

APRIL
2022



NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

Carlisle Baptist Church is working in partnership with Hamilton Elementary School to minister to the needs of the staff, parents, and students. There are 400 students at Hamilton with 82% considered living in poverty. They are currently providing rides to medical appointments for students and parents. They are praying for the staff and providing “treats” for them twice monthly. Beginning this fall 2022 semester their plans are to:

- Participate with students by reading & homework program after school.
- Create and hold parenting classes in the Fall and Spring semesters.
- Partner with Middlesex United Methodist's “Happy Feet Program” - providing a needy child with a shirt, pants or dress, socks and underwear and a pair of shoes.
- Provide volunteers to walk kids to school so they don't have to walk alone to Good News Club.

Slavic Baptist Church: continues to work on sending relief to those in Ukraine. Pastor Kitsen shares “I greet you, friends! Us, as people, emigrants from Ukraine. Since the first days of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, we have been very engaged in volunteer assistance for Ukraine. We have already done a lot; we still don't stop. We continue to do what we can. We have already sent a total of more than 15 tons of various aid - medicines, clothes, food, etc. and financial support. Now we are sending a group of 3 people with funds to the Polish



Ukrainian border. There are still approximately 7-10 tons of aid on the church grounds, ready to be sent. More than \$100,000 have passed through our church fund for helping Ukraine. Every day we have family prayers. Every church service we have a kneeling prayer for Ukraine, soldiers, volunteers and just people, the inhabitants of Ukraine. We also pray for the captive people and for the ministries of Christians in Ukraine. We ask God to stop this war and bloodshed with it. With the help of God, we do what we can.”

For additional information or to donate go to: www.sbcoh.com or open the QR code above.

Chambersburg Baptist Church hosted an Easter Egg Hunt and Hot Dog fellowship on April 16th. It was their first Easter Egg hunt since COVID. There was a great turnout, and everyone enjoyed the day.



Red Land Baptist Church hosted an Easter Egg Hunt on March 26th. This has been an annual event, although not held during Covid. Eggs were hunted, the story of Jesus shared, songs sung, crafts made and snacks eaten. Pastor Richard Krieg said “We had a great turnout and a time of fellowship. While the children participated in the activities, our members were able to fellowship together and visit with the parents of children from the community.”



Greencastle Baptist Church was blessed to have a special evening celebrating the many missions-minded ministries they support. On March 26th various organizations, both Southern Baptist and non-denominational ministries were represented at booths. Pastor Robert Sheldon writes, “The ladies on the Food and Fellowship committee served up delicious rice bowls, and then everyone spent the time strolling through the fellowship hall, learning a little bit more about all that God has given us the ability to partner with, from worldwide missions, represented by Boyd Hatchel and IMB, through disaster relief, to the local food pantry where we provide Thanksgiving turkeys. It was a great chance to be encouraged in the scope and magnitude of the body of Christ.”



PRAYER FOCUS:

Pray for:

For Brad, the team and the mission trip to Poland and Ukraine.

- 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 that are being permanently relocated from Russia to other countries.
- For troops that are being deployed to Romania and Poland.
- 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:

Brad and Ukraine: Brad along with a team of eleven will be leaving for Poland on Saturday, April 23rd. They will be helping refugees by charging cell phones at the Polish border and hopefully will be able to help with relief in Ukraine. All along the way sharing their faith and hope.



APRIL 23 - 30

Ukrainian Refugee Mission Trip



Brad Kent Emily Alexa Vika David

Ralph Zhanna Carol Darrel Irina

A graphic for a mission trip. It features a black background with white text for the dates "APRIL 23 - 30" and a yellow and blue map of Ukraine with the text "Ukrainian Refugee Mission Trip". To the right is the Keystone Baptist Association logo. Below the text are two rows of headshots of the team members, each with their name written below: Brad, Kent, Emily, Alexa, Vika, David in the first row; and Ralph, Zhanna, Carol, Darrel, Irina in the second row.

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: will be cancelled this month. However, pastors will meet for prayer at 10:00 am.

Mission Trip to London: Dates have changed!

KBA has scheduled the IMB mission trip for pastors with missionaries Ben and Judy Armacost to London. Dates are June 18th -26th, 2022. There are 5 spots remaining. If interested, please let Brad know as soon as possible. The cost is \$700.00. For additional information, check out this web site: <https://imb.gomethod.app/#!/#/24829/keystone-association-trip>

The Mississippi Baptist Convention will be in the area May 11th and 12th to meet with pastors and hear how they can partner with KBA churches.

- South Central Zone will meet Wednesday, May 11th, at 6:00 pm in York for dinner at Shrewsbury Baptist Church.
- Central Zone will meet Thursday, May 12th, at 9:00 am at Red Land Baptist Church for continental breakfast.
- Southwest Zone will meet Thursday, May 12th, at 1:00 pm at Bonanza Steak House in Chambersburg for lunch.
- Northern Zone will meet Thursday, May 12th, at 6:00 pm for a catered dinner at Thompsett Baptist Church.

The purpose of this partnership is to help KBA Churches and Pastors through encouragement and fellowship. To provide help with VBS and other outreach and evangelism projects in the local church. There are also opportunities to help with light construction and building projects. The office will be sending a meeting request to your email.

The KBA WEBSITE: Be sure to check the KBA website for updated information, videos, and future events. www.keystonebaptist.net.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Don Henrikson, pastor of Thompsett Baptist Church will receive a PhD in Biblical Studies (Theology) from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary on May 6th.

Brad and Jeanine Horne spent the weekend in Tennessee to celebrate their daughter, Sarah's marriage to Ian Crosby. Sarah and Ian were married at Thee Draper Village church in Draper, Virginia on Saturday, April 16th, 2022. Both Brad and Ian's Dad, Michael, officiated the ceremony.



KBA FINANCIAL UPDATE

March 2022 Receipts: \$9,759.08
March 2022 Expenses: \$12,462.04
First Quarter 2022:
Income \$32,490.34
Expense \$34,492.55

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. Contact: Pastor Jerry Cowan jerrytcowan@verizon.net.

A WORD FROM BRAD ~

Spiritual Refugees

We are seeing more and more refugees in our world today and more are coming to the United States, but isn't our government and other NGO's helping all of these immigrants with all they need?

While our government and other NGO's do provide for many of the physical needs of refugees, it is the church that is responsible for the spiritual needs of the refugees and unbelievers in general.

Jesus said in Matthew 11:28, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

This is the message we need to be sharing with those who are "Far from God". If you think about it, most unbelievers that we know are carrying around with them very heavy burdens. The Bible says that they are carrying their sins, which is a huge burden. We know that they are fighting against God Himself, and in some instances, they are running from God.

Sharing the words of Jesus from Matthew's Gospel, telling unbelievers that they can come to Jesus, and He will take those burdens from them. This is the message that we will share with the Ukrainian refugees on our KBA mission trip to Poland, April 23-30. Yes, governments are helping the refugees with some of their physical needs, but it's the church (believers) that have the responsibility for telling the good news that Jesus died for their sins and wants to forgive their sins. The Ukrainian refugees that we will be ministering to at the Polish border with Ukraine are not carrying a lot of physical baggage, but many of them are carrying huge spiritual baggage. Many understand that they are in a right relationship with God, but in reality, it is just a religious belief system. They have yet to believe in Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Thank you for praying as we go and serve, but the lost are around all of us, carrying heavy burdens and waiting to hear from us that Jesus can take those burdens.

NEW LIFE AT PENN STATE: ERIC REIBER

In early March, college students from Baptist Ministries across the state converged on York County to work on homes impacted by Hurricane Ida last fall. The basements had been flooded and damaged from the constant rain from the storms. In last fall, crews went in to pump out water and do demolition to the flooded portions, but there has been little follow up since the fall. Disaster Relief Director, Kenton Hunt, coordinated with the York County Recovery team to put the students on the needed sites for work.



Students from Penn State, Delaware Valley University, Montgomery County Community College, and Clarion University spent four days working in two homes in the York region. The students filled holes, put in insulation, and put on new drywall. It is a beautiful thing to see this generation give from their free time to serve the Kingdom.



I want to say a special thanks to some KBA churches that helped with the trip. Country and Town Baptist housed the group on cots in their youth rooms as well as fed the students as they arrived on the first day. Red Land Baptist provided another meal during the week for the group of seventeen.

The trip left a lasting impression that led to fruit. First, students bonded with students from other BRN Next ministries to encourage each other. There are many stories of the team sharing their testimonies with one another and praying for each other. Secondly, it was great to see the cooperation of the missionaries and churches who all together made this trip possible. The Spring Break trip were Pennsylvania students and Pennsylvania churches responding to a need in our own backyards! Finally, there were many conversations with the homeowners and their families that occurred during the week about faith in Jesus.



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“Equipping and Connecting Churches
to reach the world with the gospel
of Jesus Christ. “