



# UPDATE

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NEWSLETTER

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### From the Pastor

## Spirit-Renewed Fellowship

In closing his second letter to the Corinthian Christians, Paul writes, “May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the *fellowship of the Holy Spirit* be with you all” (2 Cor. 13:14). Spirit-led Christian fellowship, what the New Testament calls *koinonia*, is one of the Holy Spirit’s wonderful gifts to the church. Most of us long for opportunities to share our lives, our hopes, our prayers, our burdens and care for one another in a way where masks are dropped and there is a depth of community. Yet this kind of fellowship, it seems, is too seldom experienced.

Nearly forty years ago, in his book *The Taste of New Wine*, Keith Miller wrote, “Our churches are filled with people who outwardly look contented and at peace but inwardly are crying out for someone to love them, just as they are—confused, frustrated, often frightened, guilty and often unable to communicate even within their own families. But other people in the church look so happy and contented that one seldom has the courage to admit his own deep needs before such a self-sufficient group as the

average church meeting appears to be.” This problem, of course, is real. It certainly is as real today as it was forty years ago. It happens unintentionally. But it’s almost inevitable *unless* we seek to deepen our fellowship. We must make the time and take the time for Spirit-renewed fellowship.

This is where small groups and Sunday classes come in. The New Year is a good time to resolve to get involved. When did you last consider how important Spirit-led fellowship was to the early church? Each of the churches we read about in the New Testament grew and influenced their greater community and culture because of their fellowship, service and outreach.

In fact, when you explore the evidence, you’ll discover that small groups have been at the heart of some of the Spirit of God’s greatest movements in bringing revival and renewal to the church. The road to the Protestant Reformation was paved by small group Bible studies. The 18<sup>th</sup>-century Wesleyan Revival in England, the 19<sup>th</sup>- and early 20<sup>th</sup>-century Holiness and Pentecostal Revivals in the United States, among others, trace their origins and growth to home- and church-based Bible fellowship groups.

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### Please Note:

The church office will be closed on **Friday, December 31**, for New Years Day observance.

# Happy New Year!



## **Spirit-Renewed Fellowship** *(Continued from Page 1)*

Church history reminds us that small groups are vital to the renewal ministry of God the Holy Spirit. Are you part of a small group Bible study? There's no better time than the present. There's no better way to begin the New Year. Whether it's Sunday morning, during the week, or both, consider this your invitation to a New Year of Spirit-renewed fellowship and growth.

At West Shore Baptist we feature church- and home-based small groups, as well as several excellent adult, youth and children's Sunday morning Sunday school or Bible fellowship classes. These small group fellowships afford us with the opportunity to rediscover what the early Christians experienced: true, rich, deep, Christian *koinonia* through Bible study, prayer and caring. Get involved. Be blessed and be a blessing!

Grace and peace,  
*Pastor Gary Bruland*



While every effort will be made to hold Sunday morning services, during severe winter snow or ice storms, follow these steps for the latest information:

1. Check the WSBC website ([www.wsbc.org](http://www.wsbc.org)) for the latest news on winter weather-related worship cancellations or church closings.
2. Phone Pastor Gary at 717-364-5619 or 717-730-3704 to inquire about cancellations and/or church closings.
3. Watch CBS 21 to see if WSBC is listed. Please note: Each of the major television stations in our area now report over 3,000 local listings (schools, businesses, churches, government offices, organizations, etc.) in their storm watch data banks. Because of this ever-expanding listing, in 2011, television stations plan to run only a limited number of church closings on-air and will advise viewers to go to their website to see the complete list of closings.

At all times use care and discretion in your winter travel decisions!

## *A Message from the Diaconate*

### Some words of wisdom for the 2011 New Year from the Diaconate:

*It's amazing how some well-chosen words can impact a life. Thank God for giving inspiration to us to utter some of these quotes and better yet to act on them to change lives and further His kingdom.*

Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted.  
- *Albert Einstein*

In the End, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.  
- *Martin Luther King Jr.*

The true measure of a man is how he treats someone who can do him absolutely no good.  
- *Samuel Johnson*

We turn to God for help when our foundations are shaking only to learn that it is  
God shaking them.  
- *Charles West*

When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off  
against the wind, not with it.  
- *Henry Ford*

Professionals built the Titanic, amateurs the ark.  
- *Frank Pepper*

I am always ready to learn, although I do not always like being taught.  
- *Sir Winston Churchill*

The world is a dangerous place to live, not because people do evil, but because people sit by  
and let them.  
- *Albert Einstein*

Talent is God-given. Be humble. Fame is man-given. Be grateful. Conceit is self-given.  
Be careful  
- *John Wooden*

Lives, like money, are spent. What are you buying with yours?  
- *Roy H. Williams*

Live as though Christ died yesterday, rose from the grave today, and is coming back  
tomorrow.  
- *Theodore Epp*

***God bless you all and have a happy new year!***



**Birthdays:**

- 4 Cheryl Vulich
- 6 Stephen Clemmer
- 10 David Carr
- 11 Kim Mankey
- 13 Carol Wittle
- 14 Judy Spangler
- 15 Peg Phillips  
Clark Stefanic
- 16 Judd Brouse
- 17 Steve Sleboda
- 19 Eleanore Borek
- 27 Anita Krause  
Charles McCown

**Anniversaries:**

- 6 Ron & Carol Keeney
- 11 Gerald & Odette Hoffman
- 17 Ralph & Karen Stimeling
- 28 Steve & Rose Sleboda
- 31 Norman & Inez Mitchell



**Childcare Schedule**



DATE	NURSERY 9:00 AM	NURSERY 10:30 AM
January 2	Chris Achenbach Chris Transue	Terry Fleming Lisa Fleming
January 9	Judy Brouse Mary Hartman	Dawn Strock Stephanie Strock
January 16	Kim Mankey Jayne Metz	Gayle Campbell Monsy Lopez
January 23	Holly Kindig Katerina Kindig	Terry Fleming Lisa Fleming
January 30	Diana Simmons Ashley Stine	Dawn Strock Stephanie Strock

Note: If you are unable to make your assigned Sunday, please attempt to switch with other volunteers. Please contact Diana Simmons, at 557-7804, if you are unable to meet your obligation.



**Annual Church Business Meeting**  
**January 16th, 2011**  
**11:35 a.m.**

WSBC’s Annual Church Business Meeting will be held on *Sunday, January 16*, at 11:35 a.m. following the Contemporary Worship Service.

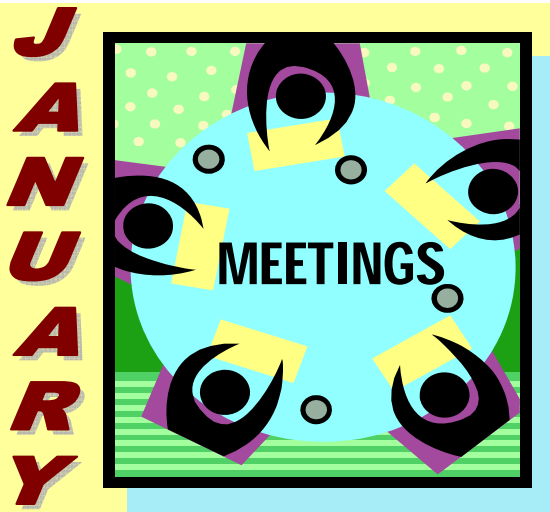
All Church Officers and Board Chairpersons should submit their annual reports to the church office no later than *Tuesday, January 4*, by email to [b.prior@wsbc.org](mailto:b.prior@wsbc.org) or by hard copy. Thank you!

The Diaconate invites you to a “Winter Fest Luncheon” in the Fellowship Hall immediately following our Annual Meeting. We will be serving fried chicken, beverages and heaping portions of fellowship and fun. Along with your appetites, we are asking you to bring desserts (*last names beginning with A through H*), salads (*last names beginning with I through M*) and side dishes (*last names beginning with N through Z*). Please sign up on your Registration and Response form, found in your bulletin. Deadline for reservations is January 9. We are also asking for volunteers to help set up beforehand and clean up afterwards. Please contact any of the Deacons with questions or to volunteer.

See you there and stay warm until then!



## Happenings and Highlights



### Missions Board Meeting

The Missions Board will hold its next meeting on *Thursday, January 6*, at 6:30 p.m.

### Faith In Action Meeting

Faith In Action does general building and grounds maintenance at WSBC and will meet on *Monday, January 10*, at 9:30 a.m. Contact Ralph Stimeling with any questions.

### Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees will hold its next meeting on *Monday, January 10*, at 7:00 p.m.

### Board of Christian Education Meeting

The Board of Christian Education will hold its next meeting on *Tuesday, January 18*, at 6:30 p.m.

### Diaconate Board Meeting

WSBC's Diaconate Board will meet on *Tuesday, January 18*, at 6:45 p.m.

### NOTE:

There will be **no** Advisory Council meeting in January. The Advisory Council will meet next month.

## *Directory*

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### **2011 Offering Envelopes Now Available in Davidson Chapel**



Please remember to take your 2011 box of offering envelopes, which are now available in the Davidson Chapel! If you wish to receive envelopes, see Brenda Webb or contact the church office.

### **Deadline for February UPDATE Announcements**

The deadline for the submission of articles and announcements is *Monday, January 17*. You may forward your input for the February 2011 issue of the UPDATE to Bonnie Prior via hard copy or by email to [b.prior@wsbc.org](mailto:b.prior@wsbc.org).



### **WSBC Staff Meeting—**

The WSBC staff will hold its next meeting on *Wednesday, January 26th*, at 5:00 p.m. in the Ministry Center.

## Happenings and Highlights

### WSBC Crafters Meeting

The WSBC Crafters' group will hold its January meeting on **Tuesday, January 4**, at 7:00 p.m. to plan for the first quarter of 2011. Crafters are invited to bring their current craft project and three ideas to share with the group. Service and mission projects are encouraged.



### “Discovering My Ministry” CLASS Workshop

“Discovering My Ministry” CLASS Workshop will be offered in the Ministry Center on **Saturday, January 22**, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for youth and adults. All interested are asked to register for this workshop on their Sunday bulletin insert on or before January 16. Questions? Please see or e-mail Pastor Gary.



### American Baptist Men’s Breakfast



The next American Baptist Men’s breakfast will be held on **Saturday, January 15**, at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up on the blue Registration and Response form found in your bulletin.




### “Iron Sharpens Iron” National Men’s Conference

Attention men: Save the date of **Saturday, March 5, 2011**, for the “Iron Sharpens Iron” national men’s conference in Hershey, PA. Plan to attend this one-day conference from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Hershey Evangelical Free Church. Guest speakers include *Steve Farrar*, author and founder of Men’s Leadership Ministries, and *Rod Cooper*, author and professor of Discipleship & Leadership Development at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. More details to follow. Contact Roland Carpenter at [carpenter.roland@gmail.com](mailto:carpenter.roland@gmail.com) or (717) 272-5635 with questions.

### Service of Believers’ Baptism Planned for Sunday, January 30

Do you desire to grow as Jesus’ disciple and to follow him through believers’ baptism and church membership? Please contact Pastor Gary with any questions or to indicate your interest.






**Christmas Offering**

The Annual Christmas Mission Offering

The Annual Christmas Mission offering is shared equally by two important mission concerns: Our Retired Ministers and Missionaries (RMMO) and our Region, the American Baptist Churches of Pennsylvania and Delaware (ABCOPAD). With thanksgiving and much appreciation, please note that **\$6,026** has been contributed as of Sunday, December 26, thus **surpassing** our congregational goal of \$6,000.

### Wedding Congratulations!

Well, they finally tied the knot. Jo Ton and Ken Wise were married on December 1, 2010, at the First Baptist Church in Lewistown, PA. The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Paul Carter. The newlyweds can be reached at either Jo’s or Ken’s addresses or phone numbers. Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Wise!



## *From the Board of Christian Education*

***Read away the Winter Blahs!*** Will Thompson has found a great book in the Church Library that can dispel winter dreariness with hope. Read his review, then sign out the book!

### **3:16** *The Numbers of Hope* by Max Lucado

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. Sound familiar? John 3:16 is one of the most quoted verses in the Bible. Lucado calls it, "A twenty-six word parade of hope: beginning with God, ending with life, and urging us to do the same. Brief enough to write on a napkin or memorize in a moment, yet solid enough to weather two thousand years of storms and questions. If you know nothing of the Bible, start here. If you know everything in the Bible, return here. We all need the reminder. The heart of the human problem is the heart of the human. And God's treatment is prescribed in John 3:16. He loves. He gave. We believe. We live."

What reassurance can you find in the cold, cruel world as it squashes you, hardens you, denies you? When everything falls apart all around you? When you lose what you've worked so hard for? How do you know everything is going to be okay? The answer lies outside the world. For God so loved the world.

When there are more questions than answers, who can you look to? When you are lost, who will show you the way? Who is it that offers their healthy heart for yours? He gave his one and only son.

The gates are set with mother of pearl, the cobbled streets are made of pure gold, the best and richest architecture that exists anywhere is found in this city. Who could possibly live here? What Herculean tasks shall they have to complete? Whoever believes in him shall not perish.

Standing beneath the blaze of weary lights, the clock counts down and the scoreboard tauntingly rears above you. With the game out of reach who do you turn to? The team captain. The person who has been there before. The person who understands exactly what is going on. The only one who can lead you to victory. The opponent's got quite a surprise coming for him. Shall not perish but have eternal life.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. Starting with Nicodemus's conversation with Jesus, Lucado takes John 3:16 phrase by phrase to explore God's promise and what it means to be born again with wit, humor, and relevant personal and historical stories.

—Will Thompson





## *WSBC Sunday School Class Christmas Parties* *Photo Album*

### *The Eclectic Class*



### *The Searchers Class*



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*WSBC Sunday School Class Christmas Parties*  
*Photo Album*

*The Pioneer Class*

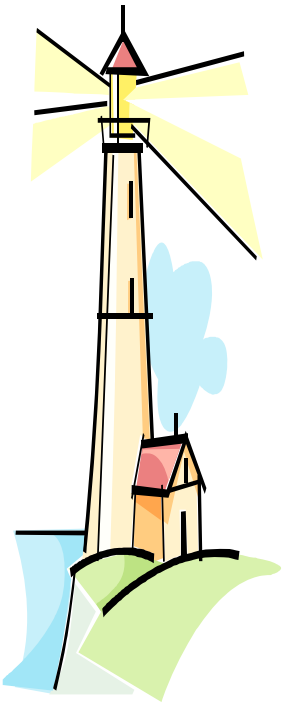


January 2010

**Calendar of Events**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 9am - Christian Ed Classes 9am - Traditional Worship 10am - Coffee Cafe 10:30am - Christian Ed Classes 10:30am - Contemporary	27 6:30pm - Baotones	28 6:30pm - ESL Classes 7pm - Crafters' Meeting @	29 9:30am - Bible Study/Prayer 6pm - Praise Team Rehearsal @ 6:30pm - Bible Study/Prayer 7pm - Sonshine Singers	30 7pm - Open Door Class	31 Church Office Closed	1  1pm - Messianic Sabbath
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16 9am - Christian Ed Classes 9am - Traditional Worship 10am - Coffee Cafe 10:30am - Christian Ed Classes 10:30am - Contemporary 11:35am - Annual Bus. Mtg. @	17 6:30pm - Baotones	18 6:30pm - Chr. Ed Board Mtg 6:30pm - ESL Classes 6:45pm - Diaconate Board Mtg	19 9:30am - Bible Study/Prayer 6pm - Praise Team Rehearsal @ 6:30pm - Bible Study/Prayer 6:30pm - ESL Classes 7pm - Sonshine Singers	20 9:30am - Hbu. Pastors 6:30pm - ESL Classes	21	22 8:30am - Discovering Mv 1pm - Messianic Sabbath
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*West Shore Baptist Church  
seeks to be a  
L.I.G.H.T. to our Community by...*



**L**oving God in celebrative worship in order to *magnify* His wonderful name

**I**nviting Friends and sharing a caring witness as part of our life *mission*

**G**rowing Together in uplifting fellowship encouraging faith and church *membership*

**H**elping Others and empowering growing disciples to engage in God-shaped *ministry*

**T**eaching Truth and equipping disciples to develop Christ-like spiritual *maturity*

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**SUNDAY SERVICES:**

Traditional Worship — 9:00 AM  
Christian Education Hour — 9:00 AM  
Fellowship Time — 10:00 AM  
Contemporary Worship — 10:30 AM  
Christian Education Hour — 10:30 AM

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