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PETERSBURG BACKDOOR MINISTRY

First Baptist Church—Petersburg hosts the Backdoor Ministry, including a snack bag for the homeless. If you would like to donate items they include:

Vienna Sausages	Fruit Cups
Nab Crackers	Fruit Bars
Bottled Water	Coffee Grounds

Devotions (Old Expired Daily Bread)

You can drop your donations off at the church or at the PBA Office and we will ensure that the church receives them.

ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILE TIME!

Thank you to all the church clerks who provided their church information in such a timely manner. We have to date 20 out of 46 churches complete their profiles online or submitted a hard copy!!

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MUSIC DIRECTOR POSITION AVAILABLE

Matoaca Baptist Church is seeking a part time Music Director. This person must have a Godly attitude who feels called to minister to the church through music. Must have experience in music and executing music programs of the church. This position shall coordinate with the pastor, plan and lead congregation music for Sunday morning and Sunday evening services including special events. The director shall conduct rehearsals for adult, youth, and children's choirs. For further information, please send resume and cover letter to Bucen@aol.com

PRAYER CONCERNS

5 Churches without Pastors
Associational Ministries
Romania Partnership

MINISTERS CONFERENCE

At the October Ministers' Conference, Rev. Fred Adkins talked about what he is learning from the North American Mission Board on the subject of Church Revitalization. Many churches, even within our Association, are plateaued or declining. He gave great information on the topic, including "red flags" that we need to heed.

Rev. Michael Fields of Newville Baptist will host the November Conference. Guest presenter will be Ryan Coe and the topic is church security. We will meet at 10:30 AM on November 4th at Newville Baptist Church, 7710 Beef Steak Road, Waverly. Feel free to bring your security coordinator for this great information.

On December 2, we will meet at 10:30 AM at the Association Office. Dr. Mark Hughes will present on ministering to those affected by seasonal depression. As you are aware, the holidays are very difficult for some, and Dr. Hughes will provide information on caring well for those members. Please join us for this timely and important subject.

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)*

Pursuing God doesn't mean we stop pursuing our own dreams. Instead, pursuing God transforms and shapes our dreams. Our faithfulness to God creates an overflow of the fruit of the Spirit, affecting our relationships, and the rhythm of our days.

Choosing to follow God creates a desire in us to know Him more. Through our practice of prayer, Bible study and worship we grow our relationship with God. Out of that comes the impact on others – evangelism, discipleship, and service. Hebrews 12:1-2 instructs us to keep our eyes on Jesus – that's how we persevere in our pursuit of God.

If you find you need motivation in your **UNSHAKABLE PURSUIT** of God, consider this reminder: Before the foundation of the world, before creation, God – The Sovereign God, creator of everything – knew us before we were created in our mother's womb (Psalm 139:16). He loves us and He desires a personal relationship with each of us. God reveals His love and His redemptive plan for us through His Word. This is God's **UNSHAKABLE PURSUIT** of us!

Now that's something to be thankful for as we enter into the season of Thanksgiving!!

Please promote and support the Week of Prayer for International Missions and Offerings in your missions groups and churches. Plan to attend one of the Missions Prayer Breakfasts being offered in our Association (see below). Or even better – plan to host a prayer breakfast in your church for your association group!

<u>For your prayer and participation</u>:

Nov 1-2 or
2-3 Annual WMU Women's Get-Away – Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center
Nov 2 WMUV Annual Meeting – Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center
Nov 4 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer (Service @ Second Baptist 10:30am)
Nov 6 PBA WMU Leadership Team Meeting – 10:00am – Second Baptist Church
Nov 30 Missions Prayer Breakfast – Willingham Group – Forest Hill Church – 8:30am
$4.00 per person – Please make reservation with Mrs. Beckey Presson, Willingham Group Consultant
Dec 1– 8 Week of Prayer for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Offering

Tammie Frazier
Association WMU Director

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

What does it mean to you to "Give Thanks"? Here we are in November with Thanksgiving and Christmas just around the corner. By the time you read this we will have completed our fall session of the Petersburg Baptist Association's Annual Meeting. So, I wish to spread a little "THANKS".

First, to our Program Committee for putting together a wonderful session, we give thanks. To the folks at New Life Baptist Church for hosting the meeting and WMU for providing refreshments, we give thanks. To Rachel and her special group of volunteers for all that they did, we give thanks. To our moderator, speakers, musicians, committee chairs, etc., we give thanks. To all who attended, each church represented, we give thanks.

And, most of all, to the Lord above, who graciously allowed us the opportunity for praise, worship and fellowship, we give thanks.

You see, when we take the time to look around it is easy to see how blessed we really are. I am reminded of that little song, "We Are So Blessed".

We are so blessed by the gifts from your hand
I just can't understand
why you've loved us so much
We are so blessed
we just can't find a way
Or the words that can say, "Thank you Lord for your touch"

When we're empty you fill us 'til we overflow
When we're hungry you feed us and cause us to know
We are so blessed take what we have to bring
Take it all everything
Lord we love you so much

We are so blessed by the things You have done
The victories we've won, and what You've brought us through
We are so blessed take what we have to bring
Take it all everything. Lord, we bring it to you

Serving HIM by Serving You,
Pastor Fred

Missions and Evangelism

The Missions and Evangelism council would like to thank all who have participated in Associational missions, church missions and individual missions throughout the year. We thank those that are willing to step up and walk in GOD's will.

We will again be supporting the churches that participate in Appalachian Christmas collection. We will be wrapping and getting ready for pickup, on December 9, beginning at 9am at Camp Kehukee.

Our thanks also to those who have and will give to missions offerings through out this year. Continue to pray for us as we seek GOD's guidance as we seek a partnership missions project.

In CHRIST,
Tom

ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2019

Nov 1-3		Women's Get Away – Eagle Eyrie
Nov 3		Daylight Savings Ends
Nov 4	10:30 AM	Minister's Conference - Newville Baptist Church
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* – **CANCELLED**
Nov 28		Thanksgiving - Association Office Closed
Dec 1-8		Lottie Moon/Week of Prayer for International Missions
Dec 2	10:30 AM	Ministers' Conference - Associational Office
Dec 11	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – Associational Office
Dec 23 – Jan 3		Christmas - Association Office Closed

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