

MISSION COUNCIL

We met with the churches that had collected school supplies for Appalachia on August 4th & 5th at Kehukee. There were 9 people representing 8 churches. We were able to pack 204 backpacks and assorted supplies. Dan and Debbie picked them up on August 8th. Thanks to all who participated.

We continue to pray for and encourage Missions Outreach within our churches. Please pray for the Council and Association. Thank you for all your prayers.

In CHRIST, Tom

PRAYER CONCERNS

Associational Ministries & Churches

WMU Ministries

Church Plant Initiative

Missionaries

Ukraine

Rev. Wayne & Wanda Williams

Churches without Pastors

MINISTERS CONFERENCE

If you know me, you know that I will sometimes try to use technology to communicate more efficiently and effectively. This does not always work out as intended. For instance, I once was trying to respond to a friend's post grieving the loss of his grandmother. "Sorry for your loss" was auto-corrected to "sorry for your life." Fortunately, I was able to fix this before it was seen, but it is a reminder that neither technology nor its users are infallible. Most of you observed this recently when I attempted to send out calendar invites to our conferences, and they arrived with incorrect information. It was a dazzling public display of my failure to proofread.

We will commence year of Ministers' Conferences on September 12, 2022, at 10:30 AM at the PBA Complex, 3018 County Drive, Petersburg. For our first conference of the year our presenter is Zsa Zsa Johnson, the director of the Pregnancy Support Center of the Tri-Cities. Please come to hear her share how your church can come alongside this organization that provides so much help to so many. As always, we will dine together afterward and enjoy a great time of fellowship.

There is a change to the calendar of dates that was previously sent out. It was wisely suggested that we change the date of the January 2023 conference to January 9, 2023. This will allow more of a buffer when returning to the office after New Year's. For now, other dates remain the same (first Monday).

I look forward to learning with and from all of you. "Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed." (Prov. 15:22, ESV). I also look forward to encouraging and being encouraged by you as well. As always, feel free to reach out to me at 804-896-2859.

In Christ,
Mike

KEHUKEE COUNCIL

Thanks to Doug Lipp, Bob Streetz, Jerry Harmon and caretakers Dennis Jewel and Bucky Allin, a new high quality electronic pool pump is installed and doing its job. This has eliminated further frustration for groups hoping to use the Kehukee pool.

Douglas Aquatics, original builder of our pool and pump system, not only provided some very helpful installation information through employee Ashley, but found the correct pump at a two grand savings from the original \$7000 figure that other companies gave us. This was and is a blessing to the PBA, struggling to find necessary operating funds.

The final cost of the pool pump was \$5000 and not included in the \$15,000 need we publicized for the PBA church wide August 28, 2022, Kehukee Katch-up Day offering. We hope and have faith in our PBA churches that we will go beyond the \$15,000 special offering and cover the additional unexpected pool pump cost as well. **Continued on page 3....**

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HOPE

---IN CHRIST---

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. (Rom 12:12)

It's time to begin a new year of learning about missions; praying for missions; supporting missions; doing missions; and telling others about Jesus! We begin this new missions year with a new two-year Theme and Emphasis – HOPE---IN CHRIST, and with a new Watchword from Romans 12:12. Take some time to read and study the full Scripture passage of Romans 12:9-16.

It is our hope in Christ that convinces us He walks with us through our trials, that He carries us in times of extreme difficulty, and that He will never leave us. It is our hope that tells us there is something more than our lives here on earth. It is our hope that tells us that, even though our lives may be complicated or even when we experience personal tragedies, Christ loves us. The hope we have is not centered on circumstances, people, or even our own choices. Hope can be found in Christ alone. What a comfort this is to our hearts and minds. God is faithful and will not disappoint. We can't help but rejoice in that knowledge. We all need this hope today.

Because of our hope in Christ, we should seek to be genuine in love, patient in tribulation, constant in prayer, and compassionate to all.

The quarterly PBA WMU Leadership Team meeting was held Wednesday August 3rd at the PBA Complex. There were 8 in attendance, which included 6 visitors from First Baptist (Petersburg), Sappony Baptist, Woodlawn Baptist (Hopewell) and Wakefield Baptist. Thank you to those that joined us and shared a missions morning together!

Please encourage and support the **Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions September 11 – 18**. 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.

Children's Missions Day is **September 17th**. This year's theme is *Trusting All the Way*. The main idea of CMD is to give children an opportunity to experience showing God's love in their community, and telling someone about God's love, even (and especially) someone that hasn't come to salvation just yet. It can be something as simple as "God loves me, and He loves you, too" while serving treats or delivering a care package. God will use all those moments to teach others, and the children participating in CMD, about trusting Him in every circumstance!

October 1st – Domestic Violence Awareness Day

October 10th – World Mental Health Day

October 17th – World Poverty Day

November 2nd – PBA WMU Leadership Team Quarterly Meeting (10am, PBA Complex)

November 4-5 or 5-6 – Woman's Get-Away @ Eagle Eyrie

November 7th – Baptist World Alliance Women's World Day of Prayer

Blessed to serve with you!

Tammie Frazier

Association WMU Director

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

Where Are You, God

While on the cross, Jesus cried out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" He was asking, "Where are you, God?" We come to this time of year bringing all the mess we have had to deal with these past days, weeks and even months.

When we look at what's happening in our world, it's easy to think that maybe God has grown tired or impatient with His creation. Abraham, Job, Jonah, Naomi, Mary – the Bible is full of real people with real emotions who wondered where the hand of God was moving in uncertain times. We have a war going on with some really evil people. We have illnesses that cannot be certified, contained, or cured. But the Lord declares in Isaiah 55:9, "*As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.*"

Even when we are unsure about God's plan, we can be assured that He has one and that above all, HE IS.

Are we doing absolutely everything we know to do to make our church, and the Petersburg Baptist Association, the refuge she needs to be? If you attend the Executive Council Meetings or at least follow what is happening, you have heard our financial report is not good. If we continue the same course we are presently on, we will not be able to minister in the way we are currently ministering. What will we cut out? A ministry? A staff person? Do you believe that He is able to deliver us? What must we do to make sure His work will not fail?

In his book, *Getting' There*, Steve Farrar is quoted, "You see, we are on a journey. Jesus Christ is leading us along this long, winding trail we call life. He will lead you through every trial, every hardship, every disappointment, and every set of confusing circumstances. He knows what He is doing with every single moment, and He always knows where you are. He also knows where he is taking you. Jesus Christ is leading you to heaven."

So, I ask, "what must we do?" **1)We must pray.** God will reveal the way. **2)We must give.** God will provide a way. **3) We must be obedient.** God will give us strength. Now if we believe that, then, **4)We must rejoice.** God will answer our prayer. We must sing praises. God's path will be made clear. We must shout alleluias. Our obedience with our undying faith will allow God to, once again, prove His love for us in measures we cannot fathom.

To every individual and church who gave to our **Kehukee Katch-Up Day Offering**, we say *Thank You*. And by the way, if you missed your church's offerings, or they did not have one, you can still support Kehukee by sending it to the Associational Office.

Our God is an awesome God!

God Is So Good,

Serving HIM by Serving You!

Pastor Fred

KEHUKEE CONTINUED...

Our PBA Kehukee Council Church Representatives should not only promote the August 28, Kehukee Katch-up Day special offering in their respective churches, but act as the individual contact and promoter for the **October 8, 2022, BBQ leg quarter chicken meal fundraiser** ticket sales. All profits will go into a "**special fund**" for eventual roof replacement at the **Spain Conference Center**. Kehukee Council Church Representatives should take church orders for meal tickets, obtain tickets from the PBA Complex, and collect money for their church. This is part of Kehukee Council Church Representatives duties in assisting Camp Kehukee. Several Church Representatives have already obtained 90 of the several hundred tickets to be sold. We must have your help in sales for this fundraiser meal.

As previously announced, we will not have a traditional Kehukee Family Day in 2022.

Instead, we will have a **Kehukee Open House on Saturday, September 10, 2022**, from 8 AM until 4 PM. The pool will not be open. No food or beverages will be provided by the PBA. The Spain Conference Center will not be open. Restrooms at the pool bathhouse will be OPEN.

Come and walk, sit, fish, relax and use the Powell Pavilion and other amenities for meals and food that you may personally bring. This is **YOUR** beautiful Camp Kehukee that we hope you enjoy on September 10, 2022.

Once again, thank you for the continuous encouragement and support!

Hugh Mumford

Kehukee Council Coordinator

Bob Streetz

Assistant Kehukee Council Coordinator

ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2022

Sept 5		Labor Day - Office Closed
Sept 6	10:00 AM	Annual Program Team Meeting
Sept 7	1:00 PM	Nominating Committee Meeting
Sept 10	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Kehukee Open House – Camp Kehukee
Sept 11-18		Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions
Sept 12	10:30 AM	Ministers' Conference – PBA Complex
Sept 14	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – PBA Complex
Sept 27	6:30 PM	Missions Council Meeting—PBA Complex
Oct 3	10:30 AM	Ministers' Conference – PBA Complex
Oct 4	11:45 AM	Kehukee Team Leaders Meeting – PBA Complex
Oct 6	7:00 PM	Kehukee Council – PBA Complex
Oct 8	4:00 – 6:00 PM	Chicken Dinner Fundraiser – Camp Kehukee
Oct 10		Columbus Day - Office Closed
Oct 11		Deadline for all ACP Reports from PBA Churches
Oct 12	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – PBA Complex
Oct 17	7:00 PM	Associational Executive Council – Camp Kehukee
Oct 18	11:30 AM	Pastor's Appreciation Luncheon – Nanny's Restaurant 11900 S. Crater Rd.
Oct 23	3:00 PM	Association Annual Fall Meeting – West End Baptist Church

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