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The KBA BEACON

A Word from Brad Horne:



There are 168 hours in a week and the Sunday Service is usually about an hour. What are ways we can reach people the other 167 hours? Ministry between the Sundays!

Billy Graham is still preaching! Even though Billy Graham is no longer here on earth, his sermons are being used around the world to reach the lost and to encourage believers. I personally listened to one on YouTube just the other day and was greatly blessed! God continues to use pastors and evangelists, like Billy Graham, who used modern technology of TV and video to record their messages.

Today, YouTube is the most visited website in the world with more than a billion hours of video watched every day. Any church can stream or publish their services for the whole world to see. God has opened the door for the church to reach the world with the Gospel.

We are experiencing the largest communication shift since the discovery of the printing press 500 years ago. I have heard numerous testimonies from pastors that they have more people watching than they had in attendance before Covid-19 happened. The Church is producing more videos than Hollywood, which is currently shut down. Anyone in the world can watch your churches' services and sermons at any time during the week. Pastors are preaching to not only the members, but the marginalized. Even some people who would never walk through the doors of the church are tuning in on-line in search of hope.

A few months ago, people said that we could not have a totally on-line church, but the current hardship has led to creativity and the church is still strong.

A Word from Brad Horne (cont.)

KBA churches have done a tremendous job in adapting to the current pandemic and making their sermons available on-line. We have learned how to celebrate the Lord's Supper with people over YouTube or Zoom.

Some churches have formed closer community by meeting in home groups, and others have stronger evangelism by talking more with their neighbors. Let's continue this movement. We can find ways to creatively mentor or disciple people in one-on-one connections. Churches can offer self-guided experiences on-line: A Bible course, supplemental resources, music, etc.

Now is the time to find the key to turning watchers into worshipers. We can think beyond temporarily streaming during COVID-19 and plan to continue to reach beyond the church building. Streaming the church service is just the tip of the iceberg. Churches have an opportunity to have both live experiences and an on-line audience. People who worship from home need a different experience that is more interactive and shorter.

It's much like adapting a popular book and making it a movie. A movie only holds the attention of people for a couple of hours and many of the details from the book are left out.

Hosting our services online is not our mission, but it's a method to get the gospel out of the doors of the church.

The church is being deployed. It is being sent out through the internet. We are just getting started! Let us envision the future of the church!

Blessings!

Brad

KBA Financial Update

As of April 30, 2020

Receipts through April - 20,261.12

Expenses through April - 11,085.16

2019-2020 Administrative Team

Moderator: Pastor John Buhr, Central Baptist Church

1st Vice Moderator: Pastor Adam Hedge, Memorial Baptist Church

2nd 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:



Fellowship Baptist Church has participated in the ministry of **Tender Care Pregnancy Consultation Services' WALK FOR LIFE** during the COVID pandemic. **Trena Werst** and daughter, **Laressa Moe**, participate every year in the **WALK FOR LIFE**. This year, **Fellowship Baptist Church** donated \$755.00 ... an investment in a bright future.

Tender Care is a local non-profit, Christian ministry that provides a safe, non-judgmental environment where individuals can discuss their pregnancy related concerns and learn about all of their options.

All of Tender Care's services are provided at no cost, pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, STD testing and treatment, parenting classes, baby supplies, and support for men, women, and families.

Chambersburg Baptist Church hosted a hymn sing on Sunday, May 17. Jackie Healy, worship leader, and her team led in an evening of wonderful hymns and praise songs. She shared background information on many of the hymns. It is available on the Chambersburg Baptist Facebook for you to enjoy!



Chambersburg Baptist Praise & Hymns Sing Event



Covenant Community is operating a food pantry at The Grace House located in Harrisburg. Last month they gave food to 154 households representing 541 people. This is over 3,000 meals given out for the month.

They would like to be able to distribute food more frequently than twice a month but will need additional volunteers. When this crisis has eased, they want to have a prayer ministry during the time that they distribute food.



There are multiple needs at the building. Heavy duty shelving, two window air conditioners, and the need for new flooring in several rooms. If your church would like to help, contact: Pastor Robert Conrad: rconrad@ccchbg.org

Stewartstown Baptist Church has been sewing masks for Disaster Relief and for others in their community. They are also collecting non-perishable items to distribute in their community as the need arises.



Red Land Baptist Church has continued ministering to families through the Bountiful Blessings Pantry Program. In April they gave out 36 bags of non-food items through their drive through pick up site. They also continue to serve at New Hope Food Pantry in Mechanicsburg on the first Saturday of every month.

One of Red Land's church families wanted to minister to the women for Mother's Day. This family delivered flowers to the women in the church dropping them off at their homes.



Hanover First Baptist Church continues to prepare lunch for the homeless, one to two times monthly. PAL (Provide a Lunch) began in 1986 also packs 200 backpack lunches for the Hanover school district every week and are continuing to serve Meals on Wheels. Pastor Gary states: "These are all retirees who love the Lord and have committed their lives to helping people. I admire these wonderful people." This team includes Bayard and Shelva Bastedo, Carol Lee, Mike and Joan Potter, Stan and Pam Wagner. Please pray for this group of volunteers as they continue to minister to their community.



Congratulations To:



Tyler and Kylie Hogg on the birth of their daughter, Ella Katherine, on April 9, 2020. She joins her big brother, Liam. Tyler is Associate Pastor at Mason Dixon Baptist Church.

Chandler and Alyssa Robinson as they announce that they are expecting their first child in November 2020. Chandler is the Assistant Pastor at Stewartstown Baptist Church.



Mark Palmisano as he completed his studies at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary earning his Master of Divinity in December 2019. Mark is Minister of Youth at Family of God Community Church.

Prayer Focus:

Country and Town –The Pastor Search Committee announces that members of Country and Town will be able to meet a prospective Senior Pastor on the weekend of June 27th.

First Baptist Church Hanover - We are praying for musicians to help us with worship. We are praying for the Lord to send a young couple with a passion to reach young couples and youth. We are praying for the resources to maintain an older building. We are praying to impact the world for our Lord. We are praying to reach not just young people, but boomers like us.

Rev. Justin Day, Music and Youth Pastor at Memorial Baptist Church lost his grandmother, Grace Anna Smith, on April 11th. Mrs. Smith's daughter, Gail Day, is the Administrative Assistant at Memorial Baptist Church. Please continue to remember this family in your prayers.



Rev. Ryan Johnson lost his mother, Mrs. Lillie Johnson, on May 1, 2020. She is known as the First Lady of the Mount. Please pray for Pastor Ryan his wife, Pam, and their family.

Pray for all KBA Churches as we negotiate the re-opening of our buildings and holding Sunday services.

Updates from KBA:

1. If you were not available to join in on the tech seminar here is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wWzYLAfurmE&t=3s>

2. At the Executive Board Meeting in April it was decided that KBA churches will not have to pay to use the Block Party Trailer.



We recognize that with COVID-19 summer plans are still tentative, but hopefully by fall we will be able to plan some activities. When ready, just give the office a call 717-502-0280 or email office@keystonebaptist.org to reserve the trailer.

3. Keystone Baptist Association has new logos and thumbnails:



4. Dr. Jerry Dixon (Prayer Coordinator for KBA and Pastor) is planning a prayer conference: **RESTORE**. Dr. Dixon has asked Mark Mirza from Atlanta, Georgia to be the conference pastor. Mark's website is: [www. MarkMirza.com](http://www.MarkMirza.com)

5. Baptist Resource Network (BRN) has compiled a guide "Ten Covid Commandments" for reopening Churches." Here is the website for that information: <https://www.brnunited.org/resources/the-ten-covid-commandments-for-reopening-churches/>



New Life at Penn State Prayer Requests:

Pray for our graduated seniors as many of them enter career fields this summer in a vastly different way than they originally expected due to Covid-19 protocols.

Pray for international students as they travel back to their home countries this month. Many of them, upon arriving in their country, will be immediately taken to a hotel, and quarantined for 14 days before they can travel back to their hometowns. We gave away some puzzles, so they'd have something to pass the time, besides Netflix!

Penn State decides what the fall semester will look like on June 15. Pray for staff as we try to prepare and plan for several scenarios and start putting together logistics for next school year.

International Mission Board: 175 Days of Prayer

From the International Mission Board Web Site: 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 www.imb.org/pray, and in the Pray Daily newsletter. Will you register your intent to participate at www.imb.org/175?

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