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The KBA BEACON

News from our Churches:

New Hope Baptist Church: youth group (The A.T.T.I.C) held their annual Arts and Crafts festival on March 13th. There were numerous vendors and good crowds throughout the day.



Red Land Baptist Church continued their prayer emphasis for the Annie Armstrong Easter offering by handing out Easter eggs with the name of a missionary/chaplain that serves in Pennsylvania. Richard Krieg, pastor, asked members of the congregation to pray daily for their missionary through the month of April.



Mt Moriah Missionary Baptist Church served lunch after their wonderful and joyous Easter Service. Members preselected their choices and picked up their dinners after service.



Easter Sunday in KBA Churches:

John Buhr, Central Baptist Church: “Our Easter Service was so wonderful compared to last year. Which was me preaching to a smartphone in my dining room. We did not have some of our usual Easter events like Sunrise Service or a breakfast that we usually have but it was so nice to be able to gather together to celebrate the very special day. I hope and pray that for our church all others that it will be the beginning of getting back together and spreading the gospel within our four walls and in the communities, we find ourselves in. He is Risen.”

Ed Roman, Carlisle Baptist Church: “It was awesome! It was a great service with pre Covid attendance. There was a sense of celebration and worship as we baptized four new believers. Each of them sharing their testimony as a part of my sermon. God is moving in our church.”

Richard Krieg, Red Land Baptist Church: “Easter brought Red Land back together. After a year of meeting on Zoom, our church family met in the backyard for Easter Worship. We still Zoomed for some of our out of state worshippers but between those gathered and those on Zoom we had over 50 people. It was a joyous Sunday being united to celebrate the resurrection.”

Josh Bertsch, Oakwood Baptist Church: “Oakwood had a wonderful time celebrating Good Friday and Easter. It was so encouraging to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus together as a body after being online last year.”

Aaron Rhone, New Hope Baptist Church: “Since Covid, our Sundays have not been the most consistent in numbers. On Resurrection Sunday though, we had a great turnout for sunrise service! It was followed by a time of fellowship and food at our breakfast. We had a greater turnout with our normal service, ending the morning with a time of reflection as we took communion together as a church family. Truly, it was a wonderful time of fellowship, reflection and celebration of our risen King!”

Prayer Focus:

Pray for:

- Pastor Kenny Craig had surgery March 1st on vertebrae in his neck and spacers in 3 discs in his spine. He is asking that we pray that for God to heal paralysis in his arms and hands.
- Mrs. Penny Gooch in the loss of her brother-in-law, Johnny, who was a pastor in Charlotte, NC.
- Dr. Pam Smith former BRN Missional Living Leader as she grieves the loss of her Dad.
- Pastor Gary Buchman in the loss of a family member.
- Wisdom for pastors as they continue to deal with all the unknowns of 2021.

Brad and Jeanine Horne celebrate their first anniversary! How thankful KBA is to have Brad and Jeanine. Brad came to KBA on April the 1st in the midst of COVID 19 with few churches meeting in person.

“I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the fact that Brad Horne, our Director of Mission, has been with us for a full year. In ministry they say the first year is the ‘honeymoon phase.’ I think, given all that the association and the churches that make up the association were going through with the virus, it was anything but a honeymoon period. Brad came on board during a very difficult time. Many churches were meeting on a limited basis or not meeting at all. Brad was still able to meet if only via Zoom with various pastors and church leaders to help them, encourage them, and pray with them. I am so thankful to have Brad leading us as an association. I also want to recognize Jeanine (his wife) who I am sure has been a big support to Brad. I hope and pray as the virus subsides and churches start to get back to normal, that we will have many occasions to fellowship together. With the assistance of Brad, we will be able to reach the people of the Keystone area and in turn the rest of the world. Thank you Brad for your service and I hope and pray this is just the beginning of a long and wonderful relationship.”

Pastor John
Moderator of KBA

News from KBA:



A Tech Seminar for pastors and those involved in their church’s technology strategy will be held on Thursday, April 15th at 10:00 am by Zoom.

The **THIRD Pastor’s Q&A Round Table** will meet by zoom on April 29th at 10:00 am.



The **KBA Youth Pastors** will be meeting in person on Friday, April 16th from 11am to 1pm. Their plan is to meet and get to know each other, plan, strategize, pray, and eat together. All youth pastors are invited to come. Contact Brad for additional information.

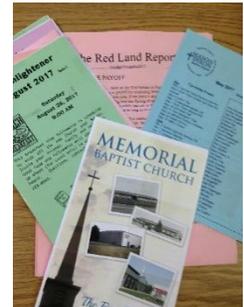
The **Southeast Zone pastors** will meet in person at Denny’s in York on April 22nd at 9:00 am. Come and join other pastors for their first “in person” meeting in a year. If you need further information, contact zone leader Rev. John Worrall.

The **Selling of the KBA Office** is underway. We still have books available for pastors and the church library. If you need an updated list of what is available, just let us know. We also have furniture available and will be glad to send you a list of items.

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 continue to meet at 7:30 on Monday nights by zoom. 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.

Past Church Newsletters: There are several boxes of church newsletters in the basement. If you would like to review and take the newsletters from your church, please let us know.



The Administrative Team will meet on Monday, April 26th at 6:00pm by Zoom.
The Executive Board will meet on Monday, April 26th at 7:30pm by Zoom.

A Word from Brad ~

The Culture of "Jesus, Others, Yourself"

Most people are fairly fond of their alma mater. I graduated from Baylor University with a degree in business and computers in 1988.



Baylor University is a Baptist school. When I entered the university in 1984, Baylor had a student population of around 10,000, and about 5,000 of those students considered themselves to be Baptist.

Over the years I have seen my alma mater, Baylor University, spiral down into moral decay, and that included the athletic department. In the early 2010's, Baylor's football team had at least 5 football players who were convicted of rape or sexual assault that led to several convictions, jail sentences, the firing of the head football coach, and the eventual resignation of the President of Baylor University, Ken Starr.

Several years ago, I watched a wonderful movie called "Facing the Giants", starring Alex Kendrick. It was about a football team that was led by a coach that was a committed Christian. After losing many games, and with his job on the line, the coach turned to God. He told his team that whether they win or lose they will give God the glory. They went on to win the championship.

Now this movie has come to life at Baylor University. The men's basketball team just won the national championship. The coach of the Baylor men's basketball team, Scott Drew, instilled a culture of "Jesus, others, yourself" into the basketball team, which led to their first national championship.

Jesus taught about worry in the sermon on the mount and said, "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." That was exactly the storyline for the movie, "Facing the Giants" and now it has come to life in the Baylor University men's basketball team winning the national championship. May we all put God first and that He would receive all of the glory. Amen!

KBA Financial Update

2021 First Quarter Receipts: - \$26,440.00
2021 First Quarter Expenses: - \$34,220.51

Job Openings:

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

Continue to pray for these churches:

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.

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

Josiah's Way continues to seek a Pastor.

Iglesia La Fuente continues to seek a Pastor.

Penn State~New Life: Eric Reiber

In campus ministry we will have 100% turnover every four years. I know that makes sense but put that into perspective. Every year, on average, a quarter of our ministry will graduate. Every Fall, new students arrive to campus that we start to build a relationship with. As BRN Next director Robert Turner says, "With freshmen, you have to view them as on their way out." We are always thinking about the best use of time with students because we know God blesses us with four years to disciple and send them out well. Therefore, every spring, we interview and prepare for a new leadership team for the following year.

We have just selected our leaders for the next academic year. Two leaders will be returners, and two will be new to the team. We view our student leaders at New Life as co-laborers in ministry alongside us as a staff (Eric, Autumns, and Kayla). The leadership interviews are some of my favorite moments each year. We get to hear more about the heart of a student and what God has done in their sanctification. This new team has a student that a year ago we stated that we would feel uncomfortable with them leading, but God has done so much in the student's life, it was a no brainer for us to bring them on board.

Our student leaders in New Life lead discipleship triads. They meet regularly with 2-3 other students to discuss life, what they are learning personally from the Word, and then the leader will lead a time of equipping based on Knowledge, Skills, Character, and Vision. We use our leaders like this, because it is such a reproducible model, that they can do for the rest of their lives. They do not need to be in a formal teaching or leading position to be a part of making disciples. We are so excited for this next team and pray for fruit in the lives of the students they lead.