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The KBA BEACON

A Word from the Director

God's Word is Trustworthy

As the vicious Coronavirus has everyone's undying attention around the world (no pun intended), the companies that make medical masks are working overtime to meet the heavy demand. Masks had their humble beginning in Leviticus 13:45 where God explained that a person with an infectious disease must "... cover the lower part of his face. . .". People who have caught the Coronavirus are immediately quarantined off from everyone else so as to not spread the highly contagious virus. Quarantine is talked about in the very next verse in Leviticus 13:46, where God says, "As long as he has the infection, he remains unclean. He must live alone; he must live outside the camp." God didn't explain to the children of Israel that there are germs and bacteria, but simply told them to obey his Word and follow His instructions. God's Word has always been true and will always be true. We must follow and live by His Word.

In the early 1800's, Matthew Maury was brought up by parents who lived by God's Word and encouraged their children to memorize the whole book of Psalms. Growing up Psalm 8:8 stood out as a curious statement that was not understandable to Matthew: "the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas." The last part of the verse confounded the young boy because although he could see the sea, he did not see any paths in the seas.

Living along Virginia's coast, Matthew was able to study the meteorological currents of the sea. After analyzing ship's charts for many years, Matthew noticed that ships that sailed from America to Europe through a certain passage tended to travel much faster than ships that sailed outside of this passage. In the late 1840's and early 1850's Maury published several books that outlined his discovery of the Gulf Stream. Today Matthew Maury is known as the "Pathfinder of the seas" and the "Father of Modern Oceanography", all because of Psalm 8:8.

3,000 years ago, God, who knows all things had King David write about the "Paths of the seas," but it took until the 1800's for it to be understood as a young boy memorized Psalm 8 and then sought to find out what God meant by the "Paths of the seas". The Bible is a spiritual Book, but it also speaks accurately about science in dozens of places. This shows that an all-knowing God had to have spoken the Bible to men, otherwise, how could such an ancient book know these scientific truths? Praise God that we can know that God "breathed" His Word and that it is true and trustworthy!

Blessings....Brad

KBA Financial Update

As of February 29, 2020
2020 Receipts: \$15,239.00
2020 Expenses: \$6,289.00

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:



Chambersburg Baptist Church celebrated in the marriage of their Assistant Pastor John Healy and their Worship Leader, Jackie Boyer. John and Jackie were married on February 15th. Dr. Kenny Craig said: "I know God will use this talented couple for years to come as they are blessed to serve Him together." Congratulations John and Jackie.

Fellowship Baptist Church recognized Margaret Connell, a beloved member on Sunday, March 1st. She and her late husband, Stu, joined Fellowship Baptist Church in 2003. Margaret, who recently turned 95 years old is considered "an amazing lady and is loved by all." The church honored her with a special luncheon. Margaret will be moving to North Carolina and will be missed by her church.



Mt Wolf Community will host a Seder Presentation: "Messiah in the Passover and the Passion" on Thursday, April 9th 7:00 PM. Rabbi/Pastor Robert Pristoop of Shofarel Ministries will be leading in this worship experience.

Please call 717-266-8453 so your place is reserved at the table!

Mt Wolf Community On April 18th and 19th at 7:00 pm, will be showing the movie: “The Overcomer” Free Admission, Popcorn, and drinks. Pastor Worrall invites you to come and “Bring your friends!”

Covenant Community is operating a food pantry at The Grace House located in Harrisburg. They are handing out food to about 500 people each month on the first and third Saturdays. Pastor Bob Conrad states “We are wanting to get a summer children’s program at this location where we will serve lunch and have Bible class and other activities for the children living in the neighborhood. We are currently making improvements to the building and hope to be having Bible studies and other training classes at this location.” The Grace House Ministry is located near a government housing project area in the area called South Allison Hill.



Thompstontown Baptist Church in February arranged for a group of men to go help with renovations at Grace House in Harrisburg.



Greencastle Baptist Church: As a part of the North American Mission Board’s Send Relief MLK Day of Service, Greencastle packed 60 backpacks and headed to Hope Center Rescue Mission in Hagerstown, Md on February 7th to distribute them. Items included: socks, gloves, scarves, hats, toothpaste, toothbrushes, personal hygiene items, water, healthy snacks and Bibles.





On February 19th, sixteen pastors, staff members and leaders from several KBA churches met at the BRN Hub to hear Rev. Claude King share his new book "Return to Me."

Dr. Jerry Dixon writes: "'Return to me, and I will return to you.' Malachi 3:7

Return to Me is Claude V. King's latest book to be published March 2020. Brother Claude came to Harrisburg last month to introduce his book to us. If you missed the presentation, here are some of the testimonies of those who attended.

An older pastor said, 'I came to the realization, when brother Claude spoke, that we lost a lot of Godly men in years past who prayed and cried out for people to repent and return to God. I totally felt his burden.'

Another one said, 'I have never been to a conference where I felt the moving of the Holy Spirit more than I did that day. I asked God to help me to totally return it to Him and prepare the bride, (His church) for His coming.'

I felt Brother Claude's deep-down burden for our nation to turn back to God. I also felt the Spirit of God talking to me. It's time for me to get busy and do my part with the flock God gave me and to lead them back to where God wants them.

When his book becomes available, get it if you want to see a spiritual awakening in your Church, your Community, your State, and the World. I do believe with all my heart that we're going to see it and experience it."

Dr. Jerry Dixon
Prayer Coordinator for Keystone Baptist Association

Upcoming Events:

April 2020:

KBA Executive Board will meet at Red Land Baptist Church on **April 27th**. The Administrative Team will meet at 6:00 pm and Executive Board will begin at 7:30 pm. The Executive Board consists of every pastor of a KBA church plus one church member chosen by the church body of that church. This will be Brad's first Executive Board meeting and we ask that you come as we begin planning for the future.

MirStan Women's Retreat: Beth and Jaime Montano were a part of our last KBA Missions Conference. They are IMB Missionaries serving in Central Asia. Beth had asked the women of KBA to join them in prayer for the MirStan (Muslims in Russian and Stan Countries) ladies retreat that was to be held in Turkey in April. They were expecting 100 women to attend. As of Monday, March 9th the conference has been cancelled due to the Coronavirus and will be rescheduled.

The organizers of the retreat have asked that we continue to pray for the women who would have attended the conference even though they will not meet.

Prayer Focus:

Pray for these pastors and their wives:

Alice Worrall (Mt. Wolf Community) is having some health issues. Please pray the Doctors who are treating her.

Dr. Ken Cademartori (Friendship Baptist) has had some health issues. Please pray for his complete recovery.

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 have made their move to Pennsylvania. He will begin his duties as our Director of Missions on April 1st.

Southeast Zone Churches:

Red Land Baptist – Pray for our Easter Egg Hunt on March 28th. That we will be able to reach families in our community and share the love of God.

Stewartstown Baptist – We have a lot of new developments going up around us. Prayers that we as a church family reach the unreached and be able to bring them in our church walls.

Country and Town – Please pray for the Pastor Search Committee as we seek the Lord's guidance for a new senior pastor upon Rev. Hylton's retirement

First Baptist Church Hanover - We are praying for musicians to help us with worship. We are praying for the Lord to send a young couple with a passion to reach young couples and youth. We are praying for the resources to maintain an older building. We are praying to impact the world for our Lord. We are praying to reach not just young people, but boomers like us.

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.

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. So far 25 out of 29 churches that have reported.

New Life at Penn State Update:

Students from **New Life at Penn State** are in North Carolina to help with Disaster Relief during Spring break, **March 7th through the 14th**. They are renovating houses in Rose Hill. It is a group of 20 representing the campuses of PSU, Cal U, Lock Haven, and Edinboro. Check out the KBA Facebook page for pictures of their week.



Chambersburg Baptist Church Youth Retreat Report:

Where's your focus? This was the theme for our CBC winter youth retreat. At the bottom of a mountain, God met a group of youth and their leaders. Four youth groups became one for the weekend. There were moments of laughter, moments of tears and they knew that they were loved by the One who is Love. Te'rel Roman spoke, Broken Crayon sang, and God moved.

There was good food prepared by some awesome volunteers. There were games that kept them moving (although some of the more mature people could have used some oxygen after running up and down stairs, lol). There was impromptu singing and playing of guitars of all ages. A fire Saturday night was the beginning of a moment in time that you knew the Holy Spirit was in the midst of what was happening...four men sitting up front waiting and teens going forward with decisions being made in their hearts. This was His retreat; He was in control and He allowed us to glimpse at what He can do at the bottom of a mountain with some youth and their youth leaders. **Robin and Steven Appenzellar**



Chambersburg Baptist Church Youth Retreat Report (cont.):



I haven't done a lot of direct youth work in about thirty years. But when asked to provide music and lead the worship services for the Winter Youth Retreat this year, I was thrilled.

And I was only more thrilled as I watched the weekend play out. Steven and Robin Appenzellar and their family did an amazing job in providing for a wonderful spiritually uplifting and challenging weekend. The speaker, Te'rel Roman shared from his heart and touched the lives of these kids. The worship times were wonderfully uplifting as all those voices were raised in worship.

And more than that, young people were indeed challenged.

The young people themselves, although four separate church youth groups came together to form one big group. Between the skits, the games, the sharing and the prayer times, it truly was a remarkable weekend.

Youth leaders, pastors.... mark it down for next year. February 26-28. Register early and support this great weekend. **Richard Krieg**



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