



# The KBA BEACON

## A Word from Brad Horne:



### Hankering Bread During the Coronavirus

I've been home now for about 2 weeks during the "shelter in place" declaration and have eaten my fair share of bread, especially my wife's homemade bread. I've been thinking about bread more often than usual.

Bread is popular around the world and is one of the world's oldest foods. It takes 9 seconds for a combine to harvest enough wheat to make about

70 loaves of bread. Poor Ruth, it would have taken her a whole year!

Napoleon gave a common bread its name when he demanded a loaf of dark rye bread for his horse during the Prussian campaign. "Pain pour Nicole," he ordered, which meant "Bread for Nicole," his horse. To Germanic ears, the request sounded like "Pumpernickel." Napoleon would no doubt be surprised to learn the modern world still uses the phrase he uttered so many years ago!

When living overseas, I often worked with students practicing English. When meeting for the first time, I would introduce myself as Brad. They would tell me they thought it was a great name because they ate it all time. One guy actually said, "I eat you." That is when I realized that they thought my name was "bread!" I've lost count of the number of times I had to politely tell someone that my name was Brad and not bread!

Bread is mentioned 253 times in the Bible, and so it is very important. The Israelites were supernaturally provided manna in the desert for 40 years, and Elijah was supernaturally provided bread in Zerephath. Jesus was tempted with turning a stone into bread but said to Satan that man does not live by bread alone. It takes more than just bread to live.

Then Jesus says in John 6 that He is the bread of life. Manna only provided temporary physical life. The Israelites ate it, and eventually died. Jesus is a Bread of a different kind. He is from heaven and gives life.

## A Word from Brad Horne: (cont.)

A person who eats of that bread will not die.

Jesus said that they must eat his flesh and drink his blood, which grossed them out. I believe that Jesus was not talking about the Eucharist or Lord's Supper, since that was not instituted for another year at the Last Supper. Eating the living bread was a figure of speech that meant believing in Him, like listening to him and seeing him. It was another figure of speech when Jesus said we must drink "His blood". Leviticus said that "You must not eat... any blood". But blood was also understood as a means of atonement. It is the blood that makes atonement for one's life. Those who eat the living bread (believe in Jesus) and drink his blood (believe in His atonement) have found eternal life. Like the song says, "Give Me Jesus".

Now I have a hankering for some soft, homemade bread!

### KBA Financial Update

As of March 31, 2020

2020 Receipts: \$24,014.00

2020 Expenses: \$11,739.25

### 2019-2020 Administrative Team

Moderator: Pastor John Buhr, Central Baptist Church  
1st Vice Moderator: Pastor Adam Hedge, Memorial Baptist Church  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Moderator: Dr. Pusey Losch, Mt. View Community  
Historian: Bayard Bastedo, FBC, Hanover  
Clerk: Tim Dedman, Red Land Baptist  
Treasurer: Heather Barberis, Memorial Baptist  
Assistant Treasurer: Pastor John Worrall, Mount Wolf Community  
SE Zone Leader: Pastor Tim Parker, Stewartstown Baptist  
North Zone Leader: Pastor Don Henrikson, Thompsontown Baptist  
SW Zone Leader: Dr. Kenny Craig, Chambersburg Baptist

## News from our Churches:

**Stewartstown Baptist and Red Land Baptist:** Women in these churches are sewing masks for Disaster Relief efforts in PA. The state is opening an old youth facility in Glen Mills as a non-covid facility. They have asked Pennsylvania Disaster Relief to provide masks.



**Greencastle Baptist Church:** Pastor Jim: “Prayers and praises for our youth. Blake Parks gave his life to Christ and was baptized March 8th. Three more kids have come to me and we've begun God conversations. God is bringing revival and it's happening in our youth. Pray that Satan will have no foothold in this, and that God will be glorified, and Jesus exalted.”



**Mason Dixon:** Mason Dixon Baptist members: John & Erica Rearich, daughters Abigale (will turn 13 this month) and Ella (10) are making masks for their congregation, and community, anyone who needs them. The number of hours and miles invested in this compassionate ministry is, in Mason Dixon’s opinion, astounding! Since April 4, the Rearichs have accrued these volunteer stats:



Erica: 147 hours, 338 delivery-distribution miles

John: 6 hours, 30 delivery-distribution miles

Abigale: 31 hours, 3 miles (biking delivery)

Ella: 88 hours, 3 miles (biking delivery)

Total masks distributed as of 4/13 is a whopping 531! All from one family!

The hours accrued include cutting material, assembling and sewing masks, and delivering to anyone in need of them. Besides delivering to people’s home, they have delivered masks to the local police stations and fire department.

Joan and Larry Theisen **Noble City Church** have been busy cutting out and sewing masks.



Joan’s message to you today: If you can sew, I encourage you to consider making masks. York Hospital has placed the pattern on their website and lists their drop-off sites under the “I Can Help” menu. This is an amazing way to touch the lives of people you may not meet in any other way. Even asking neighbors if they would use a mask or two. Reach out and see what the Lord will do through you.



**Red Land Baptist:** Has continued the Bountiful Blessing Ministry that is normally located inside the church on the second and fourth Saturdays monthly. They have ministered to over 40 families during this crisis and have developed a “pick up” service at the church. With each bag of groceries, they receive a note from the pastor along with a gift. The first week was the Easter Story with Easter Eggs. The second week was a cross bookmark with a scripture card.



**First Baptist Church Hanover:** Is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in April. The church had plans for a special dinner celebration that has been postponed. First Baptist Hanover was a mission church of Memorial Baptist in Gettysburg.

Congratulations!

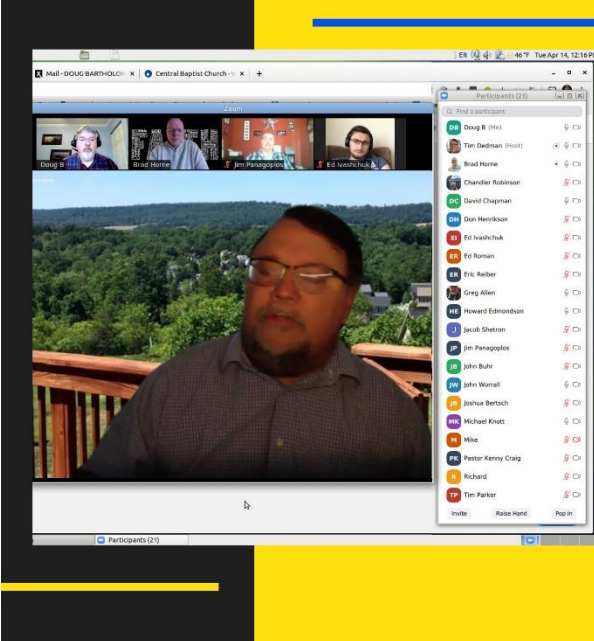
## Upcoming Events:

**April 2020: 8**

**KBA Executive Board** will meet by zoom on **Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**. The Administrative Team will meet at 6:30 pm and Executive Board will begin at 7:30 pm. The Executive Board consists of every pastor of a KBA church plus one church member chosen by the church body of that church. This will be Brad’s first Executive Board meeting and we ask that you join in as we begin planning for the future.

**MirStan Women’s Retreat:** Beth and Jaime Montano were a part of our last KBA Missions Conference. They are IMB Missionaries serving in Central Asia. Beth had asked the women of KBA to join them in prayer for the MirStan (Muslims in Russian and Stan Countries) ladies retreat that was to be held in Turkey in April. We adopted 12 women. As of Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> the conference has been cancelled due to the Coronavirus and will be rescheduled. The organizers of the retreat have asked that we continue to pray for the women who would have attended the conference even though they will not meet.

## Keystone Baptist Association News:



# TECH/GEEK SEMINAR

*We held our first, very successful TECH Seminar last week and had over 20 participate in the KBA Internet Task Force sponsored event. With the Coronavirus keeping everyone at home, the churches are finding new ways to reach their church members. Surprisingly, churches are reporting that they have more people in online church worship and in Bible study than usual!*

## Prayer Focus:

### Pray for these pastors and their wives:

Alice Worrall (Mt. Wolf Community) is a patient at York Well Span Hospital. She is being treated for a blood clot in her lung. Please pray for John, Alice and the Doctors who are treating her.

Dr. Ken Cademartori (Friendship Baptist) is continuing to heal. Please pray for his complete recovery.

Rev. Jim Crowder has been ill. Please pray for his recovery.

Please be in prayer for Megan Hedge's father, Doug Sterner. He was admitted to the hospital after a recent fall. Adam and Megan serve at Memorial Baptist Church.

Rev. Justin Day, Music and Youth Pastor at Memorial Baptist Church, lost his father, Jeffrey L. Day, on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Jeffrey's wife, Gail, is the Administrative Assistant at Memorial Baptist Church where Mr. Day was a member. Please lift this family up in prayer.



Jeffrey L. Day

### Pray for these churches seeking God's will for pastors:

Shrewsbury Baptist and Josiah Way are searching for senior pastors.

**All Churches and Pastors:** Pray for each pastor and their church as we all continue to deal with the Coronavirus and the “stay at home” order.

## New Life at Penn State Update: Eric Reiber



New Life is still ministering to college students at Penn State through the rest of the month. Students are home during online classes, but we are continuing our equipping time and discipleship. Our Wednesday group gathering time meets at 7:30 on a Zoom call. So far, we have studied the resurrection from 1 Corinthians 15 as well as shared a plan on how to create a "Personal Ministry." Our triads (discipleship groups led by students) meet on their own times. These are accountability groups to foster deeper relationships, connecting to God's Word, and a focus on Knowledge, Skill, Character, and Vision for life with Jesus.

Students range in how much this current season is impacting them. We hear emotional struggles and struggles at home. We also see resilience in many of them as they learn to trust in God to endure trials. We also see some grasping the opportunity. One of our leaders, Emily, has started a prayer and study group with a friend from another ministry that is connecting to third Leadership organization they both attend. She has shared fruit coming from conversations they are having.

### Note:

**Servant Keeper Church Software** has reached out to us and offered our churches an incredible discount for the month of April to help you get set up with amazing **cloud church management software** apps in addition to **online giving**. They reached out to us because we use them here in the office. They have served over 35,000 churches in 26 years and specialize in serving churches.

This **discount is over 50% off their upfront costs on a special bundle**, saving hundreds of dollars. They also have a special offer for smaller churches with no up-front costs. This will not be advertised on their website and you are only able to obtain this discounted package through our contact *Jon Haley* at his contact info below.

They do everything from *membership management, to a special mobile ministry app for pastors, tracking attendance with a mobile app, free online directory, donation management, online giving, to child check-in, with a lot more.*

Here is a link to their website if you care to watch some short video demos  
: <https://www.servantpc.com/overview>

**Pastors** – here is a special video on the Mobile Ministry App that comes with it: <https://www.servantpc.com/new-mobile-ministry-app-0220/>

If you have questions or want to demo, I encourage you to call **Jon Haley** for more info. He can be reached here at **800-773-7570 ext. 112** or emailed at [jonh@servantpc.com](mailto:jonh@servantpc.com)

## ***International Mission Board: 175 Days of Prayer***

From the International Mission Board Web Site: Prayer is essential! It is not our last resort -- it is our daily and constant communication with the Lord. Knowing that "the effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much," ([James 5:16, NKJV](#)), we often encourage people to "pray the news," and that is certainly easy to do in the midst of this global pandemic. We pray for ourselves and our communities. We pray for our nation and the ramifications of an extended crisis. We pray for those who are ill across the globe and ask God to halt the spread and bring healing. We also pray for missionaries as they continue to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in a time of fear and confusion.

Thank you for praying! And please consider joining us in a special season of prayer, beginning May 11. We will host 175 Days of Prayer, honoring 175 years of witness to the nations. Monday - Saturday, you will find a daily request for 175 days on the IMB Pray app, at [imb.org/pray](http://imb.org/pray), and in the Pray Daily newsletter, again, starting May 11. Will you register your intent to participate at [www.imb.org/175](http://www.imb.org/175)?

**KBA email addresses have changed.**

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