

From the Desk of Pastor Kelly

The other night I was reminiscing about my dog, Levi. While the effects of age left him barely mobile the past few years, when he was younger that mutt had quite the personality. He could put on a melodramatic performance for passersby on a hike, for instance, that would surpass *any* SPCA commercial.

Several years ago, I came home one evening in the late fall to a somewhat chilly house. I'm cheap, so the heat doesn't go on until you need a sweater to survive sitting in the living room. © The dog decided enough was enough, so began following me around, curling up in a ball directly in my line of sight, and shivering pathetically. I got the hint. But there was one tiny little problem: the window AC units were still installed. Remember, I'm cheap. The heat was not coming on just to go back out those windows!

So at 10 PM that night I decided to embark on operation 'remove the AC units'; tired, without help, but determined that I didn't need any. I installed them alone, after all! I removed the units expertly and efficiently (with Levi shivering well enough to win an Academy Award) and began the descent to the basement effortlessly. This, friends, is when the problem began.

Apparently, it rained earlier that day. Two steps down my very narrow, steep, painted stairs the unit began pouring water down my leg, onto my shoes, and onto the stairs. That left me precariously perched, top-heavy from clutching an appliance, walking on a cascading stream. Let's just say the next few minutes were not pretty, even a little risky, and in the end, involved a great deal of strain on muscles that reminded me for weeks of just how unintelligent it is to try to do everything alone . . . even the things I think I can handle.

I am wondering what you are trying to do alone? Make life decisions, work at your marriage, or walk through this season of transition? Probably you are fully capable of lifting that load, maybe you've done it before. Yet, going alone is putting you in a position that just is not safe.

That is one of the reasons that we encourage everyone to belong to a community group. That is why our God calls us to intentional relationships with other believers – where we never have to shoulder a load alone. Community groups create spaces where we can talk about the daily stuff of life – things as mundane as seasonally removing the a/c unit – and find that Jesus is keenly interested in them, too. It means coming and sharing about relationship dynamics with your family or how you're seeing God's purpose (or not) in your workplace. It means allowing someone to ask the tough "are you living like you know you are loved by the King" questions and receiving grace when you forget whose you are.

It means having an extra set of eyes looking at your world, so someone can see the water in the bottom of the a/c unit when you totally miss it. And, maybe, avoiding the precarious position and aching back on the other end, because you are not doing this alone. It's never too late to get connected. Or too soon to invite someone else to carry the load with you.

Love ya, Pastor Kelly

Special Dates

Birthdays

9 Russ Miller

Anniversaries

- 2 Bruce & Cheryl Montgomery
- 4 Michael & Allison Goldman
- 4 Rev. Frank & Carolyn Frischkorn
- 11 Olutayo & Abiodun Adeyemi

Bell & Choir Rehearsals

Wednesday Evenings

6:00 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Choir

Change of Address

Don Butler Country Meadows 4833 East Trindle Rd. Apt. 577 Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, September 17 at 8:00 am @ Front Street Diner

Ladies Breakfast

The Ladies Breakfast will be held on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 8:30 am @ The Hershey Pantry

Advisory Council Meeting: Tuesday, September 9, at 6:30 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting: Monday, September 12, at 6:30 p.m. Board of Deacons Meeting: Tuesday, September 13, at 7:00 p.m. Missions Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 20, at 6:00 p.m. Board of Christian Education Meeting: Tuesday, September 20, at 7:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

THE DEACON BOARD

BOARD of CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Family Meal:

On Sunday, **September 18** following worship the deacon board invites you to our family meal! Our purpose is twofold: First, to break bread together and invest time getting to know the members of your WSBC family. Second, to allow you to consider how you can serve your WSBC family. Like every family, we need one another to use our time, talent, and testimony to strengthen and encourage our family as a whole. Over desserts, you will have the opportunity to sign-up to serve your family. Maybe you will serve in the music ministry, become a greeter, offer to help relaunch the nursery ministry or volunteer to help with landscaping. To prepare for our Family Meal, we are asking for volunteers to provide food, serve on a set-up team, or aid with clean-up. To sign up call the church office or online at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944AEAE22A5FD0-family

Benevolence Fund:

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 families get through tough times. Envelopes for the fund can be found in the pews. **Our next collection will be held September 11**.

Kids' Club:

All students in grades 1-6 are invited to join our new "Kids' Club" Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm. See Maura Giannone or Pastor Kelly with questions.

Community Groups:

You belong here. And we do not simply mean you belong in a pew on Sundays. You belong to this community; you were placed here by God to grow up in the Gospel with these brothers and sisters. The best way to experience that belonging is in Community groups -small groups of brothers & sisters that meet to share life, study the Bible, and grow together. Groups include: Young Adult Women's and Mixed Groups, a Men's morning, Mixed Adult Groups, and a Midweek Women's Group. Contact Maura Giannone at mauragiannone@gmail.com, or the church office to sign up.

Sunday School:

The Searchers Sunday School Class will continue to meet every Sunday at 9 am in Room 201A of the Education Wing.

CASKET is a class designed to provide an overview of the people, events & covenants in the entire Old Testament, highlighting how they all are part of God's one story of redemption. Pastor Kelly will facilitate this class in Davidson Chapel from 9-10 am every Sunday this Fall, beginning **Septemer 11**. Call the office to sign up.

THE MISSION BOARD

Compassion Sunday:

The Mission Board will be hosting Compassion Sunday on **September 11** in partnership with Compassion International to release children across the globe from poverty in Jesus' name. How does it work? Compassion International partners with local churches that are serving children living in poverty. Each of those churches receives support from sponsors, many of whom are here in the United States. Compassion Sunday gives the members of our church the opportunity to become one of those very sponsors who works alongside a church in pouring into and empowering the child you sponsor. Information on how you can get involved will be available in the lobby on Compassion Sunday.

Harvest Hop:

We will be participating in the Downtown Camp Hill Harvest Hop on **September 17 at 10:00 am – 4:00 pm**. We will have a table set outside offering candy, cookies, mini water bottles, and takeaways for the children. We need volunteers to help the day of the event and donations of candy, cookies and water. Contact the church office if you are able to help with this community outreach event.

Clothes Closet:

This ministry is held the second Saturday of every month. The September event will be held on **Saturday, September 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: <u>dawne1954@aol.com</u>.

Thank you:

Thank you to all who came out in August for Mission Possible to serve the many local organizations including: Bethesda Mission, Caitlin's Smiles, Capital Area Greenbelt Organization, Healthy Steps Diaper Bank, Leg Up Farm, Midwest Food Bank, and Pink Hands of Hope.

Red Cross Blood Drive:

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive held at WSBC on **Friday, Sept. 23, 2022, from 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m**. If you wish to donate, visit their website at <u>www.redcrossblood.org</u>.

Little Free 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.



July 17, 2022 we had a celebration luncheon for Pastor Greg Kabakjian. Greg has joined Liberti Church as a pastoral resident with plans to plant Midtown Community Church in Midtown, Harrisburg, early 2024.

West Shore Baptist was able to collect a gift of \$18,936.25 to further his church planting ministry.

Little Free Pantry

Don't forget about our Little Free Pantry! Take what you need. Give what you can.



JOIN US FOR OUR DEBUT NIGHT OF WORSHIP!

Located in West Shore Baptist Church 2025 Market St, Camp Hill, PA 17011

SEPTEMBER 11 | 7PM

NEW SOUND

COLLECTIVE

Thank you!

I thank you for all the thoughts and prayers. It meant a lot to all of us. I appreciate all who attended my husband's service and those that sent cards and messages. He was a good man. You are all very kind and we love West Shore Baptist Church and wish you all well.

Betty Johnson





SUNDAY SERVICES:

Worship Service — 10:30 AM

Live streaming online and at church

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