

February
2024



News From Our Churches:

Friendship Baptist Church (Stewartstown) shared about two of their past 2023 events. David Burton, Youth Minister, wrote "We had two major events semi-recently: Trunk or Treat,



and a Live Nativity. We



had great success for both with quite a few decisions for Christ. 70-100 attended the Live Nativity and 150-200 attended the Trunk or Treat."

Stewartstown Baptist Church baptized four new believers on February 11th.



Chambersburg Baptist Church

enjoyed a night of bowling with their church family in January. A great time of fun and memories.



Red Land Baptist Church (New Cumberland) hosted Cub Scout Pack 270 for Scout Sunday on February 4th. The troop and families joined the Sunday morning worship and the members of the pack led in the pledge of allegiance and shared their motto and their oath with the congregation. Cub Scout Pack 270 meets at the church on Monday evenings.



Mountain View Community Church (Richfield) Pastor Losch has asked KBA churches to pray for a ministry in Sebastian Beach. Dr. Losch shares “ While fishing from a pier I saw three children and their mother come out of the brush to wash in the Indian River Lagoon. I have been bothered by the living conditions that they must have and decided to start a coloring book and crayon ministry in Sebastian, Florida for children living in a homeless situation. Last week, I crawled through the tunnels to find three communities of homeless. I plan to return later this month to make contacts and build trust within the homeless families living in the thick bush near Barefoot Bay.” Rev. Losch is planning to distribute hygiene supplies on his next trip. He also hopes to begin worship services with times of baptism. He is asking KBA churches to join his church in praying for this personal ministry.

Mason Dixon Baptist Church (New Freedom) hosted their annual Valentine’s Day Banquet on February 10th. Eric Broadway, Men’s Ministry Leader said “We had about 120 adults with 40+ children in attendance (about a 50% increase from last year's banquet). About 1/3 of the adults and many of the children were not members or attenders at MDBC. We were able to encourage and minister to these couples and families through this event as well as share the Gospel with both couples and children from our community.



Thanks to Brad and Jeanine Horne for sharing encouraging tips on how to follow Christ through blessed and troubled times and trust him for blessing marriage together!”



KBA Financial Update

2024 January Income: \$17,011.54

2024 January Expenses: \$13,631.47

Guidestone: \$137,040.71

Events Coming Up at KBA Churches:

February 25th, 2024

Hanover Fellowship will be hosting a Missions Sunday. All KBA churches are invited to attend. Contact Peggy at: office.hanoverfellowship@gmail.com for additional information.

March 2, 2025

Greencastle Baptist Church will be hosting an Evangelism Training. All KBA churches are invited to attend. Contact Pastor Rob Sheldon:

greencastlepastor@gmail.com.



March 3, 2024.

Central Baptist Church (Mont Alto) will be hosting a youth event with Pastor Austin Burton. For additional information contact Austin at 717-654-6614 or marvel2014.ab@gmail.com.

March 3, 2024

Memorial Baptist Church (Gettysburg) will be hosting the D-Life event with BRN. This conference is a Disciple Making training event led by Dr. Bill and Rondie Wilks. There is a \$10.00 cost. For additional information or to register go to:

brnuned.org/event/d-life-bootcamp



April 19 – 21, 2024

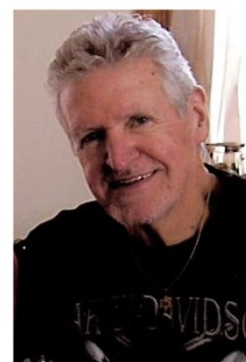
Country and Town Baptist Church (Mechanicsburg) will host the Pennsylvania Visionary Family Conference. Additional information is available at: www.VisionaryFam.com/PA.

August 3rd-10th

Stewartstown Baptist Church will be leading a trip to Dominican Republic and inviting members of KBA churches to join them. If interested, call Rev. Chandler Robinson at: 717-993-6382 or chandler@stewbaptist.org.

Remembering Rev. Quay Reiser, Jr.

Former KBA pastor Reverend Quay F. Reiser, Jr., 80, of Dillsburg passed away on Sunday, November 26, 2023. He and his wife Melanie attended Mt. Pleasant Church of God in Dillsburg. He was Director of the Men's Ministry at Bethesda Mission and was an interim pastor in many churches. One of his interims was at Lake Marburq Church a former KBA church. He is survived by his wife Melanie and a son Nathan and his wife Andrea and two grandchildren, Kylie, and Aaron. A memorial service was held December 2nd, at the Mt Pleasant Church of God. If you would like to send a card to Melanie, her address is: 31 Pheasant Ridge Road, Dillsburg, PA. 17019.



A Word from Brad: Being Ready and Intentional

When talking to some Christians about evangelism, I have heard them use 1 Peter 3:15 as an excuse to not be intentional in sharing their faith. Peter wrote, “always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you”.

Some Christians say that they are ready to share their faith when someone will ask them. I’ve been an evangelist for over 30 years, and I’m still waiting for someone to come up to me and ask me about the hope that is within me, but it hasn’t happened yet.

First, it’s hard to see hope in a person. Unless you have the opportunity to talk a lot with neighbors or colleagues at work, they may never even know that you are a Christian, much less ask you about the hope you have.

Second, I don’t believe most Christians are prepared to give a defense to people who ask for the reason for the hope that they have. We must prepare ourselves to give a defense. We must “get ready.” Since our hope is evidence-based, based on facts, it is extremely important to learn the reasons for our hope. Peter said, “If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God” (1 Peter 4:11). If so, then we must first learn the Word of God. We must learn our testimonies and the gospel. When Jesus was challenged by Satan, He quoted Scripture and used it accurately. When Jesus was challenged by the Pharisees, He logically pointed out flaws in their arguments, while also making reference to an application of the Old Testament. As we go about our daily lives, we need be preparing ourselves so that we will be ready when we have the opportunity to share the hope that is in us.

Third, Jesus and Paul did not go about their days waiting for someone to come up to them and ask for the hope that was in them. They took the good news to the people and preached in synagogues. Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount and preached at every synagogue that was nearby, while Paul went on 3 missionary journeys. They were intentional in taking the gospel to the people and did not wait until people came to them. They should be our examples of what to do in evangelism.

The apostle Paul wrote to Timothy instructing him to “preach the word” and “do the work of an evangelist” (2 Timothy 4:2,5). Paul also desired for Timothy to accompany him on his second missionary journey. That is not sitting back and waiting for people to approach, asking for the hope that we have. That is intentionally: taking the good news to the people.

You might be saying to yourself, “God didn’t give me the gifting or call me to be an evangelist.” While it is true that not everyone has been given the gift of evangelism, God did call each one of us to fulfill the Great Commission: “Go and make disciples of all nations”. If evangelism is truly not your gift, how then will you be intentional using *your* gifting to fulfill His command and go and make disciples? It amazes me how Christians can talk all day about their hobby, or about something they love, but they are silent on sharing their faith. We are natural evangelists of the things we love. “Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.” (Luke 6:45)

Throughout the Bible, God pursues people because He loves us, He knows our sin nature is a problem we can’t fix on our own, and He knows we were made to experience something more.

Let’s do the same! **Brad**

News from KBA:

Pastor's Prayer: Pastors continue to meet on Thursday mornings on zoom at 10:00 am 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.

Texas Men's Choir will be coming to PA in April. Your church is invited to attend one of these performances:

April 17: Chambersburg Baptist Church – 6:30pm

April 21: Memorial Baptist Church- 11:00 am

April 21: Country and Town Baptist Church – evening

April 22: Quincy Village, Waynesboro with Central Baptist Church – 7:00pm

The TellGate Grill is available for your church to use in an evangelistic outreach event. Contact the KBA office for additional information.

The KBA Evangelism Tent will be available for your church to use during events such as: festivals, carnivals, street fairs, or sporting events. Reserve the tent for your next outreach event by calling or emailing the office.

The Southeast Zone met at the Lyndon Diner in York on February 2nd. 10 pastors and their wives enjoyed a time of food and fellowship. John Worrall shared some Groundhog Day jokes and then led in a devotion. The Southeast Zone Churches meet the second Thursday of each month at 9:00 am at the Denny's in York.

SAVE the DATE: The KBA Administrative Team will meet Monday, April 22nd at 10:30 am in State College. The KBA Executive Board (Pastors and one additional church member) will meet at 11:30 am following the A-Team Meeting. Mark this date on your calendar. More information to come.



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, Living Faith Evangelical in Littlestown, and Fredericksburg Baptist as they seek a pastor.
- Rev. Larry Douthwaite, pastor at Living Faith Evangelical who is in Johns Hopkins.
- Rev. Pusey Losch pastor at Mountain View Community and his homeless ministry in Sebastian, Florida.
- Pastor Bob LaForce (Family of God) as he deals with ongoing health issues. For his wife, Barbara, who has dementia.
- Karen Gerstmyer who is in remission from cancer. Please continue to pray for her.
- Tiffani Robinson, CEF Ministry Coordinator for Franklin/Fulton Counties as she battles cancer.
- Pastors and their families physical and spiritual needs.
- Good News Clubs and Bible Adventure Clubs in the area.
- Stewartstown Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic in August.
- The Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

Pulpit Supply

Rev. Larry Theisen former KBA Director of Missions is available to preach at your church. Larry recently completed an interim ministry and is now available for pulpit supply. Contact Rev. Theisen through email theisen.larry@gmail.com or phone 717-512-9019.

News from New Life – Penn State with Eric Reiber

This spring semester we started a service project called “Gift for Guardians.” Every fall we take a day and have New Life engage the question, “What would you do to serve the campus of the State College community if you were given \$500?” This past December we decided to serve single families this semester.



Over the winter break we connected with two single mothers in the region. Our students created gift bags to give them by the end of January and we are also offering two free babysitting nights from now until the end of April. It has been very encouraging to see students “buy into” this project, with our list of babysitters growing each week and ore ideas being suggested to serve these families. One of our students even knitted each family a custom beanie. Please pray for this ministry.

WMU



The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering “Week of Prayer” is March 3rd-10th. Be sure to check NAMB’s website at anniearmstrong.com/resource for anything you may need. If you are looking for children’s materials: <https://www.anniearmstrong.com/resource/childrens-study>.

SAVE the DATE: The WMU Annual Meeting will be held November 2nd, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Red Land Baptist Church. The annual meeting will be for girls in 6th grade through 12th grade and for all adults. More information to come.

Keystone Baptist Association:
“Equipping and Connecting Churches to reach the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ.”