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2023



News From KBA:

Diapers for the Triplets: Several KBA churches recently donated diapers and wipes to Jordan and Chantel Alturas. Jordan is the pastor at Fellowship Church in State College. A total of 4,682 diapers and 2,500 wipes were delivered to triplets Alejandro, Marcos, and Giovanni. Chantel wrote: "Oh my!!! Thank you all for the diapers, wipes, and gift cards. What a blessing. May God continue to bless all your giving hearts."



Pastor's Retreat: The Baptist Resource Network along with KBA hosted a pastor's retreat in May. Six pastors, Brad Horne, BRN's David Ludwig and Steve Sheldon (aka Chef) attended the two-day event held at Raystown Lake. Richard Krieg, pastor at Red Land shared "It was a very restful experience and an opportunity to get to know my fellow pastors much better."



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.

Pastors' Wives continue to meet by zoom for prayer on Mondays at 10:30 am and 7:30 pm.

Pastor's Roundtable is scheduled for Thursday, June 29th, at 10:00 am. The topic for this meeting will be "Mentoring vs. Discipleship."

Pastor's Barbecue: Pastors and their wives attended a time for food and fellowship hosted by Brad and Jeanine at their home on Saturday, May 27th.



KBA Israel Tour: The trip is scheduled for February 8-17th, 2024 and is open for any member of a KBA Church. **Deposits for this trip are due on July 1st.** Contact the office if you need additional information.

News From our Churches:

Josiah's Way (Lewistown) participated in the Mifflin County Veterans Picnic on May 26th. Pastor Caleb Snook relayed "We handed out over 50 Bibles and some devotional books. We were also able to pray with a few people."



Country and Town (Mechanicsburg) honored their four graduating seniors on May 20th, with a celebratory dinner along with their families. Pastor Jacob Shetron charged the graduates to prioritize their faith above all by always putting their commitment to God in all they do.



Country and Town will also host KPAC, July 30th – August 4th. KPAC stands for Kid's Performing Arts Camp and is held annually at the church. Pastor Phil Cockrell shares "This high-energy, kid oriented performing arts day camp fills up annually and this year is already half full. The camp features music, acting, stage movement and dance combined with hands-on instruction and Bible Study. Helping participants learn Biblical principles for making solid life choices while enjoying a great and challenging week." Designed for 2nd - 8th graders, here is the link for additional information:

<https://www.ctbc.org/kpac>.

Carlisle Baptist Church welcomed the youth choir of over thirty from Thomasville Baptist Church, Thomasville, Alabama on Sunday, June 11th. They led the church in worship during the 11:00 morning service. Afterwards they joined the rest of the church in enjoying a cookout.

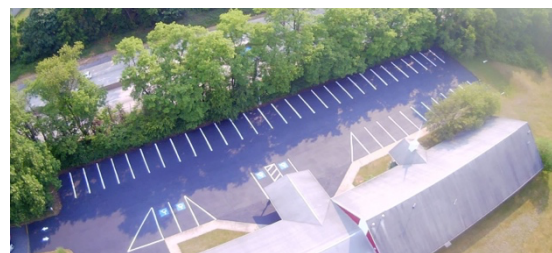


Covenant Community Church (Harrisburg) with the help of Red Land (New Cumberland) joined together to help with “May Fair” at Scott Elementary School on May 26th. Country and Town loaned their party trailer to the event while Robert Conrad, Richard Krieg and others from the two churches set up games, served popcorn and cotton candy.



Mason Dixon (New Freedom) will host a Boys' Sports Camp June 19th through the 23rd. Designed for boys entering 3rd - 7th grades there are two sessions: 9:00 am -12:00 pm and 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Each day will feature different field games and a team sport. There will be a snack and Bible lesson as well as small group discussions. Each boy will receive a Bible and there will be a battle between the sessions on Friday, June 23rd starting at 5:00 pm. For information: www.mdbconline.com.

Red Land Baptist (New Cumberland) was blessed by a local businessman in providing maintenance to their parking lot. Owner of a local sealing business, Ray Keller, shared with Pastor Richard Krieg that God had blessed him, and he wanted to share his blessing with Red Land by sealing and striping their parking lot.



KBA Financial Update

2023 May Income: \$8,098.23

2023 May Expenses: \$11,887.72

A Word from Brad: Evangelism: Hunting or Fishing?

Some like to hunt and some like to fish, but in evangelism, fishing is the preferred method. Jesus called the disciples to fish, but never told us to hunt for people. What's the difference?

Hunting is based on confrontation, a "Go out there and shoot them" mentality. You take your best shot and it's all over. In hunting, a hunter scares off the animal if he misses. The animal has no choice, and the hunter must take a skilled shot to "make the kill."

Fishing, on the other hand, is based on attraction and you "entice them to nibble on your bait." You are able to try all kinds of lures and you get more than one chance. The fish gets a choice in fishing and there is no practice or training necessary, as anyone can put bait into the water.

So, when you begin to pray for your next disciple, think about going fishing instead of hunting. After all, Jesus said, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people."

Here are a few keys to spiritual fishing.

First, we need to identify our pond. Your pond to fish is where you are located. Start where you are and share with those closest to you. The Bible calls this your sphere of influence. It's usually those who you already know, but it's people that are around you. Mark 5:19 says, "Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you and how he has had mercy on you."

Second, you need to think like the fish in your pond. For example, fishermen say that you never fish with the sun at your back. Fish will see your shadow and won't bite. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 9:20-23, "To the Jews I became like a Jew to win the Jews. . . To those who are without the law I became like a person who is with the law. . . To those who are weak, I became weak so I could win the weak. I have become all things to all people so I could save some of them in any way possible." Understanding who you wish to disciple goes a long way.

Third, remember that fish get hungry at different times. Colossians 4:5 says, "Be wise in the way you act toward those who are not believers." This is called receptivity. This is how open people are to the Good News about Jesus. Ephesians 2:17 talks about people who are close to God, and some are far away. "He has brought this Good News of peace to you Gentiles who were very far away from him, and to us Jews who were near." For example, a person who has recently experienced some type of trauma (death in the family, lost a job, divorce, etc.) is more open to hearing about hope, love, and forgiveness. Lastly, we need to be intentional. Nothing happens unless we intentionally seek to be around those who so desperately need to hear the Good News of Jesus.

So, let's go fishing for Jesus!

~ Brad

Congratulations to all KBA high school graduates. Four of our pastor's children graduated this year:

Brandon Craig – Chambersburg Baptist Church. Parents – Dr. Kenny and Paula Craig
Micah Felton – Mason Dixon Baptist Church. Parents – Rev. Terry and Amanda Felton
Sophia Jones – Country and Town Baptist Church. Parents – Rev. Todd and Aimee Jones
Daniel Sours – Memorial Baptist Church. Parents. Parents – Rev. Jeff and Becky Sours

Also:

Pastor John Healy from Chambersburg Baptist received his B.A in Religious Studies from Southern Evangelical Seminary.

Pastor Jake Shetron from Country and Town received his M.A. in Church Revitalization from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dr. Tim Parker pastor at Stewartstown Baptist church received his Doctor of Ministry from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.



Pray for:

- Karen Gerstmyer and her health.
- Joan Theisen as she recuperates from knee surgery.
- Jordan and Chantel Alturas as they navigate parenting triplets. (Jordan says he is learning to be a multi-tasker.)
- Vacation Bible Schools and other summer activities our churches are planning.
- Don and Debby Henrikson as they attend the Southern Baptist Convention this week.
- 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.
- New Life at Penn State as they begin to prepare for the 2023-2024 school year.

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. (Yes, this is the correct email.)

WMU: Plans are underway for the WMU Annual Meeting at Red Land Baptist Church on November 4th, 2023, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Linda Cooper, president of Kentucky WMU will be returning this year as we focus on "Hope for Our World". WMU will also offer sessions for 7th – 12th grade girls on missions. Mark your calendars.....more information to come.

BRN's Woven Women Summer Seminar: Setting Healthy Boundaries.

KBA women are invited to participate in the summer seminar, Setting Healthy Boundaries. The training will be held June 24th, 9:00 am – 3:00pm at the Living Legacy Church in Hershey. The cost is \$10.00 and includes a light breakfast and lunch. The training will be working from the best-selling book: Boundaries: When to say Yes, How to Say No to Take Control of Your Life authored by Drs. Henry Cloud and John Townsend. It is suggested that participants read this book in advance of attending. The purpose of the seminar is to provide the attendees with tools regarding healthy life choices. For additional information or to register, go to:

<https://www.brnunited.org/event/woven-women-summer-seminar-setting-healthy-boundaries/>

NAMB Serve Tour: Philadelphia

Send Relief has launched an exciting new missional experience with events in cities across the United States and around the world, and you're invited. KBA churches are invited to participate in this mission experience serving in Philadelphia September 15th and 16th.

For additional information, go to:

<https://www.sendrelief.org/serve-tour/philadelphia/>.



Don and Debby Henrikson spent time volunteering for the NAMB Serve Tour: New Orleans prior to attending the Southern Baptist Convention this week. Working with the Bayou Baptist Association and helping with an encouragement meal for State Troopers. Also, working with Gibson Baptist Church painting their fellowship center that currently houses their youth ministry. Finally, working with a 6th grade teacher, Brandi, at Oakhurst Elementary on a painting project. Brandi is a member of Covenant Church in Houma.



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