



News From Our Churches:

Chambersburg Baptist Church hosted their annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 19th. Church members brought their friends, neighbors, and families to enjoy a time of food and fellowship. Two families from the Children's Bible groups that use their facilities also attended. It was a great day of fellowship.

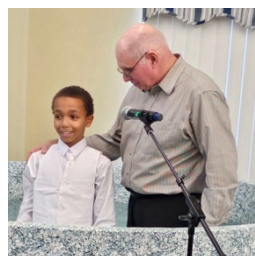


Central Baptist Church (Mont Alto) participated in the Waynesboro Christmas parade. The float included inflatables of Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus as well as two angels. Many people attended the parade this year. Pastor John related that they were able to share a "hello" and "Merry Christmas" to those on the parade route including some children from their Good News Club. They handed out over 2000 candy canes. After the parade those who participated from the church went back for pizza and snacks.



Covenant Community (Harrisburg) provided food to 273 households last month through their Grace House ministry. 273 households representing 1070 individuals.

Also, over recent weeks, Rev. Bob Conrad shared that he the joy of baptizing two new believers.



Stewartstown Baptist Church participated in the HOPE (Help for Ecology Problems and Emotional Support) Mitten Tree fulfilling 50 requests for gifts. The gifts are for children who are cancer patients or have family members who are cancer patients. A tree is decorated with mittens that hold a request. SBC attenders sign out a mitten, purchase and wrap gifts, and then return them to the church. Pat Cosden, a member of SBC organizes the event and delivers the packages.



News From Our Churches (continued)

Thompstontown Baptist Church continues to be a collection center for Operation Christmas Child boxes. During the National Collection week. Thompstontown Baptist took over 900 shoeboxes to their drop-off



location along with the

380 they collected for a total of 1282 boxes. Then on November 27th, eleven church members and friends worked a day at the Baltimore Processing Center, processing shoeboxes for Tanzania.



Operation Christmas Child

KBA churches have been involved in packing boxes for Operation Christmas Child over numerous years. Here is a list of churches and their donations.

Central Baptist Church (Mont Alto): 65 boxes
Chambersburg Baptist: 30 boxes
Country and Town Baptist: 111 boxes
Family of God: 106 boxes
First Baptist Church Hanover: 150 boxes
Greencastle Baptist Church: 160 boxes
Mason Dixon Baptist (New Freedom): 168 boxes
Stewartstown Baptist: 64 boxes
Thompstontown Baptist : 380 boxes



Greencastle Baptist Church



Chambersburg Baptist



Thompstontown Baptist



Mason Dixon Baptist Church

News from KBA:

Pastor's Prayer: Pastors continue to meet on Thursday mornings on zoom 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 7:30 pm.

The Southeast Zone will meet Friday, February 2nd for their annual dinner. Additional information and location to come.

The North Zone Christmas Party will be held on Monday, December 11th at 6:00 pm at the Downtown OIP and Grill in Lewistown. RSVP by December 8th.

The Southwest Zone met November 27th for their annual Christmas dinner. 10 pastors along with Brad and Jeanine Horne met for dinner. Dr. Kenny Craig, pastor at Chambersburg Baptist and Southwest Zone Leader shared "We had a great time of Fellowship at Bonanza for our zone pastors Christmas Party. It was great to see the laughing and the smiles amongst our pastors and their wives. We have a great community of pastors active and retired that encourage each other, challenge each other and listen to each other. Praise the Lord for what He is doing in our personal lives and the life of our churches."

Merry Christmas from Brad and Jeanine Horne

Several years ago, Jeanine and I were given an ebony nativity set from Africa that now is prominently displayed in our dining room. It reminds me of the lostness of Africa and prompts me to pray for the darkness in that continent when I see it. During this Lottie Moon season, would you pray for another country anytime you see a nativity this Christmas? Pray for the lost in that country. Pray that the missionaries that serve there would be encouraged and have many opportunities to share about the birth of God's son this blessed season.

Together we could lift up hundreds, or even thousands, of prayers for the lost this Christmas season. May you have a wonderful time celebrating the birth of Christ with your friends and families. Merry Christmas from our house to yours.



Love, Brad and Jeanine

KBA Financial Update

2023 November Income: \$8,775.07

2023 November Expenses: \$7,492.04

A Word from Brad: Wise Men Ask Wise Questions

They say that an average four-year-old child asks on average 437 questions a day. Some of us who have had a four-year-old might believe that this is an understatement!

We have recorded in the New Testament that Jesus asked 307 questions, and he was asked 187 questions. Jesus would often answer a question with a question. Questions are very important, and learning to ask the right questions can help us in sharing our faith. Let's look at the Wise Men and their wise question.

In the Christmas story in Matthew chapter 2, the Wise Men, or Magi, came to Jerusalem asking good questions. They were on a quest, searching for the promised Messiah. The Bible says in Matthew chapter 2, "Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.'"

Just as the Wise Men used good questioning to find Jesus, we can use good questions when sharing our faith.

During this festive month, I want to give you some tools to use as Christmas is one of the best times of the year to strike up spiritual conversations. Here are some good questions to help you transition from just wishing someone Merry Christmas to engaging in a spiritual conversation.

1. Do you know why we celebrate Christmas? It's a celebration of Jesus' birth.
2. Do you know that the word "Christmas" has someone's title in it? Jesus is the Christ.
3. Do you know why we give gifts for Christmas? Because the Bible says that the wise men brought gifts to Jesus after he was born. We exchange gifts in memory of Jesus' birth.
4. Do you know why some people put stars on top of the Christmas tree? The Bible says that the wise men followed a star to find Jesus. Have you found Jesus?
5. Do you know why we have as the colors of Christmas red and green? Red is the blood of Jesus Christ, and the green that is in the evergreen tree, represents eternal life as it stays this color throughout the winter.
6. Do you know most of the traditional Christmas songs are about Jesus and his birth?
 1. Silent Night
 2. Joy to the World
 3. Away in a Manger
 4. O Come, All Ye Faithful
 5. Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
7. When is your birthday? What year (e.g. 1980)? What happened one-thousand, nine-hundred and eighty years before you were born? Jesus was born. Your birth year is connected to Jesus' birth year.

So be wise and ask good questions when sharing your faith this Christmas. ~ Blessings, Brad

News from New Life – Penn State with Eric Reiber

Every November the Baptist Campus Ministries across Pennsylvania retreat together. For the past two years we went to Camp Hebron, north of Harrisburg. Over 50 students from across the state come to worship, learn, and relax. One of the activities that has really gained momentum at the retreat are the late-night basketball games that go until 1 am each night. Our students really enjoyed the weekend. Personally, one of best things to observe was the friendships that formed in our group with some key future leaders.



The group spent the weekend learning about the bold missionary life of Jesus. We went over content throughout Luke 15. The students were challenged to view their time in college as an opportunity to serve the Lord amongst their peers. One of our students also began having conversations about going overseas this summer after she graduates.

WMU: In 1873 Lottie Moon traveled to China to be a missionary. For the next 39 years as a single woman, she would serve in China. She taught in a girl's school and often made trips into China's interior to share the gospel. She was passionate about people knowing Christ. Her life was not easy, but her calling was great. She died on her way home from China.



At this time of the year Southern Baptists across the country will gather money for the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, named in honor of this woman who sacrificed everything she had for missions. 100% of this offering goes directly to the mission field.

Over 100 years ago she began writing letters challenging the American church to send and support much needed workers to go to China. She said, "I would I had a thousand lives that I might give them to ... China!" August 27, 1888, Zhenjiang, China

And her challenge to us:

"Is not the festive season when families and friends exchange gifts in memory of The Gift laid on the altar of the world for the redemption of the human race, the most appropriate time to consecrate a portion from abounding riches and scant poverty to send forth the good tidings of great joy into all the earth?" September 15, 1887, Tungchow, China.

For additional information about Lottie Moon: <https://www.imb.org/about/lottie-moon>

Pray for:

- 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.
- Pastor Michael Knott as he continues therapy on his elbow.
- Karen Gerstmyer who is in remission from cancer. Please continue to pray for her.
- Rev. Steve Sheldon and his interim ministry at Fairfield Baptist Church.
- Pastors and their families physical and spiritual needs.
- The Christmas events and ministries in KBA churches.
- Good News Clubs and Bible Adventure Clubs in the area.
- The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and missionaries serving around the world.
- Those in nursing homes or home bound who may find themselves alone this Christmas season.
- Fredericksburg Baptist Church (Fredericksburg, PA) as they seek a new pastor.

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