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## NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

### Mason Dixon Baptist Church



hosted 32 men at the Johnny Hunt's Men's Conference

Simulcast "Hunted" on February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022. View Brad's interview with Eric Broadaway on the KBA website.



**Red Land Baptist Church** provided 23 backpacks to Ms. Holbert's kindergarten class at Scott Elementary School in Harrisburg celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. The back packs were provided by NAMB. Members of the church donated personal hygiene items, school supplies, books, gloves, and hats. Unable to go into the school, they brought the children outside to receive their bags.



**Carlisle Baptist Church** is partnering with the Liberian and Friends Humanitarian Organization to send 150 African children to school. Pastor Ed Roman stated that it costs parents in the four African nations \$75.00 annually to send a child to school. Many parents do not have the resources to send a child to school.

**Family of God** recently held a dinner and invited all that were interested in joining a small group or those who would like to lead a small group to attend. To Pastor Howard's delight 72 adults joined him in attending this meeting. His goal is to have 18 small groups running by Easter. He shared that small groups are based on fellowship; that provides an opportunity for knowing, loving, and praying for each other. Pastor Edmondson's full interview is available on the Video Archive page of the KBA website: [www.keystonebaptist.net](http://www.keystonebaptist.net).

**Greencastle Baptist Church** is partnering with The Tide which raises funds to share the gospel through literacy classes in India. This year their fundraiser (Your Soles ~ Their Souls) is a shoe drive asking churches to donate new or gently worn used shoes.



**Greencastle** also hosted a children's Valentine's Day Party at their church on Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.



## PRAYER FOCUS:

### Pray for:

- KBA churches and their pastors. We currently have two churches without pastors and four additional churches that are searching for new pastors. Please pray for the Pastor Search Committees at Mount Wolf Community and New Hope Baptist as they seek a pastor.
- Three churches that are considering joining the Keystone Baptist Association.
- IMB missionaries serving in Russia and the Ukraine.
- For troops that are being deployed to Romania and Poland.
- Jordan and Chantel as they await the birth of their baby.
- Adam Hedge (former pastor at Memorial) as he serves as chaplain at Fort Hood in Texas along with his wife Meagan and their children.
- Our partnership with the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

## NEWS FROM KBA:

**Pastor's Prayer:** Pastors continue to meet on Thursday mornings at 10:00 am for prayer. **Brad has added an additional Thursday evening prayer time at 7:30 pm.** All pastors and pastoral staff are invited to join.

**Pastor's Roundtable:** is scheduled for Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

**Security Training:** KBA is providing a free church security training workshop on Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 10:00 am by Zoom. Brad Bower, with Bower Insurance, will help churches understand the need for a security team and security plan. This session will be recorded and anyone in the church may attend. Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88471572258>.



**KBA Trip to Israel:** On February 19<sup>th</sup> 11 people from KBA returned from the trip to Israel. They had a wondrous time and enjoyed the opportunity to visit.

**Mission Trip to London: Dates have changed!**

KBA has had to cancel the April trip to London, but we are working with our IMB partners, Ben and Judy Armacost, to schedule another date later in the year.

**The KBA WEBSITE:** Be sure to check the KBA website for updated information, videos, and future events. [www.keystonebaptist.net](http://www.keystonebaptist.net).

**The KBA Forum:** on the [www.keystonebaptist.net](http://www.keystonebaptist.net) website. Here are a few items that are available from the Buy/Sell/Giveaway tab.



Portable Stage



Clipboards



Communion Table

**Mississippi Partnership:** Brad spent several days in Mississippi speaking with pastors and other DOMs about the upcoming partnership. Mike Ray, the Missions Mobilization Director for The Mississippi Baptist State Convention, will lead a vision team to our area to meet with pastors May 11-13. The Mississippi State Baptist Convention will be leading a KBA Pastor's and wives Renewal Retreat at the end of September as well as bringing volunteer teams up to partner with KBA churches.

**OPENINGS IN CHURCHES:**

**Valley Baptist Church** in Middletown is looking for an instrumentalist/Worship Leader for their 10:45 am Sunday service. They would like to have someone who plays either piano, keyboard, or guitar and can lead the congregation in music. For additional information, contact: Pastor Jerry Cowan 944-9651/jerrycowan @verizon.net.

## A WORD FROM BRAD ~

### Disciple, Disciple Making, Discipleship, and Disciple Maker

I often talk and preach on discipleship, being a disciple, and discipleship making, but what do those words mean exactly? Well, let's talk about it.

A **disciple** is someone who is following Jesus, being changed by Jesus, and is committed to the mission of Jesus. (Matt. 4:19)

**Disciple making** is entering into relationships in order to help people trust and follow Jesus, which includes the whole process from conversion, to maturity, to multiplication. (Matt. 28:19-20)

**Discipleship** is the state of being a disciple.

A **disciple maker** is a disciple of Jesus, who enters into relationships with people to help them trust and follow Jesus.

Matt. 4:19, Jesus said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." (ESV).

So here is a good definition of a disciple. Notice the 3 parts.

*A disciple is 1. following Jesus, 2. being changed by Jesus and 3. committed to the mission of Jesus.*

Let's look at our definition of being a disciple. If people are *following* Jesus, being *changed* by Jesus, and *committed* to the *mission* of Jesus, then they are biblical disciples.

#### **Disciple Making – entering into relationships to help people to trust and follow Jesus**

It's preferable to use the terms "making disciples" or "disciple making" because these words are found in the Bible. "Making disciples" describes what Jesus meant in Matthew 28:19-20:

So, when Jesus fed the 5,000, could Jesus have counted all of those as His disciples? I don't think so. Look at our definition again. Jesus did help the people to trust and follow Him, but he didn't enter into a relationship with each person, so they weren't really his disciples. Jesus did enter into relationship with several men over his three years of ministry. Those were his 12 disciples.

So, let's enter into relationships with people to help them trust and follow Jesus. **That is why God has left us here on earth, to be disciple makers.**

## KBA FINANCIAL UPDATE

January 2022 Receipts: \$12,813.22

January 2022 Expenses: \$11,195.36

## NEW LIFE AT PENN STATE: ERIC REIBER

Students from Delaware Valley University, Clareon University and Penn State will come together the week of March 6-11 to work with Disaster Relief in York County. They will be helping in rebuilding homes that were damaged during the fall flooding. Eric has asked that churches join together and feed the students in the evening. There will be additional information coming through email. What a great way to minister to college students as they minister to others.

## CHURCHES: IT COSTS \$45.00 A WEEK FOR BREAKFAST AT PENN STATE.

Would your church consider helping New Life at Penn State by donating \$45.00 or by sending hot chocolate and breakfast bars? Contact Kayla Smith at [Kaylamsmith7@gmail.com](mailto:Kaylamsmith7@gmail.com).

**ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILE** (ACP): If you have not finished your report please do so by February 25th.

## ANNIE ARMSTRONG WEEK OF PRAYER AND OFFERING

The week of prayer for North American missionaries is March 6-13<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Churches received a package from BRN that includes prayer guides and envelopes. For additional information and resources go to:

[www.anniearmstrong.com/week-of-prayer](http://www.anniearmstrong.com/week-of-prayer)



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