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2021



The KBA BEACON

News from our Churches:

Carlisle Baptist Church will be hosting a KBA/IMB Evangelism Training on February 2nd and 9th at 6:30 pm. Ben Armacost will be leading the seminar. As a former IMB missionary who traveled across Europe, Ben taught a simple evangelism technique that he will share. Research has shown the reason many do not share Jesus is they do not know the answer to three questions: Why should I share? What do I say when I share? And with whom do I share? This training will not only answer those three questions but will introduce you to a process that builds up and encourages your people to share as they grow in Christ and lead others in discipleship. The seminar will be held in person at Carlisle Baptist, live over Zoom, or recorded for you to watch at a later date. KBA will be sending out a zoom link.



Fellowship Church is the newest member of the Keystone Baptist Association. Voted in unanimously by the Executive Committee on January 19th, we welcome Fellowship Church to the KBA family. Jordan Alturas is the pastor of the church. The church is located in State College, PA. Their website is: www.thefellowshipsc.com.



Noble City Church has begun a neighborhood church in Lancaster City with Sean and Paige Nenstiel leading in this ministry. Seth shared that both he and Paige are from York and have been a part of Noble City Church for the last seven years. As their family grew, they began looking for a new home in the York area but did not find a home to meet their needs. There were other families coming to Noble City from Lancaster and Seth felt under the guidance of the Holy Spirit that Lancaster would be an opportunity to start a new work in the form of a neighborhood church. COVID has caused some disruption in their plans, but they recently moved and have begun meeting with the couples that lived in Lancaster. They are also developing relationships with people in their neighborhood. Seth says, "We are prayerfully patient as we navigate COVID, in person meetings, and neighbors. We would appreciate the prayer and encouragement, and are expectantly excited to see God work as things lighten up this summer!" Seth and Paige have two children ages 2 and 5 months.



Red Land Baptist Church is sending out a Bible Story and Bible activities to children thanks to member and teacher Dawna Holbert. She felt that parents needed to have the opportunity to have Bible Study with their children in their homes.

Dawna prepared Bible Activities for Red Land preschoolers and children and the church mailed the packets to preschoolers and children. Red Land will continue to provide monthly Bible activities into the future.



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:

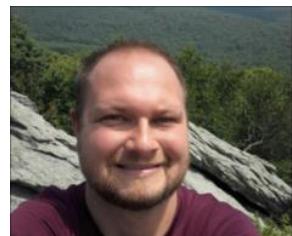
- Steve and Kathy Sheldon: Steve is in the hospital with COVID. Kathy also has COVID and is at home.
- Michael Knott who lost his brother in early January.
- Bev Knott who is recovering at home from blood clots.
- Quick recovery for pastors who have COVID.
- Wisdom for pastors as they deal with all the unknowns of 2021.

News from KBA:

The **FIRST Pastor's Q&A Round Table** met by zoom on January 14th. KBA partnered with the South-Central Baptist and there were more than 20 pastors who joined in and many participated by asking questions and answering questions. This was the beginning of a monthly Round Table set up to provide pastors a forum to hear from each other. Join us on the second Thursday of each month at 10am.



The **Executive Board Meeting** met on January 19, 2021 currently by Zoom. The Board approved Fellowship Church for KBA membership.



It also approved Eric Reiber to become a part of the KBA Administrative Team and is taking on the role as the Youth Relations Advisor. He serves as the leader of New Life fellowship located on the campus of Penn State.

Coming in the Future:

KBA Pastor Wives will meet by zoom on February 1st at 7:30pm for prayer. Theresa Krieg will lead in the 40-minute prayer time. Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/97565802266>.

The Second Pastor's Roundtable will be: Thursday, February 11th at 10:00 am.

Financial Peace University Class for Pastors and Wives will begin Tuesday, February 16th at 7:00 pm. Tim Dedman will be leading this 9-week course. The cost of the class materials and the access to all the online tools is \$129.99 (or \$12.99 monthly). If you have any questions, please email Tim Dedman at tdedman@gmail.com or call him at 717-919-3116.

The Selling of the KBA Office is underway. There are several items in the office that will be available for churches. An email will be sent to share the items that are available to churches. The office will open on February 26th from 5:00 – 8:00pm and Saturday, February 27th from 9:00 – 1:00pm for churches to come by and pick items they may want for their church.

A Word from Brad ~

Words are NOT an Option

For the first 6 months that I lived in Pennsylvania, I was not able to talk with my neighbor up close due to COVID. We would shout to each other across the street, which made it difficult to share my testimony and the gospel with him. We got to know each other through those “across the street” conversations. He knew that I was a Christian and he even said that I was a “good guy”. He knew that I was a former missionary to Russia and that now I was working with churches in the area.

My neighbor and I finally decided that we could get closer in proximity to one another because we were tired of shouting across the street. Soon afterwards, we were talking, and I asked my neighbor if he had ever read the Bible. He replied that he had only read a few verses. I asked him if he would like to read the Bible and he said, “Sure, why not.”

Since agreeing to read the Bible on November 9, 2020, my neighbor has read almost 6 books of the New Testament, including two of the gospels.

Could this have happened without words? Would my neighbor have started reading the Bible just because I was a good person? Jesus didn’t just come to this earth and live as a good person as a testimony to others. He was constantly preaching and teaching the good news.

I think we need to live a good life, but without the words of life, people won’t be able to believe. Faith comes from hearing. In the book of Acts, ten times it says that they heard, they believed, and were baptized. That’s the model. People have to hear in order to believe. This is the sole reason God has left us here on earth: to go and make disciples. Let’s go and tell so that people can hear about Jesus, and when they put their faith in Him, their eternity is changed. That’s good news!

KBA Financial Update

2020

Receipts 2020 - \$118,169.05

Expenses 2020- \$115,503.64

Friendship Baptist Church, Stewartstown, is seeking a part time Associate Pastor.

Memorial Baptist Church is seeking a Full Time Pastor for their congregation.

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.

Greencastle Baptist Church is seeking a Full Time Pastor and has begun receiving resumes.

February 13th is Children's Mission Day.

Join thousands of kids across the country in hands-on ministry in your community for Children's Missions Day! WMU invites all children in grades 1–6 to participate on a Saturday in February each year.

From helping to feed the hungry to sending cards to shut-ins, boys and girls follow God's command to "put your love into action" (1 John 3:18). Church groups create projects that meet needs in their own communities.



2020-2021 KBA Administrative Team

Moderator: Pastor John Buhr, Central Baptist Church

1st Vice Moderator: Pastor Tim Parker, Stewartstown Baptist

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

Youth Relations Advisor: Eric Reiber, Fellowship Church

SE Zone Leader: Pastor John Worrall, Mount Wolf Community

North Zone Leader: Pastor Don Henrikson, Thompsonstown Baptist

SW Zone Leader: Dr. Kenny Craig, Chambersburg Baptist