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EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

In the 1930's, when something big happened in the news, newspapers would print a special edition they called "Extra." Newsboys selling copies on the street would incessantly chant, "Extra! Extra! Read all about it!" to call attention to the breaking news. Here is our KBA "Extra! Extra! Read all about it! news."

First, KBA is having its Annual Fall Celebration on October 14, called "Extravagance". All KBA church members are invited to come to Chambersburg Baptist Church from 10am until 1pm. Lunch will follow our meeting. IMB missionary Jamie Hurt will preach on the Extravagance of God, followed by a time of praise and worship. Then Brad Horne, the KBA Director of Missions, will bring a message and share about the state of the association and its future direction. Please RSVP to the KBA office by October 10 by calling 717-502-0280 or sending an email to: office@keystonebaptist.net.

Second, we have the greatest news ever written about in all of history. This news is fact and is not for sale today and then in our trashcans tomorrow. This news is eternal, containing only truth and no lies or speculation about people or events. We should be as eager as newsboys in the 1930's to tell about Jesus, and yet most don't share the good news of Jesus. Why is that? Do they really believe that Jesus is good news and that people want to hear it? God has called us to be modern day newsboys, talking to all we meet about Jesus.

Thirdly, we know how to reach our area with the gospel, the good news of Jesus. One morning a young man stood near the ocean and saw on the beach thousands of starfish that had washed ashore during a storm the night before. His heart was heavy because he knew they would all

soon die, having no protection from the sun's strong rays. In the distance, the young man saw an elderly man pick up one starfish and throw it back into the ocean. He suddenly understood that he couldn't help all the starfish, but he could help some: the ones he picked up and threw back into the ocean.

We can reach our area with the gospel by making a difference in a person's life one at a time. But we must be intentional, just as this young man was intentional. Once he knew how, he made a decision to bend down, pick up just one starfish and throw it back into the ocean. When he saw how successful it was, his next step might have been to make a plan to stop at the beach in the morning a few days a week and see if there were any opportunities to help other starfish that had gotten caught. In the same way, we have to be intentional about making a plan to talk about Jesus with that one person that God has put on our heart.

We can reach south-central PA with the gospel, but it starts with each one of us finding that one person that we can pray for, meet with, and share with them about the greatest news of all time. Isn't the good news of Jesus more important than the news that newsboys used to shout out about on the streets a hundred years ago?

Blessings!

Brad

News From Our Churches:

Carlisle Baptist Church Baptized three on Sunday, September 10th. Colleen Monroy, Morris Nash, and Jimmy were baptized in the Conodoguinet Creek. Pastor Ed Roman and Pastor Randy Graham led in the baptisms.



Central Baptist Church (Mont Alto) once again participated in the Quincy OX Roast, September 2nd – 5th providing information about the church and reaching out into the community. Every year they attend the Quincy Ox Roast located down the road from the church. It runs for 4 days and is attended by numerous people although this year's numbers were slightly down. A decrease in attendance provided more involved conversations with the people

who did stop by the tent. They promoted the Good News Club, CHAMPS(formerly AWANA), and their Youth Group as they relaunch these programs for the fall. "We are glad we have this opportunity," shared Pastor Buhr.

Chambersburg Baptist Church ordained Barry Gukes on Sunday, August 27th as a deacon of their church.



News From Our Churches (continued)

Family of God (Red Lion) invited the women of their church to come to the circus on August 20th. The ladies had a great time under the big top! They discussed how life sure can be a circus, juggling and balancing all the things thrown at us daily along with a reminder that our ringmaster holds the world in His hands!



Family of God (Red Lion) is also preparing to offer the “Purpose Driven Life” in small groups this fall. They have 153 people in fourteen small groups meeting throughout the week. It began on September 17th for the next forty days.

Mason Dixon Baptist Church (New Freedom) held two other events this summer besides VBS. In June they hosted the annual Boys' Sports Camp. 24 boys attended regularly. Led by Robbie Mays, college and youth students, the campers learned about Jesus while enjoying sports. During the week the church also provided a family meal to connect with parents and share the gospel.

From July 31st through August 4th, they hosted a dance camp for girls. 20 girls attended dance camp this year. At the end of the week, they invited families to attend a dance showcase performance where the gospel was also shared. The classes were taught by Nicole Ambuel, Josie Ambuel, adults, college, and youth. Jess Beck the Children's Ministry Director shared “One thing we worked hard for this year is touch points with the parents and family. At each of these touch points the Gospel is shared.”

Red Land Baptist (New Cumberland) participated in WMU's annual “Christmas in August” missions effort and selected North American Missionaries, Matt and Amanda Hadden, in Porcupine, South Dakota.



Red Land collected gift cards that will be used to help provide 144 weekly meals for dialysis patients who are members of the Oglala Lakota Sioux tribe. The meals provide an opportunity for those receiving them to hear the gospel.

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 will meet on September 28th at 10:00 am. The theme will be Transitions to the Gospel.



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

Mark your Calendars: The KBA Annual Fall Celebration will be Saturday, October 14th. It will begin at 10:00 am and will be held at Chambersburg Baptist Church.

Pray for:

- Rev. Steve Sheldon and his interim ministry at Fairfield Baptist Church
- The outreach events and ministries in KBA churches.
- For those who went to Serve Philadelphia last weekend and for those they were able to minister to.
- Alice Worrall as she continues to heal after surgery.
- Richard Krieg pastor of Red Land as he recovers from an infection from hip surgery.
- 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.

The Baptist Resource Network (BRN) will hold its annual business session and gathering on Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023. The Keynote Speaker will be Jeff Christopherson, Author, and Executive Director of the Canadian National Baptist Convention. Register at: <https://www.brnunited.org/acc23>



WMU: will host its annual meeting on November 4th, 2023, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Red Land Baptist Church. This year we have added a track for your youth girls, 6th through 12th grade. The cost will be \$10.00. If you want additional information, send an email to: pa.sjwmu@gmail.com.

NAMB Serve Tour: Philadelphia was held on September 15th and 16th with thirty plus ministry opportunities in the Philadelphia area. KBA was represented by four churches: Country and Town, Family of God, Red Land and Thompsonstown Baptist.



Pastor Don Henrikson shared, “On Friday, the team of twelve from Thompsonstown Baptist did landscaping and clean-up work in the neighborhood of Ezekiel Baptist Church for five people who needed help with overgrown yards. We were also able to talk with and pray with the residents. On Saturday, the team worked to help Ezekiel Baptist clear the overgrown city lot that separates the church property from a city playground. The church hopes to plant a community vegetable garden and a prayer garden there in the future.”

Brad and Jeanine Horne and their group served over 500 hamburgers to people in the community through the Tell Gate Grill.



Jeanine was stationed at the grill while Brad went door-to-door sharing the gospel and serving hamburgers in several neighborhoods.



A group from Red Land served 200 plus families at a food distribution in Camden, NJ. This ministry is part of The Keystone Fellowship Church and weekly provides food to the community.



Fanny Grote from Country and Town shared her thoughts. “A schoolyard full of students waited for the ‘OK - time to start’ and the fun began. Five inflatables, pretzels, water ice, a game truck, and the food. The block party for a school and the neighborhood had begun and for three hours hamburgers, hot dogs, and cold drinks were being consumed. I had the job of handing out napkins and pickles and sometimes iced drinks. I had chosen the Block Party for a local school from the selection at Send Relief Tour Philadelphia. It was a fun day, no rain, and the students were appreciative of the fun afternoon ‘back-to-school party’ provided by Send Relief. (No picture included. I was busy with the pickles.)”



WMU Children's Missions Day was Saturday, September 16th

Four KBA churches made cards for the Kensington, PA homeless shelter in Philadelphia.

Mason Dixon Baptist Church, Stewartstown Baptist Church, Country and Town Baptist Church and Red Land Baptist Church provided over 100 cards. (Pictures to come.)

New Life at Penn State- Eric Reiber:

This has been a busy start to the new year. In college missions our year follows the academic calendar, so we think of terms from August to August. Early in the fall our ministry hosted many events to connect with students. An advantage to the context here is there is a recruitment culture. Student organizations are always working to meet students, so as a Christian org, it is normal to have tables and events to connect to freshmen and transfer students.



Our events to start the year were free Creamery ice cream where we met 11 new students. We then hosted a dinner at the Arboretum where we met 2 new students. We then recently did a one-day retreat at Bald Eagle State Park where 3 more students joined our group for a day out. Not all of the new faces will connect with New Life, but we have opportunities for conversations, the gospel was shared in each event, and the testimony of believers in community was shown.

Another fun day occurred when Brad Horne joined me for a day on campus to encourage me as well as to get in conversations with students. One thing from that visit was a connection to the manager at a store on campus who wanted to follow up and talk more about her faith journey. We love to have visitors join us on campus to see what New Life does here at Penn State.

Another way KBA has been supporting New Life Students at Penn State is by providing hot chocolate and breakfast bars that are brought to the KBA annual meeting.

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gospel of Jesus Christ. “**