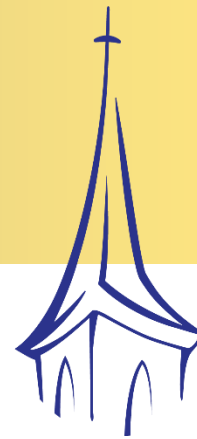


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WEST SHORE BAPTIST CHURCH

# UPDATE



## From the Desk of Pastor Kelly

In my time of prayer & bible study this morning, a few simple lines in Psalm 116 struck me. In its wider context, the psalmist speaks of a season when he cried out to the Father for deliverance and came to know God's character (He is gracious and righteous, full of compassion) and power through that season. As he reflects back on how God rescued him from death, he says:

How can I repay the LORD  
for all His goodness to me?  
I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD.  
I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all His people. (Psalm 116:12-14)

I love his opening question: How can I repay the LORD for all of His goodness shown to me? Can you imagine? Trying to repay the good and gracious, kind and faithful King for all of His acts of love toward us? To repay Him for every breath we take, for the beauty of creation, or the signs of His care? To compensate Him for the giving of His Son on our behalf, the deliverance from death won on the cross, the promise of eternal hope?

That's a gift I simply cannot repay.

Yet, the psalmist says, there are a few ways I can respond to the overwhelming goodness of our God. First, I can "lift up the cup of salvation" and call on His name. We do that every time we gather for communion. We lift up the cup of our salvation, the symbol that reminds us that we are saved by Christ's sacrifice on our behalf. We lift it up and declare, "I cannot save me. I cannot pay for my own sin debt. I *need* a Savior and I have the only one there is – Jesus." We lift up the cup and declare that salvation is found in no other name.

What a funny way to "repay" God's goodness. Yet, it's a beautiful statement. Every time I come to the Table, I declare that I am not my savior. Neither are all the things and people I call upon. I am re-centered in Christ. And I declare to you, and you to me, that we are truly saved by and the greatest expression of God's goodness is found in Jesus alone.

And after I lift up the cup, I can fulfill my vows in the presence of God's people. Last week we reaffirmed our baptismal covenant. Those words contain the promises we've made to the Lord to obey Him, our Master, and serve Him all of our days. We vowed to allow Him full-access to our lives; to transform any and every part of us that does not fully reflect His glory. To love the least of these. To declare the Gospel in word and deed.

None of us will do so perfectly. But as we declare He is Savior with the cup, we do the same with our lives as we seek to fulfill those vows. And that's a beautiful response to His goodness.

Love ya,  
Pastor Kelly

## From Pastor Greg

With Easter having just passed, I've been thinking quite a bit about the resurrection. And one thing that I'm realizing anew is – Jesus' resurrection changes everything. The evidence for Jesus' resurrection is compelling. The witnesses, the martyrs, the explosion of Christianity in the first centuries, the numerous gospel accounts, the specific prophecies about the resurrection hundreds of years before, and more all credibly indicate that Jesus' resurrection was a historical event, not a comforting myth. The resurrection really happened. And if it did, then it changes everything.

If Jesus didn't raise from the dead, I'm a fraud – a liar, a fool, and a scammer; a pastor exploiting an old myth for selfish gain. If Jesus didn't get up from the grave and walk out, then my entire life is pointless. If Jesus didn't resurrect, then no one else will resurrect either. If Jesus didn't die for three days and then wake up, then I'm not going to either and I might as well quit my job and try to find as much momentary happiness as I can before I die. If Jesus is still in the grave, then Christianity is meaningless and we're all gullible, optimistic, morons for falling for a silly little ancient myth.

But...if Jesus really did rise from the dead, then that changes everything. If Jesus really resurrected then our lives can truly be full of meaning, eternal meaning, for we have something ultimate and transcendent to live for. If Jesus really did resurrect, then we are not fools, but sinners saved by grace. If Jesus really died and then rose to live then someday so will we. Here's the mind-blowingly comforting truth that I've been struck with this week: Christian, if Jesus really rose from the dead, everything really is going to be okay.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Associate Pastor Greg Kabakjian

Due to the need to quarantine for 10 days, we were unable to complete the April UPDATE Newsletter. Ida had prepared an article for April and Carol for May.

Here is Ida's:

God has brought us all together to become one family in Him. Brothers and sisters together in Christ, as one body.

My Church Family

"Brothers and sisters in Christ" the minister sometimes calls us – a family term, one that comes directly from the Bible.

We nod when that is said; perhaps we share the peace of the Lord; we even gather at your table, as families are going to do.

Lord, help me to appreciate these people...not just as fellow members of a congregation, but as "blood relatives," in a way. United to save us all...and to unite us in this special family.

Not just "brothers and sisters" – although that would be special enough – but "brothers and sisters in Christ."

I praise and thank the Lord for leading me into this congregation of loving and caring brothers and sisters in You. I AM BLESSED

<sup>12</sup> Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. <sup>14</sup> Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

<sup>15</sup> Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup> But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. <sup>19</sup> If they were all one part, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

<sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" <sup>22</sup> On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, <sup>24</sup> while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, <sup>25</sup> so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. <sup>26</sup> If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. *1 Corinthians 12:12-27 - NIV*

## From the Deacon Board – cont'd

Here is Carol's:

At Diaconate meetings we plan special worship services, and discuss ways to enhance meaningful weekly worship, and we also come up with ideas for fellowship events. This year has been very challenging to creatively do worship, and disappointing that we weren't able to have fellowship activities. And although some things have changed, what hasn't changed is God, and that we have been able to continue to worship Him, even though things are different, whether we were together or not!

I thought it was ironic last week that Pastor Kelly's message was about wearing masks, and then our business meeting was consumed by talking about masks. I was thinking about what she said about sometimes we wear one mask to portray how we are with some people, and another mask to hide who we are...! The choir and praise team sometimes joke about wearing masks because you can make faces and nobody knows what you're doing, or if you forget the words or sing a wrong note, they'll never know who it was! But as I was thinking about the different masks that I sometimes wear, I realized God knows who I am, no matter what I'm trying to hide behind! Ouch! I took a picture of the homework that she gave us on the screen, to remind myself each day to try to be transparent and honest, and to know that I can only wear my mask of tragedy and comedy on stage when I'm doing theater, and not in real life!

I can't wait for the day that we can take off these masks that we are wearing and see each other's smiling faces, but until then, I hope that you can see me smiling with my eyes! The Diaconate is continuing to look towards the future, and plan activities where we might be together again with some kind of normalcy, so hang in there, we hear you, and we care! If you have any suggestions, please contact your Deacon or anyone of us! 🙌 😊 😌 ❤️

In Christian love,

Carol Saltzer

## 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

Thank you for your generous gifts to the Benevolence Fund.

These funds continue to be used to meet the practical needs of congregants and the community. We recently helped a woman by paying a portion of her PPL and UGI bill. She was extremely grateful!

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".

**Clothes Closet**

The Clothes Closet ministry will be held on Saturday, May 8, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Summer hours)

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

Wednesdays have been set aside to sort clothes. If you would like to volunteer in any way please connect with Dawne Strock at: [dawne1954@aol.com](mailto:dawne1954@aol.com).



**Central Pennsylvania Food Bank**

The Missions Board is pleased to offer another opportunity for us to gather and serve, packing family food boxes at the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank (CPFEB). We are scheduled for Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am to noon. We can accommodate 15-20 volunteers. All volunteers need to be 18 or older to help. **All volunteers MUST wear** an approved mask (your own, or CPFEB provided), and gloves will be provided.

During the Covid-19 crisis the Food Bank has moved its packing operations to the Farm Show Complex in the Giant Expo Hall, to provide the space needed for the increased volume of work and to assure social distancing for staff and volunteers. Please park in the main lot for Farm Show, enter on the HACCC side of property. You will enter the back side of Giant Hall, through the glass doors. Please sign up on your Connect Card if you are available to volunteer.

**Red Cross Blood Drive**

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at WSBC on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. If you wish to donate click [here](#).

**Capital Area Pregnancy Center (Life Choices Clinic)**

Capital Area Pregnancy Center is once again holding the annual **BABY BOTTLE BLAST** and we hope you can participate.



Covid-19 really put a crimp on the bottles last year but not on the ministry to the individuals God brought to their doors. Girls got saved (and a husband), babies' lives were saved – including one where the mother took RU-486 (abortion pill) and was helped through the reversal process. The ministry did not close...which meant the expenses continued as well. Can you help again?

There will be baby bottles available at the church from May 9 through June 20. You are welcome to take baby bottles home and fill them up and return them to the display. If you are unable to attend church you can send your bottle contribution to the center directly or go to their [website](#) to give your gift. Be sure to note which church you are from so they can get a total for the whole church.

## [From the Christian Education Board](#)

### Community Groups

New community groups have started but there are still some spaces available. Contact Pastor Kelly to see what group may work for you.

### WSBC/Baldwin Scholarship

The Baldwin Student Scholarship Fund of the West Shore Baptist Church seeks to grant modest financial assistance to student members of the congregation who are engaged in undergraduate and graduate studies, or involved in other specialized training in higher education. This scholarship is available to current high school seniors through age twenty-six.

Applications and Reference Letter Request Forms will be available in the Lobby or by email from Janet at [j.spriggs@wsbc.org](mailto:j.spriggs@wsbc.org). The deadline to return forms to the Church Office is Sunday, June 6, 2021.

### Science Discovery Camp

Volunteers are needed to serve June 21-25 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (Campers will be here 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.). Volunteers can serve any number of days and are needed as aides, activity leaders and snack coordinators. Background checks are required. Please contact Janet at [j.spriggs@wsbc.org](mailto:j.spriggs@wsbc.org) if you would like to volunteer and haven't signed up yet.

## **May Meetings**

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

### **Advisory Council Meeting**

The Advisory Council will meet on **Tuesday, May 4**, at 6:30 pm.

### **Board of Trustees Meeting**

The Board of Trustees will meet on **Monday, May 10**, at 6:30 p.m.

### **Board of Deacons Meeting**

The Board of Deacons will meet on **Tuesday, May 11**, at 7:00 p.m.

### **Missions Board Meeting**

The Missions Board will meet on **Tuesday, May 18**, at 6:00 p.m.

### **Board of Christian Education Meeting**

The Board of Christian Education will meet on **Tuesday, May 18**, at 7:00 p.m.

## Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 15, at 8:00 a.m at Summit Restaurant, 2210 Gettysburg Rd in Camp Hill.

## Ladies Breakfast

The Ladies Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 15, at 8:30 a.m. at Hershey Pantry. All ladies are invited and will have the opportunity to sign-up on their Connect Card.

## Ladies

The American Baptist Women's Ministries of ABCOPAD will host their annual THRIVE Conference virtually on **Friday, June 18 (7-9 PM) and Saturday, June 19 (8:45 AM - 12:30 PM)**. Pastor Kelly is the keynote speaker this year!

The conference will focus on what changes in how we see others when we know we are seen perfectly by Jesus.

Ladies at WSBC are invited to gather at the church for the Saturday session. Plan to arrive at 8:45 a.m. and bring your own breakfast. (Beverages and table settings will be provided). Please sign-up on your Connect Card or email Janet at [j.spriggs@wsbc.org](mailto:j.spriggs@wsbc.org) if you plan to attend the Saturday session at WSBC.



There will be a bulletin insert on May 2<sup>nd</sup> about the Conference and also promoting the ABWMOPAD THRIVE CONFERENCE PROJECT. ***"Pack a suitcase for Brazil"***. Click [here](#) for more information.

If you plan to take part in the Conference you need to register at: <https://www.abcopad.org/Ministries/ABWM/2021-Thrive-Conference-Registration-Form/>

## Tour de Belt

Join fellow WSBC cyclists as we tackle Tour de Belt, the annual Capital Area Greenbelt Association fundraiser that cycles the Greenbelt's 20 miles around the City ([www.caga.org/tour-de-belt/](http://www.caga.org/tour-de-belt/)). The ride is fun, scenic, and mostly flat (although with a couple hill challenges!), and we pick our own pace. This year's event has staggered start days, times and locations. The WSBC group will ride Sunday, June 6 at 9:00 am, starting at the Commonwealth Charter Academy (across from the Farm Show). The June 6 edition includes CAGA-sponsored rest stops and traffic control at the route's handful of road crossings. After the ride our WSBC team will share refreshments at the open-air West Pavilion at Fort Hunter Park. Individual registration required, see Steve Campbell ([sandgcamp@gmail.com](mailto:sandgcamp@gmail.com)) or Doug Hill ([dehill717@gmail.com](mailto:dehill717@gmail.com)) for details.

When registering, do not sign up for the specific day/groups offered. Simply register as an individual and then connect with Doug for further details.

## Special Dates



### Birthdays:

- 10 – Judy Brouse
- 11 – Bill Neubaum  
Micah Waring
- 14 – Steve Norford
- 15 – Alice Chin
- 18 – Logan Waring
- 22 – Frank Strock
- 23 – Carol Whitcomb
- 25 – Milan Vulich
- 27 – Jena Myers



### Anniversaries:

- 25 – John & Sheri Conner
- 29 – Greg & Alexis Kabakjian
- 31 – Martino & Lindsay Neve





# WEST SHORE

## BAPTIST CHURCH

### SUNDAY SERVICES:

Worship Service — 10:30 AM

Live streaming online and at church

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