

March
2024



News From Our Churches:

Greencastle Baptist Church welcomed Kevin Tallaksen, founder of Permeate Evangelism. Kevin led an evangelism workshop at the church on March 2nd. Pastor Rob Sheldon shared, “Kevin shared insight and encouragement about the eternal value of sharing the Gospel through our words. Topics ranged from formulating and sharing your personal salvation story to ways to strike up a spiritual conversation with strangers. We couldn’t have spent a Saturday in a more worthwhile way.”



Memorial Baptist Church (Gettysburg) along with **Baptist Resource Network** hosted a D-Life conference on March 3rd. David Ludwig, Associate Director of Church Health for BRN stated “Nearly thirty people from the church came to be trained and left ready to make disciples. I’m grateful for Pastor Jeff and Pastor Bill for hosting the training. Over the years I’ve seen a lot of discipleship models, and what I like most about the D-Life process is that it is simple, biblical, and reproducible, and modeled after Jesus and His six practices of discipleship. If any church would like more information or desires to host a training, please don’t hesitate to contact me.”

Pastor Jeff Sours shared “The framework of D-Life is a simple multiplication strategy that introduces people to Jesus, helps them to grow in their faith, and teaches them how to replicate. The method and materials are ones that anyone could pick up and use in leading a discipleship group. As a church, one of our goals this year is to be a people in the Word, and D-Life provides a roadmap for not only discipleship, but also for getting us into the Word. We are excited to see how this begins to take root within MBC, and also outside of the walls as we invite others to learn more about the Bible and who Jesus really is.”

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Photos from the D-Life Conference at Memorial Baptist Church



Pastor Jeff Sours of Memorial Baptist Church also shared some additional thoughts about the church. "Our focus at MBC is to Glorify God and Make Disciples. We have seen more new families walk through our doors, we have had 8 people join, and have 7 more in the process. Last Sunday we had a baptism and have two



more coming up in a week. Our adult Sunday morning classes have joined together to study John MacArthur's Fundamentals to ensure that our doctrinal foundation is solid."



A group from MBC recently toured the battlefield with one of their own members who is a civil war enthusiast.

Mountain View Community Church (Richfield) Pastor Losch has asked KBA churches to pray for a ministry in Sebastian Beach, Florida. 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, 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.

KBA Financial Update

2024 February Income: \$15,555.70

2024 February Expenses: \$9,154.24

Events Coming Up at KBA Churches:

March 23, 2024 Mason Dixon (New Freedom) will be having an Easter Week Walk and Egg Hunt beginning at 11:00 am.

March 23, 2024 Carlisle Baptist Church is hosting a Community Easter Festival from 12:00pm -2:00 pm. The festival will include activities, an egg hunt, story time and snacks.



March 30, 2024 Red Land (New Cumberland) will host its annual community Easter Egg Hunt from 10:30am – 12:00pm. The church is praying for the families that will come and for the volunteers as they share with local parents.

April 19 – 21, 2024

Country and Town Baptist Church (Mechanicsburg) will host the Pennsylvania Visionary Family Conference led by Dr. Rob Rienow. He and his wife, Amy are co-founders of the Ministry.

Friday: 6:30-9:00pm: Visionary Marriage

Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm: Visionary Parenting and Grandparenting

Saturday 1:30pm-3:00pm: Never to Late

Sunday Morning Service: Your Home a Lighthouse

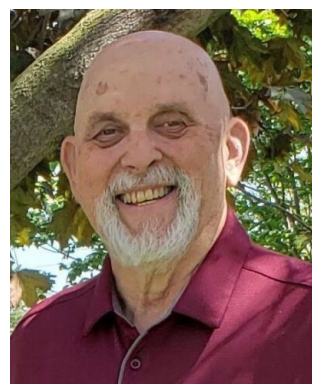
For additional information and to register: visionaryfam.com/PA

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 by email: chandler@stewbaptist.org .

Remembering Rev. Larry Douthwaite

Rev. Lawrence “Larry” Douthwaite died Saturday, March 2, 2024. Rev. Douthwaite served in numerous churches and formed Living Faith Evangelical Church in Littlestown in 1995, a member of the Keystone Baptist Association. He was married for forty-nine years to Sharon. They have three children: Aaron (Kim), Diana (Andy), and Brett (Alyssa) as well as six grandchildren who he loved spending time with. Rev. Douthwaite was also known as the “hat man” in Littlestown because of the numerous hats he wore around town and when working as a school crossing guard for many years. He was also a sought-after guide for the Gettysburg Battleground, impressing those who toured with him. Most importantly, He loved God, preaching the Bible, teaching, helping, and talking to others. A memorial service was held on March 9th at the church with his close friend Pastor Gary Buchman officiating.



A Word from Brad: Easter Greetings!

With Easter around the corner, I've been remembering back to when Jeanine and I first moved to Russia in 1993. We were told that the Russians, both Christian and non-Christian alike, would greet each other with the phrase, Христос Воскрес, or in English, "Christ has risen".



Easter was one of the best days of the year to witness to unbelievers because I would ask them if they knew the meaning behind the words, "Christ has risen." Sadly, only about half of the unbelievers knew the meaning behind the words.

That got me to thinking. How many American unbelievers understand the meaning of the words often said on Easter, "Jesus has risen", and the answer, "He has risen indeed"?

All of Christianity rests on the very fact that Jesus has risen from the grave. Without the resurrection, as Paul said in 1 Corinthians 15:14, Christianity is all in vain.

This Easter, be intentional about asking your unbelieving friends, family, neighbors, or colleagues how they will celebrate Easter. If they say they aren't going to celebrate it, ask them why not. It's one of the most popular holidays around the world.

Here are some incredible facts that you can share this Easter with the unbelievers that you know.

1. Christ's resurrection was prophesied in the Old Testament Scriptures.
2. Jesus died by crucifixion.
3. Jesus was buried in a tomb.
4. Jesus's death caused the disciples to despair and lose hope, believing that he was dead.
5. Jesus' tomb was guarded by 16 Roman soldiers
6. Jesus's tomb was empty a few days later.
7. The risen Christ appeared to more than five hundred witnesses, including Paul.
8. The disciples transformed from hopeless to hopeful after the Resurrection.
9. The Resurrection of Jesus was the center of their message.
10. The disciples proclaimed the Resurrection in Jerusalem, where Jesus was killed.
11. As a result of their preaching, the Church was born and grew.
12. Sunday became the primary day of worship instead of the Jewish Sabbath on Saturday.
13. James, the half-brother of Jesus, had been a skeptic, but converted after the Resurrection.
14. A few years after the Resurrection, the skeptic, Paul, was converted.

Jesus has risen! He has risen indeed!

Brad

News from KBA:

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

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

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 – 6:00pm

April 21: Memorial Baptist Church-11:00am

April 21. Country and Town Baptist Church – 6:30pm

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



The TellGate Grill is available for your church to use for 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 KBA office.



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 Fredericksburg Baptist as they seek a pastor.
- Easter activities and services being held in KBA churches.
- Terry and Amanda Felton and family as they mourn the death of Amanda's Dad, John Smith who passed away on March 13th.
- Voddie LaPore, Tim and Vernessa Parker's (Stewartstown) newest grandson. He is currently in Hershey and has had two heart surgeries. Clay and Chloe LaPore are his parents.
- Joan Theisen as she heals from a car accident.
- Sharon Douthwaite and her children as they mourn the loss of Rev. Larry Douthwaite.
- 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 Dominican Republic in August.
- The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

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 in person and by Zoom at 11:30am following the A-Team Meeting.

Job Posting: Stewartstown Baptist Church (SBC) is looking for one hourly part-time Administrative Assistant position. The Administrative Assistant will work Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am to 2:00 pm, with a half-hour lunch. The position affords 30 hours of paid time off accrued per year after completing a 6-month probationary period. Salary will be commensurate to knowledge, skills, abilities, and experience. The salary range set for this position is \$17 to \$20 per hour. SBC has been engaged in reaching the community and serving believers for over 40 years. Apply by sending your resume to office@stewbaptist.org for consideration. Website Posting: www.stewbaptist.org/jobs.

News from New Life – Penn State

“College students from around the state took a portion of Spring Break to serve in the city of Pittsburgh. The team was made up of students from Penn West Clarion, Penn West California, Penn State, and Delaware Valley University. We wanted to continue the momentum to love the region we are in, as well as introduce students to ministries and churches in a location they may find careers following their time in college.



Over the five days we were in the city we served ministries across the spectrum of ministering to homeless individuals, human trafficking survivors, foster children, and a food bank. We were extremely impressed with the work that God has led people to put their effort towards. We also partnered with Steel City Church in reaching college students at the University of Pitt.

Two cool God stories! First, after working with nonprofits in the city we were able to meet and connect the University's community outreach staff member with one of our campus ministers to put the four non-profits on the college's radar for future volunteering. Secondly, it was amazing to see the boldness of the students in having conversations with individuals around the city.” - **Eric Reiber**

WMU: **SAVE the DATE:** The WMU Annual Meeting will be held November 2nd 2023, 10:00am to 3:00pm 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.

Women on Mission at Country and Town (Mechanicsburg) invites all churches to their WOM meeting April 23rd, 6:30pm in the fellowship hall. Brad and Jeanine Horne will speak about what happens to our missionaries and the churches during wars, namely the Ukrainian/Russian and Israel/Gaza strip. For additional information, call the KBA office at 717-502-0280.