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WITH SYMPATHY

We would like to express our condolences to Mrs. Joyce Rick's family. Mrs. Rick's passed away July 24, 2020. Mrs. Ricks was faithful in serving as the PBA Secretary for 25 years.

Please be in prayer for her family as they go through this difficult time.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Calvary Baptist Church without a Pastor
Associational Ministries & Churches
Romania Partnership
Those impacted from the Coronavirus
Those affected by Hurricane Isaias

FISH FRY FUNDRAISER FOR CAMP KEHUKEE

Saturday, October 3rd From 4:00—6:00 PM

Adults will be a $10.00 donation and children 12 and under $5.00 donation. Tickets can be obtained from the PBA Office, Jimmy Tomko, Ron Barker, Jeanie Pond, Paul Burroughs, or Hugh Mumford. If your church would like to come as a Congregation or Sunday school class, please see your Kehukee Representative for a bulk purchase. There will be meals available to purchase the day of…. But we would prefer to have a estimate headcount. Although the eat in or carry out meal is 4-6 PM in the Spain Conference Center, the gate will be open at 12 noon so people can fish before mealtime. We look forward to your continued support towards **YOUR** camp.

KEHUKEE COUNCIL

At this writing, some of us have endured twenty one plus inches of rain in twenty one days.....WOW.....averaging and inch per day of rainfall! This has proven difficult in adequately spraying the lilies on Carter Lake, and eliminates the negative aspects that too many present. However, Caretaker Wilson Conwell is making progress. We need 24 hours free of rainfall to be very effective.

I reported at the PBA Executive Council Meeting held at Central, that a PBA church had donated $2,000 from a "special mission's fund", to assist Camp Kehukee with the purchase of security cameras and their maintenance. This church is Oakland, and to be further blessed, a young college bound member, Garrett Burroughs, volunteered to set up, monitor, and do the necessary camera maintenance. **Continued on page 3….**

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@sappony1773.org). I look forward to meeting with you soon!

In Christ
Mike

ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILE
IT'S ANNUAL REPORT TIME AGAIN

Churches will soon receive their Annual Church Profile (ACP) packets. If your **Church Clerk**, or **ACP Contact Person,** *has changed* since last year's report, please advise the Association office. We do our best to cross-check, but current information is always helpful. **Reports are due Tuesday, Oct 13th**.

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RELENTLESS

"*But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved."* *Hebrews 10:39 (NIV)*

Over the past two years, in journeying through our theme of **UNSHAKABLE PURSUIT**, we sought to:

Know God more
Show His love unconditionally, and
Make disciples who make disciples

September begins our new emphasis "RELENTLESS". Looking forward, as we make disciples of Jesus who live on mission, may we be relentless in:

Living authentic faith in Christ
Seeking God in prayer
Giving sacrificially
Witnessing to others

Relentless FAITH, Relentless Prayer, Relentless Sacrifice, Relentless Witness. Relentless in our pursuit of Christ and His mission for us. Immerse your missions efforts in Scripture as you explore our Watch-word verse Hebrews 10:39.

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**.

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.

Also, please support **GLOBAL HUNGER SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11th.**

As of this writing, registration is available 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."* If interested in going with other ladies of our Association, please contact Lynn Rogers or myself ASAP. Otherwise, for registration forms or additional information, call the WMUV Office at 800.255.2428, ext. 8267. Or, email wmuv@wmuv.org or check the website at https://wmuv.org/getaway.
(Please keep in mind that this information is subject to change depending on the COVID situation.)

Blessed to serve with you,

Tammie Frazier
Association WMU Director

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

Well…not Really!

September usually brings us back to reality. Summer is over and the heat is gone. Well…not really! Summer is over and schools have reopened as usual. Well…not really! Everyone enjoyed vacations and family reunions. Well…not really!

The fact is that this will be a summer to remember, but maybe not for the right reasons. I am reminded of a song by Leonard Cohen. In the song there is a line that reads:

Ring the bells that still can ring
Forget your perfect offering
There is a crack, a crack in everything
That's how the light gets in.

Maybe some of our church members are ready to crack from isolation. Maybe there are some who feel that their offering is not perfect. Jesus reminds us over and over again that we still have purpose in our lives. We need to ring the bells that still can ring.

So many of you are doing that. THANK YOU! You have continued to worship in formats you never thought you would. God is still reaching out and reaching in. Are we still the instruments He is wanting to use? The answer is, Yes…really! God has always had a people. It is time to remind the world who we are as Christians and provide the hope that is necessary for such a time as this.

So, stay strong Petersburg Baptist Associational churches and members. Continue to ring the bells that still can ring. We are not perfect and there may be a crack. But in all the darkness that is around, it is that crack that lets the LIGHT in.

Yes…Really!

Pastor Fred

PS. I would like to *Thank You* for your continued prayers and support in the passing of my sister Lib Laird.

KEHUKEE COUNCIL CONTINUED….

I have added Garrett to the Facilities Team, headed by Team Leader Ron Barker. Hopefully Garrett's actions will encourage other young people, young adults to become a viable part of the Kehukee Council and more specifically actively involved with one of the four council teams. As shared on the front page of this Gleam...the October 3, 2020, fundraiser fish fry meal from 4-6 PM at Kehukee will assist in the ongoing cost of security measures being taken. The meal is being prepared by Jimmy Tomko and his Newville assistants.

Beginning September 3, 2020, we plan to reopen Camp Kehukee to PBA groups, as well as outside Christian groups on a trial basis. We have already engaged someone to disinfect/sanitize utilized areas between groups, both PBA and outside groups. In addition, this same person will do the final cleaning for outside groups. PBA groups must do their own cleaning, and do not pay for cleaning as outside groups do ($250).

We will also use a loaner commercial sprayer/fogger to thoroughly disinfect our facilities between separate groups using Kehukee. The spraying solution uses no bleach or ammonia. Safety must come first!

Donated crush and run stone mixed with sand continues to be hauled to our camp for roads and parking areas by a PBA volunteer, Jimmy Henry. He has already distributed 18 tandem loads at Kehukee, and is self-loading the stone mix he carries. What a blessing! We are able to diminish camp operational costs daily by people like Jimmy and Garrett.

Very soon we will plan a Saturday Kehukee workday, and expect our PBA Church Representatives to publicize the date and show up themselves. We also expect the PBA Church Reps and fellow Kehukee Council members to publicize the October 3, fundraiser fish fry meal, and sell tickets. You can't beat the cost for a meal of farm raised catfish, baked beans, cole slaw, hush puppies, dessert and water or tea. What a deal!! ……

Thanks to all of you for the continued support. Don't forget that Friends of Kehukee still functions, and is a major reason why we have been able to ask for less in PBA funds for the Kehukee budget now compared to years ago. We continue to be blessed by some very caring and giving people. Again, thank you!

Respectfully,
Interim Kehukee Council Coordinator, Hugh G Mumford

ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR SEPTEMBER—NOVEMBER 2020

Sept 3		Office Closed
Sept 7		Labor Day—Office Closed
Sept 8	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting - Associational Office
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
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 13		Deadline for all ACP Reports from PBA Churches
Oct 14	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – Associational Office
Oct 19	7:00 PM	Associational Executive Council - TBA
Oct 20	11:30 AM	Pastor's Appreciation Luncheon – SUBJECT TO CHANGE
Oct 25	3:00 PM	Association Annual Fall Meeting – Camp Kehukee
Nov 1		Daylight Savings Ends
Nov 2	10:30 AM	Minister's Conference – TBA
Nov 6-8		Women's Get Away – Eagle Eyrie
Nov 8		National Disaster Relief Appreciation Day
Nov 10	7:00 PM	Missions & Evangelism- Associational Office
Nov 11		Veteran's Day – Office Closed
Nov 18	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance – Associational Office
Nov 26		Thanksgiving - Association Office Closed

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