November 2020



The KBA BEACON

News from our Churches:

<u>Memorial Baptist Church:</u> Held a commissioning service for Adam and Megan Hedge on Sunday, November 1st. Adam has left Memorial Baptist and is a full-time chaplain. Rev. Brad Horne and Rev. Steve Baker led in the service.









Memorial Baptist Church: Also ordained two deacons on November 1st. Mark Bort and Bill Farris were ordained on Sunday, November 1st. Rev. Steve Baker said: "These two young men are dedicated to following the Lord in their life and with their families. We thank God for their willingness to serve."



New Hope Baptist Church recognized their pastor Aaron Rhone on Sunday, October 25th for Pastor Appreciation Month.





Red Land Baptist Church participated with other churches in the New Cumberland area and provided 85 Thanksgiving Day boxes for those in need. The ladies of the church wrote 85 letters of encouragement for the boxes.





Congratulations to:



Chandler and Alyssa Robinson on the birth of their son, James Aaron Robinson. James birthdate is November 2^{nd} . He weighed 7lbs and was 20 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches long.

Chandler serves as Assistant Pastor at Stewartstown Baptist Church. Congratulations!

Prayer Focus:

Pray for our churches without pastors:

Greencastle Baptist Church Memorial Baptist Church Josiah's Way Iglesia La Fuente

<u>Pray for</u>: John and Alice Worrall as they have been diagnosed with COVID. We are thankful to report that Alice has come home from the hospital. John is pastor at Mt Wolf Community Church.

News from KBA:

The 2020/2021 Administrative Team will meet on December 1st, 2020

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.

Pastor Gusmane Michel from <u>First Haitian Church of York</u> 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:

Out of an abundance of caution over the rising COVID-19 cases KBA has decided to cancel the in-person Christmas Dinners.

KBA Financial Update

As of October 31, 2020
Receipts through September - \$103,889.76
Expenses through September - \$80,666.38

The First Pastor's Retreat was held October 27th – 29th in the Poconos. Five pastors attended with Brad. It was designed to be a time of fellowship and renewal. If your pastor did not attend this one, there will be more coming in the future.







A Word from Brad ~

What if...

What if tonight was your last night here on this earth? What would you think about, pray about, or do? What would you value? Would you feel satisfied with what you have accomplished in your life? Or would there be something else that you would want to do before heading home?



When we lay down to sleep some have prayed the prayer, "Now I lay me down to sleep I pray the Lord my soul to keep, if I should die before I wake, I pray the Lord my soul to take."

I like the concept of this prayer because it acknowledges the possibility that we might die during the night. Basically, we are not guaranteed another day in this life on earth. Now, the likelihood is perhaps fairly low for most of us on a daily basis, but the possibility remains.

If this was your last day on this earth, what would you pray about? Would you pray about a meeting coming up or a task that you would have to get done for work? Of course not. You'll be praying for all of the people that God puts on your heart your last day on this earth.

How many of you go to sleep at night thinking that you might not wake up tomorrow? What if today is your last day here on this earth? Would your values change? You wouldn't be thinking about your schedule for tomorrow or thereafter. Things that used to be valuable for you are no longer treasured because you cannot take any physical possessions with you into eternity.

What would you do on this last day? Would you go to the bank or to the store or to the post office? Probably not. You would spend your last few minutes with those closest to you.

Usually, a person's last few minutes on this earth are spent with their family, those most precious to them. If it is my last day here, I would tell those around me what is most important to me. I would especially share with all of my non-believing friends and family one last thought that is dear to my heart. I would share Christ with them.

There is only one reason that God has left us on this earth after we repented and accepted Christ as our Lord and Savior. Only one reason. That is to tell others about Jesus, so they too might follow Him. But I have often failed at my responsibility of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

There have been many times in my life that I met someone and thought I will share my testimony and the gospel with them the next time only to never see them again due to circumstances.

Even if you are younger and don't believe you are close to dying anytime soon, there is the possibility of the rapture. The Bible says that one will be taken and the other is left. There is also the possibility of the unknown happening, like an accident. Remember the tower of Siloam that collapsed and killed eighteen people?

I should have died in a car accident about 10 years ago. I believe God saved my life. Since then I count every day as a gift from the Lord, and I never assume my tomorrow is going to be spent here on earth. What if we lived every day like it's our last day on this earth? We would feel totally satisfied with our life and all that God has called us to do.

Blessings! Brad

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.

Job Openings:

<u>Friendship Baptist Church</u>, 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 14874 Winterstown Road, Stewartstown, PA 17363

Memorial Baptist Church is seeking a Director of Next Generation Ministries to be responsible for providing leadership in planning, conducting, and evaluating a Christ-centered ministry from preschool through high school. The individual will have a clear calling to work with children, youth, and their families. He/She will also have a heart for gospel-focused ministry with the goal of leading children, youth, and parents toward spiritual maturity. Full or Part-time hours will be considered. Salary negotiable depending on qualifications.

Responsibilities

- Develops and oversees policies and procedures for an effective children's and youth ministry.
- Manages and/or provides oversight of administrative needs of Children's and Youth Ministries (I.e., budget and events calendars, curriculum etc.).
- Recruit, train, and multiply volunteer team.
- Oversee/lead Sunday morning class and weekly mid-week gathering.
- Plan and oversee/lead service projects, mission trips, and NextGen outreach events.
- Participate in weekly staff meetings.
- Other duties as assigned.
- Leading candidates will possess a biblical theology that is consistent with that of MBC and the Baptist Faith and Message of 2000 (http://www.sbc.net/bfm2000/). Apply online or submit your resume to nextgenmbc2020@gmail.com. Applications will be accepted through January 2021. For further information, visit us at www.memorialbaptistpa.org or on our Facebook Page at https://www.facebook.com/MemorialBaptistPA

New Life at Penn State News and Prayer Request:





The only tradition we were able to maintain this year with new Covid regulations was our annual trip to one of the local farms and pumpkin patches in town with our international friends.

New Life at Penn State News and Prayer Request (cont):

Some of our other friends joined us this year as well while they visited State College for the weekend, which was super fun! For the previous three years, Autumn and I have texted our international friends to invite them on this quintessential American Fall experience. **This year, the younger girls texted US early in the season to inquire about going to see the pumpkins**, as they had watched the girls the years prior do this time and time again and were prepared and excited for their turn! They loved it.

~ Pray for our students who are now in the midst of midterms, and therefore slowly rotting away inside. Pray for their health and stamina to finish out the rest of the semester strongly!

~ Pray for Penn State students and faculty as Covid cases are expected to rise again around here due to the return of Penn State football and there being giant student watch parties.

Women's Ministries:

The WMU Annual State Meeting

RELENTLESS will be held virtually on December 4th, from 9:00 am - 11:00am. Sandy Wisdom-Martin Executive Director and Treasurer for National WMU will be our speaker for the session. We will also hear from others including Jeanine Horne about what it means to be Relentless for God. Join us by zoom. Need additional information?

www.pa.sjwmu@gmail.com or call Theresa Krieg 717-317-6278.



RELENTLESS

Saturday, December 5th, 2020 9 am—11 am By Zoom

Join us for a morning of prayer & celebration as we meet together to consider what it means to be "Relentless" for God.

Share in the stories of those who are serving God.

Participate in the WMU annual business session.

Enjoy the opportunity to meet others from around our states.

You may even win a gift!

In order to register or request additional information send an email to passiwmu@gmail.com.

PA/SJ WMU ANNUAL MEETING

SPEAKER: Sandy Wisdom-Martin

Executive Director of National WMU Birmingham, AL

MUSIC: RK PRAISE

Russell and Kristi Johnson, Conway, SC

MESSAGES FROM:

Jeanine Horne IMB Missionary to Russia and Ukraine

Michele Pilla Wholesome Riches, New Jersey

Autumn Miller & Kayla Smith New Life Ministry at Penn State

NOTE: The next Beacon will feature KBA's help with Samaritan's Purse boxes. If your church participated in OCH, please send us your pictures and your stories.