



CANCELLED!!
KEHUKEE FAMILY DAY

Saturday, September 11, 2021

Due to Covid outbreaks within our PBA Churches, the Kehukee Team Leaders have decided to cancel Family Day.

Please pass the information on to those who might still be planning on attending!!

ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, October 24, 2021
3:00 PM

Petersburg Baptist Complex
3018 County Drive, Petersburg, VA 23803

All Church messengers are encouraged to attend to vote on subjects that will effect your church. All church members and Pastors are invited to attend as well. Each church should have received their letter stating how many messengers your church is allotted. If you have any questions please contact the PBA Office: 804-733-2010.

Annual Church Profile

The ACP's have been mailed to the Church/ACP/Church Clerk. We are requesting your help in returning your responses to the PBA Office by Monday, October 11, 2021.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Associational Ministries & Churches
WMU Ministries
Week of Prayer for the Associational Missions
Church Plant Initiative

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

How can summer be over already? We hope and pray that you have been able to take some time to rest, even in the midst of opening back up and getting back into a (more) normal routine. As we launch into autumn, with back-to-school, fall festivals, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's, it is important that we make time for rest. This is for us as well as our church families who are struggling with overbooked calendars as well.

We will kick off the 2021-22 year of the PBA Ministers' Conference on September 13, 2021, at the Association Office, 3018 County Drive, Petersburg. We would like to remind those who have selected dates to host that we need topics and guest speaker information early in order to publicize and get the best attendance for the day.

Conference dates are September 13, October 4, November 1, December 6, January 3, February 7, March 7, April 4, and May 2. All meetings are at 10:30 AM and at the Association Office. Please put these on your calendar. These meetings are opportunities to learn, grow, and fellowship with your fellow pastors. We look forward to seeing you there!

In Christ,

Mike

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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)

September begins the second year of our emphasis “RELENTLESS”. As we strive to 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 Watchword verse Hebrews 10:39.

The quarterly PBA WMU Leadership Team meeting was held Wednesday August 4th at the PBA Complex. There were 9 in attendance, which included 4 visitors from First Baptist (Petersburg), Sappony Baptist, and Wakefield Baptist. Thank you to those that joined us and shared a missions morning together!

Please encourage and support the **Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions September 12 – 19**. This offering provides funding for all Woman’s Missionary Union of Virginia (WMUV) missions and ministries and makes possible other special ministries, outreach projects, and initiatives not funded through regular streams of giving. Join your gifts with those of many other Virginia Baptists as we work to share the love of Christ across the Commonwealth of Virginia and with the whole world.

Global Hunger Sunday will be recognized October 10th. Churches around the country will have the opportunity to learn about, pray for and give to one of the most basic needs of human existence. 100% of all funds given to Global Hunger Sunday go directly to providing for those in need.

Registrations are now available for the 2021 Women’s Get-Away, November 5 & 6, or 6 & 7, held at Eagle Eyrie Camp and Conference Center. Contact the WMUV office via phone or their website for further information.

Blessed to serve with you!

Tammie Frazier

Association WMU Director

MISSION COUNCIL

We thank you all for your continued support and prayers. We ask for your continued prayers as we move forward to form a partnership missions effort, with West African missions.

We extend our thanks to the Thirteen plus churches who supported the Appalachian school supply effort. Thanks to you, we were able to send 142 complete back packs and enough extra supplies to start another 75 or be used to replenish student necessities. Please pray for Dan and Debbie our North American Missions Volunteers in the area.

As we move forward after the pandemic, may THE LORD BLESS our outreach in HIS name and to HIS glory. We do have money for community missions.

We also ask that any of you who would like to join us, please attend our next meeting on Sept 14, 2021 at 6:30 PM in the PBA complex.

May GOD's richest BLESSINGS go with us in our outreach efforts.

In CHRIST, Tom

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

Keeping Our Focus

It only takes a second of losing our focus on the highway to drift to one side and cause an accident. It only takes a minute of being distracted to allow time for our children or grandchildren to scatter out of our sight. Staying focused is important.

That also holds true in our spiritual life. It is imperative to keep both our natural and our spiritual focus where they belong.

In order to finish a project or even to begin one it takes focus. We are currently working on mission opportunities in West Africa. Your Mission's Committee has already begun by sending \$5000 to purchase a motorcycle (\$1200) for pastors who have more than two preaching points; financial support for new pastors (\$2400) and medical needs (\$1400).

The PBA is very much interested in what your church is doing and have funds to help your cause for missions. But we also need your help. We are confident there is plenty for us yet to do.

Philippians 1:6 reminds us, ***"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."*** It is Christ who begins our work and it is Christ who will finish. Looking to Jesus involves focusing our eyes on Him and off anything else. God created us, and He desires that we focus all our attention on Him.

We are being challenged in our spiritual lives like at no other time in history. Individuals and groups are throwing things our way to take the focus off the real work of Christ. Now is not the time to get lazy and let our guard down.

Stay focused.

Serving HIM by Serving You,

Pastor Fred

KEHUKEE COUNCIL

We rapidly approach the September 11, Kehukee Family Day activity. The event is scheduled for 9AM until 4PM. The meal will be 12 noon, with swimming pool open from 1:30 until 4PM closing. Hot dogs, rolls, condiments, onions, baked beans and beverages will be provided. We suggest bringing packaged individual chips, fruit cups and desserts. We are attempting to be as careful as possible with food items during this Covid-19 period.

Although the Covid-19 problem still affects Kehukee use, camp usage has improved, but is still far from what we need to meet financial responsibilities without going into our Savings Reserve, something that we try not to touch except for unusual or unexpected expenses. The Savings Reserve is what remains from the Dominion Energy suit a number of years ago, and is invested with The BGAV Foundation.

When only 40% of our PBA churches even use Kehukee yearly, it is no wonder why we must open our camp up to outside Christian groups. We are in the process now of deciding how best to publicize and promote our camp to these outside groups at much higher fees....much higher...than PBA churches pay.

Kehukee is a mission. It can and does teach Christianity in the activities, events and conferences held there. Many decisions for Christ have been made in children and youth camps for years. As a MISSION EFFORT of the Petersburg Baptist Association since its inception, Kehukee cannot and must not be expected to pay its own way, but when our PBA churches fall short by 30 to 40 thousand dollars annually in meeting budgeted needs, we could dip into the Kehukee Reserve Account to make up the difference. However, it wouldn't take but two and one half years to completely wipe out the Kehukee BGAV Foundation Reserve Account. Thus the MISSION EFFORT of the PBA, dependent upon the PBA for survival, could only help the PBA survive for a limited time.

We must find alternatives. Churches of the PBA, we need your help....we need your input....we need your financial support. Please be willing to share your thoughts/suggestions as together we tackle this problem.

Thank you for your continued support of our Camp Kehukee and the Kehukee Council.

Hugh Mumford
Camp Kehukee Coordinator

Bob Streetz
Assistant Coordinator

ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2021

Sept 6		Labor Day - OFFICE CLOSED
Sept 8	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – PBA Complex—3018 County Drive Petersburg
Sept 11	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Kehukee Family Day – Camp Kehukee—17414 Shands Road South Prince George
Sept 12-19		Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions
Sept 13	10:30 AM	Ministers' Conference – PBA Complex—3018 County Drive Petersburg
Sept 14	6:30 PM	Missions Meeting – PBA Complex—3018 County Drive Petersburg
Sept 20		Camp Kehukee opens 2022 for non-members
Sept 27		Reports for the Book of Reports Due
Oct 4	10:30 AM	Ministers' Conference - PBA Complex—3018 County Drive Petersburg
Oct 5	11:45 AM	Kehukee Team Leaders Meeting – PBA Complex—3018 County Drive Petersburg
Oct 7	7:00 PM	Kehukee Council – PBA Complex—3018 County Drive Petersburg
Oct 8		Deadline for all ACP Reports from PBA Churches
Oct 10		Global World Hunger Sunday
Oct 13	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – PBA Complex—3018 County Drive Petersburg
Oct 17-24		Week of Prayer for Associational Mission Emphasis & Mission Offering
Oct 18	7:00 PM	Associational Executive Council - PBA Complex—Camp Kehukee
Oct 19	11:30 AM	Pastor's Appreciation Luncheon – TBA
Oct 24	3:00 PM	Association Annual Fall Meeting – PBA Complex—3018 County Drive Petersburg

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