



# The KBA BEACON

## News from our Churches:



### Operation Christmas Child

Several Churches in the Association participated in Operation Christmas Child.

#### Country and Town:

85 Boxes

#### Chambersburg Baptist:

48 Boxes



Country and Town



First Baptist Hanover

#### First Baptist Church

##### Hanover:

110 Boxes



#### Thompstontown Baptist:

225 Boxes

Thompstontown Baptist Church had a packing party & pie social on November 14, packing 200 shoeboxes. Another

25 boxes were brought by individuals, bringing the church total to 225. They served as a drop-off center and received a total of 598 shoeboxes during National Collection Week.

Stewartstown Baptist:  
109 Boxes



Stewartstown Baptist



Stewartstown Baptist



Stewartstown Baptist

Greencastle  
Baptist: 162 Boxes



Greencastle Baptist



Greencastle Baptist

**Chambersburg Baptist Church** and their deacons sponsored 10 families with food boxes for Thanksgiving. This is an annual drive that meets the need of families within the community.



**Covenant Community Church** had planned on having a backpack give a way Dec 5, but the church from NC could not come so it had to be cancelled. They also planned on having a 3-day VBS in late December, but that has also been cancelled.

Covenant Community Church is still handing out food at their food pantry at Grace House Ministry scheduled for December 19th. They continue distributing the food outside of the building to limit contact. Pastor Conrad asked that if any church would like to help distribute food, they can contact him at [rconrad@ccchb.org](mailto:rconrad@ccchb.org) or 717-514-9634. He said they distribute food on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month. Please pray for good weather as they are outside distributing food.

Covenant is also raising money to purchase an empty lot beside the food pantry. Their long-range goal is to build a new building that would house the food pantry and other programs such as a summer Children's program that would include lunch. The cost of the lot is \$6,500.

## Prayer Focus:

### **Pray for our churches that are seeking Pastors and Staff:**

Greencastle Baptist Church: Pastor

Memorial Baptist Church: Pastor and Director of Next Generation Ministries

Friendship Baptist Church: Associate Pastor

Josiah's Way: Pastor

Iglesia La Fuente: Pastor

### **Pray for:**

John and Alice Worrall as they recuperate.

Continue to pray for Brad and Jeanine Horne as they recuperate.

## News from KBA:

The **2020/2021 Administrative Team** met on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

**An Executive Board Meeting** is scheduled for January 19,2021 currently by Zoom. The Administrative Team will meet at 6:00pm and Executive Board will meet at 7:00pm.

The Mission Trip to Haiti that is scheduled for January 2021 has been cancelled. Pastor Gusmane Michel from **First Haitian Church of York** along with Brad Horne will be looking at another date in the future.

### ***KBA Financial Update***

**As of November 30, 2020**

**Receipts through November - \$109,136.54**

**Expenses through November- \$95,185.76**

## ***2020-2021 KBA Administrative Team***

Moderator: Pastor John Buhr, Central Baptist Church

1st Vice Moderator: Pastor Tim Parker, Stewartstown Baptist

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 John Worrall, Mount Wolf Community

North Zone Leader: Pastor Don Henrikson, Thompsontown Baptist

SW Zone Leader: Dr. Kenny Craig, Chambersburg Baptist

# A Word from Brad ~

## Christmas Vision Drift



I had one job. To tell my father if the fence slat was the correct height. My dad asked me, "Is it the right height?" I replied, "It's good." To myself, I was thinking, "It's good enough."

When I was nine years old, I helped my father build a picket fence in our back yard. It was a waist high, wooden fence for our new Toy Poodle, Tiffany. No, I didn't pick the name!

My dad would place the vertical slats in the approximate place, ask me if the slat was the correct height, and each time I would reply, "It's good." I thought to myself that the slat was close enough to being the correct height, but I was a nine-year-old just eyeballing it. The next slat was also close enough, and along we went down the fence line. At the end of the fence row, you can imagine how far off the last slat was from the first slat.

Later, after my dad had inspected the fence and all of the vertical slats, he asked me if I could see alright. He told me I needed to go to the optometrist to have my eyes checked out, because obviously, I couldn't see well enough to help him nail the slats on the picket fence at the correct height.

The problem wasn't with my eyes, but it was with my willingness to settle for "close enough" or "good enough." Over time, we drifted further and further away from the correct measurement.

In the same way, we can drift away from the original reason for celebrating Christmas. This movement away from the original is called vision drift. We have drifted away from a pure celebration of Jesus' birthday at Christmas.

At this time of year, we are all thinking about Christmas: the lights, the decorations, the tree, the presents, and the Christmas services. But are we thinking about Jesus? It's like going to a birthday party and ignoring the birthday boy. We celebrate Christmas because God sent His Son, who died for our sins and defeated death by rising up on the third day. Then Jesus passed the baton to his disciples, hence us too, that we need to share the good news of Jesus Christ with everyone.

Just as I had one job in telling my father if the slat was level, we have been left on this earth for one purpose and one purpose only. That is to share the good news of Jesus Christ. To be a witness and ambassador for Jesus. This is our sole purpose.

## Job Openings:

**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

**Memorial Baptist Church** is seeking a Full Time Pastor for their congregation. As shepherd provides leadership for all functions of the church. Serves as ex-officio for all business aspects of the church including supervision of the paid church staff. The Pastor will be responsible to the congregation, coordination through the Elders, Deacons, Church Council, and appointed committees. Plans all worship services serving as spiritual leader of the church. Leads the membership to fulfill the functions of the church: Worship, minister, educate, witness and fellowship. Serves as a leader in the community to foster a healthy spiritual relationship within our surrounding area for growth. Pastor encouraged to spiritually immerse in the body of believers. Performs other typical pastoral duties.

- Seminary graduate with more than five plus (5+) years of ministry experience preferred.
- An effective communicator with leadership vision.
- Emphasizes discipleship and spiritual growth.
- Has a mentoring spirit
- Emphasizes the importance of strong families
- Communicates well with all ages.
- A counselor and teacher who enables persons to learn and understand spiritual truths.
- Is available to assist others with personal and/or spiritual problems.

Additional information is available by request. Please send resumes through email ([pastormbc2020@gmail.com](mailto:pastormbc2020@gmail.com)), but a hard copy may be mailed to: Bill Farris, c/o Gettysburg Memorial Baptist Church, 1096 Biglerville Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325

**Memorial Baptist Church** is also seeking a Director of Next Generation Ministries to be responsible for providing leadership in planning, conducting, and evaluating a Christ-centered ministry from preschool through high school. The individual will have a clear calling to work with children, youth, and their families. He/She will also have a heart for gospel-focused ministry with the goal of leading children, youth, and parents toward spiritual maturity. Full or Part-time hours will be considered. Salary negotiable depending on qualifications.

Responsibilities

- Develops and oversees policies and procedures for an effective children's and youth ministry.
- Manages and/or provides oversight of administrative needs of Children's and Youth Ministries (I.e., budget and events calendars, curriculum etc.).

- Recruit, train, and multiply volunteer team.
- Oversee/lead Sunday morning class and weekly mid-week gathering.
- Plan and oversee/lead service projects, mission trips, and NextGen outreach events.
- Participate in weekly staff meetings.
- Other duties as assigned.
- Leading candidates will possess a biblical theology that is consistent with that of MBC and the Baptist Faith and Message of 2000 (<http://www.sbc.net/bfm2000/>). Apply online or submit your resume to [nextgenmbc2020@gmail.com](mailto:nextgenmbc2020@gmail.com). Applications will be accepted through January 2021. For further information, visit us at [www.memorialbaptistpa.org](http://www.memorialbaptistpa.org) or on our Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/MemorialBaptistPA>

**Greencastle Baptist Church** Pastor Search Committee is ready to start receiving resumes. Attached is the information that can be used to post to the KBA website. We have updated our church profile, compiled survey results, and compiled a list of what we are looking for in a new Pastor. We don't want a profile that is so strict that we miss out on the right individual for our church. In general, our new Pastor's focus will be "evangelism", "caring" and "outreach".

- Must be a dynamic preacher. "Proclaimer of the word". Holds your attention and makes you WANT to be in church to hear his sermons.
- Must love being with people – and therefore must enjoy visitation of shut-ins, sick, visitors, new members, and the congregation.
- Would like someone that has a vision for outreach. We need a leader to help motivate and encourage us to reach out in our community.
- Age is not a factor.
- Would prefer a BS in biblical/pastoral studies but is not a prerequisite. Should at least have a ministry certification and be ordained as a minister.
- Would like at least 5 years of experience as a Pastor, Associate Pastor, Mission field, Youth Pastor.

Resumes and letters of interest can be emailed to [pastorsearchGBC2377@gmail.com](mailto:pastorsearchGBC2377@gmail.com) or mailed to Greencastle Baptist Church, attention: Pastor Search Committee, 2377 Buchanan Trail West, Greencastle, PA 17225.

## *Penn State~New Life:*

- Pray for our students as they've headed home for almost two months. Pray they'd be blessing to those around them, and for their stress levels as they take final exams soon!
- Pray for staff as we prepare the agenda and curriculum for next semester.
- Pray for international students on campus. Many will be unable to travel this year, and with a longer break than normal, loneliness is a real factor.

## Women's Ministries:

**The WMU Annual State Meeting **RELENTLESS**** was held virtually on December 5<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 am -11:00am. Sandy Wisdom-Martin, Executive Director and Treasurer for National WMU, was the guest speaker for the session. The meeting will be posted on the PA/SJ WMU facebook page. Need additional information? Send an email to: [www.pa.sjwmu@gmail.com](mailto:www.pa.sjwmu@gmail.com).

