

MAY
2022



NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

Covenant Community and Iglesia la Fuente met jointly on March 27th for service. Several were baptized using Covenant's baptistry.



Heaven Bound Church moved to a new location on May 1st, formerly a Jehovah's Witness building. Pastor Casey Hostler states, "This is a former Jehovah Witness building that has shut down and we are reclaiming it for Jesus Christ." Their new address will be 25 North Ridge Road, Mifflintown.



Noble City Church joined with Iglesia Cristiana and St. Paul's EC to celebrate Easter. Pastor Ben writes: "Pastor Kelly (pictured with Pastor Ben) of Iglesia Cristiana and St. Paul's E.C. is a faithful servant of Christ and collaborator in the gospel. We enjoy partnering together and sharing the use of the building on the west end of York City. "



Chambersburg Baptist Church on May 6th dozens of members provided The Family Care Center 22 Mother's Day meals and desserts to be shared with foster mothers. They plan to continue this ministry to foster parents.



Red Land Baptist Church opened their church for 12 hours of prayer for National Day of Prayer. They asked those who attended to pray through Acts 1:8: Jerusalem (community and family), Judea (Pennsylvania) Samaria (America) and the World.



Thompstontown Baptist April 29-30, nine members of Thompstontown Baptist Church had the pleasure of serving as part of Send Relief's Serve Baltimore. They were able to help the Church of the Harbor - Edgemere church plant install new security doors, do some exterior painting, and clean out trash from the old church building they recently moved into.



Covenant Community will be helping with May Fair at Scott Elementary School on Friday, May 20th from 9:00am to 2:00pm. They will be serving popcorn and snow cones along with providing games for the children. Volunteers are needed to help. Call Pastor Robert Conrad at 717-514-9634 for additional information.

PRAYER FOCUS:

Pray for:

- Those that the Ukrainian mission team met with while in Poland. Pray for those who made decisions and those who are seeking God.
- Brad and Jeanine's Ukrainian friend Zhenya who was recently wounded in battle and is in the hospital in Ukraine. For his wife and children as they work on getting VISAs to come to the United States.
- All troops that are deployed in the area and those fighting in Ukraine.
- Our partnership with the Mississippi Baptist Convention.
- 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, New Hope Baptist, and Fellowship Baptist Church in Fairfield as they seek a pastor.
- Three churches that are considering joining the Keystone Baptist Association.
- Adam Hedge (former pastor at Memorial) as he serves as chaplain at Fort Hood in Texas along with his wife Meagan and their children.

NEWS FROM KBA:

The Mississippi Convention sent a vision team of 8 to PA last week to meet with pastors and discuss our partnership. 17 of our pastors met with the team over four meetings.



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.

Pastors' Wives continue to meet by zoom for prayer on Mondays at 7:30pm or Thursdays at 2:00pm.

Pastor's Roundtable: will be Thursday, May 26th at 10:00 am. Mark Burkhart with ACS Technologies will be the guest speaker discussing MissionInsite Data Analytics. This is a program to help you with demographics about the people in your community.

Mission Trip to London: Dates have changed!

KBA has scheduled the IMB mission trip for pastors with missionaries Ben and Judy Armacost to London. Dates are June 18th -26th, 2022. There are 4 spots remaining. If interested, please let Brad know by May 20th. The cost is \$1,300. For additional information, check out this web site: <https://imb.gomethod.app/#!/#/24829/keystone-association-trip>

The KBA WEBSITE: Be sure to check the KBA website for updated information, videos, and future events. www.keystonebaptist.net.

Pastor and Wife Barbecue: Brad and Jeanine are inviting pastors and their wives to their home for a Barbecue on May 28th from 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Please RSVP by May 23rd.



CONGRATULATIONS:



Don Henrikson, pastor of Thompsonstown Baptist Church received a Ph.D. in Biblical Studies (Theology) from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary on May 6th, 2022, in Kansas City, MO.



Rev. Jim Crowder will be celebrating his 80th Birthday on May 28th. If you would like to send him a card his address is: 530R Fulton Street, Hanover, PA 17331

KBA FINANCIAL UPDATE
April 2022 Receipts: \$11,262.10
April 2022 Expenses: \$11,880.58



Pastor Casey Hostler from Heaven Bound church has approximately 200 chairs available for your church free of charge. All you will need to do is pick them up. He also has available a sound system with a 50 ft snake, speakers and microphones if needed. Interested: call Pastor Hostler at 717-994-3282.

A WORD FROM BRAD ~

Refugees Galore in the Bible as well as Today

Have you ever been a refugee? Probably not. For a moment, think about what your life would be like if you lost your house, your job, all of your possessions, and possibly loved ones in a matter of days. When I was in Poland last week on a mission trip, I heard story after story from Ukrainian refugees that had lost everything. In some ways, we have no idea what they have been through and what they are still going through.



We can't relate to refugees, yet so many people in the Bible that we read, study, and memorize actually were also in some state of exile. Here is a non-exhaustive list of Biblical characters who were on the move. Adam and Eve were kicked out of the garden, Cain became a restless wanderer on the earth, Noah left all he knew in this world, the builders of Babel were scattered over all the earth, Abraham was told to leave his country, Lot fled Sodom, Jacob fled Canaan, Joseph was sold as a slave in a different country, Moses fled to Midian, the whole nation of the Israelites moved from Egypt to the wilderness and then to the Promised Land, Naomi went to Moab with her husband, the Israelites were exiled to Babylon, and Joseph, Mary, and Jesus fled during the night to Egypt. Even God can metaphorically be described as a stranger with regard to Israel in Jeremiah 14:8.

So many people in the Bible knew very well about being exiled and being refugees, yet we can't relate to their situations. I believe that we need to have more compassion on those who are displaced and only then we will be able to relate a little bit better to many of those in the Bible, who lived in different lands than where they were born. According to Deuteronomy 10:18, God "loves the strangers."

I believe that those who have been displaced, driven from their homelands, and have lost their possessions, are more dependent on God and trust Him for all their needs more than us, who are comfortable in the predictable lives that we have.

Ukrainian refugees are coming to the states and it's our privilege to love them and help them. KBA will be helping these modern-day exiles in the months to come, and hopefully, in the process we might understand the Bible better and be able to relate to their stories. Deuteronomy 10:18-19 says, "For the Lord your God...loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt."

Brad has posted 7 videos about the mission trip to Poland on the KBA website. Please check these videos at: www.keystonebaptist.net.



Brad Horne led a team of 10 to Poland in April to minister to the Ukrainian refugees. Brad shared the Gospel with Sasha, pictured here, in the train station at the Border of Poland and Ukraine. Sasha was the only one that prayed to receive Christ during our mission trip. Brad states “I pray that God has great plans for this young man as he was headed back to Ukraine.” In this picture, Brad was going through the Roman Road with Sasha as he had already given him a New Testament in Ukrainian that Sasha is holding in his hand. KBA is on mission both here and around the world.

“Thank you to KBA churches for praying for me and our team while in the Ukraine. It was wonderful to know that you all were praying for us!”

Blessings,
Brad

NEW LIFE AT PENN STATE: ERIC REIBER

Eric asked for your help by filling out a brief and quick survey to help gather trends on what high school students are looking to do after graduation. Please take a few minutes and fill out this survey by going to this link: <http://www.brnunited.org/collegesurvey22>. Any questions or comments? Feel free to contact Eric: Ericreiber.newlife@gmail.com

WMU: SAVE THE DATE! The annual state WMU meeting will be Saturday, November 5th, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm at Red Land Baptist Church. The theme for this meeting will be HOPE.” More information to come but be sure to save the date on your calendar.

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Disaster Relief is collecting back packs for Ukrainian refugee children filled with school supplies, personal hygiene products and toys. Disaster Relief will provide the book bags and are asking churches to collect the contents. They are also collecting “Tubs of Love” plastic bins filled with bath towels, soaps, and other toiletries to aid refugee families as they seek a new place to live. Go to: brnunited.org for additional information and complete listings. All items will need to be delivered to East Shore Baptist Church, 6721 Jonestown Road in Harrisburg by May 31st. Gary Mills at East Shore is heading up the deliveries. His phone number is: 717-439-0688.

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to reach the world with the gospel
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