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West Shore Baptist Church

# NEWSLETTER



## From the Desk of Pastor Kelly

If you were in worship a few weeks ago, you heard me reference a book by Henri Nouwen during the Gospel welcome. It's 20+ years old but I only recently discovered it. A dear friend of mine recommended it to me. Her reading preferences and mine often diverge. She likes poetry, for instance, and I simply am not equipped to understand it half of the time.

So when she said "you should read this one" I was a bit skeptical. I feared endless metaphors that sailed over my head. But she persisted, "this is the best reminder of who we are in Christ, outside of Scripture, I've read."

I picked up *Life of the Beloved* one rainy Saturday afternoon and decided I'd skim through the opening chapter. When Nouwen said to his unbelieving friend that he was going to explain the Gospel by saying "all I want you to know is that you are the beloved," though, I was hooked. In a single sentence he reminded me of what it means to be a Christian.

Let's be honest: that's not the language many of us use to describe our relationship with Jesus. When asked what it means to be a Christian, does "it means I am the beloved of God" spring to your lips? Or does your response sound a bit more like mine: "To be a Christian means I believe that Jesus is the Son of God who lived a sinless life, died a sacrificial death, and lives an eternal life now." Or maybe you go for "to be a Christian means I say 'yes' to certain things and 'no' to others." Don't get me wrong, both of those responses are true, but maybe they aren't hitting the mark.

To be a believer in Jesus Christ means that your absolute core identity – no matter what you do or don't do, say or don't say – is that you are always the beloved of the Father. Make 6 figures? You're the beloved. Barely scraping by? You're the beloved. Have a squeaky-clean past? You're the beloved. Carry a past that's riddled with screwups and pain? You're the beloved. Facing a really, extremely dark season? You're the beloved. And the beloved doesn't walk alone.

To be the beloved means I can look at my own sin & shortcomings, acknowledge them and, by God's grace, grow up. To be the beloved guarantees that God really does use all things for my good and His glory, because He will waste nothing in His beloved's life. As the beloved, I obey not to earn God's favor but simply because I already have it. To be the beloved allows me to find that my security & significance, purpose & person cannot be defined by any other person, position or perspective. I am the beloved. And nothing can change that.

And, friend, all of that (and so much more) is true of you, too. Because to be in Christ is to be the beloved. That's why the Gospel changes our everything.

Love ya, PK



## Birthdays

- 10 – Judy Brouse
- 11 – Bill Neubaum
- 11 – Micah Waring
- 15 – Alice Chin
- 18 – Logan Waring
- 22 – Frank Strock
- 25 – Stellan Easley
- 25 – Milan Vulich
- 27 – Jena Myers

## Anniversaries



- 23 – Joe & Marilyn Skasko
- 25 – John & Sheri Conner
- 26 – David & Danae Klock
- 31 – Martino & Lindsay Neve

**Choir Rehearsal**  
**Wednesday**  
**Evenings**  
**7:00pm**

**Men's & Ladies'**  
**Breakfast**  
**May 18**  
**8 am – Men's Breakfast**  
 Perkins Restaurant & Bakery  
**8:30 am – Ladies' Breakfast**  
 Hershey Pantry

## May Meetings

- Advisory Council Meeting: Mon, May 6, 6:30pm
- Board of Trustees Meeting: Mon, May 13, 6:30pm
- Board of Deacons Meeting: Tues, May 14, 7:00pm
- Missions Board Meeting: Tues, May 21, 6:00pm
- Christian Ed Board Meeting: Tues, May 21, 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 May 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.

## **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](http://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!

## **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.

## **Battle of the Baptist BBQ:**

Want to show off your BBQ skills and compete for bragging rights? Prefer to simply dine on delicious delicacies? Then be here on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> following the worship service for lunch! Please register to attend and/or enter the BBQ battle on Church Center under sign-ups. Those not bringing BBQ are asked to bring: sides (last names A-I), salads (last names J-R) and desserts (last names S-Z).

# 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. 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<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>. See Maura Bihl or Pastor Kelly for details.

## **Men's Community Group:**

The men's group is taking May off and plans to resume weekly meetings in June. Please send suggested books to discuss together to Doug Hill at [dehill717@gmail.com](mailto:dehill717@gmail.com)

## **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](mailto:wsbcmail@gmail.com)

## **Save the Date:**

Registration is filling up for Musical Theater Camp with a performance of Disney's Frozen! 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<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade in the '24/'25 school year. Cost is \$20/camper (\$10 for additional siblings). Please register on Church Center. We will need all hands on deck for this opportunity to speak and live the gospel with our neighbors; please register to volunteer today!

## **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 in early June!

# 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.

## **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, beginning **May 5<sup>th</sup>**, to current high school seniors through age twenty-six.

Applications and Reference Letter Forms will be available in the Church Office or by email from Donna Hess at [wsbcmail@gmail.com](mailto:wsbcmail@gmail.com). Deadline to return the forms to the Church Office is Sunday, **June 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

## **Summer Kid’s 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 the following Wednesdays: June 12, July 24 & August 7. These events are open to kids entering grades 1-6 next fall.

# Board of Christian Education continued

## **Life Groups:**

This summer you are encouraged to grab some friends (both from WSBC and beyond) and enjoy fun and fellowship 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 the following groups:

**Biking Life Group** -- This group will ride various PA rail trails around the area; all will be easy to moderate in difficulty and riders can go at their own pace. Anticipate leaving from the trailhead at 10 AM and returning to your vehicle around 11 AM on Saturdays June 8 & 15, July 13 & 27 and August 10 & 24. Facilitator: Steve Campbell

**Cigar Life Group** -- This group gathers in member's backyards to smoke cigars and invest in each other's lives. Smoking isn't a requirement and all are welcome to come! They will meet at 6:30 PM on Thursdays June 13 & 27, July 11 & 25 and August 8 & 22. Facilitators: Ed Bihl & Frank Strock

**Crafts Life Group** -- Bring your favorite crafting supplies -- from scrapbooking to card making, from painting to knitting -- and enjoy seeing what projects others are up to! Our crafters will meet at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays, June 4 & 25, July 9 & 23 and August 13 & 27. Facilitator: Sue Sweigard

**Kids' Life Group** -- All students entering grades 1-6 in the fall can come out to Davidson Chapel for an evening of games, activities, devotion & fun! This group will meet monthly from 6:30 - 8:00 PM on Wednesdays, June 12, July 24 & August 7. Bring your friends! Facilitators: Maura Bihl & Pastor Kelly

**Ping-Pong Life Group** -- Table tennis aficionados (and those who just want to learn!) plan to come out to Fellowship Hall for a rejuvenating time even after a long day at work. This group meets all year and has a wonderful mix of church folks & people who wouldn't normally step into a church. For the summer, they'll gather at 6:30 PM on Thursdays, June 6 & 20, July 4 & 18 and August 1 & 15. Facilitators: Coleen Chin LeQuire & Bill Zoll

**Walking Life Group** -- This crew will enjoy God's creation and great company while walking throughout the greater Camp Hill area. Each session will highlight a different route that will be easy to moderate and walkers may go at their own pace. Plan to gather at 6:30 PM on June 4 & 17, July 2 & 22 and August 6 & 19. Facilitators: Charlie Bihl

**Wild Church Life Group** -- Every second Saturday this summer, let's take church outside. We will hike or walk on a Saturday morning (9am to Noon) and study together the natural history of that site. To wrap up our time together, we will have a brief devotional worship time to reconnect with the Creator and to follow him in caring for what he has made. "Wild Church" may be ideal for some folks who are not open to attending an indoor church, yet are curious about God and creation. This group will meet on June 8, July 13 & August 10. Facilitator: Stan LeQuire

# The Missions Board

## **Clothes Closet:**

The clothes closet will be open this month on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 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, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 12pm-6 pm**. If you wish to donate, visit their website at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

## **Blessing Bags:**

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

## **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.

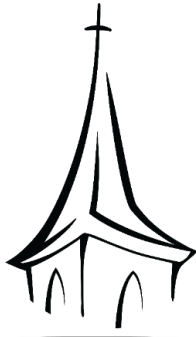
## **Mission Possible:**

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Mission Possible Day - June 22, 2024. Save the date! As a church we exist to make disciples, followers of Jesus Christ, who carry out His mission directives to take the Gospel in word and deed to the very ends of the earth, working to see His Kingdom break into this world. At WSBC, we designate a specific Saturday each year to provide service and share the Gospel at local organizations. After starting with breakfast at the church teams will deploy to 6 different non-profits from 9 - noon. This year our service is needed at Bethesda Mission, Christian Churches United, Hope Served, Midwest Food Bank, Operation Greenlight and Pink Hands of Hope. Many more details to follow. Mark your calendars and pray how and where your service will be needed most. Contact Charlie Alford, Board of Missions, if you have any questions about this year's Mission Possible Day.

## **Memorial Day Parade:**

Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> we will participate in the Camp Hill parade to be held at 9:30am. More details to come.





# WEST SHORE

BAPTIST CHURCH

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## SUNDAY SERVICES:

**Worship Service — 10:30 AM**

**Live streaming online and at church**

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