



A Word from the Director

Brad Horne ~ Incoming Director of Missions

Last year on May 20th, I received a succinct letter on Facebook Messenger, from a person who I thought I didn't know. When I hesitantly opened up my Messenger to read the unsolicited text, I saw that it was from a woman named Vika Sychova, which didn't ring a bell. I glanced at her profile picture associated with her account, and I still didn't recognize her. I will not edit her message but will paste it here in its entirety:

"Hello Mr. Horn, you may not remember me, but you led me to Christ. Your and Natasha prayed with me my prayer of repentance. I met your wife too; she was pregnant with her first baby at that time. Thankful to God for sending you, guys, all the way to Khabarovsk so I could exchange the curse of sin for eternity."

I do not remember Vika Sychova, but I must have shared Christ with her in Russia in 1993. This past year, God blessed me by allowing me to hear about how those seeds planted 26 years ago had grown roots, sprouted, and produced fruit. It also gave me hope that there are more stories like Vika's out there. There are more times that seeds have been planted but the fruit has not yet been seen by me, or by you. Let us live this year with the hope that every testimony we give, every gospel presentation we are able to share, no matter how short, is a potential story like Vika's. May we all be faithful to take every opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and trust the fruit to God!

Blessings!

Brad

KBA Financial Update

As of December 31, 2019
Budget requirements: \$128,667.00
2019 Receipts: \$113,413.67

Celebrating Larry and Joan Theisen

Many of our Keystone Pastors and Friends met together at Country and Town on December 6th to honor and celebrate Larry and Joan Theisen. It was a wonderful evening. Several pastors relayed personal stories of how Larry and Joan have impacted their life and their ministry.



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 the Churches:

New Hope Baptist Church is continuing to look for a used baby grand piano. Contact Aaron Rhone at 570-765-0609

Central Baptist, Mont Alto, participated in the Waynesboro Holiday Parade held in November.



Mason Dixon Baptist Church packed 162 Samaritan Purse Boxes.

Chambersburg Baptist Church packed 140 Samaritan Purse Boxes.

Covenant Community Church distributed 39 backpacks December 7th.
Pastor, Bob Conrad said "Each group had at least one parent/adult with them and they all heard a gospel presentation and received Bibles with each backpack."

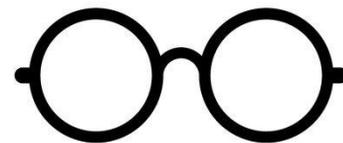


Red Land Baptist Church provided 24 boxes to Ms. Dawna Holbert's kindergarten class at Scott Elementary School. Each box contained personal hygiene items along with school supplies, socks, gloves, hats, and a stuffed animal.



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.

Congratulations to:



Terry Felton Pastor of Mason Dixon Baptist Church as he received his Doctor of Ministry degree from Anderson University on December 13th.



Clint Miller, associate pastor of Carlisle Baptist Church, who received a Letter of Commendation from Larry Theisen for completing 6 courses of the Biblical Institute of Leadership Development Ministry Program over the past three years at Keystone Baptist Association, involving 228 classroom hours. Larry states, "Well done, Clint. I will be praying for Gods increase of your ministry with Pastor Ed Roman and your wife, Debra, as you continue lifelong learning with the school."



Mark and Kara Palmisano as they welcomed their daughter, Hannah Joy Palmisano on December 25th at 1:08 am. She weighed 8 pounds, 3.9 oz. and was 19.75 inches in length. Mark is minister of youth at Family of God Community Church.

Prayer Focus

Pray for these pastors:

Rev. Howard Edmondson whose Mother, Doris Daniel, passed away Sunday, January 5th.

Rev. Niel Augustine who has been diagnosed with treatable pancreatic cancer.

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 are preparing for their move to Pennsylvania. Please remember them in your prayers as they make their transition.

Southeast Zone Churches:

Oakwood Baptist Church will hold an instillation service for Josh Bertsch on Sunday, January 19th at 2:30pm. All churches are invited to attend.

Red Land Baptist – Pray for Munchkin Meadow Preschool as they opened a second facility at Red Land Baptist. Pray that will provide opportunities to connect with the 23 children and their families that are currently enrolled.

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.



The KBA Office is STILL in need of volunteers to work on the outside window frames. They are in need of repair and repainting. The basement also needs to be dry locked and there is a need for cleaning out the basement. If you or others in your church can help, please let John Buhr, Richard Krieg, or Theresa know at 717-502-0280 or email us at office@keystonebaptist.net .

PLEASE NOTE: As of September 1st KBA email addresses have changed.

Director of Missions: director@keystonebaptist.net

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