

PBA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 18, 2021

Camp Kehukee

All PBA Church Representatives, are encouraged to attend. We will be practicing social distancing and ask everyone please wear a mask.



MINISTERS CONFERENCE

We thank Rev. Michael Fields for leading the discussion for the December conference. Not only did we learn about a couple of low-cost high yield ministry ideas, but we also had a great discussion on ministering during the pandemic. Certainly, outreach has changed over the last several months, but it is still necessary.

On January 4, 2021 at 10:30 AM, we will meet at the Association Office. Our guest presenter is Dr. Hongnak Koo. Dr. Koo will be presenting on Evangelism Strategy. He holds an MDiv and a PhD from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and is a published author. We look forward to learning from him.

Hosts for the remaining sessions are February—Dr. Mark Hughes; March—Rev. Lee Woodcock; April—Rev. Wilson Conwell; May—Dr. Joe Lewis. As soon as topics are available, we will publicize those, as well as any date/time/location updates that may occur in the wake of COVID-19.

As we move into 2021, let us press on with renewed strength and commitment to those we serve. We look forward to meeting with you again. If I can be of assistance to you, please email mike@sappony1773.org or call or text 804-896-2859.

In Christ,

Mike Dickey

PRAYER CONCERNS

Associational Ministries & Churches

Romania Partnership

Those impacted from the Coronavirus

Those affected by Wildfires

Medical Staff and Frontline Workers

MISSIONS COUNCIL

Greetings in our LORD and SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. We hope everyone had a BLEST Thanksgiving and that all are looking forward to a BLEST CHRISTMAS and New Year.

We continue to pray for all missions efforts in the association. Many of our churches participated in Operation CHRISTMAS Child, we thank all of you for reaching out in this way. 15 of our churches contributed to the Appalachian CHRISTMAS gift and clothing drive. They met on December 7th at Camp Kehukee and wrapped and sorted 416 CHRISTMAS gifts for ages 0 through adult. The Gifts were loaded into a trailer to be delivered and distributed by Dan and Debbie Lawrence, our own Home Missionaries.

Thanks to all who use this CHRISTMAS season to be a Blessing to those around you. May GOD BLESS us all keep us safe and use us to HIS glory.

In CHRIST, tom.

KEHUKEE COUNCIL

At the “called” Kehukee Council Meeting on December 8, 2020, 6PM, held at New Life Church, we heard information from Dominion Energy representatives regarding a possible “solar farm” on Kehukee property. The area that they are interested in is the original Kehukee site making up approximately 110 acres and is closest to Halifax Road.

Our discussion with them focused on a potential 60 to 70 acres, that did not include the Halifax Rd Pavilion, bathhouse and a number of open and wooded acres available for group use. **Continued on page 3**

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RELENTLESS

“But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved.” Hebrews 10:39 (NIV)

Happy New Year!!

Though, with all of the difficult circumstances of 2020, and 2021 starting out with more of the same, we may be struggling to see the “Happy” in the New Year.

The second half of Hebrews 10, leading up to our watchword in verse 39, is a call to persevere in faith. Then, in chapter 11 we find an interesting list of faith heavyweights in Biblical history. These are people who were able to see possibilities where others only saw dead ends, who saw victory where others saw defeat, who saw what God could do when others only saw the impossible. They not only saw with eyes of faith, but they also acted on that faith. Each person mentioned understood faith as a verb, and as a spiritual muscle that allowed them to act. Faith helped them to persevere even in the midst of difficult circumstances. But keep reading! Hebrews 12:1 & 2 encourages us to “throw off everything that hinders” (the scars of 2020!), and to “run with perseverance.....fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith”!

As we look forward to a new year and the journey of life ahead of us, we can look back at people who have lived by faith, our spiritual ancestors. We can be encouraged by their stories. Even more, we can look forward to the One who looks encouragingly back at us, the One who came to die so that we could live with Him forever. May the Lord give each of us the courage and strength we need to be the people of faith He has called us to be in this New Year.

Due to the ongoing virus situation, we will NOT hold the Associational Kids Missions Day Camp that was scheduled for Saturday January 9 at Camp Kehukee. Social distancing may be a challenge with this type of event. Prayerfully we will be able to proceed with plans for a children’s missions camp in the Spring. Please join us for the **Association Women on Mission Meeting – Monday, January 18, 2021** at Oakland Baptist Church at 10am. Pastor Fred Adkins, Association Interim Director of Missions, will be our speaker. Social distancing guidelines will be followed. Please wear a face covering while in the church. NOTE: There will NOT be a meal following this meeting.

The **PBA WMU Leadership Team Meeting** is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 3rd** at 10am – Second Baptist Church, Petersburg.

Begin now to make your plans for **WMU Focus Week! February 8th – 13th** is the perfect time to highlight the **RELENTLESS** work of the WMU in your church and community.

Children’s Missions Day will be recognized statewide on Saturday February 13th. WMUV offers resources to help you plan YOUR event on or around that date. This is a wonderful opportunity to involve all children of the church in learning the value in helping someone else in Jesus’ name.

Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering – March 7th – 14th. Support missions efforts across the United States, Canada, and their territories by providing prayer guides and offering envelopes to your congregation.

Tammie Frazier

Association WMU Director

FROM THE DESK OF... *INTERIM DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS*

Through It All...He Is Faithful

As we welcome 2021, hoping and praying it will be better than 2020, I am reminded of Noah. Not only did Noah take some grief for building the ark he was doing it for the protection of family and the future of the world. The rain was persistent for forty days and nights. Five months had passed before the ark rested on some dry ground.

But Noah and his family actually lived in confinement for over a year. Through it all, God was faithful to His promise. So when we begin to complain about being cooped up or feel confined because of a mask, let's remember God is still God.

Psalm 89:1 reads, "I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever: with my mouth I make known thy faithfulness to all generations."

I love that little chorus of Andrae' Crouch, *Through It All*.
Through it all, through it all,
I've learned to trust in Jesus, I've learned to trust in God;
Through it all, through it all,
I've learned to depend upon HIS Word.

In the Celebration Hymnal that chorus leads right into...

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His Word
Just to rest upon His promise, just to know: "Thus saith the Lord."

Now that how to start a NEW YEAR.

Through It All...I'll Sing HIS Praises,
Pastor Fred

PS. I am truly excited about the January minister's meeting. I hope all of our pastors and staff will make time to join us on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 10:30 AM. The topic will be EVANGELISM. My guest will be Dr. Hongnak Koo. Dr. Koo is one of our newest pastors and is serving Charity Korean Baptist Church. He earned his M.Div. and Ph.D. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was awarded the W. Fred Swank Evangelism Award from SWBTS. His teaches evangelism in several of our seminaries and is an author. Please join us for this time of fellowship and encouragement.

KEHUKEE COUNCIL continued...

Should we contract with them and a "solar farm" be built, acreage utilized would be fully enclosed in a ten foot high chain link fence topped with barbed wire. During the initial period, we would be paid a nominal amount per acre per year as they researched the potential area, and determined if the acreage was suitable.

Should Dominion Energy conclude that a "solar farm" could be constructed, a second contract would be drawn detailing specifically what we had agreed upon and must be done initially and throughout the 35 year contract. During construction we would be paid \$250 per acre, but once the "solar farm" was operational, \$500 per acre would be paid yearly to the PBA. This would mean \$30,000 annually should 60 acres be put into "solar farm" use.

Concluding the presentation and a question and answer period, Dominion Energy representatives left, and the Kehukee Council attendees discussed the matter.

The vote was affirmative. Information and the affirmative decision will be shared at the January 7, 2021, regular quarterly council meeting. Even though the Kehukee Council has voted to contract with Dominion Energy as to a "solar farm", it must go to the PBA Executive Council as a motion on January 18, 2021. The actual approval must come through Executive Council action.

Both the quarterly Kehukee Council meeting and the PBA Executive Council meeting will be held at Kehukee.....7:00 PM. The same Dominion Energy representatives will be present at the January 18, 2021, Executive Council Meeting to share formation and take questions. In order for us to conduct business, January 18, WE MUST HAVE TWENTY VOTING CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT. If you are a church elected voting representative, please plan to attend. This is an extremely important matter, and we wish to do the right thing.

Don't forget about the Prayer Garden engraved bricks that will be available through March 2021. Honor a friend, family member, pastor or someone else. All profits after the brick and engraving costs will go to support Camp Kehukee.

Hugh G Mumford
Kehukee Council Coordinator

ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR JANUARY—FEBRUARY 2021

Jan 4	10:30 AM	Minister's Conference – Associational Office
Jan 5	11:45 AM	Kehukee Leader's Team Meeting – Associational Office
Jan 5	7:00 PM	Leadership Meeting – Camp Kehukee
Jan 7	7:00 PM	Kehukee Council – Camp Kehukee
Jan 11	1:00 PM	Annual Program Team Meeting – Associational Office
Jan 12	1:00 PM	Personnel Committee Meeting – Associational Office
Jan 12	6:30 PM	Missions Council – Associational Office
Jan 13	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – Associational Office
Jan 17		Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
Jan 18	7:00 PM	Executive Council Meeting – Camp Kehukee
Feb 1	10:30 AM	Minister's Conference – Associational Office
Feb 8-14		WMU Focus Week
Feb 10	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – Associational Office
Feb 15		Presidents Day – Office Closed
Feb 20		Children's Ministry Day (State)

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**** Orders should be received by Friday, March 19, 2021.**