



## News From Our Churches:

[Greencastle Baptist Church](#) held a kick-off event on December 4<sup>th</sup> to highlight the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and international missionaries. During the morning service IMB missionary Chris Bartlett spoke. That evening the congregation was invited to tour several countries including France, China, Sierra Leone and Indonesia.

Sarah Sheldon writes “Each country was set up in a different room in the church. We had information about a missionary family working in the area, and we partnered with individuals within our congregation who had ties to the country. These hosts provided authentic ethnic foods for each location. The rooms were decorated to fit the country’s culture. The kids had little passports with activities as well as a place to stamp for each country as they flew from country to country throughout the evening. They also picked up some paper trees to decorate with coins for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. We ended the night by “meeting” Lottie Moon and handing out more information about international missions. We also enjoyed moon cakes, and sang Happy Birthday to Lottie, before enjoying a Birthday cake in her honor.”



Sarah continues “Not only was it was a great time of fellowship, but it was also an excellent opportunity for those new to Southern Baptist circles to learn about the way we conduct international missions. Also, meeting Lottie helped us all understand why she was a person of such significance to have the Christmas offering named after her. I’m pleased to announce that at the end of December we had surpassed our goal in support of international missions. Maybe the Taste of International Missions was used by God to help us all value our missionaries a little bit more.”

[Mason Dixon Baptist Church](#), New Freedom, held its annual New Year’s Eve party on December 30<sup>th</sup>. The youth come together, have a meal, and enjoy the evening. Tyler Hogg says “. I led a devotional from 2 Timothy 2:8-10 and talked about how our daily resolution should be to remember Jesus.” As part of the event, the host of the event led an escape room for the students, that was enjoyed by all.



**Red Land Baptist Church** provided 22 back packs to Dawna Holbert’s kindergarten class at Scott Elementary in downtown Harrisburg. Ms. Holbert is a member of Red Land, and this is the 6<sup>th</sup> year that the church has provided toiletries, school supplies, books, and gifts to the children. The back packs were provided by NAMB, and church members provided the contents of the back packs. They were delivered to the school on December 20<sup>th</sup>.



**Chambersburg Baptist Church** hosted an event celebrating the International Mission Board Week of Prayer on December 11<sup>th</sup>. The Festival of Food – God’s Love Around the World celebrated with food, fun and fellowship focusing on missionaries around the world. Paula Craig and Robin Appenzellar and planned this event. Robin shared: “Awesome food from different countries were made and brought to share. We were missing quite a few from sickness but we had 46 show up to learn and be adventurous eaters.”



**Carlisle Baptist Church** Pastor Ed Roman shared “We hold our Lottie Moon Auction on the 1st Saturday of December every year. It is the kickoff for our fund raising. This year we raised \$3,425 during the auction.” Starting with finger foods, the auction began promptly at 6:30 with auctioneer Duff George keeping things light and lively. They auction off many items including quilts, pies, food processors, and anything else that is donated. Pastor Ed explains “The auction is truly a lot of fun; laughter abounds. Many fierce bidding wars have ended with the winner giving their opponent the coveted item. This auction really is one of the highlights of the year at Carlisle Baptist Church. Who says Christians can’t laugh, have fun, and raise money for missions at the same time?”



On December 25<sup>th</sup> Carlisle Baptist also held a baptism service, baptizing three. One of the ladies wanted to be baptized on this particular day because it was her birthday.



She said that she was born on this day a number of years ago and wanted to be reborn on her birthday.



**Family of God Community, Red Lion** baptized eleven during the morning service on the first day of 2023.



## News From KBA:

**Pastor's Prayer:** Pastors continue to meet on Thursday mornings at 10:00 am and 7:30 pm for prayer. All pastors and pastoral staff are invited to join. **Pastor's Roundtable:** is scheduled for Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

**Pastors' Wives** continue to meet by zoom for prayer on Mondays at 7:30 pm. All Pastors' Wives are invited to Central Baptist Church in Waynesboro for a time of food and fellowship on January 21, 2023, at 11:00 am. Look for an email and please RSVP by 1/19/23 to the KBA office.

**KBA Israel Tour:** February 8-17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 KBA will be traveling to Israel. This trip is open for any member of a KBA Church. For additional details or if you are interested, email Brad.

**Mission Trip to London:** After a hugely successful 1<sup>st</sup> mission trip to London in 2022, KBA is sponsoring our 2nd annual mission trip to London, England, April 15-22, 2023, working with our IMB partners, Ben and Judy Armacost. We are calling this the "London Lab", as we are hitting the streets to share the good news after some intentional training in how to do so. This year five to seven people have signed up to go to London. Please begin praying for them as they prepare to travel in April.



**Pastor and Wives Christmas dinners.** Pastors and Wives met in November and December for the annual Christmas dinners and fellowship. The North Zone and the Southwest Zone dinners were held in November and the Southeast Zone Dinner was held in December.



## A Word from Brad ~ Going for a Daily Walk in '23

Before moving to Pennsylvania, my wife, Jeanine, and I lived overseas. We often had to walk places because it was easier, and sometimes faster, than taking a car. But we had a problem when we walked together.

When I was in high school, I ran track and so I like to walk fast. I like to get places as fast as possible, but Jeanine is more of a stroller when she walks. She likes to window shop and see things along the way. She likes to "stop and smell the coffee".

When we walk together, I have a tendency to walk quickly, but then I remember to look and see that I have left Jeanine behind. I have to constantly be conscious of where Jeanine is and try to keep her pace of walking so that we can be together.

In the Old Testament, the word "Walk", occurs about 300 times and is a descriptive term of God's people walking with Him.

Genesis 6:9 says that Noah "Walked faithfully with God". Micah 6:8 asks a question and gives us the answer to what God desires of us. "And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." God desires that we walk with Him.

And here is the key. We have to remember to walk with Him and not ask Him to keep our pace and walk with us.

When Jeanine and I walk together, keeping the same pace, we are able to talk, laugh, listen, and share our hearts. Our attention is focused on each other to the exclusion of almost everything else. We notice the settings around us or an occasional distraction, but only to point it out to each other. We share the journey together.

Walking with God is like that. So, walk with Him this year and keep His pace as you walk.

Blessings!

Brad

### **KBA Financial Update**

**2022 December Income: \$10,282.19**

**2022 December expenses: \$10,500.36**

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

## Ministry Opportunity:

[Hanover Fellowship Church](#) is looking for a worship director. Pastor Harling writes: “I am writing to let you know of an opportunity that is currently available at our church: Hanover Fellowship Church on 200 South Street in Hanover. Recently, we experienced a change in our worship director’s life, and he has stepped down from his position. In our attempts to get the word out, I have decided to reach out to your church to see if you could let people in your church know about this worship director position opening. I have attached a second information page which explains more about the position, the qualifications, the contact information, and the way to apply if the Lord is leading someone in your church in that direction.” Pastor Harling’s email: [pastor.hanoverfellowship@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.hanoverfellowship@gmail.com).

## Pray for:

- Karen Gerstmyer and her health.
- Pat Cademartori as she recovers from surgery.
- The Administrative Team as they continue to consider a partnership with South Central Baptist Association.
- The continued partnership with the Mississippi Baptist Convention and that it will be fruitful.
- KBA churches and their pastors. Please pray for wisdom, discernment, and God’s will for the Pastor Search Committees at Mount Wolf Community, Fellowship Baptist Church in Fairfield , Mountain View Community Church in Richfield, and Living Faith Evangelical in Littlestown as they seek a pastor.

**Annual Church Profile** (ACP): It’s that time of the year again to send in the Annual Church Profile for your church. This profile collects data that is used by the SBC Executive Committee to measure the growth and the health of SBC churches. If you need a copy of your ACP, contact the office and we will send one to you. Deadline is February 15<sup>th</sup>.

## BRN:



Beth Whitworth with BRN has invited all pastor’s wives to zoom together for a book study over the next 8 weeks Beginning January 9<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>.

Diving into Christine Hoover’s book, [How to Thrive as a Pastor’s Wife](#), there will also be a time of prayer and encouragement.

Choose:

Monday Mornings: 7:30 – 9:00 am or Thursday Evenings: 8:00 pm – 9:30pm.

Contact Beth Whitworth at [Bethw@brnunited.org](mailto:Bethw@brnunited.org) to register.

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