

PBA Gleam Newsletter

The Gleam will begin being published every other month starting February. If you would like to receive one by email please call the office: 804-733-2010 or email the information to: info@petersburgbaptist.org and give your current email address.

The months that you do not receive a hard copy of the Gleam you can view it online at www.https://petersburgbaptist.org/the-gleam/

PRAYER CONCERNS

Associational Ministries & Churches

WMU Ministries

Church Plant Initiative

Those fighting Covid and their families

Missionaries

**Happy
New Year!**

MISSION COUNCIL

The Missions Council would like to thank all who participated in Operation Christmas Child and Appalachian Christmas. We hope everyone had A Blest Christmas. Please keep us in your prayers as we keep you in ours. May the LORD keep us and use us to HIS Glory in 2022. Happy New Year to all.

In CHRIST, Tom

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

If you missed the December conference, we had a great discussion about Sabbath practices for pastors. It was great to learn from the experiences of the group and learn how to do better. Taking a day off is an act of obedience that we must take seriously. Some key ideas that were discussed included:

1. Plan your week to get everything done while taking your day off.
2. Delegating or leaving some things undone is ok.
3. Just because we have technology does not mean that we have to be a slave to it. It's ok to unplug.
4. It's good to spend some time outside in God's creation.
5. "If you work with your hands, Sabbath with your mind. If you work with your mind, Sabbath with your hands."-Abraham Heschel

On January 3, we will welcome Stephen Stamp to discuss Youth Ministry. On February 7, David Roberts will discuss, *Are We Really Family: Rethinking Church/Minister Relations*. Our topic for March 7 will be announced as soon as it is confirmed. On April 4, prison chaplain Gilbert Nash will discuss how the church can help offenders who return to the community. On May 2, Fred Adkins will discuss the necessity of good policy and procedures.

Do you have an area of expertise that would be of benefit to PBA pastors, or do you know someone who does? We would love to hear from you. Do you have a topic that you would like to see discussed that we haven't covered? Let us know and we'll try to arrange it. The Ministers' conference is held for the equipping of the Association's pastors so that we may learn together and be more effective for our Lord.

The December resource recommendation is *Can This Work in a Small Church?* This is a weekly podcast hosted by small church pastor Karl Vaters. This podcast, along with being encouraging for small church pastors, examines the latest big church ideas and asks the title question, "can this work in a small church?" If it is scalable, Vaters provides suggestions. This podcast is available on all major podcast platforms.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9, ESV)

In Christ,

Mike

Mailing Address:

PO Box 3117
Petersburg, Virginia 23805-3117

Office Location:

3018 County Drive
Petersburg, VA 23803

Phone: (804) 733-2010

Fax: 804 733-8212

E-mail: info@petersburgbaptist.org

Website: petersburgbaptist.org



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)

faith and are saved.” Hebrews 10:39 (NIV)

And just like that, it's 2022!!

For the most part, the past two years have been a blur, dragging on, yet flying by. I've shared before that I'm not so good with new year's resolutions. And these days, in our home, the New Year is ushered in rather quietly, without a lot of fanfare. But there is celebration! I try to make time to pause and reflect, and to ponder what's to come. When I reflect on the past year, I try not to be too focused on what didn't go so well, or didn't go at all. Instead, I celebrate Jesus' faithfulness through thick and thin. I thank Him for guiding me away from regrettable choices, comforting me in sorrow, encouraging me when facing disappointment, strengthening me in my weakness, forgiving me, and inspiring me to pursue the dreams He's planted in my heart. He's lavished His love on me, and that's cause to rejoice! When I ponder the incoming year, I try not to be overwhelmed with my personal to-do list, to dread, or to set myself up for disappointment. Instead, I celebrate Jesus's faithfulness again. What will 2022 hold? We can't know the answer now, but we know one thing for certain: Jesus holds us. Just as He demonstrated His goodness to us daily during this last year, so He promises to express it throughout the coming year.

Happy New Year, friends! Celebrate Jesus in this New Year and welcome it with joy, knowing that His mercies will greet you every morning in the year ahead.

Human trafficking is a billion-dollar industry involving millions of people worldwide. It includes both labor and sex trafficking, affects small and large cities, and isn't limited to a specific social class. Imagine what would happen if the church saw educating others and ministering to trafficking survivors as an opportunity to make disciples! **January 11th is National Human Trafficking Awareness Day.** Help your church/missions group learn about this critical global issue. Join the fight against human trafficking through awareness, prayer, support, and being on mission all year.

Please join us for the **Association Women on Mission Meeting – Monday, January 17, 2022** at the PBA Complex at 10am. PLEASE NOTE: There will NOT be a meal following this meeting.

Associational Kids Winter Missions Day Camp – Saturday January 22, 2022 at Camp Kehukee. 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. Children in Kindergarten through Grade 6 are welcome to come out for a great morning of missions education and fun! **Please call me to register** your child/children @ (804)919-1812.

The **PBA WMU Leadership Team Meeting - Wednesday, February 2nd** at 10am – PBA Complex.

Begin now to make your plans for **WMU Focus Day - February 20th!** This is the perfect time to highlight the RELENTLESS work of the WMU in your church and community.

Please note: Children's Missions Day recognition is being moved from February to September 2022.

Week of Prayer for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering – March 6th – 13th. 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

The God of Israel is he that giveth strength and power unto his people. Blessed be God. Psalm 68:35

We all say it. "I can't believe we're starting a new year already". And many people like to start a new year with resolutions that will change their lives in some way. These goals might include exercising more, spending more wisely, losing weight, and eating healthier. Others may decide to just be a better person, attend church more regularly, or get involved in a ministry. All good things!

Yet, research show that only 8 percent of the people who actually make a resolution achieve their goals. About half of all new year's resolutions are broken by midyear, and many are dropped before the end of January.

Why is there such a disappointing success rate? There are reasons, or excuses, that are offered. Maybe we bit off more than we can chew or we didn't realize how hard it was to break a bad habit. The fact is we need help beyond what we can do ourselves.

We need a transformation of the heart. Remember what Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things become new."

In 2022 let us resolve to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33) and to remain faithful to the end. Let's work, as a family, together for the kingdom. Enjoy all that the Petersburg Baptist Association has to offer and let us know how we can help you achieve your goals for ministry this year.

Serving HIM by Serving You,

Pastor Fred

KEHUKEE COUNCIL

As we look forward to the coming year, all PBA churches need to set as a goal, more involvement with other PBA churches in God's work. This is Our PBA Association, not a select few. The same can be said as to Camp Kehukee. It is, can be and should be used more so for mission efforts and activities. Nothing in my Bible says Christians should not and cannot enjoy themselves appropriately. God's work can be enhanced by fellowship, including fun and recreation. Look at the mission statement for Camp Kehukee. It begins with mission efforts, following what God commands us to do and concludes with the recreational stage. It does not begin with the "fun" concept. There should be multiple examples in our PBA churches of adults who made decisions for Christ while participating at Kehukee, now leaders in our churches because of the influence of mission teaching and mission activities in youth camps while there. I know that I am a stronger Christian today due to the influence of what took place at our camp.

On a separate note, the "Special Committee", put in place by the last Executive Council, has concluded its work of addressing Kehukee Usage Fees....PBA Churches and Non - PBA Groups. We had a super group elected to tackle this task, meeting and discussing the issue on several dates. What has been decided is, in our opinion, fair and common sense. Although there are some areas of small increase, there are reductions in others, especially affecting our small churches. We tried hard to be caring and compassionate in our decisions, even changing the final Usage Fee Schedule decided upon, after we saw that one area cost went beyond our intentions....so we reduced it.

We pray for a Camp Kehukee that continues to exist as a mission effort for us and others. We have been blessed by God with what we have and have enjoyed for many years.

The Kehukee Council and leadership prays that you had a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year!

Hugh Mumford
Camp Kehukee Coordinator

Bob Streetz
Assistant Coordinator

ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2022

• Jan 3	10:30 AM	Minister's Conference – PBA Complex
• Jan 4	7:00 PM	Leadership Meeting – PBA Complex
• Jan 10	1:00 PM	Annual Program Team Meeting – PBA Complex
• Jan 11	11:45 AM	Kehukee Leader's Team Meeting – PBA Complex
• Jan 11	1:00 PM	Personnel Committee Meeting – PBA Complex
• Jan 11	6:30 PM	Missions Council – PBA Complex
• Jan 12	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – PBA Complex
• Jan 13	7:00 PM	Kehukee Council – Camp Kehukee
• Jan 16		Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
• Jan 17	7:00 PM	Executive Council Meeting – PBA Complex
• Jan 22	10:00 - Noon	Associational Children's Mission Day Camp – Camp Kehukee
• Feb 6-13		WMU Focus Week
• Feb 7	10:30 AM	Minister's Conference – Associational Office
• Feb 7	7:00 PM	Trustee Meeting – PBA Complex
• Feb 9	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – Associational Office
• Feb 19		Children's Ministry Day (State)
• Feb 21		Presidents Day – Office Closed

Petersburg Baptist Association
P.O. Box 3117
Petersburg, Virginia 23805-3117

Non-Profit Organization U. S. Postage Paid Petersburg, Virginia Permit No. 199
--

Camp Kehukee Usage Fee Schedule

Reservation fee (*Non-Refundable*)

1 day.....	\$50.00
2-3 day.....	\$75.00
4+ day.....	\$100.00

Checks must be received within ten (10) business days after making the reservation to confirm space. There can be exceptions made on a case-by-case basis, **through the Kehukee Council**. The reservation fee will be applied to the total cost of the usage fee.

B. Usage:

1. Daytime Use Fees – Spain Conference Center

\$75.00 each day per group of 25 or less **PLUS** \$1.00 charge for each additional person each day. For groups 25 or less NO pavilion(s) usage fees applied.

If reserving more than one area an additional daily fee will be:

Old or New Picnic Pavilion.....	\$35.00
Swimming Pool.....	\$50.00

2. Overnight Use Fees - (**In addition to day fees**)

\$50.00 each night *and* \$10.00 for each person staying each night.

- For groups using Kehukee during PM hours, only those actually staying overnight will be charged the \$10.00 per night fee – others same as a day fee/\$1.00.
- If staying overnight the pool and pavilion are included and no additional cost regardless of the number of days scheduled.

3. Outside Usage of Grounds ONLY – Not using the Spain Conference

\$50.00 per day plus \$1.00 for each person above 25 people (the first 25 people are included in the \$50.00 per day fee). Bathhouses restroom facilities and running water will be operational April 1 through November 30... any changes must be requested prior to arrival.

4. Tent Camping - \$50.00 per day plus \$1.00 per person above 25 **and** \$10.00 each campsite (tent). Halifax Road Pavilion included, but pool is extra.

C. Check-in/Check-out

Check-in time will be 11:00 a.m.

Checkout will be 10:00 a.m.

Day use ONLY – Check-in 11:00 a.m. – Checkout 5:00 p.m.

Evening/Night ONLY – Check-in 6:00 p.m. – Checkout 10:00 a.m. next day (No day fee applied). There is a **\$150.00 minimum** for those small groups that are spending the night.

Change Sunday checkout time to 8:00 PM from first Sunday after Labor Day through the first Sunday in June... no added charges.

D. Cleaning Fee.....\$125.00

At check-in, a Kehukee Council member or a Kehukee Caretaker and the church representative will check the facility for cleanliness. A check-in list will be provided upon checking in. Upon departure, a Kehukee Council member or the Kehukee Caretaker will return to facilitate the church's checkout process and review the check-out list. *If cleaning is not up to Kehukee Council standards, then a cleaning fee will be imposed, and a cleaning service will be brought in to properly clean the facilities.*

E. Damage Fee

When damages occur, the Kehukee Council will replace damaged or missing equipment and/or property. The responsible church or small group will be billed for the cost of damage repair.