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MINISTERS CONFERENCE

We are pleased to announce the dates for the 2021-22 PBA Ministers' Conferences. All meetings are at 10:30 AM at the PBA office at 3018 County Drive, Petersburg. Please mark these dates on your calendar:

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2021; NOVEMBER 1, 2021; DECEMBER 6, 2021; JANUARY 3, 2022; FEBRUARY 7, 2022;
MARCH 7, 2022; APRIL 4, 2022; MAY 2, 2022**

We already have the topic for February. Guest presenter David Roberts will discuss, *Are We Really Family: Rethinking Church/Minister Relations*. Other topics will be announced as they are confirmed.

We are looking forward to meeting again and remember that we are praying for you over the summer and desire that you would pray for us as well.

In Christ,
Mike

KEHUKEE COUNCIL

Several planned improvements at Kehukee are now completed. As previously shared, none have required PBA budgeted money.

We now have a three unit tankless hot water system in the Spain Conference Center that will provide on demand hot water throughout all bathrooms, as well as the kitchen. We went with a gas system. Had we decided on electric, a separate panel box would have been needed, because the present boxes are basically full. Electric would have increased the cost beyond available non budgeted money, something we are always attempting to avoid.

A second major item completed and operational is a buried water line from the pool area to the Mattox Pavilion. We decided on two separate frost free spigots, one for each pavilion, Powell and Mattox. We have never had running water to this area, always depending on a several hundred feet connection of hoses, or gallons in carried water containers. This will allow us to power wash the pavilions, wash utensils etc. What a blessing for groups choosing to cook, picnic or just enjoy the area. Even the Carter Lake fishermen will have a place to wash their hands or obtain water for fish they intend to carry home, without going to the Spain Conference Center outside spigots.

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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)

In last month’s Gleam article, I mentioned seeing a light at the end of the pandemic tunnel. As difficult as it was for most of us as we entered into the era of COVID-19 more than a year ago, it seems almost as difficult to contemplate emerging from it. It’s very unlikely that life will be as it was before, no matter how much we may miss it. What will the new normal look like and feel like? For a time, we may continue to follow the proper precautions of distancing, hand washing, face masks, and possibly avoiding large crowds. But, it’s time for us to get focused on that light at the end of the tunnel!

For several years while David was in hiding, being hunted by Saul (who had no intention of relinquishing the throne to David!), he wrote a number of the great Psalms which have encouraged our hearts down through the years. I’m thinking of two Psalms which go together—Psalm 42 and 43, and both end with a powerful question and the assurance of hope. He cried, *“Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God”* (Psalm 42:11).

I’m convinced that only we ourselves can allow something to obscure the light at the end of the tunnel. Praising God for what He is and what He has done, allows us to realize He is the light at the end of the tunnel and nothing can obscure that when we stay focused on Him. There’s light at the end of the tunnel—look up and see Jesus standing there! Hear what he says: *“I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won’t be stumbling through the darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life”* (John 8:12). Let’s get back to being Jesus’ life-giving light to others that need to know Him!

Our **Associational Women on Mission** meeting is set for **Monday, July 12th at 7pm**. The meeting will be held at the PBA Office & Complex (formerly New Life Church). Featured speaker will be Rev. Fred Adkins, Interim DOM, PBA. ****Please note - Light refreshments will be provided in lieu of our usual covered dish dinner.**

Tentative plans are underway for our **August 4th PBA WMU Leadership Team meeting**. We hope to be able to offer attendance to all PBA church missions groups as we have in previous years. Further details will be forth-coming, but for now, save the date!

Blessed to serve with you!

Tammie Frazier

Association WMU Director

MISSION COUNCIL

At our meeting on May 11, 2021, we discussed our efforts on partnering with The West African Missions in coordination with Pastor Koo of Charity Korean Baptist Church. These missions are located in The Ivory Coast and Senegal. In a step toward partnering we voted, to make a donation toward these missions of approximately \$5600.00 to go toward funding a church planter, motorcycles for church planters, and Medical missions.

Some of our churches are again collecting school supplies for Appalachia, packing date to be announced.

Continue to Pray for us In our efforts to cooperate and coordinate with all of our churches.

May GOD BLESS all of us and our missionary efforts.

In Christ, Tom

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

Self-Service Christianity

At the writing of this article, I am preparing to take a trip to the southern part of South Carolina. Unfortunately, there is a problem with the availability of gas so it should be interesting. However, most of us have made the adjustment from an actual "service" station, where they come and pump your gas, check your oil, and wash your windows (remember that?) to you pumping your own gas and hoping your oil is fine.

We have also slid into a comfortable place when it comes to Christianity. There are a lot of folks these days that have the "do-it-yourself" mentality when it comes to our serving God or being a part of a body of believers that want to serve.

So, instead of self service, let's think about self to service. S. I. McMillen, in his book *None of These Diseases*, tells a story of a young woman who wanted to go to college, but her heart sank when she read the question on the application blank that asked, "Are you a leader?" Being both honest and conscientious, she wrote, "No," and returned the application, expecting the worst. To her surprise, she received this letter from the college: "Dear Applicant: A study of the application forms reveals that this year our college will have 1,452 new leaders. We are accepting you because we feel it is imperative that they have at least one follower.

Our culture teaches us that selfishness is a virtue, that the only one that counts is ourselves, and that we should always "look out for number one." But Jesus says:

"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it." – Luke 9:23-24

We are so blessed in the Petersburg Baptist Association to have people who are not only willing to serve but are excited to serve. They recognize it not about themselves but about others. We need more people like that.

If you have a gift you wish to share, we can use that in the PBA. Our Nominating Committee is at work for the slate of workers for 2022 and beyond. Come be a part of our growth. Call us at the office and give us your info and we will get you plugged into a place of service.

Serving HIM by Serving You,

Pastor Fred

KEHUKEE COUNCIL continued....

We await any Covid-19 changes for group numbers, overnight stays, etc by the Governor. At least we can offer overnight camping for 25 per night, exclusive of staff/workers, something that was not possible prior to June 1, at Kehukee. Rachel Branch is ready and willing to accept and process bookings for your church group. The pool will be ready prior to June 1.

Continue to pray for the Kehukee Council plans and work efforts. "Friends of Kehukee" has played a huge part in recent upgrades. Consider making a financial contribution to Camp Kehukee through this continued program. If you need a form, contact the PBA office. We have also received monetary gifts towards the Kehukee Foundation. We use only the growth money for Kehukee needs, allowing the principal amount to grow profits. Wills continue to be a viable source in the future of Kehukee as well.

Again, thank you for your care and concern about your Camp Kehukee. We are what we are because of YOU...a blessing!!!

Hugh Mumford
Camp Kehukee Coordinator

Bob Streetz
Assistant Coordinator



ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR JUNE - AUGUST 2021

Jun 1	7:00 PM	Leadership Meeting – Camp Kehukee
Jun 9	9:30 AM	Budget and Finance – Associational Office
Jun 13-14		NAMB – Nashville, TN
Jun 15-16		Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting – Nashville, TN
Jun 21	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Second Reservation Day for Reserving Camp Kehukee - 2022
July 4		Fourth of July
July 5		Office Closed
July 6	11:45 AM	Kehukee Team Leaders Meeting – Associational Office
July 7	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – Associational Office
July 8	7:00 PM	Kehukee Council – Oakland Baptist Church
July 12	7:00 PM	Associational Meeting WOM—PBA Office Complex
July 13	6:30 PM	Missions Council Meeting – Associational Office
July 19		PBA - All Reservations for Camp Kehukee - 2022
July 19	7:00 PM	Association Executive Council – TBA
July 21		All Budget Request Forms due for 2022 Budget
Aug 11	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – Associational Office

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