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MINISTERS CONFERENCE

It has been a strange and stressful year indeed. Through it all, the Ministers' Conference has served to educate, edify, and encourage the pastors of the Petersburg Baptist Association. This year's masked and socially distanced meetings have included great topics selected by our pastors, lots of prayer, and some great fellowship as well. Due to the work of our pastors, we have been about alcohol and drug recovery, financial planning, Fresh Expressions, AWANA, and ministry fatigue.

Dr. Mark Biddle, who is the acting dean of the seminary, will be our guest for the May 3 gathering of the Ministers' Conference. He will be speaking on the pedagogical changes occurring in theological education and the development of Sophia Seminary and Sophia Farm as a prime example of recent changes in theological education. We will meet at 10:30 AM at the Association Office, 3018 County Drive, Petersburg.

At our final meeting this year, we will start planning topics for the 2021-22 season. Please bring your suggestions as this is how we know what will benefit the individual ministers and the group. As always, you can email suggestions to mike@sappony1773.org. We look forward to seeing you!

In Christ,
Mike

KEHUKEE COUNCIL

We are truly blessed in a number of ways. Kehukee has received numerous funds by way of the Mattox Missions Committee of Oakland Baptist Church.....for years. Not only major needs like the Spain Conference Center vinyl siding and replacement windows, but also the Gaga Pit, basketball court paving, and facility upgrades to name a few, have been funded by this gracious committee. Most recently, funds have been provided for the small pavilion upgrades. It is only fitting that the Kehukee Council unanimously voted to name the small pavilion the "Mattox Pavilion" in honor of Roy Lee and Lois Mattox, for their financial gifts that allowed the creation of the Oakland Mattox Missions Committee. What a Christian blessing that has funded many mission efforts in the immediate area.....and most recently the PBA was assisted in obtaining its own permanent home for the first time.

Many things are positively taking place at Camp Kehukee. The recent BBQ Chicken fundraiser donation meal generated over \$4,000 towards tankless hot water systems in the Spain Conference Center. We must thank Paul Burroughs and John Cleveland for their planning, organization, equipment purchases and cooking skills in this successful and delicious meal. 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)

Our WMU Theme challenges us to be relentless in living authentic faith in Christ, seeking God in prayer, giving sacrificially, and witnessing to others.

Looking back over the last twelve plus months, through the course of this pandemic, we experienced many changes to our daily lives and schedules. Especially in the height of the quarantine, it seemed hours passed in the blink of an eye, yet days crawled like cold molasses. Our days seemed to run together as we suffered a distorted sense of time. God gave us 24 hours in a day to accomplish what we need to get done, that did not change in the pandemic. What likely changed is our perspective on time management. Time management is important because God calls us to be good stewards of all that He has entrusted to us – even our time.

As we begin to see the light at the end of this pandemic tunnel, we must re-gain proper perspective to steward the time we’re given to navigate this day and age.

The Apostle Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, tells us *“Therefore, be imitators of God, as dearly loved children.”* (Eph 5:1) Also, Paul writes *“Pay careful attention, then, to how you walk – not as unwise people but as wise – making the most of the time, because the days are evil.”* (Eph 5:15-16) And Paul sets the example for us, as he wrote this letter and others while in chains as a prisoner in Rome, stewarding his time wisely.

We are dearly loved by the God we are called to imitate. We gain perspective when we entrust our time to the Lord and ask Him for wisdom to order our days according to His will.

“Teach us to number our days carefully so that we may develop wisdom in our hearts.” (Ps 90:12)

Our **WMU Leadership Team** will meet on **Wednesday May 5th** at 10:00am at Second Church.

Reminder: The May Children’s Missions Day Camp at Kehukee has been cancelled.

Plans are underway for a meeting of our **Association Women on Mission!** The date is set for Monday, **July 12th at 7pm.** The location will be announced in next month’s Gleam. But for now, save the date!

This will be a meeting only, and will not include a covered dish dinner.

Blessed to serve with you,

Tammie Frazier

Association WMU Director

MISSION COUNCIL

Praise The LORD! We continue working toward a partnership with West African missions. This is a vigorous ministry with many forms of outreach and service. Hopefully we will know soon. Keep us in your prayers! Thank you. And GOD BLESS!

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

What do you think of when you hear the word “constrained”? I know for me I think of being tied up or bound. The KJV uses the word in 2 Corinthians 5:14; ***“For the love of Christ constraineth us...if one died for all...they who live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.”***

But the meaning of this verse is quite different because the word ‘constraineth’ actually mean to ‘compel or force’ us to do what is right in the sight of God. We are to be motivated from within. So what motivates you, your church, or the PBA? How are we addressing the issues that we face as Christians in America? I hope and pray that we are searching for ways to promote the kingdom of God from within ourselves. And, as I believe just as important, through a togetherness as a family of believers.

You will be hearing some news in the next several weeks and months about a new mission partnership that I believe is not only exciting but could be a life-changer for those impacted. We must tell the world that Jesus died for them but rose again.

Until then, we do what we do in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Serving HIM by Serving You,

Pastor Fred

Special Thanks! I wish to thank all who participated in the fund raiser at Kehukee in April. Not only those who supported financially, but also those who worked many, many hours to prepare the new small pavilion and then cooked a delicious meal. It was a huge success.

KEHUKEE COUNCIL continued....

Two LED Solar security lights have been installed. One will illuminate the Shands Road gate entrance and a second near the road split close to the Carter Lake sign. Thank you to Bob Streetz and Doug Lipp for their expertise and use of power equipment. We must thank Jimmy Tomko and volunteer help for the Fish Meal fundraiser that provided the funds needed for the two high quality lights and supplies. The two steel support poles were obtained by Jerry Harmon at no cost to the PBA. Wow....the list goes on and on.

All the recent upgrades and equipment at the Mattox Pavilion and the security lights come with not one dime of budgeted money. Your Kehukee Council will continue to find ways to provide voluntary assistance and funds outside outside of budgeted dollars. We continue to draw closer to a self sufficient Camp Kehukee.

Our camp will open June 1,2021, to overnight stays, limited to a maximum 25 campers, exclusive of workers/staff. Participants of camp use will be REQUIRED to wear masks while inside the conference Center, and social distance 3 feet. We encourage mask wearing outside if activities cannot be conducted allowing the 3 feet distancing.

A “Special Committee” of five is formulating any new regulations necessary during the pandemic, which will be added to the Kehukee Regulations, as well as regulations for use of the Mattox Pavilion and security....equipment and materials. All new regulations will be posted.

Continue to pray for us in our efforts on your behalf....your Camp Kehukee.

Hugh Mumford
Camp Kehukee Coordinator

Bob Streetz
Assistant Coordinator

<u>Associational Calendar May—June 2021</u>		
May 3	10:30 AM	Ministers' Conference- Associational Office
May 6		National Day of Prayer
May 11	6:30 PM	Mission Council Meeting – Associational Office
May 12	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – Associational Office
May 17	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	First Kehukee Reservation Day – 2022
May 31		Memorial Day - OFFICE CLOSED
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

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