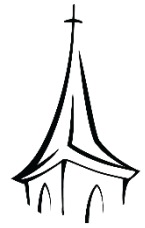


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West Shore Baptist Church

NEWSLETTER



WEST SHORE
BAPTIST CHURCH

From the Desk of Pastor Kelly

Ready for true confessions? First, some context: Six of us from WSBC are joining a mission team from one of our sister ABC churches to explore a possible long-term mission connection in the Dominican Republic next February. The opportunities to invest in Kingdom ministry are pretty awesome and I'm really excited to see what doors might open for us in the future.

The leaders of the mission team hold monthly orientation & preparation meetings, so our contingent of the team trekked to Hanover last Monday. After some team building activities and a review of FAQs, the leader announced that we were going to break into smaller teams to start thinking about precisely how we're going to serve while in the DR. This is a team of 50 people total, so obviously we're not all going to serve in the same location or on the same tasks. You get to choose your ministry team based on your skill sets & interests. She announced where each team would meet and told us to divide up.

Becky Gentzler and I were sitting together and she asked me which team I'd prefer. My answer? Beautifully pastoral: "I'm just here to serve, so I'll go anywhere and do anything that is most helpful to the team." You can practically see my halo glowing, right?

I wish this next part was a joke. But, no . . .

One of the team leaders comes over to us and asks where we're hoping to serve. I say, again, "oh, wherever you need us." She smiles hesitantly and asks, "What about the puppet ministry team?"

Do you know your pastor's answer?

Allow me to quote: "There's *no way* on God's green earth that I'm joining a PUPPET team." The pool lady was crushed. We're talking she looked like I just threatened to kick her dog.

And I got a gut-check. You might have forgotten this, but I'm currently preaching through Jonah. That means I spend 10 hours a week just thinking about this very 'moral,' extremely 'religious' man's unwillingness to go and to do the one thing God commanded him. He told God he knew better, understood more, shouldn't have to obey. And *his* command at least involved a long journey to a terroristic people.

Mine just involves puppets.

There's more to the story and, if you'd like to hear it, you'll be dying from laughter by the end once you find out what all yours truly is doing to tell others about Jesus. But, I hope you hear at least this part: Jonah's choice to flee & then to fake obedience is extreme. Maybe ours is far less intense. Far more benign. More like simply saying 'no' when God presents an opportunity to obey Him today.

Love ya,
PK



Birthdays

5 – Sue Sweigard	19 – Dottie Lebo
6 – Elana Stine	23 – Steve Goff
7 – Gary Stefanic	23 – Dawne Strock
12 – David Klock	24 – Ida Rhone
12 – Josie Vinalet	27 – Doug Ice
13 – Richard Zulaica	27 – Linda Neubaum
15 – Elaine Deimler	28 – Janet Howell
17 – Jorrie Gentzler	29 – Tom Kennerly
19 – Maggie Easley	29 – Lindsay Neve

Anniversaries



10 – Steve & Tina Goff
 14 – Dave & Stacey Kennerly
 16 – Bob & Kristine Zoll
 23 – Wayne & Janet Howell
 26 – Frank & Dawne Strock
 31 – Judd & Judy Brouse

**Bell Choir Rehearses
 Every Other Wednesday
 6:00pm**

**Choir Rehearses Every
 Wednesday 7:00pm**

Men's & Ladies' Breakfast

October 19

**8 am – Men's Breakfast
 West Shore Plaza Family Restaurant**

**8:30 am – Ladies' Breakfast
 Hershey Pantry**

October Meetings

Advisory Council Meeting: Mon, Oct. 7, 6:30pm
Board of Trustees Meeting: Mon, Oct. 14, 6:30pm
Board of Deacons Meeting: Tues, Oct. 8, 7:00pm
Missions Board Meeting: Tues, Oct. 15, 6:00pm
Christian Ed Board Meeting: Tues, Oct. 15, 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 October 13.**

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!

New Email Address:

Joe Skasko – gavle2024@yahoo.com

Discovery Course:

The Discovery Course is designed to provide an overview of the mission and ministry, vision and values of WSBC. It's an excellent way to learn about the church and is a required course for anyone considering becoming a covenant member. Register for the Sunday, November 10th class (12pm – 2:30pm) on Church Center or by emailing wsbcmail@gmail.com. Lunch will be provided.

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. If you are interested in joining or launching a new group, contact the church office for more information.

Sunday School Classes:

The Searchers class led by Tom Kennerly meets on the top floor of the education wing. Pastor Kelly is teaching "Major Messages from Minor Prophets" from 9am – 10am this fall in Davidson Chapel.

Kid's Club:

Beginning September 4th, Kid's Club will meet every Wednesday from 6:30-7:45pm. Open to students in grades 1st – 6th. See Maura Bihl or Pastor Kelly for details.

Men's Community Group:

This fall we are using "Resilient" by John Eldredge. You can pick up your copy at the Welcome Center. We meet Fridays at 7 am in Davidson Chapel. Please sign up under groups in Church Center so you are in the email.

The Missions Board

Clothes Closet:

The clothes closet will be open this month on Saturday, October 12th 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 **Friday, October 25th 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.

Puzzles:

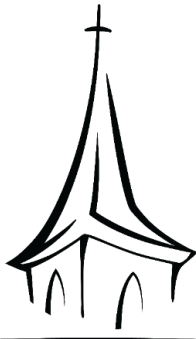
Like a good puzzle? Jigsaw puzzle that is? You are in luck. We now have a Puzzle Cabinet located at the Welcome Center! These puzzles are free to take and put together then return for someone else's enjoyment. Feel free to add to the collection.

October Collection – Operation Christmas Child:

There are millions of children in need around the world, many who have never received a gift. WSBC is partnering with Samaritan's Purse to provide shoeboxes filled with gifts and the Gospel to children around the world. The amazing journey of a shoebox gift begins with YOU. Consider filling a shoebox for a child this Christmas. We want them to know God's gift of salvation through trusting and believing in Jesus Christ alone as their Savior and Lord. Boxes and instructions will be made available this month. The deadline to return filled boxes will be October 27th.

World Mission Offering:

During the World Mission Offering this month, you will have the opportunity to join the transformational work God is doing around the world through International Ministries' servants and partners. You can take part in what the Holy Spirit is doing to bring God's kingdom "on earth as it is in heaven." Use your WMO envelope to submit your donation. Additional envelopes can be found in the pews.



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SUNDAY SERVICES:

Worship Service — 10:30 AM

Live streaming online and at church

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