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West Shore Baptist Church

NEWSLETTER



WEST SHORE
BAPTIST CHURCH

From the Desk of Pastor Kelly

I am keenly aware of every muscle in my legs and back today. Every. Single. One. Over the weekend, with the help of amazing friends (who, thankfully, get paid in pizza & burritos), I re-landscaped a very large, rather steep flower bed that runs nearly the length of my property.

To be honest, it's a project I've been putting off. The bed looked terrible. That's no exaggeration – a giant pine tree that looked half dead because I'd had to trim it so many times to keep it out of the sidewalk, large rocks that the neighbor kids had repeatedly jumped on and left literally littering the sidewalk, and stones that had slid down the embankment revealing ugly, hard-packed dirt underneath. We won't even mention the hodge-podge of plants & field of weeds.

I knew it needed TLC. Every time I drove past, which is at least twice daily, I was confronted with the ugliness. But, you know how it goes. The thought of doing the work was paralyzing. It would take hours of sweat and mind-numbingly tedious work to renovate. So I ignored it.

Until a friend said, "we both know you hate the condition it's in. Why don't you let me help?" Somehow, those simple words made it possible to confront what I just couldn't imagine dealing with on my own. Both because they confirmed that the yard really did look awful and they meant I didn't have to do it alone.

I wonder what the equivalent is in your life? Not a flowerbed, but in your internal world? Maybe it's a relationship that's long been neglected and you don't even know where to begin to repair the damage of neglect. Perhaps it's that sin pattern that God keeps confronting you with and to which you've made the spiritual equivalent of turning a blind eye, because the thought of facing that head-on is overwhelming.

Don't get me wrong, choosing to say 'yes' to allowing the Holy Spirit to renovate your heart and life will likely leave you feeling every 'muscle' in your body. Every. Single. One. He believes in true overhaul. We want to throw down some mulch and He says we're ripping the whole thing out, because He wants to put in something new, something beautiful.

But it's worth it. The work of trusting Jesus to heal and bring change to that area you've long been ignoring is worth it, because that is how we come to know His power and love, to see His ability to take 'mess' and make it beautiful in His hands. And He never asks us to do it alone. That's why He calls us into community, so brothers & sisters can walk with us in the slow, wonderful journey of resting in and responding to His love.

Love ya,
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Birthdays

3 – Pat Dieffenbach	20 – Olutayo Adeyemi
5 – Andrea Dunkle	20 – Mark Kindig
5 – Kath Nichols	20 – Bruce Montgomery
8 – Jennifer Lloyd	22 – Doug Hill
9 – Carolyn Frischkorn	26 – Terry Fleming
16 – Tina Goff	28 – Dick Webb
19 – Monsy Lopez	

Anniversaries



4 – Eric & Kristin Born
 5 – Dick & June Karschner
 14 – Russ & Michele Miller

**No Choir Rehearsal
 during the Summer
 months**

**Men's & Ladies'
 Breakfast**
 June 17
 8 am – Men's Breakfast
 Front Street Diner
 Harrisburg
 8:30 am – Ladies' Breakfast
 W.S. Plaza Family
 Restaurant

June Meetings

Advisory Council Meeting: Mon., June 5, at 6:30 pm
Board of Trustees Meeting: Mon., June 12, at 6:30 pm
Board of Deacons Meeting: Tues., June 13, at 7:00 pm
Missions Board Meeting: Tues., June 20, at 6:00 pm



June 21st

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 June 11.**

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.



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.

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 starting June 4.

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 to current high school seniors through age twenty-six.



Applications and Reference Letter Request Forms are 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! 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, July 5 & August 2. These events are open to kids entering grades 1-6 next fall.

The Mission Board



Clothes Closet:

This ministry is held the second Saturday of every month. The June event will be held on **Saturday, June 10 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 **Friday, June 23, 2023 from 12-6 pm**. If you wish to donate, visit their website at www.redcrossblood.org.



Mission Possible:

Mission Possible, our church-wide day of service, is Saturday, June 3! We'll kick-off with breakfast at WSBC at 8:00 am and then carpool to various partner organizations to serve from 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM. To sign up or get details about specific mission sites & anticipated tasks contact Charlie Alford at [ccurtisa@comcast.net](mailto:c curtisa@comcast.net).

Earl Besch Volunteers:

We are looking for a few volunteers to staff the New Hope mobile pantry that serves the Earl Besch Project serving Camp Hill residents. We would like to serve the Project on the following dates/times:

- 6/1 - Thursday, 5-6:30pm
- 6/2 - Friday, 9-10am
- 6/15 - Thursday, 5-6:30pm
- 6/16 - Friday, 9-10am

If you are interested in serving during the month of June or have any questions, please contact Beth Ice at bice1991@gmail.com.

The Mission Board cont'd

One Great Hour of Sharing (June special offering):

To give, envelopes can be found in the back of your pew or you can give online [here](#).



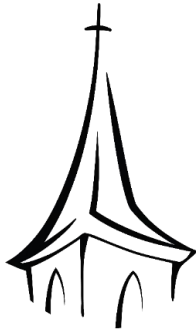
So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up...— Galatians 6:9 —

This scripture held special meaning for us in the past year. War in Ukraine persists, communities from Kentucky to Puerto Rico are in the throes of long-term recovery from tornadoes, floods, and hurricanes, while wildfires continue to imperil western U.S. states. And those are just a few of the life-changing hardships people faced in 2022. In the midst of it all, American Baptists have responded through **One Great Hour of Sharing**, and we are seeing the harvest indeed.

Together, we provide immediate relief and long-term recovery support after disasters; equip churches and leaders in disaster preparedness measures; offer assistance to displaced people; and support global development projects that empower communities around the world to thrive. Our partners have persisted in this life-saving work despite the challenges of the pandemic and in the face of other disasters and humanitarian crises that continue to escalate in frequency and severity.

We are called to witness to this gospel truth: despite evidence to the contrary, even in the most difficult of circumstances, love remains. When you give to **One Great Hour of Sharing** you put love into action. Your giving shares faith, hope, and love all around the world. But the greatest of these is love.

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SUNDAY SERVICES:

Worship Service — 10:30 AM

Live streaming online and at church

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