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MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

We thank Abbey Webb from New Century Hospice for being our guest presenter at the April conference, and we thank Dr. Robert Breckinridge for introducing us to her. She has an amazing ministry, and we are privileged to have heard from her.

On May 6th at 10:30 AM, Dr. Joe Lewis will host the meeting at the Association Office, 3018 County Drive (in New Life Baptist Church), Petersburg. 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.

I appreciate everyone who has helped out for the 2018-2019 year, hosting conferences, lining up presenters, and bringing important, relevant topics. We look forward to continuing this in the coming year. In order to keep the learning going, I ask that everyone bring two topics to the May conference. One of these should be something at which you excel. The other should be something that you need assistance with. I look forward to meeting with you all!

In Christ,
Mike

MISSION & EVANGELISM

The Mission & Evangelism Council presented to the April Executive Council to have an offering goal for the Associational Mission Week Offering of $12,000.
The offering will be divided as follows:
25% Partnership Missions 25% Evangelism Projects
25% Community Mission Projects 25% Disaster Relief

Mission week offering will be May 19-26. Packets have been mailed to the PBA Churches. If you need more envelopes please contact the PBA Office 804-733-2010.

PRAYER CONCERNS

3 Churches without Pastors
All Association Ministries & our member churches
Romania Partnership
Disaster Victims

Summer Missionary

PBA Summer Missionary Arriving Soon!
That's right! After many years we are happy to announce the hiring of **Ms. Rachel Hughes** as our summer missionary. Rachel will begin her duties the end of May and be available through the first week or so of August. In the January meeting of the Executive Council, the job description was approved and in the April meeting Rachel was presented and unanimously approved.
Rachel will be available to all of our associational churches, on a first-come basis, to assist in your children's or youth summer activities. That could include, but not limited to: VBS, Mission Trips, Children's or Youth Camps at Kehukee.
Her schedule will be monitored through the office of the Director of Missions and the Personnel Committee. If you already have some events planned and you need some assistance, please call Pastor Fred as soon as you can. It won't take long for her schedule to fill.

The **BIG** news is that we are hoping to plan a children's camp at Kehukee the week of July 29 – August 2. The idea is to help some of our smaller churches with fewer children to experience a combined camp. Details are being worked out but we would love to have your input.

Don't forget to call the Associational Office to schedule Rachel to visit or assist your church.

NATIVE AMERICAN REVIVAL

The Native American Revival will be held at Woodlawn Presbyterian Church 1201 Blackstone Ave Hopewell, Sunday, June 2nd at 11:00 AM.
Chief Steve Silverheels (Son of Tonto of the Lone Ranger) will be speaking. For more information contact David Phillips 804-458-2406.

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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 Cor 15:58 (CEV)*

What a wonderful morning of fellowship and worship at our 113th PBA WMU Annual Meeting on Tuesday April 9th!! There were approximately 38 people in attendance, representing 12 PBA churches. Our guest speaker, Mrs. Lucianne Warren, Vice-President of the WMUV Board of Trustees, brought an encouraging message as she shared with us from her missions service and experiences. Much appreciation to Sappony Church for their hospitality!

During the business portion of our annual meeting, our Leadership Team officers and consultants for the upcoming year were presented and voted on. There are several vital consultant positions unfilled. Please be in prayer that God will raise up leaders for these important leadership positions. Anyone within our Association that is interested and feels led to serve with us, please contact me (804-919-1812), **or,** come to our May 1st Leadership Team meeting (see calendar below)!

Saturday, May 4th, from 10am to approximately 12:30pm, our PBA WMU will offer a **Morning Missions Camp** at Kehukee for all GA and RA aged youth (Grades 1 through 6). Come out to our beautiful camp and join us for a fun and educational morning that will include a Bible Lesson, missions project, crafts, games, and a light lunch.

Oakland Baptist Church will host an Association–wide **RA Racer Derby** on **Friday May 31st**. Registration will begin at **5:30** at the church. RA's and GA's (Grades 1 through 6) are welcome to participate! Further details will be available through the Association office closer to the event date.

Please mark your calendars and support *<u>your</u>* WMU and Association through participation in and prayer for the following activities and events:

May 1	PBA WMU Quarterly Leadership Team Meeting - *Second Baptist 10am*
May 2	National Day of Prayer
May 4	PBA RA/GA Morning Missions Camp - *Camp Kehukee 10am – 12:30pm*
May 31	Association-wide RA Racer Derby – *Oakland Baptist Church, Disputanta 5:30pm*
May 19-26	Week of Prayer for Associational Missions Emphasis and Offering
May 31-June 1	RA (Statewide) Event and Family Weekend - *Kings Dominion, Doswell, VA*
July 8	Association Women on Mission Meeting – *New Life Church, Petersburg* *6:30 pm – Covered Dish Dinner - 7:30 pm - Meeting*

Tammie Frazier
Association WMU Director

FROM THE DESK OF...

THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

At the Annual WMU Meeting and the Executive Council Meeting in April, I shared this idea. It is something our Association, as a whole, should be aware.

Who's Your One?

Imagine if every member of your church could answer that question with the name of person – a person for whom they're praying and with whom they're sharing the gospel. How would it change your church? How would it change the world?

That statement is from J.D. Greear, President of the Southern Baptist Convention in a preface of a booklet by the North American Mission Board.

An emphasis this year that begins with casting the vision, "who's your one?" How would your church change if you got your attending membership to choose one individual who needed Jesus, prayed for that individual, encouraged that individual, and brought them to Jesus?

Of the 46 Churches in the Petersburg Baptist Association last year, 36 churches reported 5 or less baptisms, with half of those reporting 0.

Here's my thoughts on that! Ephesians 3:20 reads, ***"Now to him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us."***

A miracle is a supernatural happening beyond God's natural laws or our own effort. Scripture is filled with miracles from the beginning to the end. Miracles from God demonstrate His power, advance His kingdom, and exalt Christ.

Is God still in the miracle business? Spiritual new birth is a supernatural work of God whereby ***"old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."*** (2 Corinthians 5:17)

If we were to commit ourselves to the idea of "Who's My One?", then I believe we will indeed see miracles in the Petersburg Baptist Association. God may not always give us the miracle we want, but when out life is fully committed to Him, He will give us the miracle we need.

Serving HIM by Serving You!

Pastor Fred

KEHUKEE COUNCIL

Good day from Kehukee:

On March 23, we had our Kehukee work day. Approximately 15 people showed to help with various projects throughout the grounds. We were able to replace two security lights, put up a rail on the backside of the lake that warn motorist of the embankment there, cleaned up the pavilion and bathhouse on the old side, removed dirt from around the walkway at the bathhouse and had a thorough cleaning of the inside of the Center. I want to thank those individuals that helped. With your selfless sacrifice, Kehukee would be such a great place to visit. It is a shame that out of the 46 churches in the PBA, only 6 were represented at the work day. If all our member churches would provide just a few hours per year, think how Kehukee would be?

I am looking for a group that would be willing to paint the pavilion and bathhouse on the old side to get it ready for the summer. We have the supplies, we just need the people power. If anyone is interested, please contact me at: William.wilson418@gmail.com.

With the bathhouse on the old side up and running again, we plan on opening that area for camping this summer. If you have not been over there in a while, or ever, please take the time to visit. It is a beautiful camping area.

Those of you that have fished in Carter Lake, know that the water lilies and water hyacinth have been multiplying over the last few years. We will be spraying the lake this year to cut back on the growth once the leaves reach the surface. The chemicals we will be using are harmless to fish and humans.

I know this is early but Kehukee Family Day is September 14th this year. It would be great if all our member churches would participate this year. Last year we had the athletes from the Prince George Special Olympics with us and all had a great time.

I wish you all a blessed day and hope to see you at Kehukee.
Bill

ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR MAY - JULY 2019

May 2		National Day of Prayer
May 4	10:00 - 12:30	RA's & GA's Mission Day Camp – 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
Jun 4	7:00 PM	Leadership Meeting – Camp Kehukee
Jun 11-12		Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting – Birmingham, AL
Jun 12	9:30 AM	Budget and Finance – Associational Office
Jun 17	10:00AM – 2:00 PM	Second Reservation Day for Kehukee - 2020
Jun 17-21		Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly – Birmingham, AL
July 4		Fourth of July Holiday - Associational Office Closed
July 5		Associational Office Closed
July 9	11:45 AM	Kehukee Team Leaders Meeting – Associational Office
July 9	7:00 PM	Missions & Evangelism – Associational Office
July 10	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – Associational Office
July 11	7:00 PM	Kehukee Council – Oakland Baptist Church
July 15	7:00 PM	Association Executive Council – TBA
July 22		Kehukee Calendar Open for all 2020 dates
July 29		All Budget Request Forms due for 2020 Budget

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