDAY SERVICES:

Worship Service — 10:30 AM

Live streaming online and at church

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