

## WORDS OF THANKS....

The McMillen Family would like to thank their friends from the Petersburg Baptist Association for your love and kindness. It has meant so much to us!

## CAMP KEHUKEE RESERVATIONS

We are now accepting your churches second reservation for 2023. The next date of July 18<sup>th</sup> will open the calendar for all churches' reservations.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Associational Ministries & Churches**  
**WMU Ministries**  
**Church Plant Initiative**  
**Missionaries**  
**Ukraine**  
**Family of Jim McMillen**

PBA Executive Council Meeting will be held Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. The meeting will take place at the PBA Complex 3018 County Drive Petersburg.

## MISSION COUNCIL

We have distributed the Partnership Missions money to the West African Missions group.

We wish to thank all churches that participated in the Associational Missions week offering. Your generosity has resulted in donations totaling \$6,384.95 so far. With more yet to come in.

For those churches collecting school supplies for West Virginia, packing will be on August 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at Kehukee from 8 AM until noon. These dates are due to scheduling conflicts for Dan and Debbie Lawrence our Home Missionaries in West Virginia. Thank you for your prayers and support.

In CHRIST, Tom.

## KEHUKEE COUNCIL

As we get into the summer months and increased use of Kehukee, it is great that we have been able to hire the second part-time caretaker, Bucky Allin, retired Prince George County Sheriff. Dennis Jewel has moved up to lead caretaker of Camp Kehukee. Pool use season is upon us, and on going grass cutting consumes many hours weekly. It is imperative that we are fully staffed.

With the passing of our longtime Petersburg Baptist Association Treasurer, Jim McMillen, it is only appropriate that a brick be placed in the lakeside Prayer Garden. This has been taken care of and will perpetually honor him and his service to our association.

We still have adequate space available for additional bricks in memory of or honoring individuals, groups, or entities. The cost is \$100 per brick, which includes engraving. Profits from Prayer Garden bricks go directly to Kehukee, and have already funded several projects. Contact the PBA Office if you desire more information or wish to purchase one or more bricks.

Much time is spent in attempting to find ways to cut expenses at Camp Kehukee, as well as avenues to create additional funds. This is a MUST.....not a maybe. In year 2022, we had to withdraw from invested Virginia Baptist Foundation funds, Kehukee money, to pay caretaker salaries. It cannot continue a second year! An upcoming June 28, meeting will in part deal with this issue. Meal fundraisers are viable options, but will not provide all the funds necessary. **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)*

While we don't know much about Jesus' first 30 years of life on earth, Scripture gives us a detailed record of His three years of public ministry. The four Gospels provide a snapshot of His ministry: healings, exorcisms, the dead raised to life, food multiplied, water turned to wine, and even a severe storm submitting to His command. Through His many miracles, Jesus showed Himself to have power over every element of life, even over death. This baffled the people watching, leaving them to marvel at His power.

But Jesus didn't stop with His miracles on earth. He still performs miracles today, still brings hope to all people, rest to the weary, and most importantly – forgiveness to sinners. But now, as Ephesians 2:10 declares, we are His works and signs, the testament to Christ's ongoing power. We are the instruments God uses to draw others to Himself. As we excitedly anticipate the day Jesus returns, we must ask ourselves: Are our lives relentless echoes of the transforming power we have experienced in Him? Are our words and actions testifying to the power of Christ? May our relentless witness always testify to the amazing reality of Jesus!

WMU of Virginia will accept **Walmart and Amazon gift cards** to be used for the **Standing Rock Mission** through July 10<sup>th</sup>. You may deliver them to the WMUV office, or mail them to: 2828 Emerywood Pkwy, Henrico, VA 23294. (More info available at [WMUV.org](http://WMUV.org))

Our **Associational Women on Mission** meeting is set for **Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. The meeting will be held at the PBA Complex in Petersburg. Our speaker will be Margaret Kutz, a local author and retired Methodist pastor. Margaret will share her missions experience with the Abukloi School in South Sudan, and time permitting, she will share from her book, “Nevertheless, She Preached: Story of the Two Earliest Methodist Clergywomen in Virginia”.

**(Please note** – there will **not** be a covered dish dinner prior to this meeting.)

Plans are underway for our **August 3<sup>rd</sup> PBA WMU Leadership Team meeting**. This meeting will be held at the PBA Complex at 10:00 am and **all PBA church missions leaders/groups are invited to attend**.

**Christmas in August** is the perfect end-of-summer project to unite your church behind a common missions outreach. Go to [wmu.com/christmasinaugust](http://wmu.com/christmasinaugust), choose a North American missionary to adopt, and invite your church to begin praying for and collecting the requested list of items to send to them. Plan a Christmas themed packing party, and include notes of encouragement or prayers to be sent with the items collected. More info and ideas can be found at [WMU.com](http://WMU.com).

**Global Hunger Sunday is August 28<sup>th</sup>**. Global hunger steadily declined for decades but began to rise slowly in 2015. And because of the COVID-19 crisis, hunger needs are greater than ever. How can your church feed the hungry, both physically and spiritually? For more information - visit [wmustore.com/globalhunger](http://wmustore.com/globalhunger) or [GlobalHungerRelief.org/resources](http://GlobalHungerRelief.org/resources) to learn about, pray for, and support Global Hunger Relief.

*Tammie Frazier*  
Association WMU Director

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

**Let Freedom Ring**

Many years ago I was blessed with an opportunity to professionally record an album. A brand new song had been written and was just beginning to hit the Christian charts. That song was, *Let Freedom Ring*. My prayer for each of you is that you claim these words for your own and as we give thanks to God for the freedoms we share, may we never negate the feelings of those beside us.

Deep within the heart has always known that there was freedom  
Somehow breathed into the very soul alive  
The prisoner, the powerless, the saved have always known it  
There's something that keeps reaching for the sky  
Even life begins because a baby fights for freedom  
And songs we love to sing have freedom's theme  
Some have walked through fire and flood to find a place of freedom  
And some faced hell itself for freedom's dream

Let freedom ring wherever minds know what it means to be in chains  
Let freedom ring wherever hearts know pain  
Let freedom echo through the lonely streets where prisons have no key  
We can be free and we can sing --- let freedom ring

God built freedom into every fiber of creation  
And He meant for us to all be free and whole  
When my Lord bought freedom with the blood of His redemption  
His cross stamped pardon on my very soul  
I'll sing it out with every breath, I'll let the whole world hear it  
This hallelujah anthem of the free  
That iron bars and heavy chains can never hold us captive  
The Son has made us free and free indeed

Let freedom ring down through the ages from a hill called Calvary  
Let freedom ring wherever hearts know pain  
Let freedom echo through the lonely streets where prisons have no key  
You can be free and you can sing let freedom ring  
Let freedom echo through the lonely streets where prisons have no key  
You can be free a  
nd you can sing let freedom ring  
You can be free and you can sing --- let freedom ring --- let freedom ring

Serving HIM by Serving You,

**KEHUKEE CONTINUED...**

Speaking of "meal fundraisers", one is already planned and set for **Saturday, October 8, 2022**, from **4-6 PM** at the Mattox and Powell Pavilions. We must thank Newville Baptist Church for accommodating us, allowing us to conduct this fundraiser at the same time they utilize our camp. They had previously booked camp use the one date that best fit our plans and those of the volunteers who will cook the chicken leg quarter meals at the Mattox Pavilion. There was no hesitation on Newville's part to work with us. Again, thank you Pastor Michael Fields, Doris Auton and others.

Mark October 8, on your calendars now, for meal drive though pickup or on site eating at Powell Pavilion. All meal profits will go into a special fund for roof shingle replacement at the Spain Conference Center. We may have a few more years in present shingle life, and expect additional meal fundraisers to pay for this expensive item. \$25,000 is not a small piece of change.

Our next **Kehukee Council meeting will be Thursday, July 14, 2022, at Oakland Baptist Church in the fellowship hall.** Meeting time is **7 PM**. Parking is in the rear parking lot, with a handicap ramp into the building easily accessible. Please, Kehukee Council Church Representatives, council and team members, plan to attend and participate. Bob Streeztz, Assistant Coordinator and I are depending on you. Can we see you at the meeting July 14?

As always, thank you for the continued support!

Hugh Mumford  
Kehukee Council Coordinator

Bob Streeztz  
Assistant Kehukee Council Coordinator

## ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR JULY—SEPTEMBER 2022

July 4		Fourth of July – Office Closed
July 12	11:45 AM	Kehukee Team Leaders Meeting – PBA Complex
July 12	6:30 PM	Missions Council Meeting – PBA Complex
July 13	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – PBA Complex
July 14	7:00 PM	Kehukee Council – Oakland Baptist Church
July 18		PBA - All Reservations for Camp Kehukee - 2023
<b>July 18</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Association Executive Council – PBA Complex</b>
July 26		All Budget Request Forms due for 2023 Budget
Aug 10	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – Associational Office
Sept 5		Labor Day - OFFICE CLOSED
Sept 10	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Kehukee Open House – Camp Kehukee
Sept 11-18		Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions
Sept 12	10:30 AM	Ministers’ Conference – PBA Complex
Sept 14	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – Associational Office

**WHAT: Camp Kehukee Open House**

**WHEN: Saturday, September 10th From: 8:00 AM—4:00 PM**

Have YOU or your Deacons/Pastor ever been to Camp Kehukee? Would you, Sunday school class, Youth group, or women/men’s Church group like to experience Kehukee? We would love for you to take advantage of the **OPEN HOUSE** if you have never been there or been there a 100 times! You could plan a picnic, fish, walk the trails, swim in the pool from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM, all at your own leisure **FREE** of charge. You could spend one hour or spend the day!!

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