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**West Shore Baptist Church**

**NEWSLETTER**

**From the Desk of Pastor Kelly**

I got another text this morning from someone telling me how much the Advent devotionals have meant to her. This season I’ve heard from people who live alone and appreciated the rhythm of lighting the candle and noting Christ’s presence at their table, couples who chose to read the Scripture aloud and pray together, and families with kids (little and *not* so little anymore) who treasured the conversation focused on God and His Word. And they got me thinking: Why stop when the Advent candles get packed away?

**For those who already engage in daily rhythms of prayer & Bible reading**, what would it look like for you to add to your conversation with the Lord? Is it time to nab a journal and simply start taking note of what the Holy Spirit is inviting you to be or to do, recording your prayers (bullet points are fine!) so you can see how He answers (and then thank Him!), or even incorporating music into your daily time of worship? How might you grow in this area in the coming year?

**For those who irregularly spend quality time with the Father through prayer & Scripture**, what if you took Him up on the invitation to let Him be your *daily* bread? Can you carve out time that works in your world (recognizing that we sacrifice lesser important things to make what matters to us happen. We do that about the latest Netflix show we want to binge . . . ) to regularly, even daily pray & listen to Him through His Word? Why not download the [Bible App](https://www.youversion.com/the-bible-app/) to find a reading plan that could work? Visit the [Bible Recap podcast](http://www.thebiblerecap.com/) and listen to it on your commute. Or commit to shutting off the music so you can pray in the car *or* turning on worship music so you can sing while you drive. Build time with Him into your day.

**For those who just aren’t investing time with Jesus**, what would it look like to start? His love for you is utterly infinite; your love for Him and grasp of His love for you is contingent upon your willingness to let Him pour into you. Start by praying through your day: before you launch into the day, pray through the plan. Lift your needs before Him; invite the Holy Spirit to interrupt your plan with HIS; talk to Him on behalf of those you expect you’ll encounter. Just start there. Then add a chapter of Scripture. You might start in John. 1 chapter. Look to see who Jesus is and what He does & says. How does He change who you are?

Oh, and if the reason you’re not spending time in His Word is because you struggle to understand the who, what, when, where & why it matters when you do, you’re in great company! Might I suggest utilizing the previously mentioned [Bible Recap](http://www.thebiblerecap.com/) or checking out [The Bible Project](https://bibleproject.com/). Both have amazing videos, podcasts & articles designed to walk you through Scripture and help you see Jesus on every page.

The King of kings wants to meet with you daily, to walk with you moment-by-moment. Don’t turn Him down. He’s too good, too real, too loving to ignore.

Love ya,

Pastor Kelly

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 **Birthdays Anniversaries**

 1 – Josh Geiger 11 – Kristine Zoll

 1 – Ashley Bottiglia 13 – Carol Wittle

 4 – Cheryl Vulich 14 – Beth Ice

 5 – Abi Adeyemi 16 – Judd Brouse

 6 – Audrey Wincovitch 17 – Steve Sleboda

 8 – Maura Bihl 19 – Calliope Smeltzer

 10 – David Carr

 6 – Ron & Carol Keeney

 11 – Conni Mooney

 11 – Jesse & Megan Barth

 14 – Mike & Bonnie Easley

 28 – Steve & Rose Sleboda

**Men’s & Ladies’**

**Breakfast**

**January 18**

**8 am – Men’s Breakfast**

West Shore Plaza Family Restaurant

**8:45 am – Ladies’ Breakfast**

Chef de Crepe

**Happy New Year!**

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**Wed., December 25th**

**January Meetings**

**Advisory Council Meeting: Mon, Jan. 6,** 6:30pm

**Board of Trustees Meeting: Mon, Jan. 13,**6:30pm

**Board of Deacons Meeting: Tues, Jan. 14,** 7:00pm

**Missions Board Meeting: Tues, Jan. 21,** 6:00pm

**Christian Ed Board Meeting: Tues, Jan. 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 January 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 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!

 **Baptism:**

 Baptisms will be on January 5th. Thank you for being present to support our baptismal candidates.

 **2025 Giving Envelopes:**

 Giving envelopes are available in the lobby. If you were not assigned a box and want one, please contact

 Donna at: wsbcmail@gmail.com



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.

**Kid’s Club:**

Kid’s Club meets every Wednesday from 6:30-7:45pm and will resume on January 8th. Open to students in grades 1st – 6th. See Maura Bihl or Pastor Kelly for details.

**Men’s Community Group:**

**New Date, New Time, New Format**. The Men’s group will begin its new year sessions with a few changes: We’re moving to Thursdays, we’re beginning at 8 am, and we’re doing every other week! Mark the date for our first gathering of the new year on Thursday, January 16 in Davidson Chapel. Sign-up will be available soon on the Church App, along with information on our study topic and book.

**Mere Christianity Sunday School Class:**

In Mere Christianity, C.S. Lewis compellingly, clearly & concisely explores the core truths of Christianity.  This book reshaped Christian apologetics in the 20th century and is shockingly relevant still today.  In this discussion-based class facilitated by Pastor Kelly, we will read through his book over 11 sessions and unpack together the relevance of God's teaching on topics like right & wrong, morality, sexuality and hope . . . to name only a few!

Books may be picked up in the lobby beginning January 5.  Class begins on January 19 from 9-10 AM in Davidson Chapel.  Please [register on Church Center](https://westshorebaptist.churchcenter.com/groups/sunday-school-classes/mere-christianity-discussion-group) to get access to the reading schedule & other class resources.

The Missions Board

**Clothes Closet:**

The clothes closet will be open this month on Saturday, January 11th 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.

**Fre****e 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 **Wednesday, January 29th 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.

**Puzzles:**

Like a good puzzle? Jigsaw puzzle that is? You’re 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.

**Thank You:**

On behalf of the American Baptist Churches USA Office of the General Secretary, it is our pleasure to congratulate you and your congregation on being ranked #30 in United Mission giving throughout in the entire denomination of approximately 4,700 churches for the calendar year ending December 31, 2023! Congratulations and thank you for your generous support of $21,495 in 2023!

**Thank You:**

The Link (formerly Medard’s House) is extremely grateful for your generosity in providing their wish list of recreational items for 2025. As they expand their ministry to students in our community, they are appreciative of our ongoing partnership.

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**SUNDAY SERVICES:**

**Worship Service — 10:30 AM**

**Live streaming online and at church**

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