



The KBA BEACON

News from our Churches:

Noble City Church is excited for 2021. Pastor Murray states: “We are investing in a new cohort of leaders and are excited to see them shepherd, preach and reach out in their neighborhoods this year. Please pray for the Nenstiel and Brown families as they plant a new church in Lancaster City.

As the vaccine rolls out, we are hopeful to offer our youth summer camp.

Our partnership with Unfolding Word, a bible translation ministry, is taking off. We sent Matt and Sukey Lynskey to serve with them and are hoping God will open doors internationally to invest in leadership training and church planting that works alongside bible translation.

We are also celebrating our third graduate of our church-based leadership development, Seth Nenstiel who completed his Master of Ministry.”

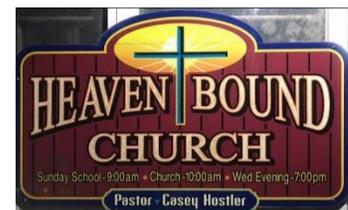
Stewartstown Baptist Church baptized two young men in early December:

Tanner and Ethan Kirkpatrick.



Stewartstown has also partnered with the local school district to help students in need of weekend meals. Currently, they are providing bags of food that allow approximately 15 students to have three meals a day on Saturdays and Sundays.

Heaven Bound Church hosted a drive through Christmas dinner on Christmas day for anyone who needed a meal. The menu included turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing, gravy, green beans, corn, and dessert.



Mountain View Community Church has discovered an unexpected internet congregation since the beginning of the pandemic. Watchers from Uganda, Brazil, and nearly every state in US. Pastor Losch states: “We are living proof of new wine in new wine skins. Easter sunrise had over 2000 viewers, Christmas Eve had a good viewer response too.

Greencastle Baptist Church prepared and delivered 11 Harvest Home baskets for needy families in the community (Turkey, potatoes, stuffing, all the fixings for a Thanksgiving meal AND gift cards for local grocery stores).

They had a baby dedication of Abraham Kemokai by his mother Aminata.

Worshipped together on Christmas Eve with a Candlelight Service. They also invited Seth and Joanna Izer, missionaries to Oxford, England, to speak on December 27th.



New Hope Baptist Church hosted a Youth Christmas party on December 14th.



Red Land Baptist Church provided gifts and clothing to two needy families in the local community for Christmas.

They also prepared bags for Ms. Holbert's Scott Elementary Kindergarten Class and delivered them to their homes. This is the third year for this mission outreach although in years passed members would take the boxes to Ms. Holbert's classroom.



Thompsontown Baptist Church: Pastor Don Henrikson is encouraging the members of their church to commit to a Bible reading plan for 2021.

Congratulations:

To Jordan and Chantel Alturas. They exchanged marriage vows on January 2nd. Jordan is the pastor of Fellowship Church in State College.



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:

- Quick recovery for pastors who have COVID.
- Wisdom for pastors as they deal with all the unknowns of 2021.
- Pastors and churches to lead in creative ways as they do ministry.
- All of those who have loved ones who have COVID and for those who have lost someone to COVID
- Special opportunities to share the gospel during these interesting times.

News from KBA:

A Pastor's Q&A Round Table is scheduled on January 14th at 10:00 am by Zoom. This is an opportunity to ask questions or to bounce off ideas with other pastors. It is the chance to ask other pastors about what they are doing in the ministry or in their churches. For additional information, check for Brad's email or give the office a call.

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.

Don Henrikson mentioned in his Christmas letter that the **weekly zoom prayer time** with other pastors has become a valued time for him. Pastors consider joining Brad (and Don) on Thursday mornings at 10:00 am.



Aimee Todd, the pastor's wife at **Country and Town Baptist Church** shared this message with Brad and Jeanine over Christmas: “

I may be a transplant, but I'm a Keystone Baptist to the core!!
Merry Christmas!”

A Word from Brad ~

Flexibility is the Word

If 2020 taught us anything, it's that plans change, God is sovereign and in control, and we need to be flexible.

Having hosted more than 40 volunteer groups in Russia we would always need to explain that the most important concept for the volunteers to understand was flexibility. We knew that no matter how well we planned, events would often get cancelled for some reason or another and we would have to come up with a new plan. So, whether they wanted to or not, flexibility was a concept that volunteers had grasped by necessity at the end of their week-long trip from the U.S. to Russia.

Throughout the Bible we see followers of God as constantly being flexible. In fact, I think almost every person in the Bible was flexible to God's leading. Abraham had to be flexible and move to wherever God led him to. Noah had to be flexible and listen to God when He said to build a huge boat on dry land. Matthew had to be flexible the day he was sitting in his tax collector's booth and Jesus said, "Follow me."

Another great example is Philip. He was seeing a revival in Samaria and yet God took Philip to the desert, seemingly away from the people. When God said to go to the chariot, Philip didn't complain, but obeyed God. He was flexible and adapted to God's leading and doing God's will. Philip not only walked to the chariot but ran. Philip didn't ask why or complain about God taking him from the middle of a revival to one lone servant in the desert. Philip embraced the new assignment with obedience and enthusiasm. Enthusiasm originally described someone who showed religious fervor or who was "In God".

So, the next time your plans change, be flexible, because it just might be God moving you to a new task. We can aim for enthusiastic flexibility.

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
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

KBA Financial Update

December 2020

Receipts for December - \$ 7,389.49

Expenses for December- \$ 19,226.75

Year end numbers will be presented in the next Beacon and at the Executive Board Meeting

Job Openings:

Check the website keystonebaptist.net for job descriptions and contact information.

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.

Penn State~New Life: Kayla Smith



“Our New Life Penn State students recently created and completed a “25 Days of Blessing” calendar for the month of December. Each day featured a different way to bless someone through service, encouraging words, and giving. We loved hearing the testimonies from our students as they blessed those around them. Some were even able to have their non-believing friends join them in serving as well! We are looking forward to starting our virtual semester mid-January, and then in-person meetings mid-February. Would you join us in praying that New Life students would return to campus eager to continue intentionally blessing their college peers and the campus?”

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

