

The KBA BEACON



A Word from the Director

Brad Horne ~ Incoming Director of Missions

Obeying the Main Thing

I had just planted a new church, working with a few other godly men, and felt very satisfied about what we had accomplished. In other words, I felt like I had done so much for the kingdom that I was perfectly following the Lord and felt His good pleasure in this 6-month long endeavor. Soon afterwards I was reading in Matthew, chapter 28, and read the Great Commission. “Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations. . .” I couldn’t read any further and just fixated on these words. I needed to be making disciples. I had just planted a church, but I was not obeying the main thing that God wanted me to be doing making disciples. All of a sudden, I felt convicted. I had thought that God was so pleased with me for having started a church, but I heard Him say through His Word, “Planting a new church is good, but I really want you to make disciples.” From that moment I started praying about finding someone to disciple. I thought it would be someone close to my own age in their 30s or 40s, but I couldn’t think of anyone off the top of my head. A few days later I met a college student named Kostya, who was 19. I had seen him around and heard that he had become a follower of Christ. When I saw him, he asked me if I would read the Bible with him. I was floored. Was this the person that I should disciple? Surely not! He was a new believer and 19! Not wanting to turn away an opportunity however, I immediately agreed to Kostya’s request to read the Bible with him. I asked him to read the entire Gospel of John, and I would do the same. We agreed to meet the next week and discuss what we felt God was saying to us through His Word. I was so proud of myself when I went to meet Kostya the next week. I was patting myself on the back because I had finished reading all of the Gospel of John. I proceeded to ask Kostya if he had read all of the Gospel of John, and he humbly said that he had. I was surprised since he was 19 and a college student. Then he quietly mentioned that he had also read all of Acts and half of Romans. I was blown away. This 19-year-old new believer put me to shame and quickly humbled me. The very next week that I met with Kostya, he hesitatingly asked if he could invite his best friend, Rustom, to join us in reading and discussing the Bible. Kostya was a new believer who understood that the main thing was making disciples, and he was doing it from the beginning of his spiritual birth. I learned a lot from Kostya and how he immediately obeyed when he read what God wanted him to do. God was humbling me by showing me that I needed to be obeying the main thing, making disciples, and that I was not some super spiritual saint that was better than others because I had planted a church. This is the lesson God taught me several years ago: Obey the Great Commission and keep it the main thing that I do.

Blessings! Brad

KBA Financial Update

As of January 31, 2020
2020 Receipts: \$10,615.12
2020 Expenses: \$2,658.38

2019-2020 Administrative Team

Moderator: Pastor John Buhr, Central Baptist Church
1st Vice Moderator: Pastor Adam Hedge, Memorial Baptist Church
2nd Vice Moderator: Dr. Pusey Losch, Mt. View Community
Historian: Bayard Bastedo, FBC, Hanover
Clerk: Tim Dedman, Red Land Baptist
Treasurer: Heather Barberis, Memorial Baptist
Assistant Treasurer: Pastor John Worrall, Mount Wolf Community
SE Zone Leader: Pastor Tim Parker, Stewartstown Baptist
North Zone Leader: Pastor Don Henrikson, Thompsontown Baptist
SW Zone Leader: Dr. Kenny Craig, Chambersburg Baptist

News from our Churches:



Oakwood Baptist Church held an installation service for Josh Bertsch on January 19th. Dr. Terry Felton presented the “charge” to the church. Pastors John Worrall, Ed Roman, Robert Conrad, and Richard Krieg were present at the service.

Welcome Pastor Josh to the Keystone Baptist Association.



Chambersburg Baptist Church licensed John Healy to preach the Gospel of Christ. Along with the licensing, Pastor John accepted the call to be their new Assistant Pastor. Pastor Kenny Craig said: “God has truly blessed Chambersburg Baptist Church with such a wonderful man of God to join our staff.”

Welcome Pastor John!

Red Land Baptist Church: Continues their affiliation with the Bountiful Blessings Program. On the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of every month, they open their doors to the low-income seniors and families from the community to come and receive items that are not covered by other sources of help and/or local food pantries, which by definition, only offer assistance with food-related items. Red Land offers non-food items to assist clients with their personal hygiene, cleaning, laundry, and paper product needs that are not available through other community aid resources.



Greencastle Baptist Church: As a part of the North American Mission Board’s Send Relief MLK Day of Service, Greencastle Baptist has packed 60 backpacks headed for the homeless through the Hope Center Rescue Mission in Hagerstown, Md. Each backpack contains items such as: socks, gloves, scarves, hats, toothpaste, toothbrushes, personal hygiene items, water, healthy snacks and Bibles. There are backpacks for men, women, and children. Delivery is set for Friday, February 7th.

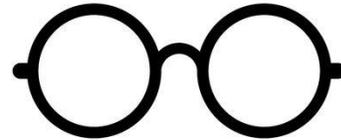


Thompstontown Baptist Church: Has volunteered to do the labor needed in replacing the windows at the KBA office in the spring. This is an answer to prayer. Stay tuned for more information and warmer weather!

New Hope Baptist Church: Pastor Aaron Rhone shared that they have received a baby grand piano!

Upcoming Events:

2020: Where's Your Focus?



Chambersburg Baptist Church will be hosting the Winter Youth Retreat at Roxbury Holiness Camp, **February 21-23, 2020**. For further information call Steven and Robin Appenzellar at 717-961-7612 or email them at: rappenzel@yahoo.com.



February 15th is Children's Mission Day. Join churches across the country as Children minister to their community. For further information check online at www.wmu.org or call Theresa Krieg at 717-317-6278.



Pastors and church Leaders— You will not want to miss this opportunity to hear from Claude King as he shares *Return to Me: A Spiritual Process for Church Revitalization*. Claude King will be sharing **Wednesday, February 19, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm** at the BRN Hub.

Claude King writes: "Plateaued, declining, and lukewarm churches need a spiritual revitalization, not just a cosmetic fix. Examine a new tool and biblical process to guide your church to hear and respond to what the Spirit is saying to the church. Help your church

Love God, Love Others, Surrender All, Be Transformed, Join God's Mission, and Glorify God as they return to Him. He's given an invitation and made a promise: " 'Return to Me, and I will return to you,' says the Lord of Armies." (Malachi 3:7).

Registration is free and includes lunch and a copy of King's newest book *Return to Me: God's Invitation and Promise to His Church* (one per church). Go to: <https://www.brnited.org/event/return-to-me-with-claude-king/> to register.



New Life at Penn State will be heading to North Carolina to help with Disaster Relief during Spring break, **March 7th through the 14th**. They are in need of a van to transport the students. Does your church or a member in your church have a van they could use for the week? If so, contact Theresa at the office (717-502-0280) or Kayla Smith (717-855-7931). Please be praying for the students and staff as they prepare for this mission trip.

April 2020: Beth and Jaime Montano were a part of our last KBA Missions Conference. They are IMB Missionaries serving in Central Asia. Beth has asked the women of KBA to join them in prayer for the MirStan (Muslims in Russian and Stan Countries) ladies retreat that will be held in Turkey in April. They are expecting 100 women to attend.

The organizers also needed some help from US churches. Beth requested that the KBA help with a gift for their registration bags. KBA has decided to provide highlighter pens for their bags. If your church would like to donate 100 items for their gift bags, please let Theresa know.

Beth writes: "Whether you choose to participate or not, do know that we love you so much and appreciate your prayers for us. We know AND FEEL the prayers lifted on our behalf. So much is happening that can only be GOD himself working." Please pray for this upcoming event.

Prayer Focus

Pray for these pastors:

Rev. John and Alice Worrall: Alice's Father, Lauren Whiting, passed away Friday, January 25th.

Pray for these churches seeking God's will for pastors:

Shrewsbury Baptist and Josiah Way are searching for senior pastors.

Pray for our new Director of Missions: Brad and Jeanine will be making their move in the beginning of March. Pray for them as they prepare to leave Texas to come to Pennsylvania. Pray for their four daughters and for Brad's parents.

Southeast Zone Churches:

Red Land Baptist – Pray for the ministries that are within their Church. Pray that God will provide opportunities to connect with the faculty, children and their families that are currently enrolled at Munchkin Meadow Preschool. That they will be able to reach Cub Scout families as they meet at the church. Also, that God will show them how to minister to families that participate in the Bountiful Blessing Program.

Stewartstown Baptist – Pray that as our community grows, we would be able to reach more people and share the love of Jesus with them. Our focus right now is reaching out to the community.

Southwest Zone Churches:

Greencastle Baptist- Pray as they continue to reach out to the homeless. Also, pray for the mission work that is being carried out in Sierra Leone, Africa.

New Life at Penn State Update:



"The 15-year tradition called Breakfast Crew has officially launched as Spring 2020 has begun!

Every Friday morning through this semester you will see New Lifers serving their peers free hot chocolate and breakfast bars outside of the Forum Building during the 9am class change period.

No weather conditions have ever stopped us, so at times, this service opportunity can be "fun" in a "I wish I was still in my warm bed" kind of way.

However, the students that stop by to get their hot cocoa before class always tell us, "I was going to skip my class this morning, but I didn't because I knew you would be here with hot chocolate." That's right, we're keeping the students in school. We love trying to memorize all the names of our "regulars" throughout the semester and get the opportunity to develop some deeper friendships over these early morning conversations." Eric Reiber- Student Ministries Director



The breakfast bars and hot chocolate we brought to the Annual Fall Celebrations have been depleted. If you would like to help Eric, Autumn and Kayla continue to bless the students, please consider donating hot chocolate or breakfast bars! Go to: <https://www.newlifepsu.com/partner-opportunities/> to donate.

PLEASE NOTE:

If your church has not completed your Annual Church Profile, please take a few minutes fill it out and send it in. If you need help, call Theresa in the office. Deadline is February 15th.

As of September 1st KBA email addresses have changed.

Director of Missions: director@keystonebaptist.net

Office: office@keystonebaptist.net

Larry's new email address: theisen.larry@gmail.com



We love Him because He first loved us.” 1 John 4:19 (NKJV)