



The KBA BEACON

News from our Churches:

Iglesia La Fuente called Rev. Bonny Moreta to be their pastor in April. Rev. Moreta pastored in the Dominican Republic before immigrating to the United States in 1994. He recognizes the need in the Harrisburg area and continues to seek a vision for the church. He asks that you pray for him and the church. Pastor Moreta is the father to four children.



Red Land Baptist Church members have been taking turns reading to Ms. Holbert's Scott Elementary Kindergarten class every Friday this year. At Christmas time providing Christmas gifts while all along praying for the children and their parents in her class. As the school year ends, Red Land will be giving each child two books for summer reading. Each book will have a message to the child and their parents with scripture.



Central Baptist Church has completed another year of their Good News Club working with children in Waynesboro. Pastor John Buhr says: "Of all the things that I thought would get canceled this past year because of Covid, the one thing for sure I thought would be canceled is our Good News Club. I thought there were too many obstacles in the way, but God made a way. We were able to run our Good News Club this year, with a group of



children from Kindergarten to second grade, from the local elementary school. The club was very successful, and we had many professions of faith from the children. We had a crew of 10 people to make it all happen. I was so glad I was wrong and glad we could have club. I am already excited for next year."



Prayer Focus:

Pray for:

- Pastor John Harling who is recovering at home from a visit to the hospital.
- Paula Craig as she continues to recover.
- Steve Sheldon as he recovers from shingles.
- Brad, three KBA pastors, and a youth pastor as they prepare to attend the Southern Baptist Convention.
- For India and our missionaries serving there.

News from KBA:

134: is the number of users who visited the KBA website in April. 44.5% of those users went direct to the site while 31.9% found it by an organic search. If you have not checked out the website, here is the address: <https://www.keystonebaptist.net/>.

The Tech Seminar for pastors and those involved in their church's technology strategy was held on April 15th by zoom. If you would like to review the notes from this meeting, just let the office know and we can email them to you.

The KBA Youth Pastors met in person on Friday, April 16th. Numerous items were discussed including a mission's weekend for youth in October. Chandler Robinson from Stewartstown said that he had a great time and walked away feeling refreshed and with multiple ideas for his student ministry.

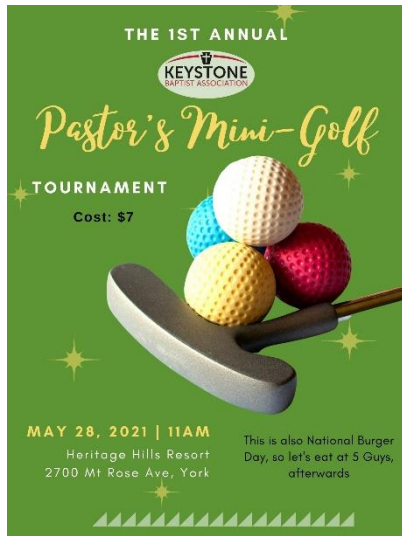


The Southeast Zone pastors met in person at Denny's in York on April 22nd. There were 14 present. Zone leader Pastor John Worrall shared that he was overwhelmed by the turnout and such a wonderful time of fellowship and encouragement. He stated that these meetings are a



great opportunity to make connections with other pastors within KBA. Rev. Paul Beliasov a chaplain with the York County prison system was also in attendance. Brad invited him to come and choose books from the library for his prison ministry which he did the following Tuesday.

KBA Pastor Wives continue to meet at 7:30 on Monday nights for prayer by zoom. They will meet in person at John's Diner (New Cumberland, PA) on **June 5th at 10:00 am** for breakfast and fellowship. If you are a Pastor's wife, please join us. For additional information, contact the office: office@keystonebaptist.net.



The Tournament is set: Pastors will meet on May 28th at Heritage Hills Resort in York for the first annual Pastor’s Mini-Golf Tournament. This will be a time of fellowship as KBA will find out which pastor has the best putting skills. Reserve your spot by connecting with Brad through a text or email.

Past Church Newsletters: There are several boxes of church newsletters in the basement. They are available for review and pickup at the KBA office.



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.

Disaster Relief: Did you know that KBA has a disaster relief trailer? It is located at Greencastle Baptist church and is considered a chain saw unit and a muck out unit.

On July 31st KBA will host a Disaster relief training day with BRN Disaster relief director Kenton Hunt. Lisa Burnworth, KBA’s Disaster relief director says: “Moving forward, I would like to see a group of volunteers in each of our association churches. With that in mind I again ask that every one of us prayerfully consider how they might get involved. I would also love to see a single person within each church that would act as the DR coordinator for their members.” We will be sending out additional information and are asking churches to begin to pray that God will volunteers to come to this training.



THE KBA OFFICE HAS BEEN SOLD. We will need help in emptying the building by June 10th and will be sending out additional information. 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. One of the items available is a communion set with two cup trays and one bread bowl. It is in excellent condition.



Ronnie Floyd’s new book: Ten Percent. *A Call to Biblical Stewardship.*

KBA has 8 copies of this new book on stewardship. If you would like a copy, please let us know.

Or you can download a digital church kit which includes a pdf version of the book at: [Stewardship - SBC.net](http://Stewardship-SBC.net).

A Word from Brad ~

Names (part 1)



When I moved to Pennsylvania last year, I started learning the names of cities and places. I love the names of this area. There is Messiah College, Mt. Pisgah, Mt. Zion Road, Holy Spirit Hospital, the cities of Nazareth, Bethlehem, and Paradise. I feel like I'm in Heaven already.

Mt. Pisgah is a hill near my house in Wrightsville and looks out over the Susquehanna River (see picture above). Mt. Pisgah was the mountain that God

told Moses to climb up and see the Promised Land, but that he would not enter it. Deuteronomy 3:27 says, "Go up to the top of **Pisgah** and look west and north and south and east. Look at the land with your own eyes, since you are not going to cross this Jordan." Whoever named this hill must have been a believer and thought looking out from the top of this hill was like looking out on the Promised Land in Israel and named it Mt. Pisgah.

What about our names. They are very important to God. A few times God actually changed people's names: Abram to Abraham, Sarai to Sarah, and Jacob to Israel. He even told parents what to name their kids. He told Zechariah and Elizabeth to name their child John, and he told Mary and Joseph to name His Son, Jesus. So, names are important to God.

So, will we keep our names even in Heaven? We are not certain, but we do have some clues from the Bible. Jesus is still referred to as Jesus, even after He ascended to Heaven. When Jesus was on the Mt. of Transfiguration, the Bible says that Moses and Elijah were there. They had been dead and living in Heaven for hundreds of years, and yet they were still called by the same names. Jesus still used Lazarus' name when he called him to come out of the grave. God's Word, which is eternal and is being read before the throne of God 24/7, still has everyone's names. So, it seems like we will keep our earthly name in Heaven.

Revelation says that when people repent and put their faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior, that their names are written in the Book of Life. We can only assume that it's their earthly name. Otherwise, what name is written in the Book of Life?

In Biblical times, names were often given to babies that had a meaning. Moses means "to draw out" and Jacob means "holder of the heel" or "supplanter". My name, Brad, means provider. What does your name mean?

There are even some strange names in the Bible: Anani, Kenaniah, Shammuah, Pallu, Abishag, Zibiah, and Hepzibah.

If you think about it, everything has a name. I'm currently typing on a keyboard that is connected to a computer. They have names and that's how we identify and talk with each other about them. Unless you are like my mother-in-law. She walked into a Home Depot and asked, "Do you have one of those doodads that sits on the whatchamacallit and spins?" I actually looked it up and whatchamacallit is listed in the dictionary! We even have a word for a name that we can't remember.

I'm thankful that God does not need to use the word "what's-his-name" for me or anyone else. He knows our name, what it means, and exactly who we are. By the way, "what's-his-name" is also in the dictionary. Today, remember that God knows you, knows your name, and if you have put your faith in Jesus Christ, then it's written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

KBA Financial Update

2021 April Receipts: - \$11,424.17

2021 April Expenses: - \$9,894.21

2021 Year to date income: \$37,864.72

2021 Year to date expenses: \$44,114.72

New Life at Penn State: Autumn Miller~



Senior Send Off!

Celebrating our seniors during the final New Life meeting of the semester is always such a bittersweet time. Everyone speaks up to encourage them, share something they learned from them, or to just share a funny memory. We also thanked our leaders who served New Life so faithfully and diligently during this tough year and got to hear some words of wisdom from them. I am excited that there will still be several

students around all summer, so we will get to continue hanging out with them!

Prayer needs for New Life at Penn State

-**Pray** for **students** as they travel home soon, or to new jobs/internships. Pray that wherever they are for the summer they will intentionally live in a way that brings the light of Christ to the people around them.

-**Pray** for **staff** as we continue to connect with our students who are local, meet new students who will stay on campus for the summer, begin equipping and preparing our new leadership team, host bible studies, prepare for next semester, and support raise!

-**Pray** for **Kayla**, my roommate and coworker, who has been on a health journey for the past several months. UPDATE: She is doing a few different tests now to evaluate where things are at with her health. Pray that she gets good results and that she can start the 'recovery phase' of her treatment plan.

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.

Josiah's Way continues to seek a Pastor.

Mason Dixon is seeking a part-time Director of Children's Minister.

Memorial Baptist Church is 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.

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

In 2014 Aubrey King, member of Red Land Baptist Church served with Jim and Teresa Flora in Lesotho, Africa. Red Land became endeared to Jim and Teresa as they watched their work through the eyes of Aubrey. Upon her return, the church has continued to pray for and support the Flora family and their ministry in Africa. In recent months KBA pastors and their wives were asked to join in prayer for Jim's health. Quickly after the death of Jim, his family decided to form the Timothy Project.



The Timothy Project:

"The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful people who will be able to teach others also." 2 Timothy 2:2 NASB.

In 2008, Jim and Teresa Flora answered God's call and said goodbye to their friends, family to fly across the world to Lesotho, Africa. Serving as IMB missionaries, they spent 13 years pouring into the Basotho people by making disciplines, starting churches, helping with medical needs and everything in between. Seven months ago, Jim Flora was diagnosed with Liver cancer and recently passed away on May 7th, 2021. People from all over the world, quite literally to the ends of the earth, are still grieving the loss of Jim. They are grieving his love, playful spirit, and passion for sharing the gospel of Christ. Jim infamously said, "Until All Have Heard", after his messages and blog posts. His deepest desire was for ALL nations to come to know Christ and he believed that this was done through Biblical teaching. Following and honoring Jim's passion to share Christ "until all have heard", his family has created The Timothy Project.

The Timothy project will provide biblical training for young men in the mountains of Lesotho and eSwatini. The hope is that the gospel will continue to advance throughout these two countries and ultimately to the ends of the earth. The Flora family are asking friends and family, that churches would prayerfully consider giving to this project and advancing the work that he so dearly loved.



If you would like to give, please follow the link below. It will take you to a site with a drop-down box and you will find the line item: Timothy Project. Be sure to follow "The Timothy Project" on Facebook or Instagram for updates. updates. <https://www.shelbygiving.com/app/giving/fbcmv>.