

## CHURCHES UNDESIGNATED OFFERINGS

Each church should have received a letter requesting your churches information concerning the undesignated offering for the year 2020. This allows the PBA to assess how many messengers are allowed per church based on monetary giving to the Association. The messengers have voting privileges for Special Called Business Meetings as well as at the Annual Business Meeting. Please review your letter to better understand the Messengers vs Church Representatives.

## MINISTERS CONFERENCE

We are grateful to Dr. Hongnak Koo for his presentation on evangelism strategy at the January conference. As he emphasized, we must value the Great Commission, and we must also become visionary leaders of our churches. His involvement in missions in West Africa is inspiring. We look forward to continuing to work with Dr. Koo in his role as pastor of Charity Korean Baptist Church.

On February 1<sup>st</sup>, we will welcome Gannon Sims with Fresh Expressions. He will share how the movement fared in our strange and difficult 2020 and what trends and lessons were discovered along the way.

The March conference is moved to **March 8<sup>th</sup>**, due to guest speaker availability. Our guest is AWANA missionary Brian Lunger. The intended topic for April 12 is Ministry Fatigue.

May 3, we will welcome Dr. Mark Biddle, Acting Dean of Sophia Theological Seminary, located in Dinwiddie. He will share with us the innovative pedagogy of theological education that they offer.

If I can be of assistance to you, please email [mike@sappony1773.org](mailto:mike@sappony1773.org) or call or text 804-896-2859.

In Christ,  
Mike

## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Associational Ministries & Churches**  
**Romania Partnership**  
**Those impacted from the Coronavirus**  
**Medical Staff and Frontline Workers**  
**Our Country**

## KEHUKEE COUNCIL

“Friends of Kehukee”, what a blessing to our Camp Kehukee. As we proceed with planned upgrades to the small food pavilion next to Powell Pavilion, including concrete work, lighting and receptacles, guttering, charcoal/gas grills, and a functioning water line, we can be very grateful for \$9700 of the total cost paid by the “Friends of Kehukee”. This helps us make the small food pavilion much more usable year round for everyone, without using budgeted money to make it happen. We look forward to others joining us, and are including a “Friends of Kehukee” donation form in this addition of the Gleam. The Financial Support Team of the Kehukee Council thanks you. Do not forget about our beautiful Prayer Garden next to Carter Lake. Memorial bricks are still available through end of March 2021. All profit from “memorial brick” sales goes to Camp Kehukee.

At the January 18, 2021, PBA Executive Council meeting, voting representatives from fourteen PBA churches, approved negotiations with Dominion Energy for a possible 60 to 70 acres “solar farm” on the Halifax Road end of Camp Kehukee. This original section of Camp Kehukee represents about 110 acres plus, and contains a renovated bathhouse and a pavilion. We desire sufficient acreage in this section, separate and apart from a “solar farm”, for continued group usage. The acreage being considered for the “solar farm” affects no present nor long term Camp Kehukee plans through the Kehukee Council, other than walking trails. Many details must be carefully discussed and decided. **Continued on page 3**

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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)*

Due to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, WMU events and activities for the month of January were cancelled – to include the children’s Missions Day Camp at Kehukee scheduled for January 9<sup>th</sup>, and the Women on Mission meeting scheduled for this morning – January 18th.

We encourage the WMU groups of our association to plan for and utilize WMU Focus Week February 8-13 in their churches to celebrate and bring awareness of the RELENTLESS work of WMU in your church and community.

Also, in support of missions efforts across the United States, please encourage and support the Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering March 7-14.

We are hopeful that the WMU annual meeting will take place as scheduled on April 13, 2021 at Oaklawn Church. We will continue to make those plans until determined otherwise.

The quarterly WMU Leadership Team meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 3<sup>rd</sup> at Second Church at 10:00 am for further discussion and planning of upcoming PBA WMU activities.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Tammie Frazier*  
PBA WMU Director

### MISSIONS COUNCIL

The Missions Council met on January 12, 2021. We discussed a partnership possibility with West Africa. We then voted to investigate this partnership and asked the DOM Fred Adkins to invite Pastor Koo to attend our next meeting. The time and date will be adjusted around Pastor Koo’s availability.

The members brought forward for the Executive Council approval were:

- Rev. Tom Williams
- Mrs. Elinor Antis
- Mr. Steve Beasley

A reminder Mrs. Tammie Frazier is a member by position of her WMU leader position. Any others who would like to volunteer now or in the future is always welcome.

There is money available for community mission projects. You must submit a form that is available at the PBA Office for the Councils review. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 9th at 6:30 PM. We will meet at the Associational Office.

In Christ,  
Tom

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

**Use It or Lose It**

We've all heard that phrase, I'm sure. But do we abide by it. God has given each of us so much. Are we up to the challenge of using the gift(s) for Him?

I'm reminded of Paul's warning to Timothy: "*do not neglect the gift that is in you.*" (1 Timothy 4:14a) The word neglect here could be translated to mean "contemptuous neglect" or "careless neglect", or "not caring for something." A gift has to be cared for and exercised or it shrivels up, just like an unused muscle.

Paul recognized that Timothy had to be prodded from time to time because he had a tendency to settle down, to get comfortable, or to get lazy. Paul warned Timothy to resist the temptation to allow his gift to lie smoldering.

I love a fire pit. I love the smell, the warmth, and the look of a fire outdoors. My wife enjoys the fact she can roast marshmallows. Building a proper fire takes work but keeping it going takes even more. We all know the tools of the trade, the tongs, a shovel, and a poker. The poker is especially important because we need to stir the fire occasionally to allow the air to circulate and keep the flames leaping.

Just like we cannot neglect the fire, we cannot neglect our gifts. Don't let your gift(s) shrivel up from lack of use. Neglect cost Samson his strength and his eyesight. Neglect cost Saul his kingdom and his life. The Scripture is full of stories of neglect and the cost of that neglect.

How is your fire burning? Are the gift(s) you've been given in full swing? Or do you need a poke to get you stirred up? Whatever the case, we have been blessed in the Petersburg Baptist Association with many spiritually gifted individuals. Consider this your prod!

Keeping the Fire Burning,

Pastor Fred

**KEHUKEE COUNCIL continued...**

They must be written into contracts between Dominion Energy and the PBA. As a result, a "special committee", recommended by the Kehukee Council, was created by Executive Council vote January 18, 2021, to develop contract components that would protect our interests, both financially and otherwise. This "special committee" of five will be composed of the Moderator, Moderator-Elect, DOM, a PBA Trustee, and Kehukee Council Coordinator. They have final authority, on behalf of the PBA, regarding negotiations and contract implementation by the PBA Trustees. As the matter proceeds, the "special committee" will keep the PBA Executive Council informed. Should Dominion Energy, after their survey period, determine Camp Kehukee acreage suitable for and actually construct a "solar farm", any money received will come to the PBA, owners of Camp Kehukee, and be assigned to the accounts of Camp Kehukee. The Hope has been and continues to be a self sufficient Camp Kehukee, free of budgeted PBA funds.

I must emphasize, that except for negotiating with Dominion Energy, nothing has been decided, including their initial offer of \$500 per acre once operational, with financial growth perks. In fact, a "solar farm" may never happen. That is entirely up to Dominion Energy.

If you have specific items that you believe should be considered for any contract, please share these with the "special committee" through the PBA office or my personal email. [hughgmumford@comcast.net](mailto:hughgmumford@comcast.net)

Thank you for your care to Camp Kehukee. We are a better place because of your financial support, participation, and prayers.

Hugh G Mumford  
Kehukee Council Coordinator

**ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR FEBRUARY—MARCH 2021**

Feb 1	10:30 AM	Minister's Conference – Associational Office
Feb 3	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting—Associational Office
Feb 7-14		WMU Focus Week
Feb 15		Presidents Day – Office Closed
Feb 20		Children's Ministry Day (State)
Mar 7-14		Week of Prayer-North American & Global Missions/Annie Armstrong
Mar 8	10:30 AM	Ministers' Conference- Associational Office
Mar 9	6:30 PM	Missions Council Meeting - Associational Office
Mar 10	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – Associational Office
Mar 14		Daylight Savings Time Begins/Spring Forward
Mar 28		Palm Sunday

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Dear PBA Friend,

“Friends of Kehukee” are made up of individuals, couples, or small groups that make monthly, yearly, or one time, tax exempt contributions toward the expenses to operate Camp Kehukee.

Would you like to join “Friends of Kehukee”? If so, complete the following form and make your check payable to the Petersburg Baptist Association. *In the memo line* write “**Friends of Kehukee**” and mail to:

Petersburg Baptist Association  
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Sincerely,

Hugh G. Mumford  
Kehukee Financial Support Team

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## “Friends of Kehukee” Contribution Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_, would like to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Amount)

**Monthly**

**Yearly**  
(Circle One Applicable Method)

**One Time Contribution**

Towards the operation of Camp Kehukee.

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(Name) (Address)

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(Phone) (City, State, Zip Code)

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(Date)

***Please include payment with form and any special directions/information.***

Hello All,

Many of you know that **First Baptist Church on West Washington Street in Petersburg** has a “**Back Door/ Snack Bag Ministry**”, but do you know how it began and then grew to what it is today? Do you know who we are helping and what we use to help?

The Back Door Ministry started just over 10 years ago when an occasional individual would come to the “back” door and ask for something to eat, drink or other needs. At the time the secretary felt strongly that we should do something to help, so the Worship Team, eventually, took on the responsibility of what has now evolved into the Back Door Ministry. With donations from interested church members, the “snack bag” was born. Included in each bag were a protein, fruit, crackers and something sweet. The bags were then handed to the individuals that came to the back door. When the ministry began, only 5 to 10 bags were handed out daily.

In 2015, I started volunteering with the Back Door/Snack Bag Ministry and we were handing out about 20 bags a day with a cup of coffee or a bottle of water. During the 2 years that I helped, the ministry grew to disbursing over 45 bags a day. At that point, this ministry was still at our back entrance but had grown so the space was no longer functional. Consequently, we moved it to the kitchen. After working from the outside kitchen back door for a while, it became apparent that the need was growing at an alarming rate and we needed more help.

We have since brought in a team of volunteers from area churches who feel called to help the homeless and working poor in the City of Petersburg. These volunteers also report to their respective churches and tell them of the needs they witness through the ministry. Through this avenue and other donations that come in, the church has been able to continue this ministry with plans to grow into an important part of a City-wide Community Center to be housed in unused space at First Baptist Church’s 33,000 square foot facility.

**One of the needs that are being witnessed at present is clothing.** Most of this community cannot wash clothes (lack of laundromats or funding) nor have a safe place to store clothing. Also, being able to put on multiple layers on very cold days is a good thing. First Baptist is praying for an individual or group that feels called to take on our Clothing Closet and fill this particular need for the homeless and working poor through our Back Door Ministry. The food and clothing needs in this historic city are huge!

*If you would like to donate items, we are currently collecting: **Vienna Sausage; nab crackers, fruit cups, bottled water, Instant Coffee, and pre-packaged snack cakes.** We are also in need of: new or clean clothes, hats, gloves, scarves, socks and blankets. Please contact the church office to drop off donations or if you have any questions. Thank you for praying for us!!*

*<sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup> I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ <sup>37</sup> “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?’ <sup>38</sup> When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?’ <sup>39</sup> When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ <sup>40</sup> “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ Matthew 25: 35-41(NIV)*

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