

West Shore Baptist Church

NEWSLETTER WEST SHORE

From the Desk of Pastor Kelly

I love Holy Week.

Don't get me wrong. Those 8 days feel like a sprint from beginning to end and every single year I find myself saying, "why did you think doing *this* for fill-in-the-blank service would be a good idea?" Every. Single. Year.

And I still love Holy Week.

On Palm Sunday we feel the tension of the jubilant declarations that Jesus really is the better David, the faithful King, juxtaposed with our own rejection of the King. We come face-to-face with the truth that we want Him to save us from inconvenience, discomfort & petty evils, but not from our own self-governance and sin.

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday we walk with Him as He calls out religious hypocrisy and calls up His followers into deepening relationship. We join with the disciples in wanting Him to just tone it down a bit, while knowing that for Him to do so would mean the Good News is stripped of all power and hope.

Then comes Thursday. We see Him gather around the Table with the unwashed and undeserving – His own chosen brothers. And through basin & towel, bread & wine we see the foreshadowing of what will truly wash us clean, transform us into sons & daughters of the Most High. And we do so knowing that Friday is coming.

Friday, where the world goes dark. Friday, where the Sinless One becomes sin. Friday, where Life dies.

On Saturday we wait in silence.

But then it's Sunday! In the dark, we wait with expectation for the sun to rise, so that we may celebrate the Risen Savior! For on that day of all days, death died, sin was covered, and life everlasting secured for all those who rest in the finished work of Christ.

I love Holy Week. And I love Easter Monday even more.

Do you know why? Because it's all true. The King really did die, rise again and is seated at the Father's right hand, enthroned in glory. And that same King really is praying for you right now. Right now! He's praying that you will grow up in Him, as you become rooted even more deeply in His love. I love Easter Monday because that's when we take all that we celebrated and live as Easter people: convincing proof to a broken world that the battle is won.

Love ya,



Birthdays

2 – Stephanie Strock 22 – Joe Wincovitch

5 – Carson Stine 27 – Coleen Chin-LeQuire

5 – Michael Stine 29 – Anne Bihl

10 – Pastor Kelly Legg 29 – Linda Fleming

 $10-Bella\ Adeyemi$

19 – Tyler Lewis

20 - Aubrey Klock

Anniversaries



13 – Mark & Holly Kindig

14 – Bill & Linda Neubaum

26 – Mike & Bethany Malykh

Bell and Choir
Rehearsals
Wednesday Evenings
Bell Choir – 6:00pm
Choir – 7:00pm

Men's & Ladies' Breakfast

April 20 8 am – Men's Breakfast West Shore Family Restaurant

8:30 am – Ladies' Breakfast Camp Hill Cafe

April Meetings

Advisory Council Meeting: Mon, April 1, 6:30pm
Board of Trustees Meeting: Mon, April 8, 6:30pm
Board of Deacons Meeting: Tues, April 9, 7:00pm
Missions Board Meeting: Tues, April 16, 6:00pm
Christian Ed Board Meeting: Tues, April 16, 7:00 pm

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 April 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 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!

Baptones Concert:

On Sunday evening, April 7, 2024, our very own Baptones will be making a rare appearance in concert locally. At 7:00 PM that day they will be participating in an "Evening of Music" at Community Christian Fellowship church, 360 York Road, Carlisle, PA. Along with the group will also be appearing a solo guitar player/singer, Tom Barkdoll; a trumpeter who is the Pastor of that church, Glen Osborn; and possibly an additional trumpeter who appeared here at WSBC at Christmastime, 2022. A love offering will be accepted.

Tour de Belt:

Join fellow WSBC cyclists 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. The ride is fun, scenic, and mostly flat (although with a couple hill challenges), and we pick our own pace. The ride is Sunday, June 2. We will register between 9 and 9:30am at the HACC west parking lot and get on the trail at 9:30am. After the ride we will have lunch at the Westside pavilion at Fort Hunter. Invite friends and family to join us for lunch at Fort Hunter. Please register online at: https://caga.wildapricot.org/event-5519093 See Steve Campbell for more information.

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, Rose Galadima, 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. Seven groups are off and going. If you are interested in joining one, contact the church office for more information about open groups.

Sunday School Classes:

The Searchers class led by Tom Kennerly meets on the top floor of the education wing. Stan LeQuire is facilitating a second adult class called "Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools" in Davidson Chapel.

Kid's Club:

Kid's Club meets Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30pm. Open to students in grades $1^{st} - 6^{th}$. See Maura Bihl or Pastor Kelly for details.

Men's Community Group:

Pastor Bulus' community group for men will resume meeting at 7am on Fridays in Davidson Chapel on March 1st. They will be studying N.T. Wright's *Broken Signposts: How Christianity Makes Sense of the World*. Connect with him at rb.galadima@gmail.com for more information and to get your copy of the book.

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

Save the Date:

We are excited to announce the return of Musical Theater Camp with a performance of Disney's <u>Frozen</u>. This year camp will be held July 15-19 from 9am - 12pm (2pm for those with lead roles) and is open to students entering $1^{st} - 12^{th}$ grade in the '24/'25 school year. Cost will be \$20/camper (\$10 for additional siblings). Registration for both volunteers and campers will be live soon! We will need all hands on deck for this opportunity to speak and live the gospel with our neighbors.

Nursery & Children's Church Check-In:

We're asking parents to "check-in" their children to nursery and children's church when they arrive. Use the "check-in" feature in our church center app or the tablet in the lobby.

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. More details and registration info coming soon!

Board of Christian Education continued

Walton-Wall Scholarship:

The Walton-Wall Scholarship is granted to "Support an individual's maturity, leadership development, and Christian advancement through typically non-church affiliated activities such as sports camps, scout camps, music camps, etc." The benefit of a child attending a camp is immeasurable and can impact a child for a lifetime. With this in mind, we are pleased to offer this scholarship opportunity that has been made possible by church members and the support of the West Shore Baptist Church Board of Christian Education to children (entering kindergarten in the fall through 11th graders) regularly attending West Shore Baptist Church. Scholarships are modest in nature and usually amount only to partial reimbursement.

The first page of the application must be filled out completely to be considered and is due no later than **May 5, 2024**. Submission of an application does not ensure that a scholarship will be granted. Applications will be evaluated by the Board of Christian Education, and you will be notified of the scholarship approval. Scholarship checks will be sent to your home after you have returned from camp and have submitted a brief summary of your camp experience, along with a copy of a receipt showing payment for the camp you attended. Please note that if, during the year, there is a change in the applicant's selection and/or cost of the camp, we ask that communication of this be given to the Christian Education chairperson, and that the applicant note that change on their camp experience summary.

Applications are available in the church office.

The Missions Board

Clothes Closet:

The clothes closet will be open this month on Saturday, April 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 **Tuesday, April 30**th **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.

3M Fund (Memorial Ministry & Missions Fund)

The Missions Board is delighted to begin receiving applications for our 3M Fund grant! This fund was specially designated in 2021 as a way to partner with individuals and organizations engaged in Kingdom ministry. Specifically, they grant monies to: 1) Assist and support local nonprofit organizations that minister to underresourced individuals and families in both our greater community and globally; 2) Support evangelistic initiative to unreached and unchurched individuals in both our greater community and globally. The Board is asking for your assistance in getting the word out. Do you know of individuals and organizations who are serving underresourced individuals and families or engaging in evangelistic initiatives? If so, please feel free to encourage them to consider applying. The 3M application can be obtained by emailing wsbcmail@gmail.com. The application deadline is April 30th and the completed application, with supporting documentation, should be emailed to wsbcmail@gmail.com. Questions may be directed to Sue Sweigard or Pastor Kelly.

Volunteers Needed

The Link 4 Youth (formerly Medard's House) is a nonprofit organization where kids can go after school. The center is located in New Cumberland and has between 20-40 kids attend each day after school; they always have a Bible lesson and are served dinner. Our Missions Board is looking for 6 volunteers to help us "adopt a night" where we will provide a Bible lesson to the kids and then serve dinner on May 7 from 3:30-6:30 PM. You can teach, hang out with teens, meal prep and/or help serve. Sign-up on Church Center. See Jenn Lloyd for details.



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SUNDAY SERVICES:

Worship Service — 10:30 AM

Live streaming online and at church

Staff

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