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ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

The Association has canceled their *Annual Spring meeting, Sunday, April 26, 2020.* There is no re-scheduled date to announce. We wish everyone to remain healthy during this time.

You can go to our website for updates concerning meetings prior to you arriving at the Association.

All meetings for April have been canceled.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Antioch Baptist Church without a Pastor
Calvary Baptist Church without a Pastor
High Hills Baptist Church has an Interim
Wakefield Baptist Church without a Pastor
Woodlawn—Colonial Heights has an Interim
Associational Ministries
Romania Partnership
Those impacted from the Coronavirus

MINISTERS CONFERENCE

We appreciate Dr. Roger Crump hosting the March conference and his daughter Rosa telling us about her mission trip to Lebanon and Austria. We learned a lot and had a great time fellowshipping together.

The April 6th conference at New Life Baptist Church has been canceled due to health concerns and recommendations on social gatherings. We look forward to seeing you in May.

The May conference will be on the second Monday (May 11, 2020). Rev. Lee Woodcock will host at Oakland Baptist Church at 10:30. Guest presenters will be Brian and Joanelle Lunger, the AWANA missionaries for eastern Virginia. Lunch will be provided by the generous saints at Oakland Baptist Church.

We are currently looking for topics/presenters for the 2020-21 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

MISSIONS & EVANGLISM

The Missions and Evangelism Council will meet once the mandates have been lifted and we can meet safely. Our main concern is everyone's health and praying for each of you to stay healthy.

May God continue to Bless you and your church family.

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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)*

PLEASE NOTE!! In following the established public health guidelines under the current circumstances of the COVID-19 virus, **the PBA WMU Annual Meeting has been cancelled.** Again, the annual WMU meeting scheduled for April 21, 2020 will NOT take place. No attempt is being made to reschedule that meeting at this time. Rather, we will tentatively plan to address the pending business items of the annual meeting at the July Women On Mission meeting. (Election of officers, etc.)

The date and location of the July WOM meeting will be announced via the Gleam closer to that time.

Likewise, the **Children's Mission Day-Camp** scheduled for May 9th at Camp Kehukee **is cancelled**.

Easter is a season of great gladness for those who know Christ. And though our Easter celebrations are sure to be different this year because of this pandemic, we still have much to celebrate – even amid our fears. Especially amid our fears!

There are millions of people around the world who do not have peace at this moment because they have never found the secret of peace. They need to know that there is a God of marvelous love who sent His Son Jesus Christ to this world. And as a demonstration of His mercy, Christ – the Prince of Peace – went to the cross to make a way for peace between God and mankind.
Jesus left us with the great hope and certainty that He is going to return to bring a new Heaven and a new earth where, we're told, there will be no more sorrow, sickness, trouble or death for those who have believed and followed Him. But for those who neglect and/or reject Him, there will certainly be sorrow, trouble and death.

As Christians, our great task – at all times and stages of our life – is to obey the command to tell the whole world about Christ crucified, buried, and risen again. My prayer (for each of us) during this Easter season when we meditate on our Savior's great sacrifice for us on the cross, is that we will be filled with His great peace and hope, because "He is risen!".

God meets us in our fear and reassures of His presence and His promises. God restores our souls, saving us from sin and to an abundant life with Him. And knowing that we would feel week and helpless at times, God sent us His Word and His Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide us.

So, though our celebrations may look different this Easter, we celebrate none the less! We need to do our part and practice "social distancing" for a while. Perhaps in distancing ourselves from the distractions of the world we'll find more time to truly celebrate our Risen Lord!

Blessed to serve with you,
Tammie Frazier
Association WMU Director

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

The Relevancy of the Resurrection

Easter Sunday is coming and for many it is the peak of our Christian belief system. But for some, and in my opinion far too many, it's just another day on the weekend. For some we will arise from our slumber and shout, "He is risen!" Hoping that we will hear the echo, "He is risen, indeed!"

In reading a book recently on the message of the resurrection there was a story about a Methodist preacher in the early 60's who woke up one Easter morning, recognizing his voice was gone. He was able, however, to write a message to his daughter which said: "It is terrible to wake up on Easter morning and have no voice with which to shout, 'He is risen.' But it would be still more terrible to have a voice and not want to shout."

Far too many of our churches across our world spend more time on the "Cross" of our Lord instead of the "Empty Tomb" of our Lord. Maybe if we had been more exhilarating and our contribution to the world more positive we would have seen a difference.

Easter is about the Gospel…the good news…of His resurrection. Maybe we should spend more time sharing the "good news" rather than "our views" to a world that is neglecting the whole idea of the church being a place to **COME.** Instead we should be the church who is ready to **GO**. Somehow we need to find ways of communicating the gospel to those outside the church, and to do in ways that are authoritative yet meaningful.

Look forward to seeing you soon!

Serving HIM by Serving You,

Pastor Fred

KEHUKEE COUNCIL

We have had some changes involving the Kehukee Council and Camp Kehukee.

First of all, our Coordinator, Bill Wilson, found it necessary to resign due to his work schedule and unexpected increased hours that made it very difficult to handle duties as he believes the position requires. However, Bill assures me that he will stay involved with Camp Kehukee....he is not going to go away.

Secondly, we have new carpet in the conference/eating area of the Spain Conference Center and side halls.

Third, if you have not heard, we will be having a fundraiser fish dinner on October 3, at Camp Kehukee, compliments of Jimmy Tomko and other church members from Newville Baptist Church. Cost will be extremely reasonable at $10 for adults and reduced prices for children ten and under. You will be receiving more information in the next Gleam regarding advance ticket sales, time and menu. This should be an ideal time for those wishing to fish in Carter Lake before or after they eat.

Fourth, the continued problem that we had with the pool and bathhouse septic system has been corrected. Everything now works as intended, thanks to our Caretaker Wilson Conwell.

Fifth, the Coronavirus has made it necessary to cancel the April, Kehukee Council Team Leaders, and Kehukee Council Meetings. We will decide how to handle the cancellations, and share decisions once we have adequate information.

I hope that we have more involvement of Kehukee Council Church Representatives, at meetings, workdays and meetings. This is YOUR camp....a few cannot do what is required of many! Speaking of **WORK-DAY**.....we have one set for **Saturday, May 2, from 8 AM until 1 PM**. *Can we count on you?*

I want to thank Bill Wilson for his leadership as Kehukee Council Coordinator over the past couple of years.

Hugh G. Mumford
Interim Kehukee Council Coordinator

ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

Apr 5		Palm Sunday
Apr 6		Ministers Conference – CANCELED
Apr 7		Kehukee Team Leader's Meeting – CANCELED
Apr 8		Budget & Finance Meeting – CANCELED
Apr 8		Nominating Committee Meeting – CANCELED
Apr 9		Kehukee Council Meeting – CANCELED
Apr 12		Easter
Apr 13		Easter Monday – Office Closed
Apr 14		WMU Annual Meeting - CANCELED
Apr 20		Association Executive Council - CANCELED
Apr 26		Annual Spring PBA Meeting – CANCELED
Apr 27		Deadline for all **Councils** to reserve Kehukee for 2021
May 2	8:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Work Day @ Camp Kehukee
May 4	10:30 AM	Ministers' Conference– Oakland Baptist Church
May 7		National Day of Prayer
May 9		Mission Day – Camp Kehukee - CANCELED
May 12	7:00 PM	Mission & Evangelism Meeting – Associational Office
May 13	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – Associational Office
May 17 - 24		Week of Prayer for Associational Mission Emphasis & Mission Offering
May 18	10:00AM – 2:00 PM	PBA Church's First Kehukee Reservation Day – 2021
May 25		Memorial Day - OFFICE CLOSED

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