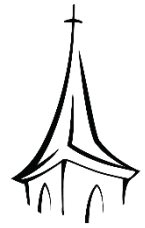


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NEWSLETTER



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BAPTIST CHURCH

From the Desk of Pastor Kelly

Jill keeps them in a drawer beside her bed: small notebooks, ear-marked and filled with prayers. Not every day, but several times a week, she sits down late at night to write out her prayers. The sentences are short, the prayers to the point. 'Father, I love You and just want to praise You for nudging the girls to call their dad tonight; You know he needed it. Please give me patience with Mrs. Smith. I have to see her tomorrow afternoon and You know I find her difficult.'

Jill wouldn't part with those notebooks if you offered to pay off her mortgage. They're too important. They're her proof that God is God.

Every so often, Jill picks up an old notebook and thumbs through it. She reads the prayers and is reminded of the situation or concerns or thoughts that consumed her mind a month or a year or 5 years ago: the girls needing a way to pay for college without taking out a ton of loans, the struggles with her mom, the worry about a co-worker who took sick. Most of the prayers offered, admittedly, are long forgotten, no longer an issue.

And that's why she reads it. As she works her way through those old conversations with our LORD, Jill keeps a pen handy and she records how Jesus answers them, whether He says 'no,' 'yes,' or 'not yet.' So next to 'LORD, why are You keeping me at my job? – a prayer written for days on end 6 months before – she'll write 'You showed me Maureen, she needs somebody to listen and love her. Actually, I'm there because she needs You.'

Then Jill does something truly incredible: **She stops**. Instead of asking for still more things or simply moving on, Jill **stops** and recognizes that her Father answered every one of her prayers. That Jesus not only listened to her, but answered her. She works her way through every single answered prayer and gives to Him an offering of thanks.

In Psalm 50:8-14, our Father says, 'I willingly receive the sacrifices of your time, gifts, resources, and energy. But do you know what I really want? I want you to give to Me the sacrifice of thanksgiving. I want you to worship Me as God by stopping, recognizing what I've done for you, and giving Me your thanks.'

Our Father is God. He alone knows the desires of our hearts, He alone stoops down to hear our every word, He alone is in control, and He alone is BIG enough to answer our prayers. But how will we really come to know He is God unless we choose to stop, decide to make space to recognize what He has done and is doing, and then bow our hearts in worship to the One who loves us so much He allows us to know He is working?

Maybe that's our November challenge. Thirty days of stopping to say 'thank You.' Thirty days of reflecting on all the ways He has answered, so we can rest knowing He will again.

Love ya,
PK



Birthdays

1 – Dick Loucks	16 – Ruth Easley
5 – Charlie Alford	16 – Rev Frank Frischkorn
6 – Joe Skasko	19 – Madigan Barth
9 – Bethany Malykh	25 – Conni Mooney
11 – Rose Sleboda	28 – Bill Zoll
12 – Steve Campbell	29 – Dave Kennerly
13 – Jayne Metz	30 – Ron Keeney
14 – Bonnie Easley	

Anniversaries



7 – Tom & Edie Kennerly
23 – Robert & Janis Lloyd
30 – Doug & Beth Ice

Daylight Savings Ends



Sunday, November 3rd

Men's & Ladies' Breakfast

November 16

8 am – Men's Breakfast
Perkins Restaurant & Bakery

8:30 am – Ladies' Breakfast
Chef de Crepe

November Meetings

Advisory Council Meeting: Mon, Nov. 4, 6:30pm

Board of Trustees Meeting: Mon, Nov. 11, 6:30pm

Board of Deacons Meeting: Tues, Nov. 12, 7:00pm

Missions Board Meeting: Tues, Nov. 19, 6:00pm

Christian Ed Board Meeting: Tues, Nov. 19, 7:00 pm

Advisory Council

Pastoral Search Committee Update: The team worked diligently and effectively in late-summer to complete all necessary updates and documentation to post the associate pastor job in mid-September. On October 21, the committee reviewed its first set of potential candidates. Following the meeting, we requested additional information from a few and also decided to extend our reach by posting the job on several other targeted websites. Please continue to pray for the committee and the person whom God is preparing ultimately to accept our call. Don't hesitate to contact any member of the search committee with questions.

WSBC Associate Pastor Search Committee

Charlie Alford, Chairman

Rev. Kelly Legg

Ed Bihl (At large)

Steve Campbell (Deacons)

Becky Gentzler (At large)

Rachel Habacivch (At large)

Jennifer Jennelly (Missions)

Bruce Montgomery (At large)

Marilyn Skasko (Christian Education)

C.J. Wright (Trustees)

Alternates

Bethany Malykh

Joe Skasko

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 November 10.**

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.

Parents' Prayer Group:

The role of a parent in shepherding their children (and grandchildren) toward Christ never ends. A prayer group, facilitated by Stan LeQuire, meets to 1) grow in prayer and wrestle together as we 2) lift up our children who are not yet following and living for the Lord. This group meets on third Sundays at 5:30pm in room 201.

Prayer Ministry:

Our trained prayer ministers, identified by their yellow buttons, are happy to pray with you at any time and will be at the front of the sanctuary at the end of the service. You may also submit prayer requests for our prayer team on our church center app.

Church Center:

Have you visited westshorebaptist.churchcenter.com or downloaded the church center app on your smart phone or tablet yet? You'll find event sign-ups, group registration, online giving, prayer request submission forms, our pictorial directory (please opt-in) and much more!

Discovery Course:

The Discovery Course is designed to provide an overview of the mission and ministry, vision and values of WSBC. It's an excellent way to learn about the church and is a required course for anyone considering becoming a covenant member. Register for the Sunday, November 10th class (12pm – 2:30pm) on church center or by emailing wsbcmil@gmail.com Lunch will be provided.

Trustee Board

Thanksgiving Offering:

The Board of Trustees is designating our annual Thanksgiving offering to support the mission work of our Dominican Republic mission trip team. This team of 6 will join 44 others from Christ's American Baptist Church to serve through food & clothing distribution, medical clinics, home repair and in-school Bible studies in the DR February 22 - March 2, 2025. All monies raised will be used to purchase supplies such as food, medicine, etc. for the mission outreach initiatives.

Christmas Offering:

In light of the incredible need following the recent hurricanes that hit the South, the Trustees have decided to designate our annual Christmas Offering to be earmarked for disaster relief through the American Baptist Churches of PA & DE (ABCOPAD) Disaster Relief Fund. 100% of those monies will go toward offsetting the cost of ABCOPAD mission teams (including those from WSBC), purchasing supplies & tools, and providing on-the-ground relief to disaster victims. Thank you for your generosity!

Board of Christian Education

Community Groups:

Community Groups are small groups who gather to apply the Bible to their lives, pray and build relationships. If you are interested in joining or launching a new group, contact the church office for more information.

Sunday School Classes:

The Searchers class led by Tom Kennerly meets on the top floor of the education wing. Pastor Kelly is teaching "Major Messages from Minor Prophets" from 9am – 10am in Davidson Chapel.

Kid's Club:

Kid's Club meets every Wednesday from 6:30-7:45pm. Open to students in grades 1st – 6th. See Maura Bihl or Pastor Kelly for details.

Men's Community Group:

We are taking a pause on our weekly meeting for November and December. Be on the lookout for details about a December Men's Night and information about our next study to launch in 2025.

Thanksgiving Family Service Project:

This November, our Children's Ministry is excited to partner with the Mission and Deacon Board to prepare Thanksgiving cards and packages for those in need in our church community. WSBC families are welcome to join us on Wednesday, November 20th, from 6:30-7:30 PM for this evening event. Families with children of all ages are encouraged to participate together, as this is a wonderful opportunity to teach our children about the spirit of giving. Register through Church Center beginning November 1st.

Children's Christmas Pageant:

We are thrilled to announce our first Children's Christmas Pageant, taking place on Sunday, December 15th, during our worship service! All children are invited to participate in this joyful celebration. To prepare, we will hold two mandatory rehearsals during the worship service on December 1st and December 8th, with a brief dress rehearsal after the service on December 8th. We can't wait to celebrate this special season together!

The Missions Board

Clothes Closet:

The clothes closet will be open this month on Saturday, November 9th from 9am – 12 pm. Thank you to all who donated clothes to refill the closet. Volunteers are welcome and needed both mid-week and one Saturday a month. Please contact Dawne Strock for details.

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 **Wednesday, November 20th from 12pm-6 pm**. If you wish to donate, visit their website at www.redcrossblood.org.

Volunteer Opportunity:

Bethany Village is looking for volunteer pianists to play in our Skilled Nursing community the first and second Sunday of each month. This can be on a rotating basis depending on the volunteer's schedule. The volunteer would arrive at 2:15 and service begins at 2:30. Music would include a prelude and 6-7 additional hymns throughout the hour-long service. If interested, please contact Kristin Juchem at 717-315-7281.

Harvest Food Collection:

During the month of November, the Mission Board is requesting food donations to fill holiday meal boxes and to restock non-perishable items for the Little Free Pantry. Suggested items include: canned green beans, canned corn, canned cranberry sauce, Stovetop stuffing, instant potatoes, instant pudding mix, jars of gravy, peanut butter, jelly, any other non-perishable items

Blessing Bags:

Filled bags can be found in Davidson Chapel. These bags can be shared wherever there is a need.

Puzzles:

Like a good puzzle? Jigsaw puzzle that is? You're in luck. We now have a Puzzle Cabinet located at the Welcome Center! These puzzles are free to take and put together then return for someone else's enjoyment. Feel free to add to the collection.



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SUNDAY SERVICES:

Worship Service — 10:30 AM

Live streaming online and at church

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