

November
2022



KBA Fall Celebration October 15th, 2022



The Keystone Baptist Association met on Saturday, October 15th, 2022, at Country and Town Baptist Church for a celebration of 60 years of Kingdom Impact. 18 KBA churches had representation there with 41 messengers, 18 visitors, and 3 staff for a total of 62 in attendance.

Russell and Kristi Johnson provided the music for the celebration. Dr. Don Henrikson led in the business meeting. Rev. Richard Krieg and Rev. Larry Theisen shared a glimpse of KBA history.



Rev. Brad Horne presented his report inspiring pastors and churches to continue moving forward in evangelism, prayer, and fulfilling the Great Commission. Discussing adding additional churches to the association and sharing about a possible new church plant. Pointing out the numerous ministries that KBA is involved in. Outlining the programs that

KBA offer and the opportunities to partner and work together. Reminding that we are better together.

Brad shared his passion on discipleship and encouraging others to find someone to disciple. Saying "We have one Lord and one mission. Success is hearing 'Well done thy good and faithful servant'." Closing with this challenge: "The greatest legacy that we at KBA can have for future generations is that at the 60th anniversary we decided to really make disciples and that made a huge difference."



Rev. Steve Sheldon shared update from BRN and Rev. Kenton Hunt spoke about the impact KBA has had in his life prior to giving a Disaster Relief report.

The KBA Administrative Team was recognized and prayed for as they begin their new terms in office. And, as a gift of appreciation each pastor who was present received a page from a 1613 King James Bible published by Robert Barker in London.



Dr. Don Henrikson, KBA's moderator, reminded those in attendance that we have been given a legacy, and asked the question, "What are we going to do with it?" Speaking from 2 Timothy, Dr. Henrikson shared the gospel legacy of Paul and Timothy. Stating that we carry on the KBA legacy because the gospel is worth the suffering and as we do it together, we can get the gospel to more places than what we can do separately. Secondly, it is better to suffer together than alone. Summing up his thoughts by sharing the importance of KBA's 60-year legacy of advancing the kingdom, by churches working together to call people to faith in Jesus Christ. Braving the dangers that come when calling people to Jesus Christ. Being faithful in raising up and training new people to go take the gospel. Celebrating together as we have gone through the ups and downs, and in that cooperation seeing the kingdom of Christ advance where we live.

Pastor Don Henrikson closes with the thought that when we return for our 70th anniversary, "we would have even more reason celebrate that we were faithful in proclaiming the gospel and suffering for the name of Jesus together."

Two testimonies were given, one by Rev. Ed Roman and the other by Mr. Eric Broadway sharing their hearts about their work in their churches.

After introduction of new Pastors and Staff there was an auction. Dr. Kenny Craig led in the auction. \$358.00 was raised for Henry Dolan fund designated to help church plants.



Rev. Tim Parker closed the meeting with prayer and lunch was provided in Country and Town's Fellowship Hall.



News from our Churches:

New Hope Baptist Church, Middleburg welcomed their new pastor, Rev. Mike Miller, with a commissioning service on October 16, 2022. Rev. John Worrall, former interim pastor, led in this service. Brad Horne also participated in the service. We welcome Mike and Sherrill to New Hope Baptist Church and the Keystone Baptist Association.



Chambersburg Baptist Church successfully started Home Fellowship Groups to learn about being "On Mission" and look forward to starting additional groups.

They are excited about their Harvest Party with Trunk or Treat, Chili Cookoff, Baking Contest, Games inside and outside, a Fire Truck and lots of candy for all ages on Fri, October 28th.

Pastor Kenny states "We have been blessed to host both Good News Club and Bible Adventure clubs for our local schools."



Carlisle Baptist Church held a Missions Conference on October 2nd after their morning worship. They highlighted the seven ministries the church is involved in: Community Cares (homeless shelter), WMU, Keystone Baptist Association, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Liberian and Friends Humanitarian Organization (funding school fees for African children), Hamilton Elementary school, and Christian Services Counseling.



Red Land Baptist Church, New Cumberland hosted a team of 18 from Mississippi for a week in September. They spent their days repairing the church, working at Grace House, and hosting a senior adult luncheon at Chambersburg Baptist Church. Pastor Richard Krieg said "This group was so willing to minister to the needs of our church. We are so thankful they came and that we now have a special relationship to this church."



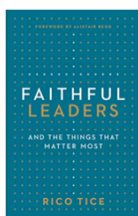
Thompstontown Baptist Church Youth sponsored a very successful Taco and Cookie Night fundraiser at the church on October 22nd. A donation for their Fall Momentum Retreat at Camp JoyEl was requested.



Central Baptist Church, Mont Alto will also be hosting a trunk or treat on October 27th. Pastor John Buhr also reported that they had 49 children for their Good News Club on Thursday October 20th.

News from KBA:

Mississippi Baptist Convention sponsored a Pastor and Wives retreat September 24th and 25th. The retreat began on Friday night at Red Land Baptist and then moved to the Hilton Garden Inn in Harrisburg for Saturday's gathering. The theme of the retreat was "Refuel for Ministry" and was led by the Mississippi team of thirteen. Sixteen KBA pastors and fourteen wives participated in the retreat.



Pastor's Book Study began on October 11th. KBA pastors are still invited to join by zoom in the book study: Faithful Leaders by Rico Tico. It will be led by KBA moderator and pastor, Dr. Don Henrikson. The dates for this study will be October 25th, November 8th, 22nd and December 6th at 7:00 pm.

Pastor's Prayer: Pastors continue to meet on Thursday mornings at 10:00 am and Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm for prayer. All pastors are invited to join for prayer.

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

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

Christmas Dinners: North Zone: November 18th, at 6:30 pm. TBD

Southwest Zone: November 28th, at 6:00 pm. Bonanza Steakhouse in Chambersburg (\$15.00 a couple).

Southeast Zone: December 2nd, at 6:00 pm. TBD

Congratulations:

Congratulations to Nate and Marianne Street on the birth of their son, Judah. Born on Wednesday, October 19th at 6:32pm. Judah weighed 9 lbs., 21 oz., and was 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches long. Nate is the minister of youth at First Baptist Church of Hanover.



Prayer focus:

Pray for:

- The Horne family. Brad's stepmother Bobbie passed away October 16th. Please pray for Brad, Dad, brothers, and sisters and their families.
- Pray for the Administrative Team as they meet November 14th to consider a partnership with South Central Baptist Association.
- Brad and Jeanine's Ukrainian friend Zhenya who is trying to come to Canada to join his wife and children. Pray for those in command who will need to release him from his current position in the Ukrainian army.
- Karen Gerstmyer and her health.
- The continued partnership with the Mississippi Baptist Convention and that it will be fruitful.
- KBA churches and their pastors. We currently have one church without a pastor and four additional churches that are in the process of searching for new pastors. Please pray for wisdom, discernment, and God's will for the Pastor Search Committees at Mount Wolf Community, Fellowship Baptist Church in Fairfield, Friendship Baptist in Stewartstown, Mountain View Community Church in Richfield, and Living Faith Evangelical in Littlestown as they seek a pastor.

KBA Financial Update:

January – September Receipts: \$91,266.67

January – September Disbursements: \$100,021.28

New Life at Penn State:

Thank you to all who brought pop tarts and hot chocolate to the annual meeting. If you would like to support this ministry, go to their website: <https://www.newlifepsu.com/partner-opportunities>.



New Life PSU and New Life Lock Haven campus ministries got together at Bald Eagle State Park to have a half-day retreat! They started the day off with a solitary quiet time of prayer and bible reading while enjoying the pleasant landscape. Then, they had a blast playing volleyball and eating Creamery ice cream that they happen to sell at the convenience store!



Pray for:

- ~ students and their spiritual walk.
- ~ God to send students to the New Life provided ministries.
- ~ Eric, Autumn, and Kayla as they minister to the students.

WMU: The Annual WMU Meeting for PA/SJ will be held on Saturday, November 5th, 2022.



It will be held at Red Land Baptist Church in New Cumberland from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

To register: pa.sjwmu@gmail.com. Send us your name and the church you attend.

The cost will be \$10.00 per person, and lunch will be served.



Kristi Brown has written a new devotional book: "He Sings Over Me."

If you would like a copy, we have some available. The cost is \$12.00. Just let the office know.

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To reach the world with the gospel
of Jesus Christ."