

September
2021

The KBA BEACON

KBA Annual Meeting: Saturday, October 16th



Join us on Saturday, October 16th at Red Land Baptist Church for a day of Business, Worship and Celebration. Beginning with registration and a light breakfast at 9:15 am. The annual meeting will begin at 10:00 am.

Russell and Kristi Brown from Conway, SC will lead in worship. As worship leaders and Christian artists, Russell and Kristi combine passion and energy in their worship music.



Prayer Evangelist, Mark Mirza, from Atlanta, GA and founder of Common Thread Ministries will be back with us this year. Mark has a passion for prayer, and we look forward to his return to our Fall Celebration.



If are planning to join us for lunch, please email us at office@keystonebaptist.net.

News from our Churches:

Thompstontown Baptist Church held their NAMB Backpack-Giveaway on Friday, August 27th in their local community park. They asked church families to donate school supplies and filled all the backpacks prior to the event.

They also provided hotdogs, face painting & salvation bracelets for the community as well. They gave out approximately 35 backpacks that evening and served 80 hotdogs! The community was extremely grateful for the backpacks and some parents had tears in their eyes when thanking those involved.

Caleb Snook shared: "Our church family also enjoyed the event! This was our first outreach event since Covid, and people enjoyed serving our community and the Lord!"



Red Land Baptist Church participated with WMU in Christmas in August. They sent 35 \$10.00 gift cards to the New Awakening church in Belview Washington to use with their children's and adult ministries.



Mt Moriah Missionary Baptist Church hosted its annual Church in the Park on August 22nd during a torrential rainstorm. They came together for worship and then lunch. The pavilion flooded but they stayed to eat and fellowship.



News from our Churches (cont.) ~

Central Baptist Church: Participated in Ox Roast, a local fair September 3rd through 6th. They made many contacts and were able to hand out many Bibles along with church information.



Central Baptist also held a Block Party on September 11th. Pastor John Buhr shared: "I feel it was a big success on many levels. It helped to promote the church in the community and let everyone know that we are back to regular meetings. It got our name out into the community through a week-long Facebook ad and by putting up posters. It also helped in that some of the local business donated prizes. It was well attended by many people from the community. We also had families that were regularly attending before COVID, and they came out to the block party. Finally, I feel it was a success because we had many people from the church step up to help out and there was a lot of fellowship before, during and after the event."



Lifeway wants to hear about your VBS: If your church held a Vacation Bible School this year, please be sure to complete this survey. Go to: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScElyBPBoIkHXXJS7peYfkhUHIgFui6k2UFJBsdm8ZiIIGWvA/viewform> for the survey form.

Prayer Focus:

Pray for:

- Pastors to be encouraged and be strong in their faith.
- Tina Theisen (Larry's Sister-in-Law) with Covid
- Paula Craig and her recovery.
- Missionaries and pastors in Haiti.
- The persecuted church.
- All children who have attended VBS this year.
- Our KBA churches as they begin a new church year.
- Adam Hedge (former pastor at Memorial) as he serves as chaplain at Fort Hood in Texas. Along with his wife Meagan and their children.

Congratulations to:

John and Jackie Healy welcomed Everly Kay Healy into their family on September 7th at 4:15 am. She weighed 8 lbs., 2oz, and was 20 ½ inches long. John is Assistant Pastor and Jackie is Director of Music at Chambersburg Baptist Church.



News from KBA:



The KBA office has a Minolta Bizhub C280 color copier and printer that it is ready to give away. It is not a wireless printer but makes excellent copies and will collate and staple. It is an older printer. We also have several toner cartridges.

If you are interested, please let Theresa know at office@keystonebaptist.net. It will be given to the first person who asks for it. FYI - A truck will be needed to move it.

Pastor's Roundtable: Will meet this Thursday, September 30th at 10:00 am. This week's discussions will include Halloween Outreach Ideas, Raising Up a Timothy, The Future of Ministry, and Fear and Faith.

Pastor's Prayer: Pastors continue to meet for prayer on Thursday mornings at 10:00 am with the exception of the last Thursday (Pastor's Roundtable). All pastors and pastoral staff are invited to join.



KBA Pastor Wives continue to meet at 7:30 pm on Monday nights for prayer by zoom. They met last Saturday at John’s Diner for breakfast and fellowship, and will meet together for a continental breakfast at the annual meeting on **October 16th at 9:15 am**. If you are a Pastor’s wife, please consider joining us. For additional information, contact the office:

office@keystonebaptist.net.



Aimee Jones, Debby Henrikson, Amanda Felton, and Theresa Krieg attended “Meet Me in The Garden”, a BRN pastor’s wives retreat held on September 17th and 18th. They stayed at the BRN volunteer house on Friday evening and then went to Hershey Gardens for a personal Bible study on Saturday.

Women’s Ministry: We also have purchased three new ladies Bible studies that you may borrow from the Association. They are: “Nothing to Prove” by Jennie Allen, “Forgiving What you Can’t Forget” by Lysa Terkeurst, and “Twelve Women of the Bible” based on teachings from”. Lysa Terkeurst, Elisa Morgan, Jeanne Stevens, Amena Brown, Naomi Zacharias, Jonalyn Fincher. Also available is Priscilla Shirer’s study: Discerning the Voice of God.

Brad is hosting a KBA trip to Israel February 10-20, 2022. This tour is for all KBA church members. It includes a nine-day tour of walking where Jesus walked. Sites include: Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Sea of Galilee (including a boat ride) Nazareth village, Capernaum (The temple where Jesus taught), Jezreel Valley (Armageddon), the Dead Sea, Qumran caves (Where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found), Masada, Israel Museum, Mt. of Transfiguration, Joppa and Jordan River. Tour brochures are available in the office or can be sent by email.



RELENTLESS

“RELENTLESS” The WMU Annual Meeting will be held on November 13th, 2021, at Country and Town Baptist Church from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm. Sandy Wisdom-Martin Executive Director of



WMU and Gail Hallman from Grand Canyon University will be the speakers. All church members are invited to come to learn more about missions.

There is a \$10.00 registration fee and lunch will be served. For additional information, email

pa.sjwmu@gmail.com.



A Word from Brad ~

A Call to Courage

I'm so excited that we will gather together on October 16th at our KBA Fall Celebration. It will be a celebration of this last year. God has led us through the pandemic and has taught us to trust and rely on Him. Even when all of our preconceived ideas of what church should be was thrown out the window, He led us into new and unfamiliar territory. God is Good!



At our KBA Fall Celebration we will be introducing new pastors who have recently moved to the area as well hearing testimonies from several of our KBA pastors. We will have special music from a professional musical couple from South Carolina, and Mark Mirza is returning this year to lead us in prayer. We will have a time of discussion and seeking where God is leading us in the future.

The KBA Fall Celebration will be a great time that pastors can connect with other pastors and fellowship together. We can also come together and plan for the future. We need each other and are stronger together. We will need each other as we move forward into the future. It is likely that the church will start to face various hostilities and persecution in the coming years.

In Biblical times, the Israelites blew a shofar, a ram's horn, whose sound is said to rouse the soul. It is a battle cry, a mournful cry, or a symbolic "wake-up call. In these last days, we need to symbolically blow the shofar in getting ready for the future battles we will encounter. This is a call to courage: To Be Strong and Courageous.

Many might think the antidote for fear is courage, but it's really faith. Just as fear is contagious, faith too is contagious. As I listen to sermons and testimonies about faithful saints, I'm encouraged and emboldened to live for Christ, no matter the cost.

Join us on October 16th at Red Land Baptist Church for a day of celebration and encouragement. We will have a prayer breakfast for the pastors at 9am and a separate prayer breakfast for the pastor's wives, also at 9am. Our regular session starts at 10am and will conclude by 1pm with lunch to follow. See you soon! ~ Brad

KBA Financial Update

2021 August Receipts: - \$6,587.88

August Expenses: - \$12,156.52

2021 Year to date income: \$74,738.94

2021 Year to date expenses: \$80,230.70

Continue to pray for these churches:

Josiah's Way continues to seek a Pastor.

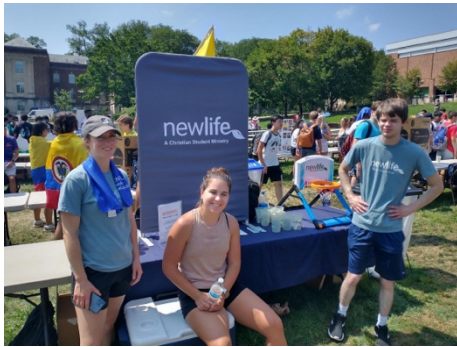
Memorial Baptist Church is seeking a Director of Next Generation Ministries to be responsible for providing leadership in planning, conducting, and evaluating a Christ-centered ministry from preschool through high school.

Mountain View Community Church is seeking a bi-vocational pastor.

Oakwood Baptist Church has an open position for an aide in their Day School. If interested in applying call Kathy Bertsch at 717-737-7308.

New Life at Penn State: Autumn Miller

The Involvement Fair took place on a crisp, 91-degree day this year. **Students seemed eager to talk, connect, and sign up for as many clubs as possible.** We met over 50 students at our New Life table and had a lot of fun meeting so many new (sweaty) faces.



This semester has definitely been extremely unique because it's the first time Penn State is running everything in person for the first time in a year and a half. I observed that students moved in excited and ready to get involved in things, because involvement was extremely restricted previously. **However, by day two of classes, the energy**

shifted dramatically; students were already feeling exhausted, over-committed, and emotionally/physically drained. For example, on our first Tuesday night New Life meeting, our student leader shared a short testimony that included the statement "It's been a hard semester for me so far...", which was shocking to hear, because the semester had just begun. But that has been the truth I've heard from most students across the board! **We hope that New Life will be a place where students can find rest and peace this year, more than ever.**

REMEMBER: To bring a box or two of breakfast bars to the Annual Meeting on October 16th. They will be used by New Life on campus with students.

UPCOMING BRN EVENT:

The annual business session and gathering of the Baptist Resource Network will be Tuesday, October 5th, at the Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Hotel. The meeting begins at 9:00 am and ends at 5:30 pm with dinner to follow. The "Accelerate Conference" will feature author, Will Mancini, as the keynote speaker. There will be breakout sessions, exhibits and more. **Go to: brnunited.org/accelerate/ to register.**

