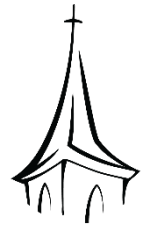


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West Shore Baptist Church

NEWSLETTER



WEST SHORE
BAPTIST CHURCH

From the Desk of Pastor Kelly

I'm writing this late on a Wednesday afternoon. Kid's Club meets in a few hours and there is a basin, pitcher & roll of paper towels sitting on my desk ready to go. You know why, right?

We've been learning about the spiritual discipline of service. The commitment to love God by loving my neighbor. Each week we've talked about the 'why' and the 'how' of serving others, of humbly going low in order to lift the other up. Tonight, for the final night in this series, we need to see that serving each other like Christ, loving each other like Jesus is messy, it's uncomfortable. It means getting close to sinners and lovingly, patiently, persistently choosing to see them as one washed clean by Christ.

I guarantee you that when we tell the kids this is the plan they will squeal & cringe. Who can blame them? I told tonight's adult volunteer the game plan and he screeched & winced, too! 😊 Because who wants to do *that*? To touch each other's feet? To willingly stoop lower than an equal?

But we're going to do it tonight – wash feet, become unnerved by this simple act of service. Because the truth is day-to-day service, week-after-week loving my neighbor in the pew is far, far harder than just dripping lukewarm water over nearly squeaky-clean tootsies.

Isn't it harder to do what Jesus did? To stoop low and serve the person you feel has betrayed you? To look at that brother or sister in Christ who hurt you with weaponized words and, rather than throw your own right back at them, "wash feet" by extending grace, speaking God's love to His image-bearer? Isn't it harder to love the brother in Christ who votes differently than you or to show compassion to the sister in Christ whose sin pattern is more visible than yours, than to just give a pedicure?

To love God by loving our neighbor often means learning to live the "one anothers" of Scripture. Forgiving one another as Christ forgave you, being patient with one another (as Christ is with you), encouraging one another (as Christ does for you) and even bearing one another's burdens (as He always has for you). And that isn't always easy. Because sometimes the sister whose feet we need to wash is the one who tests our patience.

So tonight, we'll wash feet. And we will talk about the pattern that Jesus has set. When He washed the feet of Judas and Peter, He called us to do the same. We will do so trusting that the Spirit is teaching young people the discipline of serving like Christ. So they grow to become adults who get close to sinners and lovingly, patiently, persistently choose to see them as one washed clean by Christ.

Love ya,
PK



Birthdays

10 – Judy Brouse
11 – Bill Neubaum
11 – Micah Waring
15 – Alice Chin

18 – Logan Waring
22 – Frank Strock
25 – Milan Vulich
27 – Jena Myers

Anniversaries



23 – Joe & Marilyn Skasko
25 – John & Sheri Conner
26 – David & Danae Klock
31 – Martino & Lindsay Neve

Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday Evenings

7:00 pm Choir

Men's & Ladies' Breakfast

May 20

8 am – Men's Breakfast
Summit Family Rest.
Camp Hill

8:30 am – Ladies' Breakfast
The Hershey Pantry
801 E Choc. Ave, Hershey

May Meetings

Advisory Council Meeting: *Mon., May 1*, at 6:30 pm

Board of Trustees Meeting: *Mon., May 8*, at 6:30 pm

Board of Deacons Meeting: *Tues., May 9*, at 7:00 pm

Missions Board Meeting: *Tues., May 16*, at 6:00 pm

Board of Christian Education Meeting: *Tues., May 16*,
at 7:00 pm

The Deacon Board

Benevolence Fund:

Managing the church's Benevolence Fund is an important part of the deacon board's responsibilities. We are grateful for the many people in our congregation who contribute to this impactful ministry. Your generosity allows us to feed the hungry in our community and help struggling families get through tough times. **Our next collection will be held May 14.**

Fellowship/Coffee Café:

Do you have a favorite item or treat you'd like to share on Sunday mornings for our coffee café? Donations are greatly appreciated!



Tour de Belt:

Join fellow WSBC cyclist as we once again 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/) The ride is fun, scenic, and mostly flat (although with a couple hill challenges!), and we pick our own pace. This ride is **Sunday, June 4** beginning at the Harrisburg Area Community College-Harrisburg Campus (One HACC Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17110). They have staggered starts beginning at 9:00 am, and we'll target 9:30 to get underway. The course includes CAGA-sponsored rest stops and traffic control at the route's handful of road crossings, and will take us maybe 2.5 hours to complete. After the ride, we'll provide beverages and snacks for our WSBC team (family and friends invited too – along with anyone from the congregation who'd like to drop by after church!) at the open-air West Pavilion at Fort Hunter Park. You're welcome to bring a lunch or pick something up from the food trucks at the Tour's finish line. Individual registration required through the Tour de Belt site. Contact Steve Campbell (sandgcamp@gmail.com) or Doug Hill (dehill717@gmail.com) for details.

The Deacon Board cont'd

Visitation Team:

Life can feel incredibly isolating for many individuals who can no longer get out to church regularly and a visit from a brother or sister in Christ goes a long way in letting them know they are loved, missed, and valued. To ensure that even more people are regularly receiving visits, the deacons are building a team of volunteers who can aid in this valuable ministry. Volunteers are asked to visit with at least one person each month. For more information or to join the team, contact Pastor Kelly or sign-up on your connect card.

Battle of the Baptist BBQ:

Want to show off your BBQ skills and compete for bragging rights? Prefer to simply dine on delicious delicacies? Then be here on Sunday, May 21 following the worship service for lunch! The deacon board will provide drinks & rolls. Those wishing to enter the BBQ battle please register on your connect card. All others are asked to bring: sides (last names A-I), salads (J-R), or desserts (S-Z).

Mentor Ministry:

We never grow in Christ exponentially on our own. Real growth happens when we invite brothers and sisters into our world so we can encourage each other to increasingly believe, belong, bridge & become. The deacons are actively training individuals to serve as mentors; each committing to meet regularly with a mentee to talk, pray, and pursue Christ together. Be on the lookout for more information about how you can plug into this ministry.

Board of Christian Education

Community Groups:

Our newest round of Community Groups – small group who gather to apply the Bible to their lives, pray and build relationships – launched in September. Seven groups are off and going. If you are interested in joining one, contact the church office for more information about open groups.

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, beginning May 7, to current high school seniors through age twenty-six.

Applications and Reference Letter Request Forms will be available at the Welcome Center or by email from Colleen Angeli @ c.angeli@wsbc.org. The deadline to return forms to the Church Office is Sunday, June 4, 2023

Life Groups:

This summer you are encouraged to grab some friends (both from WSBC and beyond) and enjoy fun and friendship with a Life Group! Life Groups are activity-based gatherings meant to be great ways to simply build relationships and enjoy each other's company. This summer we'll have groups that focus on walking, biking, board games, table tennis & more! The calendar will be published by mid-May and you are welcome to participate in any and all of the gatherings.

Summer Kids' Club:

Our elementary-aged kids will have their own Life Group experience again this summer! We'll meet at WSBC from 6:30-8 PM for fun and devotions on Wednesdays, May 31, July 5 & August 2. These events are open to kids entering grades 1-5 next fall.

The Mission Board



Clothes Closet:

This ministry is held the second Saturday of every month. The May event will be held on **Saturday, May 13 from 9 am–12 pm**. There are lots of items to be sorted!! If you would like to volunteer, please connect with Dawne Strock at dawne1954@aol.com.



Free Little Pantry:

Don't forget about our outdoor community pantry. Thank you to those who have contributed. Next time you are shopping, consider buying an item or two to place in the pantry on your way into church.

Red Cross Blood Drive:

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive held at WSBC on **Tuesday, May 23, 2023 from 12-6 pm**. If you wish to donate, visit their website at www.redcrossblood.org.



Earl Besch Food Pantry:

We will be collecting the following items to stock the New Hope mobile pantry that serves the Earl Besch Project during the month of May. The Earl Besch Project serves Camp Hill residents. Please place your items in the lobby.

Canned Pears

Applesauce (no glass)

Spaghetti Sauce (no glass)

Spaghetti (or other pasta)

Canned Potatoes

Chef Boyardee

Peanut Butter

Paper Towels

Laundry detergent

Shampoo

Dish detergent

Deodorant

Soap/body wash

Cleaning supplies

In June, we would like to serve the Project by providing volunteers to serve at the mobile pantry for the following dates and times:

6/1 - Thursday, 5-6:30pm

6/15 - Thursday, 5-6:30pm

6/2 - Friday, 9-10am

6/16 - Friday, 9-10am

If you are interested in serving during the month of June, please register online <https://www.volgistics.com/appform/926601804>. Be sure to select your Preferred Ministry Location as Earl Besch Food Pantry/Camp Hill. If you have questions, contact Beth Ice at bice1991@gmail.com.

Memorial Day Parade:

Monday, May 29 we will be participating in the Camp Hill parade to be held at 9:30 am. If you would like to participate, contact Carol Saltzer.



The Mission Board cont'd

Mission Possible:

Saturday, June 3 is Mission Possible day! We will begin with breakfast at WSBC at **8 AM** and then teams will depart (with the option to carpool) to their partner organizations to serve from **9:30 AM to 12:30 PM**. This year's organizations include: Bethesda Mission, Caitlin's Smiles, Greenlight Operation, Healthy Steps Diaper Bank, Midtown Community Church, Midwest Food Bank, Paxton Ministries, Pink Hands of Hope & Safe Harbour Homeless Shelter.



Registration will be available both online & in the lobby by May 7. Be on the lookout for an email blast with that information.

In the meantime, connect with some friends -- maybe your community group members -- and decide where you'd like to serve. You can expect a follow up email the week prior to June 3rd with the contact name and address for your location.

Join the 2023 Mission Trip Team As we bridge the Gospel to Galveston, TX

What: We are partnering with Galveston Urban Ministries, a ministry focused on intentionally engaging people with the love of Christ, equipping churches, businesses, and individuals to combat systemic poverty, and empowering their neighbors to live healthy, sustainable lives. Our team will serve in home construction and/or GUM facility improvements; projects may include painting, drywall, flooring, etc. For those interested, afternoons can also be spent working at an after-school program for kids.

When: Saturday, October 7 – Saturday, October 14, 2023

Where: We will stay at the Zion Retreat Center in Galveston. Rooms will accommodate 4 people and each have a private bathroom.

Who: There is currently space for 8 people (age 12 and over). No special skills required. However, we do need a chief cook to join the team!

How: Cost is \$600 per/person (lodging, meals, van rental, airfare, etc.). If cost is a concern, please see PK for additional ideas for raising your funds. To secure your spot on the team, submit a completed application online (www.wsbc.org/missiontrip) and \$50 (made payable to WSBC) to the church office by May 7.

Questions? Contact team leads: Pastor Kelly (pastorkdl@gmail.com) or Dave Klock (davidncp14@gmail.com).



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SUNDAY SERVICES:

Worship Service — 10:30 AM

Live streaming online and at church

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