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NEWSLETTER

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One of the most remarkable plants in all of nature is the *Ibervillea sonorae*, a desert plant. It can exist for seemingly indefinite periods without fresh soil or even water. As Annie Dillard tells the story, one was kept in a display case in the New York Botanical Garden for seven years without soil or water. For seven springs it sent out little anticipatory shoots looking for water. Finding none, it simply dried up again, hoping for better luck next year. Here's a classic example of being motivated: hanging on, keeping on when it's not easy.

But motivation can run out, even for the *Ibervillea sonorae*. In the eighth year of no fresh soil and water, the rather sadistic folks at the New York Botanical Garden had a dead plant on their hands.

Many Christians know what it's like to find themselves past their seventh season, bereft of soil, thirsty, and waiting for the eighth spring. There are times we can feel tired and tapped-out. It's at these times we need to tap into some God-given energy sources that will renew and rekindle our motivation to serve.

We know that God calls us to engage in actions that lift others up, rather than actions that tear them down. The world is full of discouragers, complainers, and those who remain aloof, critically indifferent to another's need or hurt.

But when we encourage others, guided by the love of Christ, we are an oasis in the desert. We encourage others by nurturing and enriching the soil of their spirit. We encourage others with thirst-quenching, life-giving words and deeds, which affirm, refresh and renew their well-being.

We all need encouragement and we need to encourage one another. The reasons are many. But here's one: Did you know that when you engage in a ministry of encouragement, your efforts reflect one of the great ministries of God's Spirit?

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From the Pastor



Pass the Encouragement, Please!



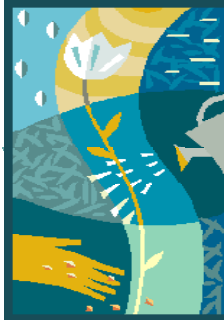
Happy 4th of July!

Please note: The church office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th.



Lifehouse Worship Gathering will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 4th.

Pass the Encouragement, Please! *(continued from page 1)*



Just as the Holy Spirit is called alongside us and lives within us as believers, we reflect the ministry of God's Spirit when we are involved in ministries of encouragement to others.

In the New Testament the word “encouragement”, as found for example in Hebrews 10:25, is from the same Greek root used for the Holy Spirit in John 14:26 and 16:7. In these verses God’s Spirit is referred to as “the Helper.” The Greek word is *parakaleo*. made up of two smaller words—*kaleo* which is the verb “to call” and *para* which is a prefix meaning “alongside of.” Just as the Holy Spirit is called alongside us and lives within us as believers, we reflect the ministry of God’s Spirit when we are involved in ministries of encouragement to others.

In fact, when we encourage others we come as close to the work of the Holy Spirit as anything we can do in God’s family. Imagine tired, tapped-out believers who need motivation, inspiration, affirmation, a word of thanks, and a word of hope, receiving and sharing encouragement and support.

Great things happen in the body of Christ when we care enough to encourage one another. What is especially exciting is that anybody can do it! Experience isn’t necessary. It is not costly. You don’t have to be a certain age. This is something *you* can do! You just need a kind word, a caring heart and hand. Come alongside someone else and offer your help and encouragement! All of us need it. All of us can give it. So let’s do it!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Gary Bruiland

Developing Spiritual Maturity

Monday, August 6—6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

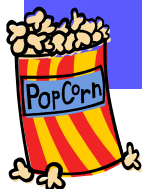
Would you like to learn more about how to study the Bible, how to have a daily quiet time, and how to pray more effectively? You are invited to a special evening workshop, “Developing Spiritual Maturity” on **Monday, August 6**, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. in the Ministry Center. Please sign up on your blue bulletin insert or phone the church office by Thursday, August 2, so that materials and refreshments may be prepared for you. Come and bring a friend to share this enjoyable and informative evening!



From the Diaconate Board

Coming Soon to a Worship Gathering Near You:

AT THE MOVIES



The lights dim and the smell of popcorn wafts through the air. In the cool darkness of the movie theater, you settle back into your seat, eyes glued to the screen. From the opening scene to the final credits, you laugh, you cry, and you cheer as the story connects to something deeper within you. But what can these larger-than-life moments tell us about the world we live in? This summer, Lifehouse will be exploring the timeless truths revealed in Hollywood's biggest blockbusters.

Going to the movies is a fun experience that we all have in common. And that's what makes *At the Movies* so special. It's the best time of the year to invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family members who aren't connected to God and would feel out of place at a traditional church service—but who love going to the movies. *At the Movies* is specifically designed to introduce people to God in a way they can relate to, and give them the chance to open their lives to Christ.

Each week, you and your friends will experience great music, an engaging atmosphere, and an approachable, relevant message that combines clips from a recent Hollywood film with God's Word, to share meaningful lessons that make a difference in people's lives. *At the Movies* isn't just for teens and adults, though! Nursery care will be provided for infants and toddlers, and there will be fun, high-energy activities for preschoolers and elementary-age children, along with lessons to help them get closer to God.



Join us for **AT THE MOVIES!**

July 18 through August 8

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30
in Davidson Chapel

At the Movies is going to be BIG. From decorations to popcorn to the films we're featuring, we're going all-out to make this an unforgettable, life-changing experience for the entire family. But we need your help to make it a smash hit. This will be the biggest outreach push to happen at WSBC in some time, and we're counting on *you* to bring your friends who need God in their lives.

So stay tuned for more previews, start planning who you're going to invite ... and pass the popcorn!

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Connect. Grow. Live.



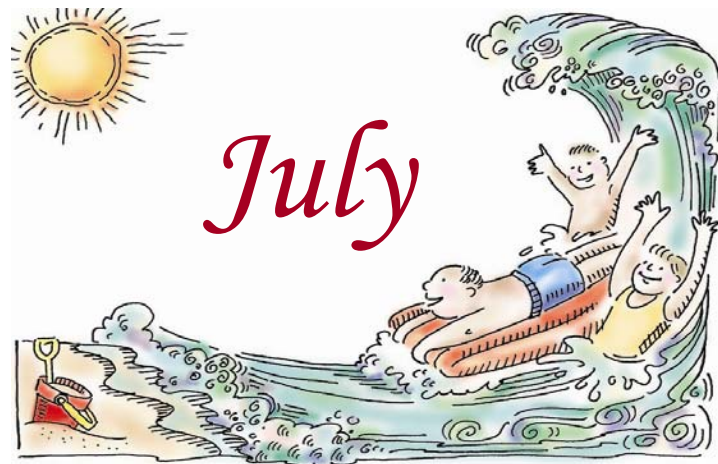
Birthdays:

- 1 Tricia Kowalczyk
- 4 Katerina Kindig
- 5 Pam Norford
Veronica Lopez
- 6 Barrie Dieffenbach
- 9 Helen Harmon
- 10 Dennis Boyer
- 15 Ann Rutherford
- 16 Janet Harvey
- 18 Ernie Lopez
- 27 Olivia Alford
Linda Walton
- 28 Arlene Butler
Gayle Campbell
- 29 Rachel (Metz) Rodgers
- 31 Daniel Torchilo



Anniversaries:

- 2 Dave & Donna Sweigard
- 3 James & Joan Waring
- 9 Barrie & Pat Dieffenbach
- 10 Terry & Linda Fleming
- 22 Bob & Millie Hoffman
- 29 Ron & Candy Barth
Ernie & Monsy Lopez
- 30 Steve & Gayle Campbell



Childcare Schedule

DATE	NURSERY 9:00 AM	NURSERY 10:30 AM
July 1	Jayne Metz Mary Hartman	Terry Fleming Lisa Fleming
July 8	Chris Transue Ida Rhone	Dawn Strock Stephanie Strock
July 15	Kim Mankey Judy Brouse	Gayle Campbell Monsy Lopez
July 22	Chris Achenbach Diana Simmons	Terry Fleming Lisa Fleming
July 29	Jayne Metz Mary Hartman	Gayle Campbell Monsy Lopez

Note: If you are unable to make your assigned Sunday, please attempt to switch with other volunteers. Please contact Dawn Strock, at 796-9257, if you are unable to meet your obligation.

From the Missions Board



Bethesda Mission's Open Golf Tournament

Monday, July 9

 An illustration of a golfer in a yellow shirt and brown shorts swinging a club on a green. In the background, there are rolling hills and a blue sky with clouds.

See your bulletin for details.

 An advertisement for the One Great Hour of Sharing campaign. It features a photograph of a smiling woman carrying a baby on her back.

Please Give to One Great Hour of Sharing

SHARING BRINGS JOY

TO US. TO OTHERS. TO GOD.

SHARING RESOURCES. CHANGING LIVES.

 A graphic for a school supplies collection. It features a colorful cartoon character that looks like a pencil or a piece of paper with a face, surrounded by a border of many small, colorful pencils.

The Bridge LIGHT Team Begins School Supplies Collection—

Once again, the Bridge LIGHT team will be collecting donations of school supplies for “The Bridge Food Bank” in New Cumberland. These supplies will be given to school children in need, and will be collected here at WSBC through August 12. Supplies being collected include backpacks, pencils, 64-count crayons, scissors, markers, glue sticks or glue bottles, colored pencils, notebook paper and erasers. The Dollar Tree stores have most of these supplies. Five Below stores carry backpacks for \$5. There is also a box for monetary donations on the table in the narthex . Thanks again for your generosity.

 A graphic with a pink background and a blue border. It features a cartoon baby in a white shirt and diaper, and a baby bottle with a pacifier.

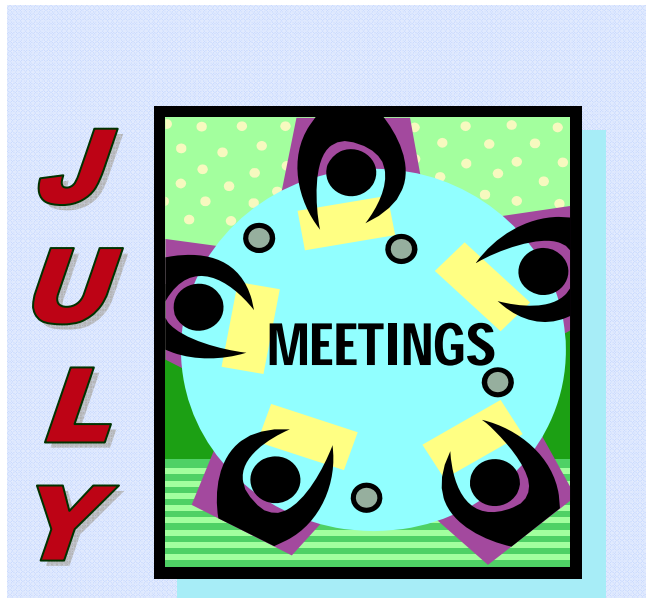
CAPC Thanks You!

Many “thanks” to all who participated in this year’s Baby Bottle Blast campaign to support the work and vision of the Capital Area Pregnancy Centers!

“Sharing Brings Joy to Us, to Others, and to God”

For over 65 years, Christians in North America have changed countless lives with their gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. By sharing our resources, we bring joy to thousands of God’s children who wait for their seed of hope to bloom. Our offering goal this year is \$6,000. As of Sunday, June 24, \$5,280 has been given toward our goal. Envelopes are available in the pews if you would still like to contribute toward our goal. Thank you for your faithful mission prayers and gifts to this year’s OGHS!

Happenings and Highlights



Board of Christian Education Meeting

The Board of Christian Education will meet on **Monday, July 9**, at 6:30 p.m. in G-3.

Missions Board Meeting

The Missions Board will meet on **Monday, July 9**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees will meet on **Monday, July 9**, at 7:00 p.m. in Room G-2

Staff Meeting

The WSBC staff will meet on **Thursday, July 12**, at 9:30 a.m. in the Ministry Center.

Diaconate Board Meeting

The Diaconate Board will meet on **Tuesday, July 24**, at 6:45 p.m. in the Conference Room.



Deadline for August UPDATE

The deadline for the submission of articles and announcements for the August UPDATE is **Friday, July 20**. You may forward your input to Bonnie Prior via hard copy or by email to b.prior@wsbc.org.

Faith in Action



The Faith in Action LIGHT Team will meet on **Tuesday, July 3**, at 9:00 a.m. to do general building and grounds maintenance. If you would like to join them during this work session, contact Ralph Stimeling.

A Special "Thank You"



Thanks to all who are providing special music at WSBC over the summer months. We are blessed to have you among us!



Happenings and Highlights



**Welcome
Our New
Members**

Susan Singer
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sdsinger59@gmail.com

Diane Auten
1504 Highpointe Dr. Apt. F
Harrisburg, PA 17110
(717) 856-8522



*The Second
Quarterly Business Meeting
will be held on
Sunday, July 15th
at
10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary*

Church Board and Committee Reports for the 2nd Quarter of 2012

Officers, board and committee chairpersons are asked to email or hand-deliver their quarterly report for the period April 1 – June 30, 2012, to Office Manager, Bonnie Prior (b.prior@wsbc.org) on or before **Wednesday, July 11**, for inclusion in the quarterly report.

Directory

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Address Update:

Tricia & Josh Kowalczyk
1604 Rome Terrace
Harrisburg, PA 17110

American Baptist Men's Retreat



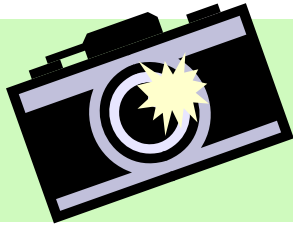
The 58th ABMOPAD layman's retreat will be held at Shippensburg University, August 3-5, 2012. The keynote speaker is the Rev. Dr. Roy Medley, General Secretary of the American Baptist Churches, USA. Pricing for the month of July is \$160, and you'll pay \$170 if you wait to sign up at the retreat. A \$100 deposit is required with registration. Pre-registration forms are available at the Welcome Center. Questions? Speak with Don Norris.

ABCOPAD's Biennial/Leadership Conference

ABCOPAD's 2012 Biennial/Leadership Conference will be held at the Blair County Convention Center in Altoona, PA, October 11-13. The theme of the conference is "Vision as Lifestyle. . .Where God Uniquely Leads His Church!" Will Mancini, author of *Church Unique*, will be the guest speaker. As a "clarity evangelist", Will has served as vision architect for hundreds of churches across the country. Watch at the Welcome Center for registration information coming soon!

**THE AMERICAN BAPTIST
CHURCHES OF
PENNSYLVANIA & DELAWARE**





Habitat for Humanity Work Day *Saturday, June 2, 2012*



Kath Nichols



Chris Achenbach



Sue Sweigard



Judy Spangler



Steve Campbell



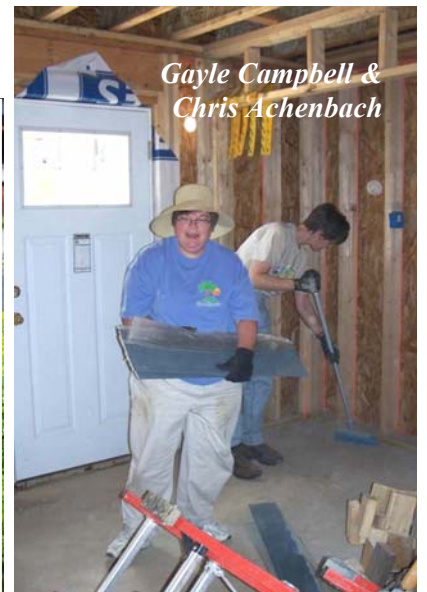
Kim Mankey



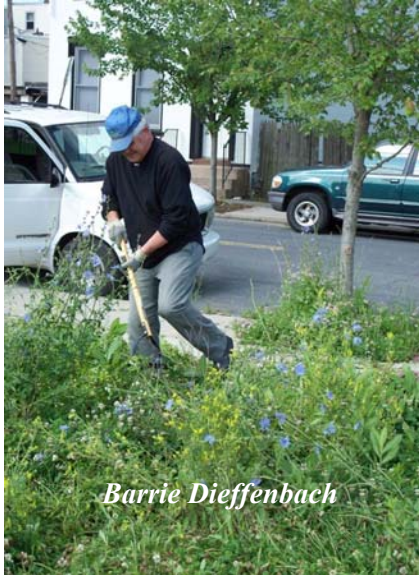
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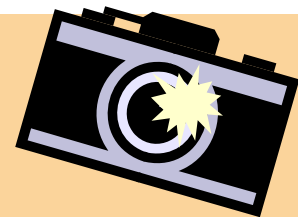


Barrie Dieffenbach



Team members included: Chris Achenbach, Gayle and Steve Campbell, Barrie Dieffenbach, Kim Mankey, Kath Nichols, Susan Singer, Bryan and Judy Spangler, & Sue Sweigard.

AB Women's Conference
June 8-10, 2012



From the Christian Education Board



Vacation Bible School !



This year VBS at West Shore Baptist Church is **July 16-19** from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m.

Young adventurers will journey through a world filled with secret caves, special hideaways, and surprises around every bend as they discover that God's character and love go beyond their imagination—and can be revealed in exciting, unexpected ways.

Through stories, dramas, songs, games, Bible memory, crafts, and even snacks, kids will learn more about our Creator and what it means to be a follower of Christ.

VBS at WSBC is for the whole family! "Parents' Retreat" will be offered as an adult session led by Dr. Esther Bruland, with the theme, "Have a New Kid by Friday." Fill out the registration form below or pick up a the form at the Welcome Center, in the children's classrooms, or on the website: www.wsbc.org! Completed forms should be turned into the church office. Questions? Contact Becky Gentzler at (717) 919-5160.



VBS Registration Form



VBS REGISTRATION (Please fill in this form completely.)



Child's Name _____

Birth Date _____ Age _____ School Grade completed _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Church (if any) _____

Emergency contact _____ Phone _____

Mother's Name _____

Father's Name _____


Name of Person(s) to whom child is to be released at the end of the session:

Medical information (including allergies, physical limitations, etc.) _____

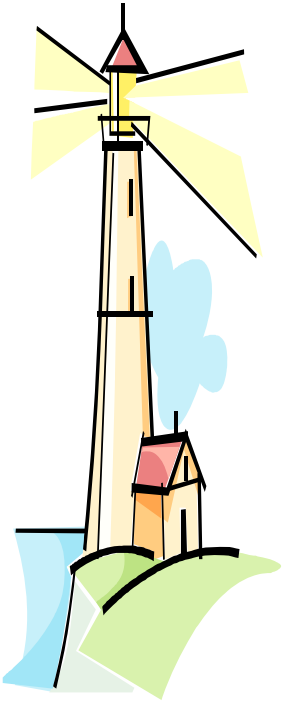
Attending Parents' Retreat: Yes _____ No _____

July 2012

Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>9am - Christian Ed Classes 9am - Traditional Worship 10am - Coffee Cafe 10:30am - Christian Ed 10:30am - Contem. 11:45am - Praise Team 11:45am - Prayer LIGHT</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9am - Faith In Action</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5:15pm - Y. Adult 6:30pm - Lifehouse</p>  <p>Happy 4th of July!</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
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*West Shore Baptist Church
seeks to be a
L.I.G.H.T. to our Community by...*



Loving God in celebrative worship in order to *magnify* His wonderful name

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

Growing Together in uplifting fellowship encouraging faith and church *membership*

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

Teaching 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

We're on the web!
Visit: www.wsbc.org