

MISSION NEEDS AT OUR OWN BACK DOOR

Would you or your church be willing to donate to the First Baptist Petersburg's - *Back Door Ministries*?

To donate items please drop them off at the kitchen door Monday—Thursday 9:30 am—11:00 am.

The items requested are: Vienna Sausages, Crackers-Peanut Butter, Cheddar Cheese, Sour Cream & Chives, Applesauce— Original or Cinnamon, Fruit and Pudding Cups.

If your church has used or unused devotionals they are requesting those as well.

If you are unable to drop-off at the church, please contact the PBA Office 804-733-2010 and we will ensure that the items get to the church.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

With COVID restrictions easing and many people returning to church, we hope that your summer has been a joyous season in your ministry. We also hope that you have taken some time to relax, rest, and recharge in light of what we've all been through in the last year and a half. We look forward to meeting together to build each other up.

We will kick off the 2021-22 year of the PBA Ministers' Conference **on September 13, 2021**, at the Association Office, 3018 County Drive, Petersburg. If you have selected a conference date to coordinate, we ask that you please bring your topic and speaker information so that we can start publicizing for the year.

Conference dates are September 13, October 4, November 1, December 6, January 3, February 7, March 7, April 4, and May 2. All meetings are at 10:30 AM and at the Association Office. Please put dates on your calendar. Each of these meetings are opportunities to learn, grow, and fellowship with your fellow pastors. We look forward to seeing you there!

Grace and peace to you all!

Mike

PRAYER CONCERNS

Associational Ministries & Churches

WMU Ministries

Week of Prayer for the Associational Missions

Church Plant Initiative

Preparation for Annual Church Profile

Please share this with your Church Clerk, or with the person who completes your ACP. I have been advised that there will be a couple of new questions on the survey for 2021 about online attendance for both worship and small groups. Lifeway hopes to have the survey available online soon, for those who wish to get a head start.

Please contact Lynn Rogers at blrog40@gmail.com, or at 804-396-0054, if you have questions or need assistance.

Thanks, Lynn

KEHUKEE CONTINUES TO NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

There will be a **Kehukee Work Day on Saturday, August 21st—from 8:00 am- 1:00 pm**. A lunch will be provided. **YOUR camp** will need your assistance in helping with the general upkeep to ensure that the camp looks its best for **YOUR church retreats, YOUR church picnics, and YOUR church camps!!** Could one of your men's groups, youth groups (supervised), or women's groups be willing to come for a few hours? We look forward seeing how many churches are represented for this Kehukee Work Day!!

KEHUKEE COUNCIL

We were successful in finding a high quality used tractor, a Kubota 40hp 2018 one with only 89 hours of use. What a nice piece of equipment with enclosed cab, air conditioning and heated, diesel and four wheel drive. Included in a very special price for Kehukee, are three implements...forks, bucket and a blade, which can be set or changed from within the cab. **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)

I'm happy to report that the **Association Women on Mission** group was able to meet Monday evening, July 12th! The meeting was held at the PBA Office Complex. 2 of the 13 people in attendance were gentlemen (whom are always welcome to our meetings)! One of which was our guest speaker, Rev. Fred Adkins, PBA Interim Director of Missions, who also provided the special music for the meeting. We very much appreciate Pastor Fred's support of the WMU, and especially the words of encouragement that he so graciously shared with us that evening.

Thank you to Lynn Rogers, PBA WMU Mission Involvement Consultant, for coordinating the collection of school supplies and backpacks for **Standing Rock Reservation!** And thank you to the 6 PBA churches that donated items and filled backpacks to send! We didn't get an actual count of bags, but Lynn and I delivered a car-full to the very appreciative WMUV office on June 30th.

All Association church WMU and WOM group members and leaders are invited to attend our **quarterly WMU Leadership Team Meeting on Wednesday August 4th at 10am**. The meeting will be held at the PBA Office Complex. This is a great opportunity to meet together and share missions ideas with women from across our PBA. Join us, we'd love to hear the exciting missions work of your group or church!

We encourage you to give to the **Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions September 12 – 19**. This offering provides funding for all Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia (WMUV) missions and ministries and makes possible other special ministries, outreach projects, and initiatives not funded through regular streams of giving. Join your gifts with those of many other Virginia Baptists as we work to share the love of Christ across the Commonwealth of Virginia and with the whole world.

Blessed to serve with you!

Tammie Frazier

Association WMU Director

MISSION COUNCIL

Our Missions Council has been working on several items and with GOD's Blessings we hope to continue to serve you in HIS will. We have contributed \$5000.00 to West African Missions working in the Ivory and Senegal. \$2400 as annual support for a church Planter/Pastor, \$1200.00 for a motorcycle for a church Planter/Pastor with 3 or more churches, and \$2000.00 for medical missions. We are also recommending that the Association vote to create a partnership with West African Missions for 2022-2024. This would be at the same \$5000.00 dollars per year.

Our Missions Week Offering Goal is set at \$20,000.00. This is to be divided among Partnership Missions, Community Missions, a Summer Missionary and Disaster Relief. Please Pray and contribute according to The LORD's leading.

All churches collecting school supplies for Appalachia please remember: Packing will be at Kehukee on August 16 at 9AM. Our thanks and prayers to all who participate. Anyone wishing to donate school supplies to our local schools may bring them by the office.

A reminder we have money available for Community Missions.

We would also appreciate anyone who would like to join us, to come to our next meeting on September 14, 2021 at the Association office. The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm.

Please pray for all association churches in their missions, the council and our association!

In Christ, Tom

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

This summer our eyes are once again focused on the Summer Games of the XXXII Olympics in Tokyo, Japan. Postponed from last year the games are underway. Most of you who are reading this article probably do not remember the Olympics of 1964, also held in Tokyo. And, even if you do, you may not remember the name of Billy Mills.

Billy was just some kid who was running the 10,000 meter race. He was no favorite, no rising star. He wasn't even considered a high achiever.

In fact, Billy Mills himself had no idea that only hours later he would become "THE" Billy Mills.

Half-Native American and half-white, Billy grew up on a reservation in South Dakota. He became an orphan at age 12 and had a difficult up-bringing. His one thought was that running would set him free.

He went on to the University of Kansas, left school to join the Marines. He qualified for the games and because of a stunning last minute sprint, won the gold medal. Billy remains the only American to win gold in the Olympic 10,000-meter run.

We are in the race of our lives. We could be on the last lap before Jesus claims His bride. What is, or will be, our final lap going to look like?

Paul, in his second letter to Timothy, writes: ***"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing."***

We are excited about the work of each and every church of the Petersburg Baptist Association. Every church is a link to the next generation of believers. How are we training them? What are we teaching them? Are we giving them the tools to continue the work of our Father?

As Paul was handing off the baton to Timothy it was important that he not drop it. The same is true of us. Let us be strong...let us pass the baton on to our "Timothys".

Honor the Past...Secure the Future,

Pastor Fred

KEHUKEE COUNCIL continued.....

The PBA Executive Council approved the withdrawing of Kehukee unrestricted funds from the Virginia Baptist Foundation investments (invested funds from the Dominion Energy suit settlement years ago) for not only the tractor and implements, but also gutter guards for the Spain Conference Center as well as repairs on chimney flashing and roof vents. In addition, money was approved for dismantling a heavy duty carport with 140 mph wind rating, 24'x 36'x 15', donated by the Fraternal Order of Police, and to be reset on one end of the pool parking lot, as well as several other maintenance or repair projects. The carport will allow storage of the tractor and implements, and more than adequate room for other pieces of equipment. The tractor will become available to us after the present owner, Bob Jones, completes an auction on September 11. It will be needed then to move and relocate other items during and after the auction.

Kehukee Family Day is scheduled for September 11, from 9AM until 4PM. We will utilize the newly renovated Mattox Pavilion for cooking hotdogs and other foods. Music will be provided. The Prince George County Special Olympics kids and sponsors will once again participate with us. More information will be shared in the coming weeks.

Assistance from members of PBA churches will be required. Please advise me, Assistant Kehukee Council Coordinator Bob Streetz, or the PBA office of how you are willing to help in this PBA activity.

A Kehukee workday is scheduled for August 21, from 8 AM until 1 PM. Please read a separate article in this issue of the Gleam.

We need volunteers with roofing skills to repair a small corner of the Powell Pavilion roof. The PBA will pay for all materials required. Please contact the PBA office or myself at 804-731-6095 if you can help us.

Prayer Garden memorial bricks are still available at \$100 each.

Thank you for your continued support of our Camp Kehukee and the Kehukee Council.

Hugh Mumford
Camp Kehukee Coordinator

Bob Streetz
Assistant Coordinator

ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR AUGUST - OCTOBER 2021

Aug 11	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting - PBA Complex
Aug 21	8:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Kehukee Work Day - Camp Kehukee
Sept 6		Labor Day - OFFICE CLOSED
Sept 8	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – PBA Complex
Sept 11	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Kehukee Family Day – Camp Kehukee
Sept 12-19		Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions
Sept 13	10:30 AM	Ministers’ Conference – PBA Complex
Sept 14	6:30 PM	Missions Meeting – PBA Complex
Sept 20		Camp Kehukee opens 2022 for non-members
Sept 27		Reports for the Book of Reports Due
Oct 4	10:30 AM	Ministers’ Conference - PBA Complex
Oct 5	11:45 AM	Kehukee Team Leaders Meeting – PBA Complex
Oct 7	7:00 PM	Kehukee Council – PBA Complex
Oct 8		Deadline for all ACP Reports from PBA Churches
Oct 10		World Hunger Sunday
Oct 13	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – PBA Complex
Oct 17-24		Week of Prayer for Associational Mission Emphasis & Mission Offering
Oct 18	7:00 PM	Associational Executive Council - TBA
Oct 19	11:30 AM	Pastor’s Appreciation Luncheon – TBA
Oct 24	3:00 PM	Association Annual Fall Meeting – PBA Complex

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