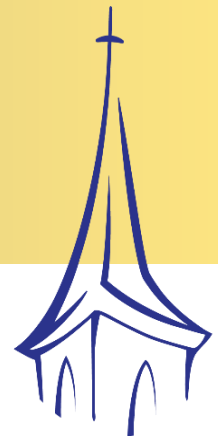


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WEST SHORE BAPTIST CHURCH

# UPDATE



## From the Desk of Pastor Kelly

I keep replaying John 4 in my mind. It's such a phenomenal picture of Jesus' heart for us, isn't it? Picture the scene: Jesus seated at a well under the blazing heat of a middle-eastern mid-day sun. Sam (aka "the Samaritan woman") approaches, empty water jug balanced on her head. She's just there to do her daily ritual, the morning routine.

"Will you give me a drink?" the One who *created* water asks. "Um, sorry," Sam replies. "We're not supposed to have anything to do with each other, remember?"

"That may be true, but I can give you life-giving, life-changing, soul-quenching water. The kind that bubbles up into eternity-today-life." "You can?! Then fill my jug, Sir! Let me have all I will ever need, so I can be whole," Sam squeals excitedly.

"OK. I will. To receive it, though, you will need to hand over to me the messy, broken relationship you are currently engaged in." He says this part without judgment or malice. It's a matter-of-fact invitation.

Sam blinks. This just got personal. "I don't think my private life is relevant here. I just want the life-giving water You offered, but if You don't want to give it . . ." "Oh, I want to give it to you," Jesus declares with a smile. "I want to heal the hurt that fills your spirit right now: the pain of serial relationships, rejection, and isolation. That's what I am here to do, you know. But first, you have to release them."

Totally undone by the fact that He *knows* her and still looks her in the eye; that He persists in issuing the invitation to know freedom, Sam leaves the scene. Part of her wants to distance herself from His claim over her life. Part of her desperately wants the freedom He offers. So she goes home to the very people who *won't* look her in the eye and says, "I met a Man today. It's like He knows me completely and still wants me with Him. Come meet Him, too."

So they come. They question and quibble. They attempt to dodge His power. And they come to know His love, too.

Isn't that what always happens? We encounter Jesus, experience His love, and then must choose whether to accept or flee from His invitation to surrender. Still He speaks and pursues, until we're undone by His goodness. And it's to that same encounter that we invite the 'ones' who are far from His heart. So He can win theirs, too.

Love ya,  
Pastor Kelly

## From Pastor Greg

Growing up, I remember being captivated by stories of heroic Christian martyrs. Men and women with other-worldly courage, doing great works for God, and then dying a horrific death, all while never losing an ounce of faith. A protestant man being burned at the stake for his declaration that justification was by faith alone; and even while his skin shriveled belting out hymns with such exuberance that onlookers, taken aback by his faith, were converted on the spot. That sort of thing. I so greatly admired the faith, courage, and all-out commitment of these saints of the past that I unwittingly began to place those who experienced extreme persecution or accomplished much for the Lord in a more “spiritual” category than the rest of us normal Christians. Sure, I was a Christian, but these people were like professional-Christians or something. I esteemed and idealized this manner of living the Christian life so much that it was almost as if I was doing something wrong, or at least spiritually inferior, if I was not in perpetual danger of being waterboarded, burned at the stake, or thrown to starving lions. This is extreme, but you know what I mean; and I think we all do the something similar.

We all tend to place vocations into spiritually ranked categories, for instance. We might not ever say it, but we’ve determined that being a nurse in Haiti is somehow spiritually superior to being an electrician in Mechanicsburg. Using your law degree to fight sex trafficking in China is more spiritual than using it to reform property law in Camp Hill. And being a pastor is spiritually superior to being a plumber. That’s why pastors, not plumbers, are always asked to pray at dinner, pray at board meetings, pray at lunches, pray at business meetings, and pray at every other event where there could possibly be prayer. After all, what else are pastors but professional Christians? The point is, we so often subconsciously divide Christians into more-spiritual and less-spiritual categories and venerate the Christians whose lives are more ‘exciting.’

The Bible, however, does no such thing. Rather, Scripture repeatedly commands Christians to live normal, quiet lives (1 Tim. 2:2, 1 Thess. 4:11). In other words, doing ‘great’ things for the Lord often probably looks less like nailing theses to doors and more like minding your own business and not causing too much of a fuss, less like being burned at the stake while belting out hymns and more like careful Bible study with an obediently humble heart, less like being mauled by lions and more like a grateful spirit and a committed prayer life. Granted, nailing a thesis, being burned at the stake, and being mauled by lions for acts of faith are not inherently bad things at all, but they also should not be presented as normal or more spiritual – and definitely not as required in order to live a faithful Christian life. The faithful Christian life, as the Bible portrays it, is not marked primarily by bold, public declarations of faith, but by characteristics such as quietness, love, humility, sober-mindedness, a smallness on one’s own mind, meekness, joy, patience, an others-centeredness, love for God’s word, peace, prayerfulness, slowness to speak, gentleness, and self-control – to name a few.

Soli Deo Gloria,  
Associate Pastor Greg Kabakjian

Dear Friends:

It has been so nice to get back to some normalcy; no masks for choir and praise team, mission trips, picnics, and so much more! Not sure what the future holds, but optimistic we are continuing to do great things!

I know it's 100°, but I'm listening to Christmas Music!

I LOVE everything about Christmas! I get so excited preparing for this time of year! This past weekend we held auditions for our Musical "A Christmas Carol", and we hope this outreach opportunity helps us to connect with the community!

Maybe we will meet the "one", and not only will we see Scrooge's life change, but other's as well! Maybe mine will too!? Please pray for this ministry, and how you might be involved!?

The Diaconate has been thinking about some amazing ideas for worship this Christmas! What do you love about Christmas? What do you love about worship at Christmas, and what what would you do differently?

Please feel free to share your thoughts with your Deacon, or anyone of the staff!

How might we change things this year thinking about the "one". I think if we focus on The One, instead of getting caught up in all the commercialism, and hustle and bustle of Christmas, God will reveal what we need to do to meet them!

Looking forward to cooler temperatures, and continuing to find ways to bridge the community so that we can tell other's about Jesus! ❤️🙏🎄

**PS:**

We are so excited to be starting bell choir again!

If you are interested in playing, please contact me as soon as possible so I can do bell assignments!

We will start Monday, September 20, and rehearse the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 6:15. Rehearsals for the musical will be following that rehearsal if you are involved in both.

Currently we are going to play for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

No experience needed!

Hope you will consider joining us!?

### **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 continue to have the opportunity to assist people with Giant gift cards towards groceries and gas purchases. These gift cards are greatly appreciated by the individuals who receive them regularly.

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, September 11, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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



If you would like to volunteer in any way please connect with Dawne Strock at: [dawne1954@aol.com](mailto:dawne1954@aol.com).

**Red Cross Blood Drive**

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at WSBC on Friday, September 24, 2021 from 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

If you wish to donate click [here](#).

**Food Pantry**

We continue to donate non-perishable food items to New Hope Ministries. These items include canned and boxed foods that can be given to people in need. Feel free to “stock the pantry” in the month of September! Donations may be placed in the cupboard located in the Fellowship Hall.

**Central PA Food Bank**

**Mark your calendars!** We will serve at the Central PA Food Bank again on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.. Sign-ups will start later this month.



[From the Christian Education Board](#)

**Community Groups**

Community groups continue to meet at a variety of times and locations. If you are interested in becoming involved in one please contact Pastor Kelly to see what group may work for you.

**Men’s Community Group**

Calling all men! Beginning in October, there will be a men’s community group meeting Friday mornings in Davidson Chapel. The topic of the group will be the book “Gentle and Lowly” by Dane Ortlund. If you are interested in joining this group, you can learn more by contacting Clark Stefanic or Pastor Greg!

**Harvest Hop**

The Christian Education Board and the Missions Board are partnering with the Downtown Camp Hill Association to *bridge* to the community at Harvest Hop on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.. WSBC plans to offer face painting, hop-sotch and other kid’s activities. Volunteers are needed and you can sign-up to help later this month. Contact Alexis Kabakjian or Sue Sweigard if you have any questions.

## September Meetings

### Advisory Council Meeting

The Advisory Council will meet on **Tuesday, September 7**, at 6:30 p.m.

### Board of Trustees Meeting

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

### Board of Deacons Meeting

The Board of Deacons will meet on **Tuesday, September 14**, at 7:00 p.m.

### Missions Board Meeting

The Missions Board will meet on **Tuesday, September 21**, at 6:00 p.m. (Zoom)

### Board of Christian Education Meeting

The Board of Christian Education will meet on **Tuesday, September 21**, at 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)

### Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, September 18, at 8:00 a.m at Front Street Diner.

### Ladies Breakfast

The Ladies Breakfast will be held on Saturday, September 18 at 8:30 a.m at Hershey Pantry.

## Special Dates



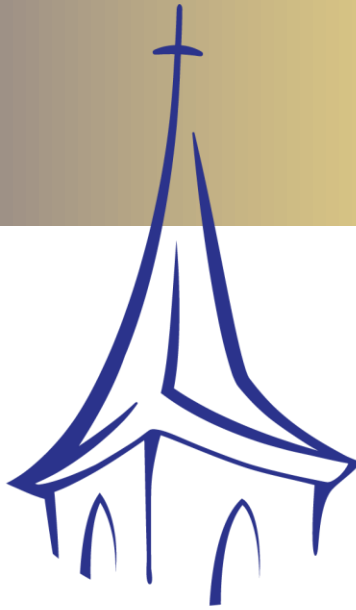
### Birthdays:

- 3 – Pastor Greg Kabakjian
- 9 – Russ Miller



### Anniversaries:

- 2 – Bruce & Cheryl Montgomery
- 4 – Michael & Allison Goldman  
Rev. Frank & Carolyn Frischkorn
- 11 – Olutayo & Abiodun Adeyemi



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## BAPTIST CHURCH

### SUNDAY SERVICES:

Worship Service — 10:30 AM

Live streaming online and at church

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