



The KBA BEACON



KBA Fall Celebration: Saturday, October 17th

The theme for this year's celebration will be "A Heart for the Harvest" based on the scripture, Mark 4:1-13.

We will be sending out the location for the celebration but mark your calendars:

October 17th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. You will also be able to join us by Zoom.



Mark Mirza, founder of Common Thread Ministries will be joining us for the Fall Celebration Weekend. Mark is a prayer evangelist from Atlanta, Georgia and is good friends with Dr. Jerry Dixon. He will be at Mountain View Community in Richfield on Friday October 16th. Joining us at the Fall Celebration at on Saturday and later that evening will be at Stewartstown Baptist at 6:00pm. Sunday morning, October 18th, he will be at Shrewsbury

Baptist. There are additional opportunities available for Mark to meet with your church. If you are interested, please let us know.

News from our Churches:



Country and Town Baptist Church welcomed their new Senior Pastor and his family on August 30th. We welcome Todd, Aimee, Sophia, and Elias to Pennsylvania from California.



Even from home, the Sewing Servants at **Country and Town Baptist Church** have been working hard to make all kinds of blankets, fleeces, hats, and booties for local shelters and the Capital Area Pregnancy Center.

Red Land Baptist Church participated in WMU's Christmas in August. They chose Graffiti Church in the Bronx which requested items for their children, shower, and homeless ministries.



In celebration of Grandparents Day **Red Land Baptist** sent Grandparent's day card from the church along with bookmarks.

Central Baptist Church and Pastor John Buhr were featured in the latest BRN newsletter discussing the State Mission's Offering. They have created a novel fundraising approach. The church's 20/20 Vision includes an actual vision board where members can earmark their donation for a letter on the board, each of which is \$20.20. The red and green lines are \$36.50 each. Central hopes to meet their \$800 goal to help spread the gospel!



Mount Wolf Community Church is planning to show the movie "The Overcomer" on October 24th and 25th at 7:00 pm.



Shrewsbury Baptist Church will have a Deacon Ordination and baptismal Service on September 27th.

What is your church doing to minister to others and to your congregation? Please let us know at office@keystonebaptist.net

News from our Churches (cont.)



Stewartstown Baptist Church Five disaster relief volunteers, led by Chelly Roberts recently cooked 565 meals, lunches, and dinners, for 25 families displaced when a two-alarm fire destroyed their rooms at the Econo Lodge near York, Pennsylvania.



The Senior High Youth from **Country and Town** continued their Mission Trip experiences by spending a week in the Harrisburg area with Covenant Community Church and Grace House Ministries. They spent their time ministering to a lady in the area by cleaning up her back yard. They also worked at Grace House cleaning, loading groceries, and building shelves.



The Junior High Youth from **Country and Town** spent three days also in Harrisburg with Covenant Community Church and Grace House Ministries cleaning, painting, and working at the Saturday food pantry.



“The impact of COVID-19 has shown that even during a time of uncertainty and worry we can still continue to serve our neighbors and have deep impact for the Kingdom. Kingdom work doesn’t stop during times of trial and tribulation. Students have also realized they don’t have to go far away to do meaningful work.” Jacob Shetron, Youth Pastor

Prayer Focus:

Pray for our churches without pastors:

Greencastle Baptist Church

Josiah's Way

Iglesia La Fuente



Pray for Charlene Augustine, her children, and family: Her husband, Niel Augustine died on August 26th, 2020. Niel served as director of the annual KBA Winter Youth Escape Retreat over the years. He had a passion for youth ministry, leading youth to salvation, and for Jesus.



Mother Pearl Palmer married for forty years to Reverend Jeffers Z. Palmer and a 30-year member of Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church peacefully departed for heaven on July 20, 2020. Please pray for her husband and family.

News from KBA:

The Executive Committee voted on August 31st to sell the KBA office in Dillsburg. The building has been placed on the market. This will require organizing and packing up the current office once a new location is found. More information to come!

Franklin Graham is hosting the Washington, DC 2020 Prayer March on September 26th beginning at noon and ending at 2pm. It will begin at the Lincoln Memorial and end 1.8 miles later at the Capitol. There will be 7 stops during the walk for prayer. Go to www.prayermarch2020.com to register.

Do you enjoy technology? Has God given you or someone in your church the gift of understanding and using technology? KBA is looking to develop a KBA Tech Taskforce and is looking for volunteers that feel led to serve on this new taskforce.

The first pastor's retreat is scheduled for October 27th – 29th. This retreat is full, however there will be additional retreats scheduled in the future.

Pastor Gusmane Michel from **First Haitian Church of York** along with Brad Horne will be planning a mission trip to Haiti for pastors in January 2021. More information to come.

A Word from Brad ~

Coronavirus the Crown



Coronavirus this. Coronavirus that. How many times a day do you hear that word? I hear about it more than I want to hear about it. When you hear the word Coronavirus, does it make you feel ecstatic or joyful? No, of course not. It takes the smile off your face, the skip out of your walk, and the joy out of your heart.

But what if we could change what we think when we hear the word Coronavirus. Corona in Spanish and Russian means “crown.” So, the 100 times a day you hear the word, “Coronavirus”, turn your thoughts to think of the word “crown”. Then, remember who our King is who wears the crown. We serve the King of Kings and all the kings of this world will one day lay their crowns at his feet.

Our King, who wears the crown, in whose Kingdom we serve as ambassadors, has said that there is no excuse for putting the Great Commission on hold, even during the pandemic. Jesus just said, “Go”.

I believe that as more and more people are becoming hopeless in these trying times, that people are more open than ever before.

We are the ambassadors to the King in His Kingdom. We can't just sit waiting in the embassy of Jesus' Kingdom. We have to be out among the people, telling of the good news of the King and His Kingdom.

So, every time you hear the word, “Coronavirus,” think on the crown. And then when we see you phased out; we will know why. Your mind has wandered off to thinking about Jesus, his crown, his kingdom, and how you are an ambassador and you don't have time to waste talking to me about all of the nonsense in the world. You have to get out of this conversation and be a light in the darkness, shining your light in the world.

2019-2020 KBA 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



The 2019 Keystone Baptist Annual Book of Reports is available by email. If you would like an email or a printed copy, just let us know. We will be glad to email or print a copy and send it to you.

KBA Financial Update

As of August 31, 2020

Receipts through August - \$74,185.02

Expenses through August - \$43,444.89

The BRN Annual Meeting will be virtual this year. It will be held on Thursday, November 5th from 12:30 to 4:30pm. Dr. Barry Whitworth along with Jeff Christopherson will be the conference speakers/preachers. Mr. Christopherson is an author and Chief Missiologist of the North American Mission Board (NAMB). He also serves as Co-Executive Director of Send Institute, a partnership of the Billy Graham Center at Wheaton College and NAMB. Jeff is the author of the books "Kingdom Matrix" and "Kingdom First." He writes for Christianity Today's "Missio Mondays."

He will lead with three messages:

Kingdom Vision and its Theological Basis

Kingdom Vision in a Pre Christian World

Kingdom Vision for a Post Pandemic World.

There will also be break out sessions. To register go to: BRNUnited.org/event

The WMU Annual State Meeting will be held virtually on December 4th, from 9:00 am - 12:00pm. This meeting will update churches on missions and will provide opportunities to hear from both International and North American missionaries. This is a free conference for the women in your church. More information to come, but ask the ladies of your church to add it to their calendars!

Friendship Baptist Church, Stewartstown, is seeking a part time Associate Pastor. This person should have theological training and some experience in leading a church. He must have a calling to preach and teach. FBC enjoys blended music, both contemporary and traditional. The church is on a main road and has an excellent potential for growth. The salary is negotiable. The Associate Pastor will work with the Senior Pastor to build a ministry that effectively reaches our community for Christ. If you are interested, please contact:

Ken Cademartori, Senior Pastor, Phone 717-818-7943
14874 Winterstown Road, Stewartstown, PA 17363

New Life at Penn State Prayer Request:



Pray for **students** who are trying to figure out their commitment level to Jesus and navigate their faith on their own, apart from their parents.

-**Pray** for **staff** as we continue to reach out to students on campus as much as we can right now! We know that it could be any day that the University might have to cancel in-person classes, so we are trying to prioritize time to meet with and invite students to join New Life!

-**Pray** for **students in isolation/quarantine!** Right now, there are over 200 Covid-19 cases. The students who live in apartments have to quarantine themselves, and students who live on campus have to go to a certain building for isolation. I'm sure that it is scary and lonely for them. Pray for their healing from the virus, and also that they would seek God for hope and help.