

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, July 20, 2020 - 7:00 PM

Central Baptist Church
6405 Courthouse Road, Church Road

****Please remember social distancing and wear a mask or face covering****

PRAYER CONCERNS

Antioch Baptist Church welcomes Rev. Tom Guess
Calvary Baptist Church without a Pastor
Wakefield Baptist Church without a Pastor
Woodlawn—Colonial Heights has an Interim
Associational Ministries & Churches
Romania Partnership
Those impacted from the Coronavirus

Kehukee Changes Locks

Due to some recent equipment missing at Camp Kehukee, as well as, trying to administratively oversee the camp, we have had to change the locks at both ends of our property. If you have a key now, and many of you do, please discard it.

We will make sure that those who need a key will get one as soon as possible. With the camp being closed for the summer, due to COVID-19, this will make it easy for us to supervise the use of keys for Kehukee.

As it has always been our practice for those wishing to fish, if the gate is open you are welcome. We do ask that you identify yourself with Wilson or others who may be working at Kehukee. We would not want you to be locked inside the camp because they didn't know you were there. **Please note** that all bathrooms at the pool and the far side of camp have been **closed and locked**.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

I hope and pray that everyone has come through the pandemic with their congregation and their sanity intact. This last couple of months has really taken a toll on some people. Currently, we plan to resume meeting in September. As I get a schedule put together, I will get it out to you.

I'm looking for some new ways that the Associational Ministers' Conference can support our pastors. I plan to send out a survey in the next couple of weeks to find out what your needs are and how we can address them. I'll be looking for your feedback on ideas such as topics for the conference, alternate schedules to accommodate bivocational pastors, sharing of resources, etc. Please be sure to fill it out so that we can best support you.

If you are not sure that I have your email address, please send it to me at mike@sappony1773.org and I will get you added to my list. Also, please call or text at 804-896-2859 if I can be of any help!

In Christ,
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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)

Greetings friends!

After much prayer and consideration for the health and safety of all involved, it has been decided that the **July 13th PBA Women on Mission meeting is cancelled**. The overall consensus seems to be that not all are quite at a level of comfort to hold a group meeting of that nature just yet.

While I would like to be able to say exactly when we’ll be able to resume our “normal” WMU routines and schedules, it would be highly unrealistic of me to make that sort of projection. After all, what is “normal” these days?

Yes, the world is a different place than it was even a few short months ago. Different indeed, and ever changing, and often unsettling to us. Our world has experienced a practical “stand-still” with sheltering in place and social distancing, and now protests and riots and all kinds of unrest fill the news each day.

If you (like myself) are struggling to find your new normal in the chaos that surrounds us, then perhaps you (like myself) need to be reminded to keep your focus on the Lord, not the chaos. The world is different, and is ever changing – but our God remains. Our mission and our calling remain. Covid-19 has not stopped God from working in and around us, and neither should it stop us from joining God in His work!

Once again I’m reminded of our Watchword – *“.....stand firm and don’t be shaken. Always keep busy working for the Lord.everything you do for Him is worthwhile.”* Even in these unprecedented times, with our focus on God, we can stand firm in Him, and find new ways to do worthwhile things for His kingdom.

For the time being, our PBA WMU Leadership Team will remain as is. If we find that we can hold a meeting in the near future, we will get that information out to you, and we will then address the business of electing new leadership, as well as a few other matters of pending business.

In the meantime,

God bless you and keep you safe!

MISSIONS & EVANGELISM COUNCIL

Greetings in CHRIST. I hope all of you are well and BLEST in The LORD. This year we will again be supporting our churches who collect school supplies for West Virginia students. Packing will be on or after August tenth.

May all your outreach be BLEST by The LORD! GOD BLESS you all with HIS peace and comfort bringing us all through the pandemic.

In CHRIST, Tom

FROM THE DESK OF... INTERIM DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

“Trials dark on every hand, and we cannot understand; all the ways that God would leads us to that blessed promised land. But He’ll guide us with his eye, and we’ll follow till we die; we will understand it better bye and bye.” (from the hands of Charles Tindley and B.B. McKenney)

We can certainly identify with things we don’t quite understand. We transformed our ministries in our streets and neighborhoods to include: Facebook Live, Drive-In Church, Zoom, Merging phones; just to name a few. And now we are seeing our churches, once again, open their doors for corporate worship. Although maybe not back to the “good ole days” of February but moving forward.

Details on how to do VBS, Back Yard Bible Clubs, Summer Camps, etc., is on our minds. The church is needed now more than ever. As I have talked with many of you over the past number of weeks it has been uplifting to hear your stories of faith and compassion to the flock and beyond.

The Petersburg Baptist Association has not been excluded from the chaos and confusion. We are still working out details for our safe return to committee meetings and activities recognizing we are adjusting to a new normal.

Unfortunately, one of the areas that is being affected is Camp Kehukee. We have made the decision to close the Kehukee for the summer. It was not an easy decision but our main concern was for the safety of all. We are just not staffed to clean, according to CDC guidelines, after each use. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. Our prayer is that we can open in September.

Another area that was affected was our Summer Missionary hiring. Since many of the churches that used our missionary last year had already made new plans, we did not feel it would have been a viable option for this year.

We are encouraged by your zeal to continue expressing God’s love and mercy to your communities. And we pledge our prayers, alongside of yours, to all of our “frontline responders” and families affected by COVID-19.

Having said that, it is our hope and our intent to begin setting times and dates for meetings necessary during July and beyond. We will, of course, continue to follow the guidelines set forth by National, State, and Local authorities and ask that you do your part in helping flatten the curve of this pandemic.

If we can assist you in any way, please know that we are here for you. Thank you all for what you continue to do in the Name of the Lord.

Until the Morning Comes, I will continue...

Serving HIM by Serving You,

Pastor Fred

KEHUKEE COUNCIL

Well, this Covid 19 mess has certainly eliminated many church group plans for June, July and August. It has also affected outside group use as well. We are sorry that all events were cancelled, but Rachel has communicated what to do about moving dates.

In addition, **Kehukee Family Day, is cancelled for 2020.** However, this does not affect the October fish fry fundraiser. We have been in direct communication with our insurance carrier, Church Mutual, as well as the Crater District Health, and Prince George Health Department regarding the right decisions for health safety. The biggest issue is need to thoroughly sanitize all areas used **after** each use. This would mean that an overnight group using the kitchen and eating area must sanitize three times at a minimum daily... After area use... three meals. We cannot assume that each group sanitize up to required CDC standards... one mistake where anyone is a Covid 19 carrier... they had no noticeable symptoms... and we open ourselves to possible serious consequences. “When in doubt... don’t!”

When we have the October 3, 2020, fish fry fundraiser at Kehukee, someone will sanitize tables used before the next person (s) sit at the same tables. Safety comes first. Some consideration had been made about carryout only, but fish is not that good once it cools. You will receive more information, including ticket sales... where... from whom, in the near future. We must depend upon pre ticket sales to assure Jimmy Tomko and his Newville Church group, of the food needed. However, there will be some on site meals sales as well.

Wilson Conwell, caretaker, is spraying the Carter Lake lilies again. We purchased additional chemicals so that a thorough spraying is accomplished. It is very frustrating for a youngster to hook a huge bass, or channel cat, only to lose it on the lilies around the lake edge.

Once we determine the right thing regarding a Kehukee Work Day, information will be shared.

Thank all of you for the understanding as we attempt to handle Kehukee use properly during Covid 19 pandemic.

Hugh G. Mumford

Interim Kehukee Council Coordinator

Associational Calendar July—August 2020

July 4		Fourth of July - Office Closed
July 6		Office Closed
July 8	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – Associational Office
July 13		Second Reservation Day for Camp Kehukee - 2021
July 14	7:00 PM	Missions & Evangelism – Associational Office
July 20-24		PBA Sponsored Youth Camp – Camp Kehukee- CANCELLED
July 20	7:00 PM	Association Executive Council – Central Baptist Church
July 28		All Budget Request Forms due for 2021 Budget
Aug 2-9		Week of Prayer for Associational Mission Emphasis & Missions
Aug 12	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – Associational Office
Aug 17		Reservations for Camp Kehukee opens 2021 for all churches

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