

September  
2022



**KBA Fall Celebration  
60 Years 1962-2022  
Saturday, October 15, 2022  
Country and Town Baptist Church  
9:00am - 1:00 pm**

The Keystone Baptist Association (KBA) was started in 1962, even before the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania/South Jersey (BRN) was formed, and it continues to be a strong and vibrant association today. I haven't even lived 60 years yet, so it's a long time!

When a person thinks of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, they realize that it's the diamond anniversary. Of course, we associate diamonds as being beautiful and valuable, and that describes KBA to the tee.

The Kingdom Impact in KBA over 60 years has been tremendous, and many lives have been changed for eternity. Over the past 60 years, KBA has started churches, numerous baptisms, too many sermons to count, Sunday School classes, camps, outreaches, youth groups, etc., etc.

On October 15, at 10am, KBA will hold its Fall Celebration and celebrate 60 years of Kingdom Impact. We invite you to come. There will be praise and worship time, a sermon, fellowship, a time of prayer, a business meeting, and lunch.

**The registration is available at this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/keystone-baptist-association-kba-fall-celebration-tickets-417383895467>**

## News from our Churches:

**Family of God Community Church, Red Lion**, held VBS August 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> and averaged 30 children in attendance. They learned about Daniel’s courageous faith and how they can have faith like Daniel. Deb Wilkerson, minister of worship said, “We visited the palace of King Nebuchadnezzar, and we watched as Daniel interpreted the king’s dream. We had an August scorcher midweek, as we saw Daniel’s 3 friends thrown into the fiery furnace. The last two nights were equally exciting, as Daniel interpreted the writing on the wall for King Belshazzar, and then was thrown into the lion’s den by King Darius.”



**Chambersburg Baptist Church** celebrated its 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary on July 31<sup>st</sup>. The celebration included a group of men leading the congregation in singing “Holy, Holy, Holy.” After worship, the celebration continued in the gym enjoying a time of food and fellowship. 72 attended in their first churchwide get together since the beginning of Covid.



**Chambersburg Baptist Church** also ordained Tom Weil and Lee Kessinger as deacons on Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>.



**Red Land Baptist Church, New Cumberland** had a Vendor and Yard Sale to benefit their “Bountiful Blessings” ministry. There were 20 different sellers and the church membership joined in with a bake sale. Many opportunities for gospel conversations and prayer throughout the day.



**Red Land Baptist Church** also collected gift cards as a part of WMU’s Christmas in August. Josh Wilson, lead pastor at Storyline Church in St. Louis Missouri who is working with refugees in his area requested school supplies and gift cards to help the children of refugees that have settled in St. Louis.

**Country and Town Baptist Church** will be hosting a community fall festival on Saturday, October 1st from 10 am to 2 pm. There will be games, inflatables, and food and is a free event.

**Country and Town Baptist Church** student ministries (Student Impact) has had a busy summer. Led by Pastor Jacob Shetron, they honored their graduating seniors in June. The seniors decided to honor their preschool teacher, Miss Jada Baker who has continued to play a great role in their lives.



Their student camp, Crossings, held at Skycroft Conference Center, has always been a highlight for the students. This year they adopted a 50's theme and the color orange. They enjoyed their yearly exploration of nature by tubing down the Yellow Breeches creek, and a competition of teams at an Escape Room.

July 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>, the students' mission trip was to help Disaster Relief rebuild and renovate houses in western Kentucky that had been destroyed or damaged by a winter tornado. Many new skills were tried, and the students enjoyed their time helping out. Two of the churches in the town committed to providing housing and lunches for the teams. Fanny Grote writes: "We were especially delighted every day at lunchtime to see an older couple pull up in a pickup loaded with lunch. We were also happy that the area provided for our housing was air-conditioned. An added blessing was seeing two churches cooperating with each other and faithfully sticking to their commitment."



**Carlisle Baptist Church** will be hosting a mission's conference on October the 2<sup>nd</sup> after the morning worship. Lunch will include hot dogs, chips, and drinks. The church will be highlighting the seven ministries the church is involved in: Community Cares (homeless shelter), WMU, KBA, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Liberian and Friends Humanitarian Organization (funding school fees for African children), Hamilton Elementary school, and Christian Services Counseling.

## News from KBA:



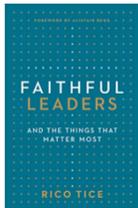
RK Praise (Russell and Kristi Johnson) will be returning to the KBA Fall Celebration. They will arrive on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> and are available to sing at your church, Wednesday evening, Thursday or Friday. Let Theresa ([office@keystonebaptist.net](mailto:office@keystonebaptist.net)) know if you are interested in hosting Russell and Kristi at your church.

## News from KBA (cont.):



**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pastor's Mini Golf Tournament** was held on September 1<sup>st</sup> at Rutter's Putters in York.

Pastor John Buhr was the winner of the tournament this year and actually had a hole in one.



**Pastor's Bible Study:** Beginning October 11<sup>th</sup>, KBA pastors are invited to join by zoom in the book study: Faithful Leaders by Rico Tico. It will be led by KBA moderator and pastor, Dr. Don Henrikson. The dates for this study will be October 11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Please contact Brad if you are interested.

**Pastor's Prayer:** Pastors continue to meet on Thursday mornings at 10:00 am and Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm for prayer. All pastors are invited to join for prayer.

**Pastors' Wives** continue to meet by zoom for prayer on Mondays at 7:30 pm. They will also meet for a light breakfast prior to the Fall Celebration on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am.

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

### UPCOMING:

Pastor's and Wives Retreat: September 23-24<sup>th</sup>.

KBA Week of Prayer: October 9<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Celebrating 60 years of Kingdom Growth.

KBA Fall Celebration: October 15<sup>th</sup>, Country and Town Baptist Church.

## Prayer focus:

### Pray for:

- The Mississippi Team arriving September 19<sup>th</sup> to help at Red Land Baptist Church, Chambersburg Baptist Church and Covenant Community Church.
- The Pastors' and Wives' Retreat that will be meeting September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Brad and Jeanine's Ukrainian friend Zhenya who is trying to come to Canada to join his wife and children. Pray for those in command who will need to release him from his current position in the Ukrainian army.
- Karen Gerstmyer and her health.
- The spiritual wellbeing of our troops that are deployed in the area and those fighting in Ukraine.
- The partnership with the Mississippi Baptist Convention and that it will be fruitful.
- KBA churches and their pastors. We currently have two churches without pastors and four additional churches that are in the process of searching for new pastors. Please

pray for wisdom, discernment, and God’s will for the Pastor Search Committees at Mount Wolf Community, New Hope Baptist in Mifflinburg, Fellowship Baptist Church in Fairfield, Friendship Baptist in Stewartstown, Mountain View Community Church in Richfield, and Living Faith Evangelical in Littlestown as they seek a pastor.

## A WORD FROM BRAD ~ KBA Presents \$50,000 to churches for Ukrainian Refugees

After serving 27 years overseas with the IMB, I know what it’s like to arrive in a new country, all that you own packed in the suitcase that you are pulling behind you, not knowing the language, the culture, the foods, and the smells. That’s why my heart goes out to Ukrainian refugees who have left everything behind in their homeland and now find themselves starting a new life here in the United States.

The Keystone Baptist Association (KBA) collected more than \$8,000 to help Ukrainian refugees who have relocated to South Central Pennsylvania. In addition to the \$8,000 that KBA collected for Ukrainian refugees, we wrote a request to Send Relief, a collaboration between the International Mission Board and North American Mission Board. Send Relief is the Southern Baptist one-stop shop for compassion ministry at home and abroad. They granted KBA’s request for almost \$42,000, bringing the grand total raised for Ukrainian refugees in South Central Pennsylvania to \$50,000. Praise the Lord!

The \$50,000 in funds were presented by the Director of KBA, Brad Horne, to three different Ukrainian churches in the KBA region: The Slavic Baptist Church in Etters, PA, (\$13,000), the Word of Life Baptist Church in East Pennsboro, PA, (\$15,000), and the Ukrainian Evangelical Baptist Church in Lancaster, PA, (\$22,000).

This summer, I took a group of 10 volunteers to Poland to minister to the refugees who had fled Ukraine due to the continuing war. We talked to hundreds of Ukrainians, and they all said the same thing, “We have been praying; we are praying.” I know that 90% are not born-again believers, but Ukrainian refugees are open and seeking help from God and others.

When a person arrives in a new country for the first time, it’s the perfect opportunity for Christians and churches to give a helping hand to refugees. If they are Christians, then we are brothers and sisters in Christ helping each other. If they are unbelievers, then it’s a great opportunity to tell and show the love of Christ.

~ Brad



### **KBA Financial Update:**

August Receipts: \$7,428.64  
August Expenses: \$14,983.96

**New Life at Penn State:** is serving free breakfast! To help KBA will be collecting Pop Tarts and Hot Chocolate for New Life at the Fall Celebration.



### **Pray for:**

~ students and their spiritual walk.  
~ God to send students to the New Life provided ministries.  
~ Eric, Autumn, and Kayla as they minister to the students.

**WMU:** The Annual WMU Meeting for PA/SJ will be held on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022. It will be held at Red Land Baptist Church in New Cumberland from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.



Our guest speaker for the day will be Linda Cooper. Linda Cooper is the current president of KY WMU and the immediate past president of national WMU, SBC. She and her husband Jim have 2 grown children that have blessed them with 5 precious “grandstinkers”. She is still enjoying a 43-year career practicing dental hygiene where she shares her Jesus.



As a part of this meeting, we will be discussing aspects of mental health and how to deal with anxiety, depression, and other topics of need. There will be breakout sessions with leaders who have an expertise in Biblical based guidance in these areas. There will be additional breakout sessions on leadership and mission education for your church. The cost will be \$10.00 per person, and lunch will be served.

### **FREE:**

Country & Town Baptist Church in Mechanicsburg has 9 Formica topped folding tables to give to a sister church. Three are 6’ long and six are 5’ long. Contact Jacob Shetron at [jshetron@ctbc.org](mailto:jshetron@ctbc.org) if you are interested.