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MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

We would like to thank Roger Crump for hosting us in January. Rosa's discussion about her mission trip to El Salvador was timely, engaging, and enlightening. On February 4 at 10:30 AM, we will meet at Oakland Baptist Church. Rev. Lee Woodcock is hosting.

Rev. Tom Williams of Adams Grove Baptist will coordinate the March 4 meeting- (Petersburg YMCA). On April 1st, Rev. Fred Adkins will present (Associational Office). Dr. Joe Lewis will coordinate the conference on May 6. Please put these dates on your calendar and join us. Also, we are starting to look at topics for next year. If you have one that you are particularly interested in learning about, please email me (see address below) and we can try to set it up. If you are an expert in a particular area, we would love to let you teach us something as well. Please let me know.

If you miss the conference, you not only miss interesting topics and speakers, but you also miss a great time of fellowship with your fellow laborers in Christ. We share our concerns, we pray and encourage each other, and we learn from each other. As always, Youth Pastors, Associate Pastors, Music Ministers, and other staff ministers that you may have are invited as well. If you have any questions you can email me at mike@sappony1773.org or call me at 804-896-2859. We look forward to seeing you soon!

In Christ,
Mike

MISSIONS & EVANGLISM COUNCIL

We hope this find all of you, in the beginning of a greatly Blest year. We would like to thank the 19 churches, who participated in the 2018 Missions Week Offering.

Due to the continued generosity of our churches, we were able to distribute more than $16,800.00 for hurricane relief.

Again may the LORD's richest Blessings, be with you in the coming year.

In CHRIST,

Tom

PRAYER CONCERNS

6 Churches without Pastors
All Association Ministries & our member churches
Romania Partnership

PBA'S NEW WEBSITE

The PBA's new website has gone live! We have begun to receive questions and comments via our webpage. We are still working through issues that we noticed or that are brought to our attention, so please be patient! You can now summit your reservation (***requests only***) for Camp Kehukee online. You can check the calendar for meetings, times and rescheduled or cancelled meetings.
You can find us at: www.petersburgbaptist.org

"Women Need Love. Men Need Respect. It's as simple and as complicated as that."

Dr. Emerson and Sarah Eggerichs present the Love & Respect Marriage Conference designed to help couples achieve the relationship they've always dreamed of!

Immanuel Baptist Church will host the video conference, Friday, February 22nd 6:30—10:00 PM and Saturday, February 23rd 8:45 AM—2:00 PM. The cost is $20.00 per couple or $15.00 per single which includes the conference booklet, snacks, and Saturday lunch.

To make a reservation you can call: (804) 526-3276 or email: erinboze.ibc@gmail.com

KEHUKEE COUNCIL

The PBA has begun taking orders for the engraved bricks at Camp Kehukee. Each brick will cost $100.00.

PLEASE indicate on your check **"Brick"** so we will be able to give you credit for payment.

Your order form and money *must be received* by **Tuesday, February 26, 2019**.

Please contact the PBA Office at: 804-733-2010 for more information or questions.

UNSHAKABLE PURSUIT

"My dear friends, stand firm and don't be shaken. Always keep busy working for the Lord. You know that everything you do for him is worthwhile." *1 Corinthians 15:58 (CEV)*

February, more specifically - Valentine's Day, is a time of year when we think about the people we Love. How about the people God loves? As we express our affection to those who are special to us, how can we put love into action to reach the lost, even those who are difficult to love? Join with your WMU/WOM and show His love unconditionally by pouring our lives and resources into others. Being connected with our missions groups can help us stay focused, and to do the hard things sometimes required of us in our UNSHAKABLE PURSUIT of knowing God more, loving unconditionally, and making disciples who make disciples.

We were encouraged to have eight children (representing 3 Associational Churches) attend the Children's Missions Day Camp at Kehukee on January 12th. Thank you to Becky Thomas, GA/CIA Consultant, for a great morning of fun missions learning for the children of our association!

The January PBA **Women On Mission meeting** that was scheduled for Monday January 21st was postponed due to the cold temperatures predicted for that day. The event has been re-scheduled for Monday **February 11th at 10:00am**, and will still be held at **Immanuel Baptist Church** in Colonial Heights. A **covered dish lunch** will follow the meeting. February weather can also be unpredictable – but, Lord willing, we hope you'll be able to join us to hear Cindy Melvin share of her missions experiences, and to enjoy the fellowship of our WMU sisterhood!

PBA Leadership Team – Next quarterly meeting – **Wednesday February 6th** at Second Baptist, 10:00am. Leaders, please plan to attend! There is much to discuss and plan for our upcoming Annual Meeting in April!

WMU Focus Week will be observed **February 10th through 17th**. This is a great opportunity to emphasize and celebrate WMU in your church, and to help church members understand the vision and work of WMU.

Saturday **February 16th** is recognized as **Children's Missions Day**. This year's theme is "Go Tell". Children's Missions Day is a great way to get the children in your church motivated and engaged in mission action in their community. What better way to get them motivated than to help them see that they are joining thousands of other children across our State, and all of North America to minister to people with the love of Jesus?

Information for planning for both these events can be found on the national WMU website at www.WMU.com.

Blessed to serve with you,

Tammie Frazier
Association WMU Director

FROM THE DESK OF...

THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

I read a story recently of a horse trainer/breeder who was watching her horses in a meadow. As horses sometimes do, this particular horse was stretching her neck over the barbed-wire fence to eat the grass on the other side. Unfortunately, the horses hoof somehow got caught in the fence and began to panic.

Even though the lady had rushed to the horses failed attempts to free herself, the trainer knew she had to wait until the horse was completely surrendered to her attempts of freeing her. The horse needed to completely trust the trainer.

Luke tells us a story of such a character. Luke 13:12 reads, "And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said to her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity." Would Jesus have said that if she could have lifted herself from her infirmity? I don't think so. Would she have glorified God as she did, if she had never been bound by that spirit of infirmity? Again, I don't think so.

What infirmities are holding us back in the Petersburg Baptist Association? All of us have been like that woman. We have been bound by a 'spirit of infirmity' (sin) until we had no power to lift ourselves up. We are capable of so much more. And God wants to do for us what he did for that woman. He wants to loose us from that bondage. And, in giving us that freedom, he wants us to serve him with a passion of service.

Don't let our bondage get in the way of service. We must be willing to completely give ourselves over to him to experience the freedom he desires for us.

We are stronger as an Association when we work together as a team. Join the team. Share your faith. Trust the freedom.

Oh God, my heart I bring to You,
A present, just for Thee.
For this I know, and You have shown,
Is what You ask of me.

-Charles Shade

Serving HIM by Serving You,

Pastor Fred

CAMP KEHUKEE COUNCIL COORDINATOR

The DVD by Tommy Wells is now complete. We will be sending a copy to each member church so they can show their members what is available at Kehukee. I want to thank Mr. Wells the great donation to this video. We will also be adding it to the website for all to see.

We are finalizing the application process paperwork, guidelines and rules for non-member churches to be able to use Kehukee. Remember member churches will still have first choice and non-members will be eligible after the reservation period for member churches has expired. Also non-member churches wishing to use Kehukee will be vetted before being accepted.

We have begun taking orders for the Memorial Bricks at Kehukee Prayer Garden. Please have your orders in by February 26, 2019. Cost is $100.00 per brick. If you need an order form please contact the PBA Office.

Our fire suppression system for the range hood failed its last inspection and needs to be replaced. We are in the process of obtaining bids. The estimated cost is around $3400. If you know of anyone who is in that line of work or wants to donate towards the replacement please contact me at 804-894-2313 or william.wilson418@gmail.com.

Kehukee Work Day is fast approaching. It will be **March 23** from **8am-1pm**. We need people who can cut brush, paint, and clean the inside of the center. Hope to see you all there.

ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR FEBRUARY—APRIL 2019

Feb 4	10:30 AM	Minister's Conference – Oakland Baptist Church
Feb 10-17		WMU Focus Week
Feb 11	10:00 AM	WOM—Immanuel Baptist Church
Feb 13	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – Associational Office
Feb 16		Children's Ministry Day (State)
Feb 18		Presidents Day – Office Closed
Mar 3 – 10		Week of Prayer-North American & Global Missions
Mar 4	10:30 AM	Ministers' Conference – Petersburg YMCA 120 N. Madison Steet
Mar 10		Daylight Savings Time Begins/Spring Forward
Mar 12	7:00 PM	Mission & Evangelism Meeting - Associational Office
Mar 13	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – Associational Office
Mar 23	8:00 AM-1:00 PM	Kehukee Work Day – Camp Kehukee (Rain Date: March 30th)
Apr 1	10:30 AM	Ministers Conference – Associational Office
Apr 7		Cooperative Program Sunday
Apr 8	11:45 AM	Kehukee Team Leader's Meeting – Associational Office
Apr 9	9:45 AM	WMU Annual Meeting- Sappony Baptist Church
Apr 10	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – Associational Office
Apr 10	1:00 PM	Nominating Committee Meeting – Associational Office
Apr 11	7:00 PM	Kehukee Council Meeting – ***Smyrna Baptist Church***
Apr 14		Palm Sunday
Apr 15	7:00 PM	Association Executive Council- TBA
Apr 21		Easter
Apr 22		Easter Monday – Office Closed
Apr 28	3:00 PM	Annual Spring Meeting – TBA
Apr 29		Deadline for all **Councils** to reserve Kehukee for 2020

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