

NOVEMBER
2021



NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

Country & Town Baptist Church, Mason Dixon Baptist Church and Stewartstown Baptist Church:

Students from Country & Town Baptist Church, Mason Dixon Baptist Church, and Stewartstown Baptist Church gathered together on October 16th and 17th for a joint youth group service weekend. The three churches brought together over 30 students who spent the weekend connecting with each other, studying God's word, and serving others at Grace House Ministries in Harrisburg, PA. Pastor Jacob Shetron from Country & Town, Pastor Tyler Hogg from Mason Dixon, and Pastor Chandler Robinson from Stewartstown share that the weekend was a great success. It was fantastic to see students from different churches working together, being the hands and feet of Christ. They hope to hold future events such as this one to continue teaching students what it means to be on mission for Christ and work together with other believers.





Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church renovated their sanctuary over the last couple of months. Their first service in their new sanctuary was October 28th.



Central Baptist Church hosted a “Trunk or Treat” on October 28th in the church parking lot.



Mason Dixon Baptist Church hosted a Halloween Party for their youth on October 27th.



Thompsonstown Baptist Church youth attended the Momentum Retreat at Camp Joy-El the weekend of November 6th and 7th. They enjoyed a great time of fellowship while learning what it means to be REFINED by the trials they face and realizing that God is bigger than all of them.



Chambersburg Baptist Church will hold a Pastor Ordination council meeting on Sunday, December 5th at 5:00 pm at the parsonage for Assistant Pastor, John Healy. The ordination service will be held the following Sunday, December 12th at 10:30 am.



Oakwood Baptist Church will hold a Pastor Ordination council meeting on Saturday, November 20th by Zoom for their pastor Josh Bertsch.

PRAYER FOCUS:

Pray for:

- KBA churches and their pastors.
- Pastors to be encouraged and be strong in their faith.
- Josh Bertsch as he begins his ordination process.
- John Healey as he begins his ordination process.
- Missionaries and pastors in Haiti
- The persecuted church
- Adam Hedge (former pastor at Memorial) as he serves as chaplain at Fort Hood in Texas, along with his wife Meagan and their children.
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NEWS FROM KBA:

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 pm on Monday nights for prayer by Zoom. If you are a Pastor's wife, please consider joining us. For additional information, contact the office: office@keystonebaptist.net.

Seminar: Sharing with Unbelievers

Brad led in this seminar on November 4th. Below is the video link to the seminar. There will be another seminar in the weeks to come.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C3lIZIkTeuY&ab_channel=BradHorne



Pastor's Roundtable will resume on January 27, 2022. They will return on the 4th Thursdays of every month.

A WORD FROM BRAD ~

Teaching or Training? Which is it?

The terms “teaching” and “training” are often used interchangeably, but there are important differences. What is the role of the pastor; to teach or to train?



So, what is the difference between teaching and training? Teaching is more theoretical and abstract, while training is more hands-on and practical. Teaching seeks to impart knowledge and provide information, while training is intended to develop abilities. Teaching is for understanding; training is for doing. Teaching is verbal; training is hands-on. So that's the difference.

It is possible to teach someone about buoyancy, fluid dynamics, and water displacement, but that knowledge doesn't replace the hands-on training of baptizing a new believer. Practical training is necessary to use the abstract teaching.

Thanksgiving is around the corner and many of you will be cooking and serving a Thanksgiving meal. Theoretically, it's possible to just read a recipe and make a dish, but the hands-on experience is so vital.

Teaching provides knowledge, instruction, or information, while training develops abilities through hands on practice with supervision.

When I graduated from college, I heard that I lacked the practical skills (experience) that were necessary for a job. I've found that colleges and universities are great at teaching but are weak with the hands-on, practical training.

So, what is the role of the pastor or teacher? To teach or to train? Ephesians 4:11-12 in the ESV says, “And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.” Paul is saying that the role of the pastor or teacher is to equip or train other believers for ministry. Both teaching and training are vital and must be combined to fully equip the follower of Christ.

When most of us were about 16 years old, we started taking the written course or theoretical part of Driver's Education, but then came the practical part, driving behind the wheel. To obtain a driver's license and drive a car, it took both teaching and training.

We are all called to make disciples, but does that happen by teaching or training? I believe that it's both. As the great commission states, “Go and make disciples”, and “teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” How did I learn to make disciples?

A WORD FROM BRAD ~ CONTINUED

I watched another man make disciples and then he watched me and helped me to continually improve in making disciples. I would say my personal experience was 30% teaching and 70% hands-on experience.



In conclusion, it's the role of the pastor and teacher to both teach and train believers for ministry. Teaching and training go hand in hand "for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ."

~ Brad

**"GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD.
HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER." 1 CHRONICLES 16:34**

KBA FINANCIAL UPDATE

2021 October Receipts: - \$8,046.86

2021 October Expenses: - \$12,519.75

2021 Year to date income: \$62,673.57

2021 Year to date expenses: \$76,075.97

ZONE CHRISTMAS PARTIES: The 2021 Christmas Parties are just around the corner. The cost is \$7.00 per person (\$14.00 a couple). We hope to see you as we celebrate and fellowship Christmas together:



North Zone: Friday, November 19th at 6:30 pm at the Bread of Life Restaurant in Mcalistersville, PA. Don Henrikson is the zone leader for the North Zone.

Southwest Zone: Monday, November 29th at 6:00 pm at the Bonanza in Chambersburg. Please let us know by November 22nd, if you are planning to attend. Kenny Craig is the zone leader for the Southwest Zone.

Southeast Zone: Friday, December 10th, 7pm. at Mount Wolf Community Church. Please let us know by December 1st if you are planning to attend. John Worrall is the zone leader for the Southeast Zone.

WMU:

RELENTLESS

Saturday, November 13th the PA/SJ WMU met at Country and Town Baptist Church for its annual meeting. Sandy Wisdom-Martin and Gail Hallman spoke and challenged those in attendance to be Relentless for Him. The next Beacon will include pictures and more about the day. There were 6 KBA churches represented at the meeting and included: Carlisle Baptist Church, Chambersburg Baptist Church, Country and Town Baptist Church, Noble City Baptist Church, Red Land Baptist Church and Stewartstown Baptist Church.



NEW LIFE AT PENN STATE: AUTUMN MILLER

PUMPKIN PATCH FUN: This has now been a four-year tradition with our international student friends who love to experience these fall “funtivities.” Many of them have watched the “Gilmore Girls” television show and say that it reminds them of being in Stars Hollow. The farmers told us that since it had been so warm with not overnight frosts, the weeds were out of control in the fields (as you can see in the picture.) We really had to dig for our pumpkins this year, which made it even more rewarding when we finally found a prized pumpkin.



We had our yearly **Fall Retreat at Krislund Camp!** Although there was a smaller turnout this year, it did not stop us from spending some sweet time with God, bonding with each other, and getting some much-needed rest away from busy campus life. **There is little to no phone service at this camp, and each year every student expresses how much they appreciate this.** It feels good to disconnect and just be present in the moment with friends:)