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PASTOR APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

To our Pastor's in the Petersburg Baptist Association….We would like to honor you in our Minister's Appreciation Luncheon.

This year, we will once again meet together at Nanny's Restaurant, 11900 South Crater Road, Prince George, VA. The date will be **Tuesday, October 22nd at 11:30 AM**. We had a really nice turnout last year and I'm hoping this year will be even better.

Please join me, as my guest, for this time of fellowship and acknowledgment of the work that each of you do. In order for us to give the restaurant an accurate count, we are asking that you RSVP by Monday, October 21ST.

The PBA is looking for a used wheelchair that we could keep at Camp Kehukee. Sometimes we need assistance with campers that are injured getting them to and from their cars. If you have a wheelchair that you do not need, would you consider donating it to the PBA/Camp Kehukee? Please contact the office with your information.

ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILE TIME!

All Church Profile packets have been mailed to the churches or church clerks. Please remember to have your information into the Association by **Monday, October 14th**.

PRAYER CONCERNS

3 Churches without Pastors
All Association Ministries & our member churches
Romania Partnership
The Family of Lucy Dorr
Victim's of Hurricane Dorian

PBA ANNUAL FALL MEETING

New Life Baptist Church
Sunday, October 27, 2019
3:00 PM

All Pastors, Messengers and Church members are encouraged to attend. We will be voting on new committee members, new business as well as 2020 Budget. We look forward to seeing you!

MINISTERS CONFERENCE

We had a great start to the 2019-2020 year of Ministers' Conferences. Sheriff Vanessa Crawford of Petersburg gave an engaging presentation on sexual misconduct prevention and response for churches. Among many things, Sheriff Crawford reminded us that there is no "typical" sex offender, and that we must all be vigilant and openly address potential risk.

For the October 7th conference, we will meet at 10:30 at the Associational Office. Rev. Fred Adkins will present information that he picked up at the conference he recently attended at the North American Mission Board. Please join us for this informative session. Also, do not forget the Pastors Appreciation Lunch at Nanny's on October 22nd.

As topics for the rest of the year become known, we will announce those, and we are already setting up pastors who want to host for next year. If you have an area of particular expertise, or know a presenter who does, please let me know (mike@sappony1773.org). You can also call or text 804-896-2859. I look forward to meeting with you soon!

In Christ,

Mike

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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)*

Though we, in our Association, observe the Association Week of Prayer and Missions Emphasis in May, every day of the year is a great time to pray for the 46 churches of our Petersburg Baptist Association.

Southern Baptist associations are more than 300 years old. Early rural churches that were spread over great distances would join together to encourage and support one another while pursuing kingdom work together.

To quote Lucretia Mobbs of the Bledsoe Baptist Association in Tennessee from her article in the 2019-20 WMU Missions Leader and Planning Guide, "*Associational churches are like a family with similar needs and desires, and just like family, every associational church is an important and vital link in Southern Baptist work*." She goes on to say, "*When churches grow stronger and deeper in their relationship to God and one another, the love of Christ spills over into the community, bringing the kingdom of God close. This is powerful and life changing!*"

This is why praying for our association is so crucial. Be a part of something bigger than yourself and your local congregation. Actively participate in our association, and watch God expand your borders! **Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer** is a global experience uniting Baptist women from 156 countries. On **Monday, November 4th**, Baptist women join together using Bible study and prayer materials written specifically for this observance. On the Day of Prayer, we have a connection with other Baptist women like no other. Each group gathering to pray is reading the same Scriptures and prayer requests. There is a concert of prayer that goes on for 24 hours as the first groups gather to pray, and continues as the day progresses around the world. Consider being a part of this amazing concert by hosting a Day of Prayer service in your church.

(Info & materials @ **https://www.bwawd.org/2019-Day-of-Prayer**)

Upcoming Important Dates (For your prayer and participation)**:**

Oct 13	World Hunger Sunday
Nov 1st & 2nd or	
Nov 2nd & 3rd	Women's Get-Away @ Eagle Eyrie Conference Center Lynchburg Register online (***http://wmuv.org/getaway***) or contact the WMUV office for info.
Nov 4	BWA Women's World Day of Prayer https://www.bwawd.org/2019-Day-of-Prayer
Nov 6	PBA WMU Quarterly Leadership Team Meeting 10am-Second Baptist Church
Dec 1-8	Week of Prayer for International and Global Missions Lottie Moon Missions Offering Missions Prayer Breakfasts – Dates, Times, Locations – TBD

Tammie Frazier
Association WMU Director

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

There is something special about the Fall. The temps begin to get cooler (or at lease supposed to). The brilliant colors on our trees sometimes mesmerize us. It is a time we reflect on the summer past and plan for the winter ahead.

Soon there will be Christmas music playing on your radios and in the malls. The serenity of the Fall just turned into the chaos of Christmas. That is truly a sad picture.

As Christians we should delight in the Lord…always giving thanks and always with the purpose of sharing our faith with others.

With the month of October upon us I would like to remind you of a few things. ONE is the PBA Annual Session, Sunday, October 27th at 3:00 PM. This will be held at the New Life Baptist Church on County Drive in Petersburg. Please note the change in location from previous printings of the GLEAM. This will be our business portion of what used to be our Two-day meetings. But don't let that term fool you. There will be mission stories, preaching, and music.

Next spring will be our evangelistic emphasis. It will be on Sunday, April 26th at 4:00 PM. It will be hosted by Oakland Baptist Church of Disputanta. The service will be led by a musical group that I have known for many years. They have traveled the world and shared Christ everywhere they go. Some of the folks in this area are familiar with these guys and have had them in their churches. The group is called, THIS HOPE. Let me invite you to their website if you would like an idea of what they do. It is thishope.org You can also pick them up on YouTube. Folks this is BIG…Plan now…get it on your calendar.

Want you to know that we are praying for you and your church. God is good…all the time!

Serving HIM by Serving You,
Pastor Fred

A Message From Camp Kehukee

We are planning on getting started on the kitchen under the pavilion on the Halifax side within the next few weeks. The items still needed: Cabinets-base and wall cabinets, Microwave, Refrigerator, Double Sink, and Faucets. Contact Jerry Harmon if you have used items to be donated at: 804-861-4573

The branches that were leftover from the tree harvest have been mulched. We are continuing to work on the roadway on the other side.

September 14th was Kehukee Family Day. Those who came had a great time. We had great fellowship with the athletes of the Prince George Special Olympic and their family and sponsors. That was a very special time. I want to thank all those that helped out to make it a success.

October 5th is Kehukee work day. We will be primarily working on the Halifax side as we want to get the pavilion painted and roof repaired. This is your Kehukee and we all need to pitch in and help with the upkeep. We welcome ALL participation from all our member churches. If everyone would pitch in we can get a lot accomplished in a short time. There is a rain date of October 12th.

ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2019

Oct 5	8:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Kehukee Work Day – Rain Date October 12th
Oct 7	10:30 AM	Ministers' Conference - Associational Office
Oct 8	11:45 AM	Kehukee Team Leaders Meeting – Associational Office
Oct 9	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – Associational Office
Oct 10	7:00 PM	Kehukee Council – New Life Baptist Church
Oct 13		World Hunger Sunday
Oct 14		**Deadline for all ACP Reports from PBA Churches**
Oct 21	7:00 PM	Association Executive Council – ***Second Baptist Church***
Oct 22	11:30 AM	Pastor's Appreciation Luncheon - Nanny's Restaurant (RSVP's required)
Oct 27	3:00 PM	Association Annual Fall Meeting – ***New Life Baptist Church***
Nov 1-3		Women's Get Away – Eagle Eyrie
Nov 3		Daylight Savings Ends
Nov 4	10:30 AM	Minister's Conference - TBA
Nov 10		Disaster Relief Appreciation Day
Nov 10 - 12		SBCV Annual Homecoming 2019 – Roanoke, VA
Nov 11		Veteran's Day – Office Closed
Nov 11 – 13		BGAV Annual Meeting 2019 – Roanoke, VA
Nov 12	7:00 PM	Missions & Evangelism- Associational Office
Nov 13	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance – Associational Office
Nov 28		Thanksgiving - Association Office Closed
Dec 1-8		Lottie Moon/Week of Prayer for International Missions
Dec 2	10:30 AM	Ministers' Conference - TBA
Dec 11	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – Associational Office
Dec 23 – Jan 1		Christmas - Association Office Closed

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