

West Shore Baptist Church

Newsletter

November 2025



From the Desk of Pastor Kelly

Allow me to try to put this delicately: My dog is not the brightest bulb. He's cute, don't get me wrong, but not particularly brilliant. For starters, he's genuinely convinced that the world will be destroyed by squirrels and, thus, treats them all as the enemy. Unfortunately for my neighbors, that results in loud barking fits at all hours of the day and night. He regularly goes on hunger strikes until I agree to sprinkle shredded cheddar on his ridiculously expensive dog food. Conversely, if offered a tasty morsel of human food, he sniffs it accusingly as if that bite of chicken may have been laced with strychnine. And, my personal favorite, he regularly attempts to run away, acting as if the leash he is tethered to for his safety is seriously crimping his style.

He does have one thing going for him, though: It genuinely doesn't matter where I am, he's going to find me and be there. I can venture down to the dirt dungeons beneath our building (an area that can best be described as straight out of a scary movie but with no heat), and he'll come trotting. He manages to find me through the maze of rooms and is undaunted by the mess. If I am in that room, then he wants to be where I am, too. Not because he thinks he'll get a treat or even a scratch behind the ear. He simply wants to be wherever his master is.

I'm probably more like my mutt than I care to admit. I have my own set of 'squirrels' that I loudly, vociferously complain about which, in the grand scheme of things, are no more consequential than the ones hording acorns in my yard. I frequently turn up my nose at the incredible provision my Father gives me every day and insist that He owes me more of His blessings. Conversely, when He offers me a blessing that I don't immediately recognize as such, I accuse Him of trying to cause me harm. Oh, and don't get me started on how many times I've tried to run away from Him, thinking there are better options available to me apart from His 'constraining' love.

Yet, even with all of that, there's only one Person I want to be with and one Place I long to be: with my Master. There's no love as rich and beautiful as His. No grace as unending. No compassion as compelling. And that means that even if my Father leads me down paths that are winding to places that are dark, I'm going. Because I want to be with my Master. He is, after all, the safest Person and the only Place I'll ever find refuge. Thankfully, He loves and welcomes me, even though I'm not the brightest bulb, either.

Love ya,
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



November Meetings

Advisory Council Meeting: Mon, Nov. 3, 6:30 PM
Board of Trustees Meeting: Mon, Nov. 3, 6:30 PM
Board of Deacons Meeting: Tues, Nov. 11, 6:30 PM

Mission Board Meeting: Tues, Nov. 18, 7 PM
Christian Ed Board Meeting: Tues, Nov. 18, 6 PM



Men's and Women's Breakfast: November 15th

Men's Breakfast 8:00am at Silver Spring Diner

Women's Breakfast 8:30am at Camp Hill Cafe



BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

7 – Tom & Edie Kennerly
30 – Doug & Beth Ice



Church Staff

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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 9.

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 5:30 pm 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!

Deacon's List:

To better serve and care for our congregational family, each Deacon will take responsibility to watch over a set list of individuals & families within our church for 2025. Your Deacon will connect with you regularly and serve as your point person for congregational care needs.

Baptism:

Baptism is a significant step in the life of every believer. By faith, we symbolize our rebirth into Christ. By obedience, we follow the command to publicly declare our new life through the water. If you are ready to take your next step, please contact Pastor Kelly to begin baptism classes.

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.

Kids' Club:

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

Sunday School Classes:

The Searchers class led by Tom Kennerly meets on the top floor of the education wing. Pastor Kelly is teaching “Does the Bible Really Say That?” in Davidson Chapel each Sunday at 9am. All Scripture is God-breathed & profitable for comforting and correcting. And some passages are hard to swallow. How do we handle tough subjects found in Scripture like slavery, homosexuality, women in leadership and the compatibility of science & faith? Or know what still applies to our lives and what doesn't (BLT, anyone?). We need a grid for interpreting Scripture faithfully and humbly. In this 14-week Sunday School class, we will learn tools for interpreting the Bible and take on some of those tough topics.

The Mission Board



Operation Christmas Child

The Mission Board invites you to grab a shoebox from the lobby and fill it with items for a girl or boy. Return your filled box to the lobby no later than Nov. 2. These boxes will be utilized by Samaritan's Purse to share the Gospel across the globe. Children receiving a gift box will learn about the greatest Gift ever given – Jesus Christ. Thank you for participating!

Clothes Closet:

The clothes closet will be open this month on Saturday, November 8th 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.

Little Free 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, November 25th from 12pm-6 pm**. If you wish to donate, visit their website at www.redcrossblood.org.

Blessing Bags:

Filled bags can be found in the lobby. Please help yourself to have one on hand to share whenever there is someone in need.

All Donations:

The food donation location has moved to the closet in Fellowship Hall near the education wing exit on the 21st St. side. The shelves are labeled for your donations:

- New Hope Ministries Food Pantry (top shelf),
- Little Free Pantry (middle shelf),
- Blessing Bag (bottom shelf and floor).

Candy Cane Walk:

Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 23 from 12-4 and plan to participate in the Camp Hill Candy Cane Walk. There are multiple ways to help us engage with our neighbors: Singing carols, serving cookies and coffee, welcoming visitors and handing out our holiday service schedule, and set up or clean up. We are also looking for donations of Christmas cookies, Christmas candy and small giveaways for children. Stay tuned for more details.



The Trustee Board

Lower 21st Street Door

The lower 21st St. door will be locked until 10 AM on Sundays. For those individuals needing the elevator, please use the RING doorbell located on the side of the mailbox. Otherwise, please use the upper 21st St. door.

Thanksgiving Offering:

The Board of Trustees is designating our annual Thanksgiving offering to Midwest Food Bank in Middletown – a faith-based non-profit that provides food to other local non-profit organizations and disaster relief. Our Mission Board is offering to match up to the first \$1,000 donated. Thank you for your generous giving!

Christmas Offering:

The Board of Trustees have decided to designate our annual Christmas offering to Paxton Ministries which provides affordable housing and support services to adults in need with Christ-like love. Thank you for your generosity!