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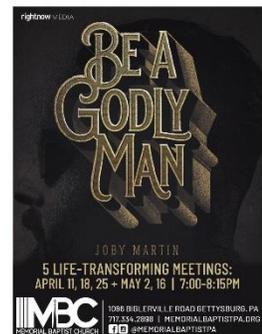
The KBA BEACON

News from our Churches:

Mason Dixon Youth attended a winter retreat on February 19-21st at Black Rock Retreat Center. The theme for the weekend was “Hope.” “With the end of 2020 and chaotic beginning to 2021, it’s easy for us to sink into hopelessness and despair. We need to be reminded of the steadfast hope we have in Jesus” Youth pastor Tyler Hogg commented. The retreat pastor was Chandler Robinson, Associate Pastor from Stewartstown Baptist Church.



Memorial Baptist Church will be hosting a Bible Study for men and are inviting men from Keystone Baptist Churches the opportunity to join with this study. “Be a Godly Man” by Joby Martin will begin April 11th and will run for five weeks. If you need further information, contact the KBA office.



New Hope Baptist Church youth hosted a Valentine’s Banquet and Chinese auction on February 20th. 18 of their youth served food for the Banquet.

Their youth group, ATTIC (All Teens Thinking In Christ) will be hosting a Craft Fair on March 13th from 10:00 am -3:00pm. There will be crafters, food, and baked goods available.

Country and Town Baptist Church Women has begun a “Not-So-Secret Sister” Ministry. In years passed this was a Secret Sister Ministry. This year, ladies will be matched with one another openly, so you’ll know both who to pray for and who’s praying for you. Sisters can encourage one another through prayer, notes, or even small gifts.

News from KBA:

The SECOND Pastor’s Q&A Round Table met by zoom on February 25th at 10:00 am. Jamie Work from the IMB and David Atkins a church planter with NAMB were the guest speakers. Ed Roman shared about their church’s Evangelism Training session and its effect on his church and in his personal life. The next roundtable will be March 25th at 10:00 am. If you were not able to attend, you can watch it by using this link:



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o8Snr3n5Wxs&ab_channel=BradHorne

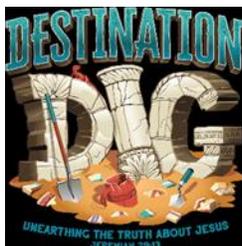
The KBA Executive Board will meet on April 26th. The Administrative Team will meet at 6:00 m and the Executive Board will meet at 7:30pm. The Executive Board consists of every pastor of a KBA church plus one church member chosen by the church body of that church.

The **Selling of the KBA Office** is underway. There are several items in the office that will be available for churches. There is also a list of books that are available for the church library or for the Minister’s personal library. If you need a list of available items let the KBA office know.

Pastor’s Prayer: Pastors continue to meet on Thursday mornings at 10:00 am for prayer. All pastors and pastoral staff are invited to join.

KBA Pastor Wives began meeting February 1st at 7:30 by zoom for prayer and will continue to meet every Monday evening. Theresa Krieg leads this 40-minute prayer time. If you are a Pastor’s wife please join us. For additional information, contact the office:

office@keystonebaptist.net.



VBS Training: VBS is headed to present-day Israel at Destination Dig. Kids will unearth more than dirt as they dig up exciting evidence that proves biblical events were not just stories. They will be unearthing the truth about Jesus! We will be planning a VBS training with Fanny Grote. We will be sending you additional information soon.

Bill Farris at Memorial Baptist Church knows of a church in St. Thomas that has an organ that they would like to donate to another church. If you are interested in the organ, let the office know or contact Bill Farris: farris.wj876@gmail.com

A Word from Brad ~

Is Normal What We Want?

The definition for normal is usual, typical, or expected.



One of the first words that I learned how to say in Russia, while serving as a missionary there, was the word for normal: “normalna”. It was a word that was close to the English, was easy to remember, and meant approximately the same thing. It means that everything is okay or normal.

I have heard a lot of people say that they are ready to go back to normal life. Life without masks or social distancing.

I was thinking about going back to normal. Was normal all that great? What does the Bible have to say about normal life? The answer: not much.

If you can look at Jesus’ 3 years of ministry and could put it to football terms, would you say Jesus was mainly playing offense or defense? Was he like the quarterback, calling the plays, or was he on the defense, reacting to those on the offense? I think most of us would say that he was mainly playing offense. He had the plays for the day-to-day events. There is almost nothing written about Jesus’ average, normal, predictable days, but tons written about his miracles, his conversations with his disciples and unbelievers, and of course his teachings.

I think we also need to be on the offense, moving forward and advancing the gospel.

Now, let’s look at Moses’ life.

Think a minute about what he did and what God did through Moses. What events come to your mind? Maybe his birth, when he killed the Egyptian, talking to Pharaoh, leading the Children of Israel out of Egypt, and crossing the Red Sea, or receiving the 10 Commandments on Mt. Sinai.

How many of you thought about the 40 years he spent with Jethro in Midian? It was quiet, predictable, comfortable, and easy because he knew what was going to happen every day. It was a normal life.

Before the pandemic, you could probably say that your life was fairly quiet, predictable, comfortable, and easy. It was normal.

Do you know what is written about Moses’ 40 years of normal, typical, predictable life? Part of one verse. Not even a full verse is dedicated to those 40 predictable years in Midian. 4 words.

A Word from Brad ~ (cont.) Exodus 2:23a says, "During that long period".

Then God changed the predictable, normal, day to day life when he talked to Moses at the burning bush. His life suddenly went from normal to exciting, scary, and being totally dependent on God for direction. Moses found himself having to rely on the Lord for everything.

The greatest things in life can happen when we understand we are totally dependent on God. When I was 28 years old and a new missionary to Russia, I didn't know what was going to happen on any given day, and I just tried to rely totally on God. I saw 23 college students accept Christ over the period of 9 months.

Normal is not all it's cracked up to be. Let's shoot for walking by faith and depending on God to lead and guide us. We just might see a harvest.

Blessings ~ Brad

KBA Financial Update

Receipts: February 2021 - \$11,380.31

Expenses: February 2021- \$10,141.96

Penn State~New Life: Eric Reiber



New Life at Penn State has been back with students on campus since the middle of February. The campus is still affected by restrictions with Covid and so we have worked diligently to provide content both in person and through Zoom meetings to be most effective. One consequence of the restrictions has been a lower student enrollment in State College this semester. Many of the students we connected to last semester did not come back to campus this spring, meaning we are figuring out how to minister to them from a distance. Please pray for our group to continue disciple students faithfully that God has put into our sphere of influence.

This spring we began a new initiative amongst the group that has created some good traction. We have declared every Friday to be, "Do Good Friday." We want our students to live out the concept of God blessing us to be a blessing. To uphold Ephesians 2:10, that we were created to do good works, which God planned for us to walk in. We know that we are saved by our faith. In conjunction with that, as believers, we want students to live out Matthew 5:16, "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." We have heard about students giving large tips to finding ways to serve their roommates. Spring Semester started off a few weeks ago with our good friend, Zoom. Fortunately, we are now allowed to gather in person, and had our first meeting on campus a few Wednesdays ago.

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

Mountain View Baptist Church: Pastor

Pray for:

- Pastor Kenny Craig who had surgery March 1st on vertebrae in his neck and spacers in 3 discs in his spine. Continue to pray for him as he recovers at home.
- Steve and Kathy Sheldon: Steve is home from rehab. Please continue to pray for his complete recovery.
- Pastor Howard Edmondson for wisdom as he makes decisions for his father after the death of his stepmother.
- Quick recovery for pastors who have COVID.
- Wisdom for pastors as they deal with all the unknowns of 2021.

Missions: Week of Prayer for North American Missions



The Week of Prayer for North American Missions is annually observed by SBC churches to pray for missionaries, their ministries, and their families. The official date is the first Sunday in March through the second Sunday. Your church can choose this date or another time during the Easter season to participate. Each church should have received a packet of Week of Prayer information from BRN. If you need additional information, please let Theresa know. There are numerous free resources available at:

<https://www.anniearmstrong.com/resources/>

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.

Mountain View Community Church is seeking a bi-vocational pastor.