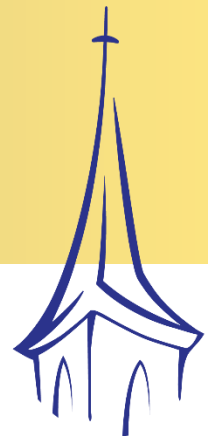


July  
2020

WEST SHORE BAPTIST CHURCH

# UPDATE



## From the Desk of Pastor Kelly

Best friends can get away with anything. I popped up to New Hampshire in June for a quick visit with mine. A few minutes after arriving she looked over at me and frowned deeply, "COVID hasn't been good to you, Kelly." Perplexed, I asked where this out of the blue statement came from. "Your hair is turning white. You look old." Thus ended our visit. ;-)

She's not wrong, sadly. The past several months, as we are all well aware, have been stressful and, while apparently my hair color tells plenty, the reports coming out of research centers indicate that we are experiencing consistently higher rates of anxiety, depression, fear, and generalized stress than before. You know it, too, without reading any of those reports. All you have to do is talk to a family member, friend, or neighbor and you'll hear a roller coaster of emotions in their voice.

The question is, what do we do with all of those emotions, friends? As covenant people who are *in Christ*, where do we take fear and anger, anxiety and guilt, our doubts and our faith? Lately I've been hearing people respond to their anxiety, for instance, like this: "I am *really* anxious about (fill in the blank), but I know I shouldn't feel that way." Or someone will express their frustration at depression along these lines: "I just don't have any energy to do anything. I know I'm depressed, but I shouldn't be! God doesn't want me to be. So I just need to get over it." Others choose to deny their fears by saying, "God hasn't given us a spirit of fear! So I just won't be afraid of (fill in the blank)."

But what if all of those emotions are actually God-given? What if it's impossible to love God with all of who you are, without loving Him with and through the very emotions that most make you uncomfortable? What if the person bothered by your emotions isn't God, it's simply you?

Now, please don't misunderstand me, how I *react* to all of my emotions is not always God-honoring, right, or best. But the emotions themselves are part of bearing His image, expressing the fullness of who He is, and discovering the depths of a very real relationship with Him. That's why the rest of our summer will be about exploring what it looks like not to stuff or deny or even embrace our emotions, but to pray them. Each Sunday we will explore a different Psalm, entering into the incredibly real and raw emotions the psalmist brings to the Father and allowing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to capture our hearts.

It's going to be a very honest, incredibly good summer. Come ready to encounter Jesus.

Oh, about those white hairs. Be nicer than my best friend. Feel free to ignore them. ☺

Love ya,  
Pastor Kelly

## From Pastor Greg

With the fourth of July we celebrate the anniversary of America's Declaration of Independence from Great Britain. Since 1941, when Independence Day became a federal holiday, Americans have celebrated their freedom from Britain with fireworks, barbecues, parades, and, of course, beer. The celebrations commemorating this historic event are monumental and often quite loud – as they should be! After all, independence from Great Britain was a historically noteworthy event, worthy of celebratory remembrance.

However, for the Christian American, there is an even greater reason for celebration. The Christian, on the Lord's Day each week, celebrates his independence, not from the tyranny of Britain, but from the clutches of sin and death. The Christian, most fundamentally, is not a citizen of America. In fact, he is not, most basally, a citizen of any earthly nation. At his core, the Christian is a citizen of heaven. We, as those who are saved by faith in the Lord Jesus, belong in the city of God – not man. Therefore, this world, as it currently stands, is not our home. We are strangers, exiles, aliens, and foreigners; awaiting the resurrection and hoping in the promise that He who died for us is returning to reconcile all things to Himself.

When you, as a Christian, think about the hope that your citizenship promises to you, does it enthrall you? Are you gripped by the coming realities that are promised to you in Christ? Do you feel – down deep in your bones - that you do not belong in America, but belong in the New Jerusalem? Do you long for Him to return? If not, why not? May we never buy into the lie that earthly, American citizenship can begin to parallel heavenly citizenship. May we never begin to believe that America is where we belong, or that this earth is our home. May we endlessly fight to be more consistent and genuine citizens of heaven. May we celebrate our citizenship with a vigor that puts the festivities of Independence Day to shame. After all, we have been rescued from far more than Great Britain, and we are citizens of a nation far greater than America. Let us celebrate!

*Soli Deo Gloria,*

Associate Pastor Greg Kabakjian

## From the Advisory Council

We have now spent two full weeks in the green phase of our reopening plan, hosting worship services both in-person and via livestream. We wish to offer sincere thanks to those helping us all to navigate this transition:

- To our music team who readily took on the challenge of devising ways to safely lead in corporate singing by accepting the need to reduce the number of singers & wear face masks to reduce the spread of germs. Thank you!
- To our greeters & ushers who quickly adopted new protocols for their service to others that minimize physical contact and maximize their relational contact with all who come. They are working to make all who enter our doors feel comfortable and even helping us to find seating, as our sanctuary rapidly fills to capacity. Thank you!
- To our tech team, spearheaded by Pastor Greg, whose learning curve seems never to cease in this season, yet who willingly show up midweek for training on our latest technologies so that all can engage in believing and belonging. Thank you!
- To our sanitizing team who simply shows up early & stays late to make sure everything is cleaned and disinfected. Thank you!
- To those who gather here in-person and remain committed to observing social distancing practices, so that 'the least of these' among us might be safe. And to those who remain home, joining in worship via our livestream, because that is the best way you can honor the Lord with your body right now. Thank you!
- To our Christian Education Board who continues to work behind the scenes, providing children's ministry opportunities and connection points in this season of transition, all while planning for the day where we can safely return to children's church and nursery. Thank you!
- To our Trustee Board who tackled the task of pre-cleaning and sanitizing our entire building! Thank you!
- To our Mission Board who persists in creatively engaging our community through outreach, shifting dates as needed, moving activities online when required. Your actions allow us to continue bridging the Gospel to our community!
- To our Deacon Board who has been and continues to prayerfully, purposefully, and passionately think through what worship can look like under ever changing (and challenging!) circumstances. Thank you!
- To our office manager Janet Spriggs who does more behind the scenes each week to ready our worshiping space than most of us know. Thank you!

We will continue to closely monitor best practices, evolving guidelines, and congregant needs, as we walk through this reopening process together. As always, please connect with Doug Hill (717-979-2566), Frank Strock (717-418-0045), or Pastor Kelly (610-755-8203) with any questions, ideas, or concerns.

## **MUSIC AND WORSHIP GO HAND IN HAND**

Singing in the choir is a privilege for me. Over these past few months, I've missed the comradery of choir practice on Wednesday nights and certainly miss singing during the church service on Sunday mornings. The singing of God's songs fill me with great joy!

On Sunday mornings we have the opportunity to worship God by using our voice to lift spirits for each other and ourselves. To listen to God's word through Pastor Kelly. Taking to heart and taking to mind the teaching of our wonderful preacher and music director, Carol Saltzer.

There are many references to song in the Bible. Exodus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Judges, 2 Samuel, Isaiah, Luke, Ezra, Acts and Revelations. Check them out!

As there are many reasons to take song. Singing makes you smarter and improves your mood. Singing releases pain-relieving endorphins. And of course, reduces stress. God does not want us to stress. How can you be unhappy when you sing from your heart? You can't!

Because of the unforeseen circumstances of the past several months, I'm reminded of the words to a song that our choir has sung. Words that keep coming forth in my mind.

The song is UNEXPECTED PLACES: "I know the plans I have in store." You whisper in my ear, words of affirmation, things I need to hear. But of all the things You planned for me, I never would have guessed that bringing me right here is what you call Your best. But here I am in this unexpected place; a place I did not ask for, but one that's filled with grace. And here I am in this room I did not plan, but Jesus You are here, Jesus You are grace, Jesus, You are with me....in this unexpected place. And in this room, I'll learn the truth that "blessed are the poor; blessed are the scorned; blessed are those who mourn. And in this room, You'll teach me that this time is not in vain. There's purpose for the pain, and beauty still remains. So here I am in this unexpected place; a place I did not ask for, but one that's filled with grace..."

When we all return to our normal schedule on Sunday mornings at WSBC...remember to sing loud as you want God to hear you!

Psalm 104.33 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

In Love,  
Pam Norford  
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.

**Clothes Closet**

The Clothes Closet ministry will resume on Saturday, July 11, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Gently used clothes 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 or to volunteer that day, please connect with Dawne Strock at: [dawne1954@aol.com](mailto:dawne1954@aol.com)

You can also sort clothes on Friday from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



**Earl Besch Summer Food Project**

Thank you for your contributions to the Earl Besch Summer Food Project and for those who helped on June 18<sup>th</sup> to prepare and distribute 32 boxes.

**Baby Bottle Collection**

Every year, beginning on Mother’s Day and ending on Father’s Day, CAPC has their “Baby Bottle Blast” campaign. This fundraiser raises about 1/3 of their yearly income each year! Due to Covid 19, we have been given the opportunity to help contribute to this important ministry during the month of July.



In the Lobby there will be a display with baby bottles. Simply grab one for you and/or your family and take it home. Over the next several weeks, fill it with change, cash, and/or checks. Bring the filled bottle back on or before Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> and we will collect the bottles to donate to CAPC.

Thanks in advance for your participation in this!

**Red Cross Blood Drive**

On Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. we will be holding a Red Cross Blood Drive.

You may register online to donate at:  
<https://www.redcrossblood.org/>



**From the Christian Education Board**

**Youth Ministry**

**Sunday School** – Because we are not doing a Sunday School hour at church for the foreseeable future, we will be switching to doing an online Zoom call on Thursday afternoons. This time will largely function as fellowship and will give an opportunity to check in with students, play games, and stay connected.

**Youth Group** – As before quarantine, we will be meeting for youth group on Sunday evenings from 6-8:30 p.m.

**Youth Hiking** – On July 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will be meeting in the church parking lot at 9:00 a.m. for a hiking trip. We will be heading to Cunningham Falls State Park for a scenic hike. You can expect us to be back in the parking lot around 3:00 p.m. It’s important that your students bring a lot of water and a lunch for this trip. As it approaches, Pastor Greg will be in contact with more details.

## From the Christian Education Board - cont'd

**Youth Mission Trip** – We have decided to do our own, local mission trip! From July 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, WSBC youth group wants to serve members of our community with household projects. Ideas might include painting (interior or exterior), repairing a porch or patio, yard work, drywall, etc (no plumbing or electrical, please).

If you, or someone you know, has work that needs to be done around the house, please contact Pastor Greg ([gkabakjian@gmail.com](mailto:gkabakjian@gmail.com); 717-877-6055) to sign up!

### Community Groups

During the green phase, community groups are welcome to gather in our building (utilizing Fellowship Hall, the sanctuary, or Davidson Chapel post-construction) 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.

### Summer Outreach



**WHAT:** A week of exciting experiments, fun games, and great learning about our world! Students will engage with science through hands-on activities and discover more about the Creator responsible for it all.

**WHO:** Students entering 1st-6th grade in the 2020-2021 academic year

**WHEN:** August 3-7, 2020 from 9 AM – 12 PM; snacks provided

**WHERE:** West Shore Baptist Church at 2025 Market Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011

**HOW:** Register online at <https://westshorebaptist.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/455937>

**COST:** FREE

**COVID-19 Precautions:** We will be observing social distancing protocols and adhering to CDC recommendations for camps, including intensive disinfecting of the building. Registration is limited to 20 campers who will be divided into smaller groups. All staff and campers (as well as parents during pick-up/drop-off) will be asked to wear face coverings for everyone's safety.

## July Meetings

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

### Advisory Council Meeting

The Advisory Council will meet on **Thursday, July 2**, at 6:30 p.m.

### Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees will meet on **Monday, July 13**, at 6:30 p.m.

### Diaconate Board Meeting

The Diaconate Board will meet on **Tuesday, July 14**, at 7:00 p.m.

### Missions Board Meeting

The Missions Board will meet on **Tuesday, July 21**, at 6:00 p.m.

### Board of Christian Education Meeting

The Board of Christian Education will meet on **Sunday, July 5**, at 9:00 a.m. and **Tuesday, July 21**, at 7:00 p.m.

## Special Dates



### Birthdays:

- 1 – Wayne Howell
- 3 – Connor Born
- 5 – Pam Norford
- 6 – Barrie Dieffenbach  
    Jackson Kennerly
- 8 – Glory Adeyemi
- 10 – Dennis Boyer
- 16 – Janet Harvey
- 18 – Ernie Lopez
- 21 – Victor Adeyemi
- 26 – Madeline Waring
- 27 – Linda Walton
- 28 – Gayle Campbell



### Anniversaries:

- 2 – Dave & Donna Sweigard
- 9 – Barrie & Pat Dieffenbach
- 10 – Terry & Linda Fleming
- 29 – Ron & Candy Barth  
    Ernie & Monsy Lopez
- 30 – Steve & Gayle Campbell



# WEST SHORE

## BAPTIST CHURCH

**SUNDAY SERVICES DURING GREEN PHASE:**

**Worship Service— 10:30 AM**

**Live streaming online and at church**

**Staff:**

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