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News From Our Churches:

Chambersburg Baptist Church hosted VBS June 23rd-27th. The theme was “Knights of North Castle.” Led by Brenda Fox and Robin Appenzellar, with the help of Music Leader Brenda Craig, game leader Shaye Appenzellar, and numerous other volunteers, the children sang songs, participated in crafts, and heard Bible stories every night. They also played games and enjoyed a “themed” snack nightly. On Thursday night, families attended for a time of music and snacks. They enjoyed right at 50 children each night and there were 40 volunteers.



During the week they raised over \$800.00 for the Blue Knights. The Blue Knights is a group of police and retired officers that enjoy riding motorcycles. They provide money to the families of fallen officers. Recently, the Greencastle police chief passed away, so their entire offering went to his wife and 4 children. The church presented the check to the Blue Knights on July 9th.



Chambersburg also hosted their annual Fourth of July Celebration at the church. They set up 60 chairs for members and neighbors to see an up-close view of the city’s fireworks. They served snacks, ice cream and water to visitors along with church members. It was a great time of fellowship and outreach for the church.

News From Our Churches (cont.):

Covenant Community Church (Harrisburg) welcomed two mission teams to the area. Park Hills Baptist Church from Gaffney, SC. provided a children's program during their week. Mt. Sinai Baptist Church from Shelby, NC hosted a children's program in the evenings as well as a Back Yard Bible Club in the afternoon. The team also worked on construction projects at Grace House. They also were the first church in the association to use the KBA's Tellgate Grill on Sunday afternoon in the Allision Hill community as well as Monday evening at Hall Manor.



Covenant Community had several church members on mission in Belize June 8th-15th to help with the graduation at Global Outreach Vo-Tech Center. Pastor Robert's daughter, Sarah, serves as a missionary in Belize.

Thompstontown Baptist Church hosted VBS June 24-28. They had 37 kids registered and 33 leaders. The kids collected a total of \$577.00 for World Vision to provide clean water to 115 children in Honduras for a year!

Memorial Baptist Church (Gettysburg) Pastor Jeff Sours shared, "Our students went to Go Tell Camp held at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va. They had an incredible time learning and growing in their walk with Christ. Two of our students committed to a call of full-time ministry. Chris, one of these two, decided as well that he needed to be baptized. Sunday after arriving back from camp our NextGen Director Bill, students and our Go Tell intern Daniel shared about what God had been doing in their lives and Chris was baptized. At the end of the message, David, a 15-year-old who has spent the last couple months here with his grandparents and was led to Christ by one of our young adults, came running forward and said, 'I need to get baptized!' When God calls us to obey, we should not delay. The service went longer as we ended it with the baptism of David. It is exciting to see God's working in the students of MBC!"



News From Our Churches (cont.):

First Baptist Church, Hanover debuted the new KBA Evangelism tent at Snack Town Street Fair in Hanover. David Chapman, coordinator for the event, shared: “We used the new tent that



KBA has purchased for the first time. Our purpose was to share Jesus with our community, to be the salt and the light that Jesus has commanded us to be. We went out as Jesus told us to. We were giving water to those who were thirsty on a hot July day. So first we met their physical needs with a cold bottle of water. Our

volunteers did not stay in the tent, they went to the people walking through the crowd handing out the water. Asking them ‘what is the ultimate question?’ So, they shared with them who was Jesus to them. We used Matthew 16:15-16 and would ask, ‘who do YOU say Jesus is?’ We ended up handing out 1400 bottles of water, that was 1400 opportunities to share Jesus. At the tent you



could see people reading what is the ultimate question? If we could not engage, we would see them come back again and again still reading the question. They then would ask us ‘so what is the ultimate question?’ We would respond ‘what do YOU say is the ultimate question?’. Then we would share Jesus with them. We never had more than 5 minutes all day we did not have the opportunity to share Jesus. We were there from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. The bottles of water, our shirts and lanyards which asked, ‘what is the greatest question?’ And the bold design of the tent opened so

many doors. Everyone in our congregation had a part. We sowed so many seeds we may never know how God will grow them, but we sowed the seeds as commanded.”



Country and Town Baptist (Mechanicsburg) will once again host their annual Kid’s Performing Arts Camp (KPAC) August 4th-9th. Cost for the week is \$75.00. Registration ends on July 28th. For additional information or to register, go to:

<https://www.ctbc.org/kpac>.

Fellowship Baptist Church (Fairfield) has called Dr. Bill Burcher to be their pastor. He and his wife, Candace, previously served at Fellowship and are “coming home.” Dr. Burcher’s first Sunday will be August 4th.

News From Our Churches (cont.):

Central Baptist Church (Mont Alto) held their VBS July 8th-13th. They had 32 children attend throughout the week, with 19 volunteers.



Associate Pastor Austin Burton shared: "We collected 164 items and \$289.00 for our church's "blessing box," which is a box outside our church building that we put food and other supplies in for people in need to come and take. The kids also sanded and painted 3 new blessing boxes, one for Central Baptist and two for a couple other churches.



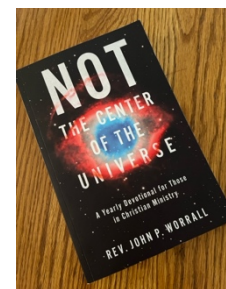
The kids clearly had a lot of fun, and loved the snacks, games and crafts. They also learned a lot about God's truth during the lessons, and many of them had the memory verse partially or completely memorized by the end. At the end of the week, we gave out flyers to all the kids and invited them to come out to our kids and youth group, and several expressed interest in doing so." In wrapping up the week, Central hosted a pool party which included a baptism.



Congratulations!

Pastor Jordan and his wife Chantel Alturas welcomed Adrianna Ysabel on July 3rd 2024. Pastor Alturas shared "Thank you God for choosing us to guide this precious little girl to you. Praise Jesus, she was born in a very unexpected and scary way, but she is healthy and strong!"

Pastor John Worrall has released his first book of devotions dedicated to those in ministry. **Not the Center of the Universe** is available on Amazon.com.



Pray for:

- KBA churches and their pastors. Please pray for wisdom, discernment and God's will for the Pastor Search Committees at Mount Wolf Community Church, Chambersburg Baptist Church and Fredericksburg Baptist Church as they seek a pastor.
- Voddie LaPore, Tim and Vernessa Parker's (Stewartstown Baptist Church) grandson. Clay and Chloe LaPore are his parents.
- Karen Gerstmyer who is in remission from cancer. Please continue to pray for her.
- Stewartstown Mission Trip to Dominican Republic in August.
- Pastors and their families physical and spiritual needs.

A Word from Brad: Living a Double Agent Life

Have you ever met a foreign national and thought, "Is this person a spy, leading a double life?" Or have you ever dreamed about being a spy yourself, imagining the excitement of living a double life? We all know the most famous spy in the world: Bond, James Bond. But did you know that Ian Fleming, the author of the Bond books and movies, was a spy himself during WWII, working as the assistant to the director of naval intelligence? Although James Bond is a fictional character, real-life double agents have also led double lives. Most everyone knows that Harriet Tubman was a conductor on the Underground Railroad. Known as Moses, she led more than 300 enslaved people to freedom and "never lost a single passenger." Not as well known is that she led a double life. She was a spy for the Union during the Civil War!

America's first spymaster was none other than George Washington. To defeat Britain, Washington needed more than muskets; he needed intelligence. In 1777, he hired Nathaniel Sackett as America's first spy, paying him just \$50 per month. About that same time one of Washington's general, Benedict Arnold, started living a double life in Philadelphia and in 1780 he shared secret intelligence with the British. He had fooled everyone by living a secret life. I have even personally been accused of being a double agent! Living in Russia for 20 years, some people thought maybe I was a spy!

You might be wondering: Why am I writing about double agents?

Here's the point: Are **you** leading a double life? Living one life at work, a different life at home, and another at church? Do you act one way around certain people and another way around others?

Here is a simple test to see if you are leading a double life. Answer "yes" or "no" to the following questions:

1. Do you speak differently in one place than in another?
2. Do you have different thoughts in one place than in another?
3. Do you act differently in one place than in another?
4. Do you lead a different life at night or alone than you do with people?

If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, you are leading a double life! How does God feel about your double life? Does how you act and talk affect other areas of your life? The answer is yes!

Living a double life discredits God and His people. It means not wanting to give up Christianity but not being willing to show who you really are in the world. It also means you are embarrassed about Jesus and your Christian friends when you are out in the world. You fear rejection if you don't disguise your true identity. So, you pretend to be one of them while trying to remain true to Jesus and God. This sets up a life of constant tension—trying to be two different things to two different groups of people. But you can't keep leading a double life. Someday something will happen to force your hand and show where your true allegiance lies.

A Word from Brad: (cont.)

I'm calling you today to be a one-life person!

-Don't be a double agent!

-Stop leading a double life!

-God already knows.

-You are not fooling anyone.

-The truth will come out, and you will be caught.

-Come straight and repent of what James 1 calls a "double minded man, unstable in all of his ways."

-You think you are getting away with something, but the only one you are fooling is yourself. Instead of being a double agent and living for yourself, live for God and His mission. God wants us to be agents on mission with Him-not secret agents. Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to follow him wholeheartedly and share the good news about Him!

~ Blessings, Brad

News from KBA:

Pastor's Prayer continue to meet Thursday mornings on Zoom at 10:00am for prayer. All pastors and pastoral staff are invited to join.

Pastors' Wives continue to meet by Zoom for prayer on Mondays at 7:30pm.

The TellGate Grill is available for your church to use for an evangelistic outreach event. Contact the KBA office for additional information.

The KBA Evangelism Tent is available for your church to use during events such as: festivals, carnivals, street fairs, or sporting events. Reserve the tent for your next outreach event by calling or emailing the KBA office.

Pastor's Forum: Will meet on August 1st at 10:00 am. This meeting will be with Joel Rister of Guidestone Financial and will discuss how to prepare for retirement. Check your email for additional information and the Zoom link.

Pastors' Wives will meet at John's Diner on Saturday, July 27th 10:30am to noon for a time of fellowship, food, and sharing.



WMU: SAVE the DATE:

The WMU Annual Meeting will be held November 2nd 2024, 10:00am to 3:00pm at

Red Land Baptist Church. The annual meeting will be for girls in 6th grade through 12th grade and for all adults.

