



## News From Our Churches:

**Memorial Baptist Church:** (Gettysburg) baptized 10 on January 8<sup>th</sup> during the morning service. Pastor Jeff Sours baptized his daughter Ellie and commented “Absolute joy to baptize Ellie today!”.



**Red Land Baptist Church:** (New Cumberland) hosted Cub Scout Pack 270 for Scout Sunday on February 5<sup>th</sup>. This has become an annual event and provides the opportunity to have scouts and their parents join for a Sunday morning worship service and share with the church past activities and events. Pack 270 meets at the church weekly.



**Country and Town Baptist Church:** (Mechanicsburg) hosted “Lottie and Lattes” in between services on February 5<sup>th</sup>. The church provided Lottie cookies using missionary to China Lottie Moon’s recipe along with lattes, coffee, and hot chocolate. Lottie served in China from 1873-1912.

**Country and Town** also provided breakfast on February 8<sup>th</sup> to help local pastors and youth leaders learn more about the Creation Festival. Jake Shetron, youth pastor, shares “We had a successful Harrisburg Area



Youth Pastor/Leader Breakfast!

We had leaders representing 10 different churches and 3 Christian Ministry organizations represented. Had a great time of fellowship, networking, discussion on challenges youth face today, prayer, and hearing what is happening at Creation for 2023!” Please contact Jake if you are interested in learning more about the Creation Festival.

## News from our Churches (cont.)

**Carlisle Baptist Church:** Hosted its first “Family Fun! Game Night” on February 4<sup>th</sup>. They celebrated the birthdays of those who had a birthday in January and February. Lots of fun for everyone who attended. They will continue meeting on the first Saturday of every month for this time of fellowship and fun.



**Noble City Church** (York) is partnering with unfoldingWord ([www.unfoldingword.org](http://www.unfoldingword.org)) to do church-centric bible translation worldwide. Pastor Ben Murray writes “unfoldingWord is based in Orlando, FL, and works with local churches in difficult areas to provide training so churches can translate and publish open bibles for use in the mission. Noble City is working with unfoldingWord to provide training for their team and network partners. Matt Lynskey (pictured far right), one of the pastors at Noble City, works with unfoldingWord on the theological formation team. Ian Lindsley (center) and Morgan Davis (far left) are on Matt's team. Ian (Neighborhood Church) and Morgan (Northwest Baptist Church) are from Reisterstown, MD. Northwest Baptist was the sending church for Noble City, and we are delighted to keep the connection. Ed Foster (second on the right) attended the training, is an elder at Noble City, and was a great encouragement. The training is called CCBT Intensive (Church-Centric Bible Translation). It's a four-day training that boasts a heavy reading load and covers a broad set of ideas related to church planting, networking, movemental ecclesiology, theological formation, and why open licensed bibles are needed to equip the church. unfoldingWord is an exciting ministry, and I recommend you check the out for yourselves.”



## Pray for:

- Karen Gerstmyer and her health.
- Good News Bible Clubs and Bible Adventure Clubs. Children ministry programs that are being led by KBA churches.
- The continued partnership with the Mississippi Baptist Convention and that it will be fruitful.
- Our missionaries in Turkey and Syria as they minister to earthquake victims and families.
- KBA churches and their pastors. Please pray for wisdom, discernment, and God’s will for the Pastor Search Committees at Mount Wolf Community, Fellowship Baptist Church in Fairfield, Mountain View Community Church in Richfield, and Living Faith Evangelical in Littlestown as they seek a pastor.

## News From KBA:

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

**Pastor's Roundtable:** is scheduled for Thursday, February 23rd at 10:00 am.

**KBA Israel Tour:** Brochures for the Israel trip were sent to each KBA church. The trip is scheduled for February 8-17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and is open for any member of a KBA Church. For additional details or if you are interested, email Brad.

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



meeting was February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 and look forward to our continuing their time together in 2023.

The wives also gathered on January 21<sup>st</sup> for a time of fellowship at Central Baptist Church. This is a time for Pastors' wives to meet and be together. We will meet again at Thompsontown Baptist on March 25<sup>th</sup>. More information to come. Save the date!

**Mission Trip to London:** After a hugely successful 1<sup>st</sup> mission trip to London in 2022, KBA is sponsoring our 2nd annual mission trip to London, England, April 14-21, 2023, working with our IMB partners, Ben and Judy Armacost. We are calling this the "London Lab", as we are hitting the streets to share the good news after some intentional training in how to do so. Brad Horne will lead the team that includes Gary and Debbie Buchman (1<sup>st</sup> Hanover), Rob and Sarah Sheldon (Greencastle Baptist), and Greg and Josh Keefer (Carlisle Baptist). Please begin praying for this team as they prepare to travel in April.

**The KBA Website:** Be sure to check the KBA website for updated information, videos, and future events. [www.keystonebaptist.net](http://www.keystonebaptist.net).

**Mississippi Mission Teams:** We have churches in Mississippi who are ready to plan a summer mission trip to PA. If you are interested in a team coming to your church and helping this summer, please let Brad know. There are construction teams, VBS teams, and church outreach teams ready to come.

### KBA Financial Update

**2023 January Income: \$19,964.98**

**2023 January Expenses: \$13,713.60**

## A Word from Brad ~ Being a Witness

When I was 9 years old, I was a mean-spirited bully in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, but I didn't understand at that time that God would someday use my story of how I went from persecutor to preacher. God wants us to be a witness, to share our testimonies, so unbelievers can hear how God has changed our lives and that He can change their lives also.

In the New Testament, the word "witness" is used 181 times. More than one-third of these are found in the works of John—49 in the Gospel of John and his Epistles, as well as 17 times in Revelation.

Jesus gave us the example of what kind of witness that we need to be. In Revelation 1:5, Jesus is called "the faithful witness." Two chapters later, He is called "'the faithful and true witness'" (3:14). These statements beg the question, what kind of witnesses are we today? Faithful and true?

We need to be faithful and true witnesses and train ourselves to turn everyday conversations into the sharing of our testimonies. Every Christian has a personal testimony of how they became a Christ follower. There are 5 pillars (parts) that we need to remember in sharing our testimonies.

The first pillar is the transition. You need a well-planned and well-practiced transitional statement from an ordinary conversation to an extraordinary conversation. An example of a transitional statement can be something like this: "Have you ever read the most famous book ever written? It's changed my life." Then go on to share the next few pillars.

The next three pillars are three, short, oral statements about your life before Christ, how you came to Christ, and your life since you became a Christ follower. Your personal testimony should be short. I usually tell people my testimony, these three pillars, in less than 3 minutes. Practice, practice, practice your testimony. Don't forget the question at the end of your testimony, which is the last pillar.

The final pillar is the giving of the invitation. It's not just enough to share the information of your transformation, but you have to issue the invitation. "God has changed my life; would you like for Him to change your life?" Or, you can say, "God has forgiven me of all of my sins. Would you like Him to forgive your sins too?" This way, if you don't get to a gospel presentation, you still have a short invitation. Pastor Ed Roman says it like this, "Do you have a story like mine?"

Let's all be intentional and faithful witnesses for our Lord and Savior!

Blessings, **Brad**



## In Memoriam:

**Jackie Quoss** wife of Pastor Jim Quoss went home to be with Jesus on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Jim and Jackie were married for 37 years and had one son, Jesse. A celebration of Life will be held at Freedom Biker Church where Jim is pastor on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Freedom Biker Church or churches may purchase Bibles from Gideon International to be distributed. ([www.gideons.org](http://www.gideons.org))

**Ruth Woods**, member of Country and Town, passed away on January 15<sup>th</sup>. A memorial service will be held March 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm and Country and Town. Ruth was the wife of Dolan Henry who served as Director of Missions for the KBA beginning in 1965. Upon his death, Ruth and family set up the Dolan E. Henry Missions Fund that helps support new KBA work. Numerous churches have received help from this fund. She is survived by her children; Elizabeth Henry, Bonnie Dixon (John) and Bruce Henry. It was the desire of the Henry children to request that memorial contributions for Mrs. Woods be sent to the Dolan E. Henry Missions Fund. As KBA looks to a new church plant, we are thankful to have the Dolan Henry Mission Fund.

**Elaine Skidmore**, member of Central Baptist Church and wife to Rev. Ronald Skidmore passed away on December 29, 2022. Rev. Skidmore served as pastor of Central Baptist Church from 1995-2010 and passed away in December of 2011. Mrs. Skidmore shared the contents of her husband's library with KBA and donated over 50 Bibles for the association to use and share. She is survived by two sons, Justin Skidmore (Cassie) and Ashley Skidmore along with six grandchildren. Services were held on January 5, 2023.

## Ministry Opportunity:

Rev. John Worrall is available for pulpit supply or interim work. Recently John and Alice completed their 10-month interim at New Hope Baptist Church which concluded with the blessing of New Hope finding their new pastor. John's Contact information: Cell: 814-460-7576 and Email: PastureJ@gmail.com.

## New Life at Penn State:



### Meet Austin Burton a new intern at New Life.

Austin is 24 years old. He was born into a Christian home but came to know and love the gospel at 19. He has been active in New Life while attending Penn State. Austin is also a huge DC and Marvel Comic fan.

To support Austin, send checks to:

Friendship Baptist Church

14874 Winterstown Road

Stewartstown, PA 17363 with a notation "BRNext Intern: Burton on the memo line.

**BRN:** The Baptist Resource Network will host its second annual Advance Evangelism Conference on Monday, March 20, 2023, at Calvary Church in State College, Pennsylvania. This year's keynote speakers include Nathan Lorick, Executive Director for the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, and J.J. Washington, Personal Evangelism Director, North American Mission Board.



Woven Women will have a special luncheon and teaching session. See details at [advancepasj.com](http://advancepasj.com).

**WMU:** The WMU of PA/SJ (Women's Missionary Union) asks that your church

**save the date**

of November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, for the WMU Annual Meeting. 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.  
More information to come!



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**“Equipping and Connecting Churches**  
**to reach the world with the gospel**  
**of Jesus Christ. “**