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Camp Kehukee Reservations

The PBA has decided to reschedule the first time your church will be able to reserve Camp Kehukee for 2021. The new date will be **Monday, June 15th**.

This will allow churches to revisit their church calendars and plan for 2021.

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

ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR—June & July 2020

Jun 15	10:00AM – 2:00 PM	First Reservation Day for Camp Kehukee - 2021
Jun 17	9:30 AM	Budget and Finance – Associational Office
July 4		Fourth of July
July 7	11:45 AM	Kehukee Team Leaders Meeting – Associational Office
July 8	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – Associational Office
July 9	7:00 PM	Kehukee Council – Oakland Baptist Church
July 13		Second Reservation Day for Camp Kehukee - 2021
July 14	7:00 PM	Missions & Evangelism – Associational Office

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION EMPHASIS & MISSION OFFERING

The PBA has rescheduled the **Week of Prayer for Associational Missions** from May 17-24 to **August 2 - 9, 2020**. The information packets, to include the poster's, prayer guide, and envelopes will be mailed to the churches in July.

The theme this year will be: ***Fix Your Eyes***. The scripture verse is **2 Corinthians 4:18** - So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

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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)*

As I sat at my computer, staring at the screen, wondering what I could possibly report to you (other than more cancellations) on behalf of our WMU; our Watchword stared back at me! "My dear friends, STAND FIRM AND DON'T BE SHAKEN." As this Coronavirus pandemic continues, **and** life as we knew it is so different, **and** there's so much uncertainty as to the future **and** how different and in what ways life will be going forward…….I find comfort and courage in our Watchword verse, as well as a few others for you to consider with me:

Jesus does not want us to be governed by fear at such times as we are currently experiencing. He wants us governed by faith. Though we face *apparent* uncertainty, our future and our provision and our ultimate triumph are certain to God. He has all the foreknowledge, power, resources, and desire to turn everything for good for those who love Him and are called by Him (Romans 8:28).

Uncertain seasons are often the most powerful God-moments we experience. They often put God on display more than other seasons, demonstrating that God exists and rewards those who seek Him (Hebrews 11:6).

So, while we are in one of those seasons, take heart, STAND FIRM AND DON'T BE SHAKEN! We are likely experiencing what it means to have a God "who acts for those who wait for Him" (Isaiah 64:4).

Dear Lord, we cautiously pray for patience as we deal with irritating inconveniences and major, life-altering, fearful things. Thank you for your infinite mercy. Infuse us with UNSHAKABLE hope in your Word. Amen.

A reminder that all PBA-WMU activities and events for the months of May and June have been cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic. (Children's Missions Camp at Kehukee, WMU Leadership Team meeting, etc.) However, we are tentatively planning to hold the **July PBA Women on Mission meeting** on **Monday July 13th at Antioch Church**. This will be an evening meeting, starting with a **covered dish meal at 6:30 pm**, and the meeting to follow. In addition to a guest speaker, we will address the usual business of the April WMU Annual Meeting at that time. We will keep you posted should this meeting need to be rescheduled or cancelled.

While we are all currently "shut in", please know that you are not "shut out" of my thoughts and prayers! Remembering the second part of our Watchword verse, we may not be able to do all that we desire to do, or are accustomed to doing. But we can still worship, pray, and reach out in other ways to care for people in these times. EVERYTHING we do for HIM in service to others is worthwhile!

God bless you and keep you safe!

Tammie Frazier
Association WMU Director

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

A Word of certainty in an uncertain world. To quote a long running soap on TV…These are the Days of our Lives. Many of us have quarantined ourselves and families due to COVID-19. Schedules have been altered. We are seeing doctors through a virtual appointment. We are searching, in vain, for certain items at the grocery stores. And, one of the most difficult days was not being able to celebrate Easter Sunday in our traditional manner.

But the fact remains we do serve a Risen Savior and God is still in control. I am reminded of Psalm 30:5***, "For HIS anger is but for a moment, HIS favor is for life; Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning."*** Behind God's mercy is His holiness; behind His holiness is His compassion. It is significant for us to remember that God's day begins with an evening and ends with a morning. Remember the creation story in Genesis? ***"The evening and the morning were the first day…the evening and the morning were the second day…and so on."***

Right now we are facing dark and menacing days; but the morning will come, and with it a day that will never end! So, hold on my child, for joy comes in the morning.

We have certainly had to cancel many events for April and May. We will look closely as to what our government and healthcare officials tell us about June and beyond. We are certainly going to take every precaution necessary to protect our Associational Staff, as well as, those in our churches.

Please continue to reach out to us if you need us. We will make every effort to meet your requests.

Until then, stay safe, stay well, and may God bless!

Serving HIM by Serving You,

Pastor Fred

KEHUKEE COUNCIL

Praying that everyone is healthy and safe during this time….

The work day that was scheduled for Camp Kehukee on Saturday, May 2nd has been postponed. We will notify the churches when the date has been rescheduled.

The Fish Fry fundraiser being held October 3rd at Camp Kehukee is still on the calendar. All proceeds will go to the camp. The presale of the tickets will begin in the spring. We will alert you where the tickets can be purchased in the next Gleam.

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