

From the Desk of Pastor Kelly

I know that I'm not supposed to think this way, but sometimes it shocks me how powerful the Gospel is. I know, I know, you'd think that truth had already sunk deeply into my heart but, here we are. God still amazes me with the limitless applications of His promises.

Like a few months ago when I sat next to a hospital bed holding the hand of a man who knew his diagnosis was terminal. He stared me square in the eye and said, "Pastor, I'm not afraid of death. I know where I'm going and Who will be there. But I'm terrified of the dying part." His eyes filled with tears when I said, "you know the One who is going to be there to greet you in Heaven? He lived through the dying part. He knows exactly how you feel. And He's going to be with you through all of this. He knows what no one else does."

Or just a week ago hanging out with a teenager who was way more nervous about going away to college than she was going to admit to me. She's terrified that she won't be accepted, approved by a whole new set of peers with an entirely new set of rules and expectations. So we got to talk about the only "well done" that matters. About the voice of the Father who declares her His beloved, accepted, approved daughter. Anyone else can say anything they want about her; she's still beloved.

My favorite example, though, might be listening to an elementary-aged child tell his mom (like she wasn't the one who taught him this!) that "we can do hard things. Because if God asks us to do it, He's going to bring us through it. Even if it's hard." And He will. He's a good Father and His yoke is kind. Even the hard things are for His glory & our good.

There is no area of life that the Gospel does not speak into. No piece of who we are that is not shaped by His mercy & grace, love & compassion. No wrong that His justice will not one day make right. Maybe that is why it still amazes me. Because I cannot fully comprehend all the implications of what it means to be bought by the blood, sealed by the Spirit and called by the Father.

All I know is the Gospel transforms everything. Including me.

Love ya, PK





Pastoral Search Committee Update: Since its commissioning on July 21, the committee has met 3 times to focus on updating and completing key documents to submit to ABCOPAD in early September. This information will be used in a database to identify candidates whose skill set and strengths match our specific needs, as detailed in the documents. Meetings have been insightful, encouraging and productive. Please pray for the Search Committee as it continues its work.

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 September 8.**

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!



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 will teach "Major Messages from Minor Prophets" from 9am – 10am this fall in Davidson Chapel starting September 8th. Sign up on Church Center!

Kid's Club:

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

Men's Community Group:

We're ready to go for our fall series! We'll be using **"Resilient" by John Eldredge.** You can pick up your copy at the Welcome Center. Our first gathering will be Friday, September 20 at 7 am at the lower pavilion of Negley Park, Lemoyne. Weather permitting of course! Please sign up under groups in Church Center so you are in the email.

Nursery Volunteers:

We are in need of additional volunteers for our nursery ministry in 2024. If you are interested in serving in this important role, please contact Donna at <u>wsbcmail@gmail.com</u>

Women's Retreat:

Ladies, save Oct. 11-13 for our first annual women's retreat at Camp Yolijwa. Cost including hotel-style rooms and meals will be \$155/person. Register soon on Church Center.

The Missions Board

Clothes Closet:

The clothes closet will be open this month on Saturday, September 14^{th} 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, September 20th from 12pm-6 pm**. If you wish to donate, visit their website at <u>www.redcrossblood.org</u>.

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.

Link 4 Youth:

The Link 4 Youth after school program is back up and running! This nonprofit assists youth and their families with life's challenges to include tutoring, counseling, spiritual growth, a hot meal and more. Our Missions Board has decided to partner with this organization in alignment with our goal of engaging youth in our community this year. We are looking for 6 volunteers to help us "adopt a night" where we will provide a Bible lesson to the kids and then serve dinner. Please consider joining us to share the Gospel with youth in our community!

Event date: Thursday Sept. 26th

Location: The Link 4 Youth building, 1120 Drexel Hills Boulevard New Cumberland, PA **Time commitment:** 3:30pm – 6:00pm

Volunteering opportunities:

Bible lesson at 4pm: Responsibilities include creating a small presentation for middle and high school kids on a relevant topic in the Bible or sharing your testimony. This lesson should be no more than 30 mins long.

Dinner served at 5pm: Responsibilities include someone buying food from a grocery store and transporting to the site. Possibly preparing some food in advance and bringing to the site. Making the meal and serving the meal in the kitchen on site. Helping to clean up after dinner.

Please reach out to Jennifer Jennelly (jennlloyd200@gmail.com) or sign up on Church Center if you are interested in serving.



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SUNDAY SERVICES:

Worship Service — 10:30 AM

Live streaming online and at church

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