April/May 2025





Coming in June:



News From Our Churches:

Greencastle Baptist Church sent a team of ten to SERVE Virginia Beach this spring. Pastor Rob Sheldon shares "It was a great opportunity to join with other Southern Baptists to encourage churches and ministries in the area. We just so happened to be serving at the



same job sight



The SERVE tour is really easy to participate with, although if your church is considering joining in, we would recommend signing up early as job opportunities and hotels in the area fill quickly."

<u>Greencastle Baptist Church</u> also held a community Easter Egg Outreach on Easter Sunday with 135 in attendance that included families that had little or no previous experience with Greencastle



Baptist. They opened in the fellowship had with crafts and games, breakfast and family photos. About ½ hour before the morning worship service they held their

egg hunt. Along with the 1,500-2,000 eggs that were filled with candy and small toys, 22 larger eggs were also hidden. These eggs were kept by the children that found them until service, where the contents were revealed. The objects inside the large eggs led the congregation through the Gospel, from creation to resurrection. Pastor Rob Sheldon did interact with the children articulating the Gospel message during the service.

Mason Dixon Baptist Church (New Freedom) Will be hosting a Youth event at their church called "Five Nights of Youth" (it's essentially the equivalent of Youth Week) and are inviting other KBA Youth groups to join them! The dates for the event are August 11-14 (Monday-Thursday), and the times for each night are 6-9pm. Each night, we'll have fellowship, dinner, games, teaching, small groups, and singing.

If you have any questions and/or would like to join them in

August, contact Pastor Tyler Hogg at tyler.hogg@mdbconline.com. He will need to know as soon as possible if your youth group would like to attend!

<u>Central Baptist Church (Mount Alto)</u> hosted a year end party for their CHAMPS (Children's Hearts and Minds Pursuing a Savior) and Youth Group. Rev. John Buhr shared "Everyone had a lot of fun and it was a great way to end the year. We spent the year going through the book of Mark. The children learned a lot and they are looking forward to VBS this summer."





Central Baptist Church (Mont Alto)



also hosted a "Mother/Daughter" brunch on Saturday, May 10th. It was a wonderful time of fellowship. Some of the families had 4 generations represented. 18 women and girls attended.

Chambersburg Baptist Church

celebrated baby dedications on Mother's Day. Etson Reig Wenger and Josie Elaine Healy were both dedicated.







On Saturday, May 10th the church hosted a breakfast with 45 in attendance. Once again, Kathy Weaber headed up a great cooking team and prepared breakfast for the ladies of the church.

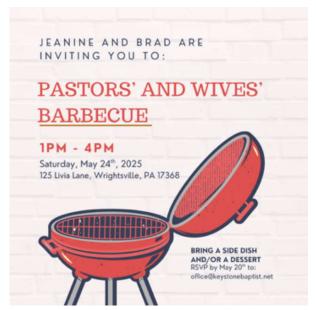
Red Land Baptist Church (New Cumberland) baptized Brandi Nydes on May 4th. Her husband, Alan, joined her in the baptistry. He wanted to be a part of her baptism. Alan and Brandi were married the day before at the church.



2025 KBA Financial Update

April Church Giving: \$9,698.86 April Expenses: \$10,240.58

News from KBA:



<u>Pastors and Wives</u> are invited to Brad and Jeanine Horne's home for barbecue on May 24th, 1 pm-4pm.

Bring a dessert and/or a side dish and come join in on the fellowship and food!

RSVP with the KBA office: office@keystonebaptist.net by May 22nd.

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

<u>Pastors' Wives</u> continues to meet by Zoom for prayer on Mondays at 7:30pm. They will meet again on August 9th for another time of in person fellowship.

KBA Zone Meetings continue each month. The Southeast Zone meets on the second Thursday of each month and the Southwest Zone meets the third Tuesday of each month. All Pastors, Retired Pastors, and church staff are invited to attend. Six of the North Zone recently met at The Sticky Bun Café in Burnham for breakfast and fellowship.

The KBA Annual Meeting: has changed its meeting date this year. We will be meeting later in the month. The date is Saturday October 25th at 10:00 am. Please save this date on your calendar.

Does Your Church Have 1991 Baptist Hymnals that you no longer need? Dr. Ken Cademartori, pastor at Friendship Baptist Church in Stewartstown is looking for 25 copies of this hymnal. If you have copies that you would like to donate, let Pastor Ken know. His phone number is: 717-818-7943.

A Word from Brad: Zooming in on Evangelism

Every now and then, we need to zero in on something important to make real progress. It's a bit like cleaning out the garage—you know it needs attention, it's gotten messy, and you can't find anything anymore. (Yes, I'm talking about my own garage!)



This summer let's focus together on something eternally significant: evangelism. I invite you to join me, Brad Horne, Director of Missions for Keystone Baptist Association, for a 9-week evangelism training course beginning Tuesday, June 3 at 7:30 PM.

This class is open to anyone who wants to grow in sharing the gospel with clarity, confidence, and compassion.

Each week, I'll guide you through a simple, practical, and effective approach to evangelism. The sessions are intentionally designed to be powerful but not overwhelming, and they'll include minimal homework so that you can focus on real-world application. To register, just scan the QR code with your phone, and you'll receive the Zoom link for our weekly meetings.

Together, we'll focus on James 1:22: "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." This summer, we're not just going to talk about evangelism—we're going to do it.

There is a growing danger of spiritual complacency in the church today when it comes to

evangelism. Many of us are busy, yes—but are we busy sharing the gospel? It's time for an honest spiritual check-up. Are we lukewarm when it comes to sharing our faith? Ask yourself: When was the last time I shared a complete gospel message with someone? I understand—it's a convicting question for me, too.

Let's commit to growing together. Let's sharpen one another, just as iron sharpens iron, every Tuesday at 7:30 PM throughout June and July.



Again, to register, just scan the QR code with your phone, and you'll receive the Zoom link for our weekly meetings. Let's focus in.

Let's be doers. Let's share the Good News!

Brad

Pennsylvania Churches are required to report to the PA Government by June 30th.

Starting this year, annual reports will be required by the state of Pennsylvania. This annual filing is free for churches, and the report can be filed anytime between January 1 - June 30.

The Baptist Resource Network has provided step-by-step instructions of how to complete the filing process. It is available on the BRN's website. Churches can access these instructions by visiting: https://www.brnunited.org/resources/pa-annual-filing-instructions. If you have any questions, let us know.

Pray for:

- KBA churches. Pray for their pastors and their church staff.
- Graduating Seniors across our association.
- Wanda Edmondson (pastor's wife at Family of God) as she recovers from hip surgery.
- Pastor Robert Conrad as he continues to recover from heart surgery.
- Josie Healy, three-month-old daughter of John and Jackie Healy (Chambersburg). She will be having surgery on her tongue and lips.
- Karen Gerstmyer as she continues to battle cancer.
- Continue to pray for Voddie LaPore, Tim and Vernessa Parker's (Stewartstown Baptist Church) grandson. Clay and Chloe LaPore are his parents.
- Pastor Search Committee at Fredericksburg Baptist Church and New Hope Baptist Church as they seek a pastor.

New Life- Penn State: Eric Reiber

"I had the opportunity to pass through the University of Maryland and spent time with Jessica Schulte Senasack. She showed me the campus and we chatted about ministry and making the most of resources. I'm thankful for good friends in campus mission work over the years!! Pray for her and her role as the Director of Collegiate work across Maryland and Deleware."



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