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West Shore Baptist Church

NEWSLETTER



WEST SHORE
BAPTIST CHURCH

From the Desk of Pastor Kelly

I've been contemplating the idea of 'rest' lately. In part, because I spent two weeks lounging beachside (under shade in a vain effort to avoid looking like a lobster). I disconnected from the phone & email, scheduled no meetings more urgent than with a sea turtle and turned off the wake-up alarm. Please don't misunderstand me, it was glorious, but is that what is required to be able to rest? Is rest only obtainable on a tropical island during the days we label 'vacation' on our calendars?

How do you rest in a really busy season of life? Like when you're at the age and stage where you're caring both for the generations above & below you? Or when things, despite your absolute best efforts, are going awry or the feedback loop you're getting is the opposite of restorative to your soul? What does rest mean when you can't disconnect from busyness or, worse, you can disconnect but still feel restless in your mind & heart?

When Jesus says, "come to Me all who are weary and weighed down and I will give you rest," He is not describing a mere vacation. His is the kind of rest that soaks into your soul; the type that allows you to rest even when you walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death. Even then, all who come and learn from the gentle, humble Savior find rest for their souls.

Which leads me to ask myself & you a very serious question: where are you going to find that kind of rest? Rest that cannot be taken from you or depleted by life. Our Savior says it will only ever be found by coming to, surrendering to and learning from Him. For it's only then that we learn whose and who we are. It's only then that we know that we are – through no effort or merit of our own – the *beloved*.

When that truth sinks deep into our bones, no matter where we are or what we're facing, there is rest. For we are known, loved secure for all of eternity. Nothing & nobody can take that away.

This summer, friend, between the vacations or time with friends, where are you going to find real rest? The mountains & beach are wonderful, but real rest, true rest is found only in drawing near to the One who calls you His.

Love ya,
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Birthdays

1 – Wayne Howell	16 – Janet Harvey
1 – Susan Rhone	18 – Ernie Lopez
5 – Pam LaBarre	21 – Victor Adeyemi
6 – Barrie Dieffenbach	25 – Barb Schweiger
6 – Jackson Kennerly	26 – Madeline Waring
8 – Glory Adeyemi	26 – Kim Wright
16 – Paul Schweiger	27 – Linda Walton
	28 – Gayle Campbell

Anniversaries



8 – Shaine & Mary Lepley
 9 – Barrie & Pat Dieffenbach
 10 – Terry & Linda Fleming
 29 - Ron & Candy Barth
 29 - Ernie & Monsy Lopez
 29 - Joe & Audrey Wincovitch
 30 - Steve & Gayle Campbell

**The Choir will
rehearse over the
summer:**

**July 10th
August 7th**

Men's & Ladies' Breakfast

July 20

8 am – Men's Breakfast
West Shore Family Restaurant

8:30 am – Ladies' Breakfast
West Shore Family Restaurant

July Meetings

Advisory Council Meeting: Mon, July 1, 6:30pm

Board of Trustees Meeting: Mon, July 8, 6:30pm

Board of Deacons Meeting: Tues, July 9, 7:00pm

Missions Board Meeting: No meeting in July

Christian Ed Board Meeting: Tues, July 16, 7:00 pm

Advisory Council

The WSBC Advisory Council is grateful for the constructive feedback and support our congregation continues to provide, as together we reflect upon these past months and renew our commitment to pursue Gospel-focused ministry together. Your observations about our processes and protocols are helping us as a congregation to even better support our staff, evaluate our leadership styles and prepare for ministry in the next season.

As we continue to grow and learn, we want to invite you to participate in our search for the next Associate Pastor to join our ministry team. All can participate through prayer and we ask you to be intentional about lifting this need before Christ daily. Additionally, some can participate by joining the search committee.

To aid in providing a broad-spectrum of ages, gender, perspectives and roles within the Body, the committee will be composed of one member from each of our four boards, four at-large church members, the Pastor, and at least one alternate. All members must be a covenant member (full or associate) of WSBC.

Members can anticipate meeting an average of twice monthly beginning as early as late July for the first few months. During that time the committee will revise the existing church profile and craft a specific job description for the Associate Pastor. Once the job is posted throughout our denominational, regional & other channels, the committee will likely hit "pause" as we wait for candidates to apply. Regular meetings will then resume for the interview process and, if none are the right fit, the "pause"-then-interview cycle may repeat. The average search process takes 12-18 months. We will have resources available to help the committee through these processes.

At-large members interested in serving are welcome to submit their name to the Advisory Council through me at dehill717@gmail.com by **Sunday, July 7**. Final selection by the Advisory Council will be based on best fit to provide a diverse cross-section of the congregation for the committee.

Thank you for your consideration and prayerful support.

Doug Hill

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 July 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.

Parents' Prayer Group:

The parent's prayer group will not be meeting over the summer and will resume meeting in September.

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!

Church Picnic:

Mark your calendars! We will host a church picnic with games and great food at Adams-Ricci Park on the evening of Saturday, August 24. More details to come!

Bihl Baby Shower:

A bassinet will be in the lobby for you to fill with cards and/or gifts to bless the newest Bihl. They are registered on BabyList.com. We will present Charlie & Maura with the gifts during Coffee Cafe on **July 14**. Please plan to stop by and wish them well! Also, bring a pack of diapers & fill out a raffle card for a chance to win a prize! If you have questions, see: Pat, Cheryl or Anne.

Mentoring Ministry at WSBC

Why would I find a mentor?

If you want to become a better athlete, you find a coach to refine your skills. Hope to grow in your vocation? You might ask someone who knows the ropes to meet with you regularly. When you need to learn how to manage conflict more effectively, you grab someone who navigates conflict well and ask them to help you identify your blind spots.

We find mentors when we want to grow. And we do the same when we're ready to grow in Christ. So, if you're ready to become more like Jesus as a parent or an employee, in the way you handle your finances or conflict, or how you pray or confront the sin patterns in your life, a mentor can accompany you as together you pursue Jesus.

What is mentoring?

Mentoring simply means giving another brother or sister in Christ access to our lives and inviting them to ask good questions, call us up into who we are in Christ, and speak the Gospel to us over and over again, as together we become more like Jesus. It's pretty simple: You and your mentor meet regularly to talk, study, and pray about either a particular facet of your world or all of your life and pursue Christ together.

Who are mentors at WSBC?

Men & women who are "beggars" willing to tell other "beggars" where the Bread of Life is found. Mentors have been trained to lovingly accompany others in pursuing Christ.

How do I match with a mentor?

Either take a look at the list of available mentors and prayerfully choose one you think would be a good match to help you grow in Christ in this season of your life or sign-up on your connect card. One of our pastors will contact you to ask a few questions and help you match with a mentor.

Female mentors: Abi Adeyemi, Maryke Clark, Becky Gentzler, Bethany Malykh & Sue Sweigard.

Male mentors: Steve Campbell, Greg Hartman, Stan LeQuire & Bruce Montgomery.

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 and will continue over the summer.

Kid's Club:

Kid's Club will meet Wednesdays July 24 and August 7 from 6:00-7:30pm over the summer. Open to students in grades 1st – 6th. See Maura Bihl or Pastor Kelly for details.

Men's Community Group:

We're ready to go for our summer series! We'll be using "[Jesus the King](#)" by Timothy Keller. You can pick up your copy at the Welcome Center. Our first gathering will be Friday, June 7 at 7 am at the lower pavilion of Negley Park, Lemoyne. Weather permitting of course! We'll have nine sessions, skipping July 5 and concluding on August 9. Please sign up under groups in Church Center so you are in the email.

Nursery Volunteers:

We are in need of additional volunteers for our nursery ministry in 2024. If you are interested in serving in this important role, please contact Donna at wsbcmail@gmail.com

Musical Theater Camp:

It's almost here! Camp will be held July 15-18 from 9am – 3pm, and the 19th from 2pm – 6pm (noon for those with lead roles). Performances will be Saturday, July 20th at 3pm and 5pm. Please pray for this important outreach.

Women's Retreat:

Ladies, save Oct. 11-13 for our first annual women's retreat at Camp Yolijwa. Cost including hotel-style rooms and meals will be \$155/person. We only have space for 10 more people so plan to register soon on Church Center!

Life Groups:

It's not too late to register for a Summer Life Group! We'll enjoy just having fun walking and biking, crafting and playing ping-pong, exploring "wild church" and even bonding over cigars. Oh, and the kids have their own group too! Sign up today! <https://wsbc.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2b1df3b16fdaa688a46c6bb38&id=c75b36c371&e=584fa539a8>

The Missions Board

Clothes Closet:

The clothes closet will be open this month on Saturday, July 13th 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:

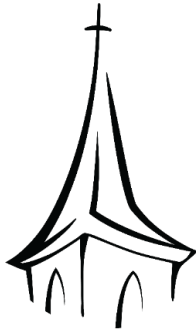
There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive held at WSBC on **Thursday, July 25th from 12pm-6 pm**. If you wish to donate, visit their website at www.redcrossblood.org.

Blessing Bags:

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

Puzzles:

Like a good puzzle? Jigsaw puzzle that is? You are 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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