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West Shore Baptist Church

NEWSLETTER



From the Desk of Pastor Kelly

I finished a phone call a few minutes ago with a leader in one of our sister ABCOPAD (American Baptist churches of PA & DE) churches. The leader had asked me to consult with his congregation by leading them through a few vision exercises, so I was asking him some background questions to get a feel for what is prompting this request. He started to tell me about the *past*. Quoting numbers right and left, he talked about how many people used to sit in pews and how many bucks used to fill the plates.

"Now," he said, "we're a completely different church. We don't have the resources we once did and we can't engage in the ministry we once could."

I let the silence linger for a bit before asking, "but is God completely different, too? Are His resources tapped out?"

The truth is, most of us can and will utter those same words and feel that same sentiment at some point in our lives. We'll look at the trends of declining church attendance across the US and rising prices and say "we're so different than we were 40 years ago." Or we'll look at our age and stage and think "I don't have the same bandwidth or opportunities to serve that I once did."

But the question still requires an answer: "Has God suddenly become limited to *our resources*?"

Part of what has me thinking this way is a conversation the Deacons began in January. Eric Born, chairperson, asked what the members of the Deacon Board sensed God wanting us to do and be in this year. Every single specific example came back to one word: blessing. God wants us to bless our community.

We could argue about whether or not we have the resources or the bandwidth or the gifting or the time to genuinely be a blessing to our neighbors – to identify the needs that are present in Camp Hill and our surrounding area and then go to work meeting them in the name and love and absolute truth of Jesus Christ. We could focus on our perceived lack and be paralyzed by how little we have to offer.

Or we can trust that God is not and never has been confined by our resources. After all, Jesus could take a little boy's lunch and turn it into a lavish feast. He can do the same for my new friend whose church is, on paper, extraordinarily tiny and lacking, if they will offer their "lunch." And He'll do the same with us, as we seek to bless our community.

Praise God, He never changes. And His desire to see entire communities, one family at a time, transformed by the Gospel never fades.

Love ya,
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Birthdays

1 – June Karschner	17 – Daxon Klock
6 – Earl Blust	19 – Alice Orozco
8 – Carolyn Wolf	23 – Megan Barth
11 – Diane Auten	23 – Bob Zoll
11 – Shirley Wall	25 – Anna Carr
14 – Ken Saltzer	30 – Edie Kennerly
17 – Pat Zulaica	

Anniversaries



12 – Josh & Abby Geiger
24 – Ed & Anne Bihl

Bell & Choir Rehearsals

Wednesday Evenings

6:00 pm	Bell Choir
7:00 pm	Choir

Men's & Ladies' Breakfast

March 18

8 am – Men's Breakfast
Front Street Diner
4003 N Front St, Harrisburg

8:30 am – Ladies' Breakfast
John's Diner
146 Sheraton Drive
New Cumberland

March Meetings

Advisory Council Meeting: Tues., Mar. 7, at 6:30 pm

Board of Trustees Meeting: Mon., Mar. 13, at 6:30 pm

Board of Deacons Meeting: Tues., Mar. 14, at 7:00 pm

Missions Board Meeting: Tues., Mar. 21, at 6:00 pm

Board of Christian Education Meeting: Tues., Mar. 21
at 7:00 pm

New Address:

Art & Suzanne Nixon
1715 Sedgefield Drive
Ooltewah, TN 37363

The Deacon Board



New Sound Worship Night:

All are welcome to encounter Christ through song, prayer, and the word on **Sunday, March 12 at 7 pm** in Davidson Chapel. Musicians and vocalists from WSBC & our region will lead.

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 March 12.**

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

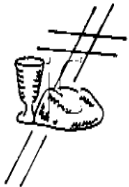


2023 Holy Week – Come to the Table



Palm Sunday, April 2 at 10:30 AM

After the triumphant greeting, Jesus goes to the Temple. There He overthrows tables, chases out merchants, and reveals His desire to welcome all to His Table.



Maundy Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 PM

On this night, Jesus presided at the Table. He broke bread & blessed the wine. And He challenged His followers to see His broken body & shed blood as enough. He'll do the same for us, as we, too, come to the Table during a service unlike any other.



Easter Sunrise Service, April 9 at 6:00 AM

Come to the Upper Pavilion of Negley Park in Lemoyne in the dark as we await the dawning of light. Through song, prayer, and scripture, we will declare "He is risen indeed!" Dress casually and comfortably – it may be chilly!



Easter Service, April 9 at 10:30 AM

Our risen Savior is very much alive. He does not need us to come to Him. He comes to us, finds us where we are, and invites us to feast at His table. That's resurrection hope.

Board of Christian Education

Kids' Club:

All students in grades 1-6 are invited to join our "Kids' Club" on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Each night we learn about a new spiritual discipline, play games, and grow together. **We are in need of dedicated volunteers to serve as leaders in this area of ministry.** If you have an interest in discipling the children in our church, please contact Maura Giannone (maura.giannone@gmail.com).

Nursery:

We have now resumed offering nursery during the worship service and deeply appreciate our 10 volunteers!

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.

The Mission Board



Clothes Closet:

This ministry is held the second Saturday of every month. The February event will be held on **Saturday, March 11 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.

Grace upon Grace:

America for Christ Offering (AFC 2023) is supporting Kodiak Baptist Mission, Heritage Farms Ranch, FBC Jamaica Plain Food Justice Program, First Baptist Church Twin Tiers Baby Bank, First Baptist Agape Youth Center, Corporación Milagros del Amor, Detroit Friendship House, and JOYA Scholars. Please help others in need during the month of March by using the special pew envelopes for your generous contributions.

Spring Fling:

Mark your calendars for Camp Hill's Spring Fling on Saturday, March 25 from 10 am – 3 pm. Stay tuned in your bulletin for ways you can help WSBC be part of Downtown Camp Hill's Spring Fling.



First Quarter Missionary Report:

The mission board will be featuring one of our four church-sponsored missionaries each quarter. On February 19, Pastor Greg Kabakjian worshipped with us and shared information about a new church plant in Harrisburg, PA. Greg is currently working with Liberti Church in Camp Hill, PA to equip him to be sent out to serve Midtown Community Church as one of its pastors. As part of his preparation for planting, he is being asked to raise \$3,500 a month. This helps cover his salary so he does not need to take on a second job to support his family. To learn more about the mission and progress of Midtown Community Church, you can pick up a booklet in the lobby or visit their website at <https://mcchbg.org/>. If you are interested in personally giving towards his salary, you can click on this [link](#). Or if you prefer, checks can be made out to Liberti Harrisburg (with Greg Kabakjian Residence in the memo line) and sent to Liberti Church, 515 S 32nd Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011.



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SUNDAY SERVICES:

Worship Service — 10:30 AM

Live streaming online and at church

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