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The KBA BEACON



KBA Fall Celebration: Saturday, October 17th

The KBA Fall Celebration was held at Carlisle Baptist Church on Saturday, October 17th. The theme for this year's celebration was "A Heart for the Harvest" based on the scripture, Mark 4:1-13. There were 34 in attendance representing 20 Keystone Baptist Association Churches. 11 joined virtually by Zoom or Facebook. The messengers and visitors had the opportunity to hear sermons from prayer evangelist Mark Mirza, KBA Moderator John Buhr, and our DOM Brad Horne. There were several drawings for gifts and Brad auctioned off a page from a 1611 King James Bible, fourth edition. The money raised from the auction is designated to help with new church plants.



News from our Churches:

Mason Dixon Baptist Church youth gathered at the church on



September 23rd as a part of the global “See You at the Pole” prayer event. They joined thousands of students across the world praying for their community, the nation, and the world.



Friendship Baptist Church, Stewartstown celebrated their 15th anniversary on October



4, 2020. Dr. Cademartori shared that the church met for seven years without a church home.

Friendship started with 5 people that felt led to start a church. They met for prayer and decided to rent a firehall for that Sunday Morning. 53 people attended the service at the firehall that Sunday. They soon found some yellow chairs and bought a trailer, setting up every Sunday. Then they moved to a school for a period of time. Moving again to another building

where they met for 6 years. Then they found a church building and felt God's calling to buy what is now their current location for Friendship.

Mount Wolf Community Church screened the movie “Overcomer” on the October 25th and 26th. Both showings had about 30 people in attendance. On Saturday evening, Mary, a woman in attendance accepted Christ after watching the movie.



Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church prepared a Sunday meal after service on October 4th. It was way of saying "Thank You" for the congregation's support through these days of Covid-19. The congregation could pick up their food and take it home or stay for a time of fellowship.



News from our Churches (cont.)

New Hope Baptist Church youth group has been quite active over the last few months. Saturday, October 17, they had a car wash to help support their ministry.



Red Land Baptist Church recognized their pastor, Richard Krieg by "flocking" his front yard on Sunday, October 18th. October is Pastor appreciation month!



First Hatian Baptist Church of York attended the Fall Celebration at Carlisle. Pastor Gusmane Michel and a member of the church, Jean Cornet, were in attendance. Mr. Cornet won a handmade afghan that was donated for the drawing.



Prayer Focus:

Pray for our churches without pastors:

Greencastle Baptist Church
Josiah's Way
Iglesia La Fuente

Pray for Alice Worrall as she recuperates at home after several days in the hospital.

Pray for Adam and Megan Hedge. Adam will be leaving the pastorate at Memorial Baptist Church and will be serving as a full-time chaplain. Pray for Memorial Baptist as they begin their search for a new pastor. Brad and former pastor, Steve Baker, will be leading a commissioning service for Adam on Sunday, November 1st which will be Adam's last Sunday at Memorial.

News from KBA:

The Executive Committee voted on August 31st to sell the KBA office in Dillsburg. The building has been placed on the market. This will require organizing and packing up the current office once a new location is found. More information to come!

Do you enjoy technology? Has God given you or someone in your church the gift of understanding and using technology? KBA is looking to develop a KBA Tech Taskforce and is looking for volunteers that feel led to serve on this new taskforce.

The first pastor's retreat is scheduled for October 27th – 29th. This retreat is full, however there will be additional retreats scheduled in the future.

Pastor Gusmane Michel from **First Haitian Church of York** along with Brad Horne will be planning a mission trip to Haiti for pastors in January 2021. More information to come.

Pastor's Christmas Dinners are coming up soon:

North Zone: Friday, November 20th, at 6pm-Bread of Life Restaurant

Southwest Zone: Monday, November 30th, at 6pm- Bonanza in Chambersburg

Southeast Zone: Friday, December 4th, at 6pm – location to be announced soon.

A Word from Brad ~

I took my wife, Jeanine, out to an area in our yard and stood under a tree where the grass was beautiful. Our yard still had a lot of bare spots, but as we were standing there, I said, "Look at how nice and think this grass is here". "Now, look at the rest of the pitiful yard, and imagine the whole yard being like this grass is here.



Imagine playing with the kids croque or throwing the frisbee with them on this type of think, lush, green grass. Imagine playing with grandkids in the future as they roll down the hill on the soft and thick grass.

She immediately went with it and she could imagine the scenario exactly like I was describing. What I did with my wife was vision casting. I was helping her to see into the future and see what the yard will hopefully be like, some day.

There are over 30 parables in the New Testament, and most are used as Jesus was vision casting. Many of the parables were to help his disciples to see what the Kingdom of God/Heaven is like.

Several years ago, the International Mission Board did an in-house survey was done of the most fruitful missionaries in one part of Asia. The results were surprising. The most important characteristic of the most fruitful workers was NOT evangelism or church planting. Instead, the number number one trait of fruitful workers was their ability to cast vision to local believers and move them onto a kingdom agenda toward CPM. In a survey of nine urban CPMs, the majority of their results, some up to 95%, came through believers they mobilized and trained, rather than from lost people they had personally won to the Lord.

Vision casting is a useful tool that can be used as a way to explain what a concept is or what it will be like in the future. We can use vision casting to motivate believers in going about doing evangelism and discipleship.

2020-2021 KBA Administrative Team

Moderator: Pastor John Buhr, Central Baptist Church
1st Vice Moderator: Pastor Tim Parker, Stewartstown Baptist
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 John Worrall, Mount Wolf Community
North Zone Leader: Pastor Don Henrikson, Thompsontown Baptist
SW Zone Leader: Dr. Kenny Craig, Chambersburg Baptist



The 2019 Keystone Baptist Annual Book of Reports and the Fall Celebration Book of Reports are available by email. If you would like an email or a printed copy, just let us know. We will be glad to email or print a copy and send it to you.

KBA Financial Update

As of September 30, 2020

Receipts through September - \$84,336.47

Expenses through September- \$67,882.99

The BRN Annual Meeting will be virtual this year. It will be held on Thursday, November 5th from 12:30 to 4:30pm. Dr. Barry Whitworth along with Jeff Christopherson will be the conference speakers/preachers. Mr. Christopherson is an author and Chief Missiologist of the North American Mission Board (NAMB). He also serves as Co-Executive Director of Send Institute, a partnership of the Billy Graham Center at Wheaton College and NAMB. Jeff is the author of the books “Kingdom Matrix” and “Kingdom First.” He writes for Christianity Today’s “Missio Mondays.”

He will lead with three messages:

Kingdom Vision and its Theological Basis

Kingdom Vision in a Pre Christian World

Kingdom Vision for a Post Pandemic World.

There will also be break out sessions. To register go to: BRNUnited.org/event

The WMU Annual State Meeting will be held virtually on December 4th, from 9:30 am - 11:00am. This meeting will update churches on missions and will provide opportunities to hear from both International and North American missionaries. This is a free conference for the women in your church. More information to come, but ask the ladies of your church to add it to their calendars!

Friendship Baptist Church, Stewartstown, is seeking a part time Associate Pastor. This person should have theological training and some experience in leading a church. He must have a calling to preach and teach. FBC enjoys blended music, both contemporary and traditional. The church is on a main road and has an excellent potential for growth. The salary is negotiable. The Associate Pastor will work with the Senior Pastor to build a ministry that effectively reaches our community for Christ. If you are interested, please contact:

Ken Cademartori, Senior Pastor, Phone 717-818-7943

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New Life at Penn State Prayer Request:



Well folks, we are still in session if you can believe it! Despite most of us assuming we would not make it more than a couple of weeks into the Semester, we are now likely to make it through November! The in-person Semester will end when students go home for Thanksgiving Break. However, classes and clubs will continue to meet online until the Semester ends.

A few weeks ago we got Chick-fil-A to cater our meeting! During a normal semester, we would usually make a home cooked meal for the students once a month during our Family Dinner large group nights. This Semester, however, there are obviously strict guidelines that limit what we can do. Occasionally, we can buy food from one of the University's "approved vendors" list, making sure everything is individually packaged. Chick-fil-A is always a fan favorite, so it's a no-brainer! We learned that the chicken nugget meals are the most popular among our student population!

Note to KBA Churches: Perhaps you would like to cater Chick-fil-a meal for this group. Contact Eric Reiber for more information. thereibers@gmail.com