

NEWS FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

If you know of someone from your church or Sunday school class that would be interested in filling a position on one of the PBA Committees; Budget & Finance, Personnel, Facilities, or Nominating, please have them contact the office at: 804-733-2010. *We don't know who would be willing to participate without your help!*

DONATIONS TO CAMP KEHUKEE

Not all donations need to be cash. Camp Kehukee is in need of 3" chorine tablets, test strips, or all things pool related for the summer.

If you wish to drop off items at the Association, we will ensure it gets to Camp Kehukee in a timely manner.

CAMP KEHUKEE RESERVATIONS

We are now accepting your churches first reservation for 2023. The next date of June 20th will be for all churches to make their second reservation date.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Associational Ministries & Churches

WMU Ministries

Church Plant Initiative

Missionaries

Ukraine

Family of Jim McMillen



KEHUKEE COUNCIL

Applications for a Kehukee part-time caretaker closed May 15,2022. We are currently evaluating credentials for those applying, and expect to provide the Personnel Committee with our recommendation quickly, as summer month greater camp use is nearly upon us. Dennis Jewel will move to the position held previously by retiring part-time caretaker Wilson Conwell. We expect the pool and kiddie pool to be operational prior to Memorial Day. Dennis Jewel has done a fine job in bottom and sidewall prep work.

As we move into the second half of 2022, we mourn the loss of our PBA Treasurer, Jim McMillen, always helpful, providing input into the most sensible financial avenue, and concerned about the Petersburg Baptist Association and its future. Jim was a kind man, a true gentleman, highly regarded by those that knew him, and desiring to do God's work to the very end. We can replace Jim's position, but will find it extremely hard to come up with another Jim McMillen.

A small group of dedicated volunteers continue to work on our equipment, our physical structures, the lake and general yard work and landscaping. All drainage pipe work from the Spain Conference Center is complete. Several other items, such as trail bridge repair/replacement is in process. We anticipate signage replacement, including that of missing Camp Kehukee road signs.

Let me again emphasize more church involvement in Kehukee Council meetings, the appointment of Kehukee Council Church Representatives, suggestion of specific people for Kehukee Council Teams, and providing individuals for Kehukee work days. The last work day, with lunch, had the greatest participation of any in recent memory, involving people from age 8 to 80. **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)

The objective of our WMU Emphasis for 2020-2022 states that “We will be **relentless** in living authentic faith in Christ, seeking God in prayer, giving sacrificially, and witnessing to others. Witnessing is something that many Christians are uncomfortable talking about, much less practicing. Witnessing, however, is not a suggestion; it is a command. Scripture speaks clearly as to how we are to share the good news of Christ with our family, friends, neighbors, and people around the world. 1 Peter 3:15 lays out for us how we are to tell others what Jesus did for us: “But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.” (NIV) When opportunities appear in our daily lives, we are encouraged to be prepared to talk about how Jesus’ death on the Cross showed His mercy and grace. We will never be comfortable witnessing if we never practice it! Relating our faith story in a simple way can have a great impact on someone else. We must ask ourselves: Are our lives (our words and our actions) relentlessly testifying to the power and reality of Christ?

Nine children (representing 3 PBA churches) attended the Spring Missions Day Camp on May 14th at Kehukee. Many, many thanks to the WMU of Oakland Church for organizing and hosting the event. The two-hour camp themed “Snow Day in May” provided a Bible story and music, a take home craft, a hands-on mission project of stuffing stockings (fuzzy socks) with items for residents of a local nursing home facility, a creative snack, and lots of fun games and prizes. What a blessing to share a time of missions learning and fun with the children of our association!

June 20th is recognized as **World Refugee Day**, shedding light on the forced plight of millions of people who have had to flee their home country from violence, war, or persecution. As they flee, some are resettled in America, possible right here in our own communities. As believers, we have been given the command to love our neighbor as we love ourselves (Mark 12:31). WMU offers resources that can be used in your missions groups and churches that provides a glimpse into some of the difficult decisions and struggles refugees face, and can help us discover a Biblical response to the refugee crisis.

WMU of Virginia will accept **Walmart and Amazon gift cards** to be used for the **Standing Rock Mission** through July 10th. You may deliver them to the WMUV office, or mail them to: 2828 Emerywood Pkwy, Henrico, VA 23294. (More info available at WMUV.org)

Our **Associational Women on Mission** meeting is set for **Monday, July 11th at 7:00 pm**. The meeting will be held at the PBA Complex in Petersburg. Our speaker will be Margaret Kutz, a local author and retired Methodist pastor. Margaret will share about her missions experience with the Abukloi School in Africa, and time permitting, she will share from her book, “Nevertheless, She Preached: Story of the Two Earliest Methodist Clergywomen in Virginia”.

(Please note – there will not be a covered dish dinner prior to this meeting.)

Plans are underway for our **August 3rd PBA WMU Leadership Team meeting**. This meeting will be held at the PBA Complex at 10:00 am and all PBA church missions leaders/groups are invited to attend. Save the date!

Tammie Frazier
Association WMU Director

FROM THE DESK OF... INTERIM DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

The Hardest Words to Say:

Maybe not for everyone but for many the hardest words to say are: THANK YOU! A few weeks ago I preached the funeral for Jim McMillen. Jim had served the Petersburg Baptist Association in so many capacities including Moderator from 2004-2006. But Jim was probably most noted for his role as Treasurer of the PBA since January of 2008.

In Jim's service on May 21, 2022 I referenced a song by Ray Boltz titled: *Thank You*.

I dreamed I went to heaven and you were there with me
We walked upon the streets of gold beside the crystal sea
We heard the angels singing then someone called your name
You turned and saw this young man and he was smiling as he came
And he said friend you may not know me now and then he said but wait
You used to teach my Sunday School when I was only eight
And every week you would say a prayer before the class would start
And one day when you said that prayer I asked Jesus in my heart

Thank you for giving to the Lord, I am a life that was changed
Thank you for giving to the Lord, I am so glad you gave

When Jim and Dian were busy at the office volunteering their time, I would always try to say "Thank You" as I would leave the office area. There may have been times, while in hurry with something that seemed important at the time, I may have forgotten to say those two words. And for that, I am sorry.

What about you? Is there someone in your family, your church, your neighborhood that you should be sharing those words. It might make a world of difference in their lives to know that someone cares enough to notice.

Thank your pastor and other staff members who have dedicated their lives to serve. Thank your Sunday School faculty for their endless hours of preparation. Thank your deacon for their prayerful visit.

Every Sunday, as I close the service, I try to tie in the message with a challenge. So today, the challenge is..."This week, as you go about doing the things you do, give thanks for those around you and say "thank you" to them as well. How do we do it? With a song in your heart and a smile on your face because Jesus loves you...and so do I.

Serving HIM by Serving You!

Pastor Fred

P.S. THANK YOU

KEHUKEE CONTINUED...

We continue to be blessed financially through wills, Friends of Kehukee, private donations and the Prayer Garden bricks honoring or remembering persons dear to us. I spoke just today to Drake Hannuksela, the creator of the Prayer Garden as an Eagle Scout Project, and thanked him on behalf of the Kehukee Council for his work. It is truly a gift of love that keeps on giving back to us financially, filling needs repeatedly.

Again, thank you for your prayers and support.

Hugh Mumford
Kehukee Council Coordinator

Bob Streetz
Assistant Kehukee Council Coordinator



ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR JUNE - AUGUST

Jun 7	7:00 PM	Leadership Meeting – PBA Complex
Jun 8	9:30 AM	Budget and Finance – PBA Complex
Jun 13-14		NAMB – TBA
Jun 14-15		Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting – Anaheim, CA
Jun 20	10:00AM – 2:00 PM	Second Reservation Day for Reserving Camp Kehukee - 2022
July 4		Fourth of July – Office Closed
July 12	11:45 AM	Kehukee Team Leaders Meeting – PBA Complex
July 12	6:30 PM	Missions Council Meeting – PBA Complex
July 13	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – PBA Complex
July 14	7:00 PM	Kehukee Council – Oakland Baptist Church
July 18		PBA - All Reservations for Camp Kehukee - 2022
July 18	7:00 PM	Association Executive Council – TBA
July 18		All Budget Request Forms due for 2023 Budget
Aug 10	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – Associational Office

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