

MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

We thank Markus and Liz from the Petersburg YMCA for the great tour of their wonderful facility. We also appreciate Rev. Tom Williams for coordinating the tour. If you have not seen their new facility, it's got a lot to offer.

On April 1st at 10:30 AM, Rev. Fred Adkins is hosting the conference at the Associational Office. Dr. Robert Breckenridge (formerly the pastor of Powers Memorial Baptist Church), and current hospice chaplain and Abbey Webb the Community Outreach Coordinator will be our guest speakers.

On May 6th at 10:30 AM, Dr. Joe Lewis will host the meeting at the PBA Office, 3018 County Drive. Abigail Schreiner of HopeTree Family Services will address the subject of Foster Care ministry and the impact churches are having on the lives of children and youth in foster care. Recent changes in state law are putting more and more children in foster care, increasing the need for ministries like HopeTree to help place children and youth in healthy settings.

As we plan the conferences for 2019-20, now is the time to get on our calendar if you have a topic that you would like to address at one of our conferences. If you have a request for a topic, this is also the time to get your request in so that we can start working on it. 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

PRAYER CONCERNS

5 Churches without Pastors
All Association Ministries & our member churches
Romania Partnership
Tornado victims in Alabama

THE PBA ANNUAL MEETINGS FOR 2019

In last year's annual session of the Petersburg Baptist Association, the messengers voted to allow the Annual Program Team flexibility in planning future annual meetings. The idea is to have a meeting on a Sunday afternoon in the Spring and one in the Fall.

With that in mind, the Program Team wants our first Spring meeting to be a time of learning, encouragement, excitement and fellowship. In order for that to take place they wanted to invite folks that would make it worth your while to take a Sunday afternoon and come to a meeting.

Therefore, in order to have the time to adequately prepare, the Program Team is recommending that our first Spring meeting not take place until 2020. News concerning that meeting will be forthcoming.

Our Fall meeting this year will take place on Sunday, October 27th at 3:00 PM. Please mark the date and time on your calendar for the fall meeting. We will announce details as we get closer to the event.



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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)

The Associational **WMU Annual Meeting** is set for **Tuesday April 9th at Sappony Baptist Church**, Stony Creek. Mrs. Lucianne Warren, Vice-President and Secretary of WMU of Virginia will be our featured speaker. Lucianne has been involved with WMU all of her life – from Sunbeams to Women on Mission! Come, hear, and be inspired by her message to us.

The meeting will begin at **9:45 a.m.**, and lunch will be provided afterward. **See you there!!** Our WMU Leadership Team needs YOU! Join us, and discover how YOUR God-given gifts and talents can be used to strengthen and grow our Associational WMU groups and churches. Contact the PBA office at (804)733-2010, and they will get you in touch with me! I’ve been in constant prayer for the Lord to raise up new leaders for our Team. Is HE speaking to your heart? Follow HIS leading – join us!!

We learn from scripture of the women who followed the Lord Jesus and helped Him in His earthly ministry, just as women do today. As we remember that first Easter, we find the Lord’s disciples in hiding, grieving behind locked doors, gripped with fear and unbelief. But the women go to the tomb with boldness to serve the Lord, even in His death. The angel of the Lord revealed to them that Jesus had risen and showed them the empty tomb. As they hurried to tell the disciples, Jesus Himself appeared to them and these women were the first to worship the risen Lord. Jesus showed tenderness as He told them, through their praises, to go and tell His brothers, the disciples, to meet Him in Galilee. These precious women of God, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, Salome, Joanna, and others were given the first commission to share the gospel! Scripture tells us, “So they rushed back from the tomb to tell his eleven disciples—and everyone else—what had happened” (Luke 24:9 NLT).

Jesus used devoted women of God to be the first Easter Evangelists and spread the Gospel. **He is risen!**

WMU of Virginia is offering another **Hope Event** on **April 27th** at First Baptist Church, Winchester. For more information and to register, visit wmuv.org or call the WMUV office at 800-255-2428.

Also, information and registration are available through the WMUV office or website for the annual

MOM & ME Event to be held **April 26th – 28th** at Eagle Eyrie. This event helps grade school girls and moms to focus on their personal relationship with God, and inspires and equips them to plug into missions through Bible Study, crafts, games, dance and interaction with a missionary. Check it out!

Other dates to remember:

May 1 PBA WMU Leadership Team Meeting – Second Baptist – 10am

May 11 Standing Rock Training, All Volunteers, BGAV Bldg., Richmond

May 31-June 1 RA Family Weekend, Kings Dominion

Blessed to serve with you,

Tammie Frazier
Association WMU Director

FROM THE DESK OF...

THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

Perspective is an interesting word. One of its definitions is “a particular attitude toward or way of regarding something; a point of view; true understanding of the relative importance of things, a sense of proportion”. There are those among us who probably love to head to the beach and look at a beautiful sunrise. The early morning wind, the roar of the ocean waves, the sounds of seagulls flying overhead.

Then, there are those among us who probably love to head to the beach and look at a beautiful sunset. The magnificent colors radiating through the clouds as one listens to the calming sounds of the evening tide. Although many may fear the term “sunset” for it may remind us of the end, or of death. Death is something all of us will experience unless we are among those who are alive at Christ’s second coming.

There is a wonderful verse in Malachi 4:2 that reads, ***“But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow as calves of the stall.”*** There is one translations that reads, ***“...and you shall go out and grow fat...”***, but I didn’t think you would appreciate that translation.

We need not fear the sunset. For after the sunset there is a hope beyond the shadow of death. It is that hope we find in the Resurrection of Christ. The sunset is not the conclusion of the story. It is a part of a bigger production.

We have a victory that is ours through Christ Jesus if we believe in Him. The Easter season is the sunset/sunrise of Christendom. It was indeed our sins that placed Him on the cross and it was His forgiveness of those sins that He rose from the grave that we might have life abundantly.

Have you shared the Easter story with someone lately? Let me encourage you to do so. It not only will do you good to share your faith and belief, but it just might help the one you are sharing with that they need not fear the sunset.

Remember Psalm 30:5b, ***“Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.”*** Let’s remember the joy of the Resurrection.

May all who read enjoy the blessings of Christ this Easter.

Pastor Fred

MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM

The Week of Prayer for Associational Mission Emphasis & Mission Offering will be May 19 - 26, 2019. This years theme will be *“Come follow me,”* Jesus said, *“and I will send you out to fish for people.”* Matthew 4:19

The Mission & Evangelism Council voted to have an offering goal of \$12,000 for the Mission Week Offering. It will be divided as follows: 25% Partnership Missions 25% Evangelism Projects 25% Community Mission Projects 25% Disaster Relief. Packets will be going out to the churches mid April.

We are looking forward to a exploratory mission trip to Kentucky to see the needs and concerns of the Together for Hope Ministry in Eastern Kentucky.

In CHRIST,

Tom

ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR APRIL—MAY 2019

◆ 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 – <i>Smyrna Baptist Church</i>
◆ Apr 14		Palm Sunday
◆ Apr 15	7:00 PM	Association Executive Council– Camp Kehukee
◆ Apr 21		Easter
◆ Apr 22		Easter Monday – Office Closed
◆ Apr 29		Deadline for all <u>Councils</u> to reserve Kehukee for 2020
◆ May 2		National Day of Prayer
◆ May 3-4		RA’s & GA’s Sleepover – Camp Kehukee
◆ May 6	10:30 AM	Ministers’ Conference- Associational Office
◆ May 8	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – Associational Office
◆ May 14	7:00 PM	Mission & Evangelism Meeting – Associational Office
◆ May 19-26		Week of Prayer for Associational Mission Emphasis & Mission Offering
◆ May 20	10:00AM – 2:00 PM	First Kehukee Reservation Day – 2020
◆ May 27		Memorial Day - OFFICE CLOSED
◆ May 31-Jun 1		RA Family Weekend – Kings Dominion

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