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MINISTERS CONFERENCE

We will meet on **Monday, September 14th** at **10:30 AM,** at the Associational Office.

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@sapponychurch.org). I look forward to meeting with you soon!

In Christ
Mike

PRAYER CONCERNS

Antioch Baptist Church welcomes Rev. Tom Guess
Calvary Baptist Church without a Pastor
Wakefield Baptist Church welcomes Interim Dr. Jim Rogers
Associational Ministries & Churches
Romania Partnership
Those impacted from the Coronavirus

"You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created." Revelation 4:11

The 2020 Associational Mission Offering will be observed August 2-9, 2020 and will be designated into five categories.

20% Partnership Missions
20% Community Mission Projects
20% Evangelism Projects
20% Disaster Relief
20% Summer Missionary

Last year 18 of our 46 churches gave to the Annual Mission Offering, for a total of $9,610.30. We are praying that many more will choose to take an offering this year.

Thank you for your continued support to the Petersburg Baptist Association.

MISSIONS & EVANGELISM COUNCIL

The Council reports we have extended our commitment, to help fund the Spring Associational Meeting and Summer Youth Camp from 2020 into 2021.

Our goal for the **2020 Missions Week Offering is $12,500.00**. 20 percent each ($2,500.00 if we reach our goal) will fund Summer Missionary, Partnership Missions, Community Missions, Disaster Relief, and Evangelism projects. In lieu of a partnership mission's project, we are asking all churches to collect school supplies to be distributed within the Associations geographic boarders. We are hoping to get supplies to 3 or 4 districts. Packing will be at Kehukee if possible or if your church would like to host please call me at: 757-899-0272. If your members are leery of shopping for these supplies donations can be made to the Association, please designate for school supplies.

We are making a $1000.00 Community Missions donation, to First Baptist Petersburg's Backdoor Ministry. We are also looking at additional community missions projects.

For those churches who are collecting school supplies for Appalachia, packing will be on August 17 at Fountain Grove, 11539 Low Ground Rd Emporia.

Our thanks to all who participate in missions. May GOD's richest blessings follow you always,

In CHRIST,
Tom

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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)*

The Association **WMU Leadership Team** will meet on **Wednesday August 5th** at 10am at Second Baptist Church in Petersburg. We will honor safety guidelines in requesting that those team members attending please wear a face covering and try to be mindful of distancing.

Missions at home! In lieu of a current missions partnership relationship, the Association Executive Council voted on July 20th to promote an Association-wide school supply drive. Items donated should be dropped off at the PBA office and will be disbursed to various school districts across our Association from there.

According to the most recent information posted on the WMUV website (as of this writing); registration is available as of August 1st for the annual **WMU Get-Away November 6th & 7th or 7th & 8th** at Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center in Lynchburg, VA. This year's conference theme is ***REFRESH,*** drawing inspiration from Jeremiah 31:25, "*I will refresh the weary and satisfy the faint."*

For registration forms or additional information, call the WMUV Office at 800.255.2428, ext. 8267, email wmuv@wmuv.org or check the website at https://wmuv.org/getaway. For specific information on lodging or meals, contact Eagle Eyrie directly at 1.434.384.2211. (Please keep in mind that this information is subject to change depending on the COVID situation.)

Since 1976, the **Alma Hunt Offering** has been a joint venture of the WMUV and the BGAV. Please promote and support the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions in your churches. For the remainder of 2020 and looking toward 2021, the allocations of this offering are being redirected to efforts that focus on human needs arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. The emphasis dates are September 13th – 20th, however, due to the time-sensitive nature of these needs, please consider sending your offerings as early as possible this year.

Looking forward to when we can all meet together again! Until then, praying you'll stay safe and healthy!

Blessed to serve with you,

Tammie Frazier
Association WMU Director

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

It's TOO hot. But, summer will soon be an afterthought. Winter will come with its blistery winds and the potential for snow. And guess what? We will most likely still be complaining but this time it's TOO cold.

Most of us have probably made the statement: "I may not know what tomorrow holds but I know who holds tomorrow." This summer has been a drastic change from previous years. Kehukee has been quiet, except for those who decided to take possession of items not belonging to them. The quietness from the songs and screams of children at camp is deafening. But tomorrow is coming.

I am reminded of that beloved hymn, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness". The latter part of verse three reads;

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessing all mine with ten thousand beside!

Let us not focus on the storms around us but instead look upwards to Jesus. Morning by morning new mercies I see. We have so much to be thankful for…even in the midst of the storm.

My prayer for our pastors, churches and communities is that each day is a new and fresh opportunity to not only discover what God has planned, but to share that with the world.

May we all be able to sing:

I*'ve just seen Jesus, I tell you He's alive*
I've just seen Jesus; Our precious Lord alive.
And I knew, he really saw me too; As if till now, I'd never lived
All that I'd done before won't matter anymore
I've just seen Jesus…and I'll never be the same again!

Serving HIM by Serving You!

Pastor Fred

KEHUKEE COUNCIL

The Kehukee Council will host a fundraiser catfish meal October 3, 2020, in the Spain Conference Center from 4-6 pm. The meal will cost **$10.00 adults** or **$5.00 children 12 and under**. Menu is catfish, hushpuppies, baked beans, cole slaw, dessert and iced tea or water. Eat in or carryout.

Jimmy Tomko and members of Newville Baptist will prepare the meal for us.

We *encourage* pre-purchase ticket sales– and are now **available** from Council members or the PBA office!!!
Meals will still be available at the door October 3, without pre sale tickets. Profits will be used to enhance security at Camp Kehukee.

We had a couple property break ins, through the split rail fence at the Shand's Road entrance. The thief stole some equipment from the tractor shed/storage area. To imped future entry, we have installed 22 power pole sections on the inside of the rail fence with 1/2inch braided cable through each pole on both sides of the entry gate—connecting pole sections together. Other steps have already been taken to assess who enters the property.

A $2,000 donation from a PBA church will assist in purchase of security equipment.

We continue to spray the lilies to eradicate them in Carter Lake.

Hugh G. Mumford
Interim Kehukee Council Coordinator

ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR AUGUST – OCTOBER 2020

Aug 2-9		*Week of Prayer for Associational Mission Emphasis & Missions*
Aug 12	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – Associational Office
Aug 17		Camp Kehukee Reservations open 2021 for all churches
Sept 3		OFFICE CLOSED
Sept 7		Labor Day - OFFICE CLOSED
Sept 9	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – Associational Office
Sept 12		Kehukee Family Day – **CANCELLED**
Sept 13-20		Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions
Sept 14	10:30 AM	Ministers' Conference – Associational Office
Sept 15	7:00 PM	Missions & Evangelism Meeting – Associational Office
Sept 28		Camp Kehukee Reservations open 2021 for non-members
Sept 29		Reports for the Book of Reports Due
Oct 3	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Fish Fry Fundraiser – Camp Kehukee
Oct 5	10:30 AM	Ministers' Conference - TBA
Oct 6	11:45 AM	Kehukee Team Leaders Meeting – Associational Office
Oct 8	7:00 PM	Kehukee Council – New Life Baptist Church
Oct 11		World Hunger Sunday
Oct 14	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – Associational Office
Oct 16		Deadline for all ACP Reports from PBA Churches
Oct 19	7:00 PM	Associational Executive Council - TBA
Oct 20	11:30 AM	Pastor's Appreciation Luncheon – TBA
Oct 25	**3:00 PM**	**Association Annual Fall Meeting – Camp Kehukee**

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