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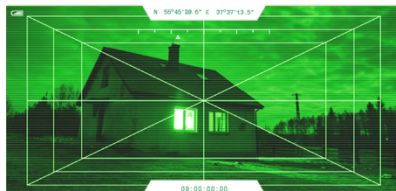


## NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

**Greencastle Baptist Church** continues to serve the homeless a meal monthly. Pastor Sheldon shares: “Years ago one of our members here began serving a meal once a month down at the Hope Center in Hagerstown, MD. In recent years the church as a whole has adopted his ministry as our own. Every first Friday of the month, those who wish to participate gather and serve a simple meal to the residents and those who are passing through. One of the deacons or another qualified man shares a Gospel message, and then we all join in to serve the homeless people a hot meal. It’s a great chance to get together with our brothers and sisters in Christ while demonstrating His love with those who are in such need.”



**Mason Dixon Baptist Church** will be hosting Johnny Hunt’s Men’s Conference Simulcast “Hunted” on February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at their church. All men are invited to attend. The cost is \$15.00 and is payable upon arrival.



The conference begins on Friday night at 5:30pm with a steak dinner and the conference will begin at 6:30pm and end at 9:30pm. Saturday morning the conference will begin at 8:00am and will conclude at 11:30am. At the conclusion of the conference a barbecue lunch will be served. For reservations and further information call the church office at 717-235-5690. Please register by Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Red Land Baptist Church** provided eight personal hygiene buckets requested by BRN and Disaster Relief to send to Kentucky. Pastor Krieg shared: “Red Land was excited to participate in the DR bucket project...We bought and filled five buckets initially and filled an additional three buckets a week later.”



Kenton Hunt PA/SJ Disaster relief shared that over 100 buckets came in from churches across Pennsylvania in less than two weeks.



**Red Land Baptist Church** is continuing its ministry with PreMedica Nursing Home in Camp Hill. One of Red Land’s members, Dawna Holbert decided she would

crochet lap blankets for patients in the Alzheimer’s unit where her dad is a patient. Beginning in June, she crocheted 26 lap blankets for the patients. Pastor Richard Krieg delivered them to the nursing home the week after Christmas.



**Oakwood Baptist Church** held an ordination service for their pastor, Joshua Bertsch, on Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.



**Memorial Baptist Church** has called Bill Farris as their Next Generation Director. Bill and Jamie have been attending Memorial for three years. Bill stated: “We're excited for this path in our lives. It is a huge leap of faith, but the Lord's hand is definitely in it. “



## PASTORS' WIVES FELLOWSHIP:

Thanks to the leadership of Brad and Jeanine, it will be a year on February 1<sup>st</sup> that Pastors' wives have met on Monday nights at 7:30 pm for prayer. He asked Theresa Krieg if she would lead in a Zoom weekly prayer meeting after hearing from pastors how their wives needed fellowship with other wives. "We have met every Monday since February 1<sup>st</sup> except for the one night I was in Tennessee and just forgot! This time with these women has changed my life. How thankful I am for this time to meet and pray." Here are some statements from other KBA wives:



"I look forward to Monday night prayer each week. These women have become trusted friends."  
~**Debby Henrikson, Thompsontown Baptist Church**

"This prayer group is a blessing that God has orchestrated that I never thought to pray for, but He knew I needed. To be able to share and connect with likeminded sisters in Christ at the start of the week equips me with the fuel and encouragement to persevere."  
~**Pam Johnson, Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church**

"I am thankful for the Monday evening prayer group. It is a place where we have mutual respect and, as ministers' wives, so many things in common. We bring the needs of others and our own tender needs before our Lord, the safest, most sure place to lay them. I am particularly thankful for zoom, as I have developed relationships with women who I ordinarily would never get to see. Thank you, Theresa, for organizing it. It is a giant blessing!"  
~**Aimee Jones, Country and Town Baptist Church**

"We listen to each other and celebrate the goodness of God. My prayer needs are important to the group even on the days I am not able to attend. The sincere prayers of these ladies cover health, personal and ministry concerns as well as giving thanks."  
~**Paula Craig, Chambersburg Baptist Church**

"I am so thankful for the Monday night zoom prayer time KBA has begun for pastor's wives! It has been a joy to hook up with others who have like burdens and just listen to their praises and supplications for the people of our church and communities. Because life is so busy, meeting to pray with the ladies has helped me personally to keep my heart from growing cold or distracted; it has helped me to refocus my attention to the sovereignty of God in every situation. This special time has been a huge blessing to me personally to be able to connect with a group of ladies who love Jesus and are committed to prayer!"  
~**Peggy Harling, Hanover Fellowship Church**

"The pastor's wife is usually so busy with raising children and working outside the home, that there is little time for fellowship with other pastors' wives. The zoom prayer times cut out the travel time of getting together in person and they never have to leave their homes. It is easy to see the strong fellowship that develops as they lift each other in prayer. Though I haven't been able to join in often, I think it is a great time, and develops a strong connection among the wives."  
~**Joan Theisen, Berks Bible Chapel**

If you are a pastor's wife, Email Theresa at [office@keystonebaptist.net](mailto:office@keystonebaptist.net) for additional information.

## PRAYER FOCUS:

### Pray for:

- KBA churches and their pastors. We currently have two churches without pastors and four additional churches that are searching for new pastors. Please pray for the Pastor Search Committees at Mount Wolf Community and New Hope Baptist as they seek a pastor.
- Three churches that are considering joining the Keystone Baptist Association
- Pray for the partnership with the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Brad will be travelling to Mississippi on January 28<sup>th</sup> to share our needs with MBC leadership.

## CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to Jacob and Kristelle Shetron and the birth of their precious daughter Annabelle Claire. Born January 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:21pm. 9lbs, 20 inches. Jake is the Minister of Youth at Country and Town Baptist Church.



**Iglesia la Fuente Baptist Church**, a bilingual Spanish church, celebrated its 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Moreta writes: "Around 2014, Brother Roy Andrews, from Country and Town Baptist Church walked in the city of Harrisburg, PA and decided to share the Gospel of Christ with just two or three small children. As he was consistently consistent in his love for Christ", Iglesia la Fuente was born. The church celebrated with a large group of believers in attendance and invited pastors David Ethridge and Daniel Harrison from Mount Vernon Baptist church of North Carolina to join them in the celebration

## NEWS FROM KBA:

**Pastor's Prayer:** Pastors continue to meet on Thursday mornings at 10:00 am for prayer. **Brad has added an additional Thursday evening prayer time at 7:30 pm.** All pastors and pastoral staff are invited to join.

**Pastor's Roundtable:** will be this Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Pastor Ben Murray will be leading the discussion.

**John Worrall** will be volunteering with KBA and the Pastoral Ministry. John, the former pastor of Mt Wolf Community Church has been in ministry for 48 years continues helping other pastors and churches through KBA. He will be available as a church interim, filling the pulpit as well as meeting with pastors and supporting ongoing KBA ministries.

### **Mission Trip to London: Dates have changed!**

KBA has had to cancel the April trip to London, but we are working with our IMB partners, Ben and Judy Armacost, to schedule another date later in the year.

## A WORD FROM BRAD ~

### **Obedience in Spite of COVID**

We continue to feel the effects of COVID in our daily lives, whether it be social distancing in public places, wiping off your basket handle at Walmart, or not being able to travel. After feeling the effects of COVID for 2 years now, how does it affect how we witness and do missions? How do we balance the call to be missional and yet maintain our social responsibility to others?

When Jesus gave the disciples the Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20), He knew that some would be prevented from going into all the world due to the persecution, but that was part of His plan to get the Gospel out to all people. I'm sure that at the time of the persecution, people felt God had abandoned them, but it was His perfect plan.

Paul's missionary method sometimes involved going on trips, but sometimes it involved staying in one place to train others. Paul did missions even when his Roman imprisonment prevented him from going anywhere due to his imprisonment. God used Paul to write the prison epistles that were very missional. The perceived delays simply opened up a different means for the spread of the Gospel. Also, I'm sure Paul prayed more for the churches, his friends, and the lost, when he was in prison.

With current social distancing, we are challenged and sometimes encouraged against our usual face-to-face discipleship and evangelism activities. Flights are cancelled. Borders are closed. So, what should we do to continue living out the Great Commission? Here are a couple of ideas:

We now have at our disposal the technological means for communication in a way that Paul couldn't dream. Our phones still work. Our computers can send emails and video. We can teach and train from where we are located. And we can find a long-distance friend with whom we can share the gospel. Snail mail with care packages are still being delivered. Social Media posting/videos can also become viral. We may never know how influential a simple Gospel message or video to a friend can be.

Missions planning for later trips. In the off-season, a farmer still works in preparing his equipment to be effective during harvest time. Though actual going may have been stalled by this coronavirus, our intentionality and planning should still move forward. Just as the Lord used the delays in the first century believers to bring them before governors and kings, He may be using this pandemic situation to redirect us to places we had not dreamed up to this point.

Even though now might be the time for us to be at home, it's not the time to stop our obedience to the Great Commission. Our attitudes shouldn't remain inwardly focused. This may be the greatest opportunity to use new media for world evangelization and to show a Great Commission heart to the rest of the world. We still have a great missional task, and we've been given all that we need to fulfill it.

## **KBA FINANCIAL UPDATE**

**2021 income: \$119,383.59**

**2021 expenses: \$133,694.62**

## **NEW LIFE AT PENN STATE: KAYLA SMITH**

Please pray for the “breakfast crew.” Every Friday morning students and New Life leadership pass out free hot chocolate and breakfast bars to students. It is not only a way for them to serve, but also a way to connect with students. Kayla asks that we pray that God will help them make meaningful connections.

Also, Kayla asks that we pray that their students would feel that New Life is a place of peace and rest where they can come and feel safe to be themselves as they all grow in their walks with the Lord.

## **CHURCHES: IT COSTS \$45.00 A WEEK FOR BREAKFAST AT PENN STATE.**

Would your church consider helping New Life at Penn State by donating \$45.00 or by sending hot chocolate and breakfast bars? Contact Kayla Smith at [Kaylamsmith7@gmail.com](mailto:Kaylamsmith7@gmail.com).

**ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILE** (ACP): It’s that time of the year again to send in the Annual Church Profile for your church.

This profile collects data that is used by the SBC Executive Committee to measure the growth and the health of SBC churches. If you need a copy of your ACP, contact the office and we will send one to you. Deadline is February 15<sup>th</sup>.

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to reach the world with the gospel  
of Jesus Christ. “**