



HOPE

---IN CHRIST---

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. (Rom 12:12)

Twelve children (representing 3 PBA churches) attended the Spring Missions Day Camp on May 13th at Camp Kehukee. Many, thanks to our Children's Ministry Leaders Leslie Allin and Amanda Pecht, and the WMU of Oakland Church for organizing and hosting the event. The two-hour camp themed "*Dig Kids – Dig into God's Word*" provided a Bible lesson and music, a take home craft, a hands-on mission project of stuffing socks with items for residents of a local nursing home facility, a creative snack, and lots of fun games. What a blessing it is to share a time of missions learning and fun with the children of our association!

For your participation and prayer support:

June 20th is recognized as **World Refugee Day**, shedding light on the forced plight of millions of people who have had to flee their home country from violence, war, or persecution. As they flee, some are resettled in America, possible right here in our own communities. As believers, we have been given the command to love our neighbor as we love ourselves (Mark 12:31). WMU offers resources that can be used in your missions groups and churches that provides a glimpse into some of the difficult decisions and struggles refugees face, and can help us discover a Biblical response to the refugee crisis. Pray about how your church can get involved in welcoming displaced peoples. Visit wmu.com/refugees for more information and resources.

Standing Rock Reservation Mission - Donations of gift cards (Walmart, Target, Amazon) and children's books **may be delivered to the PBA office no later than Wednesday June 28th** to be delivered to the WMU of Virginia in time for the Standing Rock Mission Trip in July.

Important Note – **it is preferable that the books are written and illustrated for, and relative to Native American children/students.** A Google search will provide several options. A suggested list of websites can be provided if needed (contact me at 804.919.1812)

July 10th – Association Women on Mission Meeting – 7:00 p.m. at the PBA Complex. Come and hear a presentation by our featured speaker, Kathleen Robinson, Executive Director of the Braille Circulating Library, Richmond.

Plans are underway for our **August 2nd 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. Save the date!

There are opportunities for YOU to serve with our PBA WMU Leadership Team! Prayerfully consider how you can serve the missions groups of our association. You can contact me for more information, or plan to attend the August Leadership Team meeting (info above). Come, share your special gifts and talents with our association WMU!

Tammie Frazier
Association WMU Director

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

Recently, I traveled to Tappahannock, VA, to watch my granddaughter play softball. It is interesting to watch them at that young age as they begin to learn the basics of team sports and the attention that is required to stay focused. While your team is at bat it is easy to “stay focused” because you are coming to bat soon. Your eye is on the ball, you swing, you hit, and you run...hopefully, to first base.

However, the mood changes when you are in the field. Your focus is not on the other team’s batter. You’re sitting in the dirt or bending over to play in the dirt and, if by chance the other team’s batter hits the ball and it comes toward you, you then have dozens of people screaming at you as to what to do.

All the parents are screaming because they know **exactly** what you should do. The coaches are screaming because they are trying to teach you. And your teammates are screaming because...well, they just like screaming.

Staying focused doesn’t get any easier as you get older. In fact, a whole other dynamic kicks in on whether you can focus at all.

Over the past several months, the PBA has had to focus on a lot. The construction at Kehukee has certainly taken a lot of detailed attention. And, although there were times when I certainly felt like screaming, the work has continued.

My prayer for this summer is that we all understand that this needed to happen and unfortunately, we have had to change our schedules and/or our plans in order to accommodate the construction project. Although we have had to shift some plans, we have not needed to cancel any group, as of yet. With the uncertainty of the pool project, that may change. But we are hopeful those groups can still utilize the camp in many other ways.

Don’t forget to pray about how you can give to the Kehukee Project. This has been an extremely expensive project, but we are confident that the people of the PBA will come through as they so often do.

May we keep Philippians 3:13-14 in mind. ***“Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”***

So instead of complaining, or screaming, at one another, let’s encourage each other. By the way, we are all on the **same team**.

Let’s Play Ball,
Pastor Fred

KEHUKEE COUNCIL

... And the work goes on. There will be very little information in this report that you haven’t heard before. Of course, what has changed is how far we have moved along in the restoration process.

The first part that is about finished is the sealing of the outside walls to prevent damage caused by water penetration. Work that supported this effort included removing all six air conditioning units and stabilizing the inside walls that had been affected by the seeping moisture.

Once the ground space was freed up in the waterproofing process, the concrete contractor went to work. Because the whole walkway around the Conference Center had to be removed due to water damage, a completely new one will be needed. The new one will look different than the old one. It will not have the brown gravel finish. Also, a handicapped ramp and concrete pad for the air conditioners will be included. The walkway that leads into the front door of the Conference Center will be the only part of the original walkway that will remain. At this writing, we are about half way through replacing the concrete.

Finally, we have always felt that we have a gutter and downspout problem. Well, the massive rain on May 13 took away all doubt. The next morning it was clear that significant improvements were necessary. The Lord blessed us with this information just in time to have the take-away pipes installed before the concrete was in place. Therefore, all pipes will be under the concrete and not visible. The Lord works in mysterious ways.

Hardly a day goes by that I don’t feel the Lord is working right beside us. Because I know the Lord responds to prayer, please don’t stop praying.

Thank You,

Bob Streetz - Kehukee Coordinator



ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR JUNE - AUGUST 2023

Jun 13	7:00 PM	Leadership Meeting – PBA Complex
Jun 13-14		Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting – New Orleans, LA
June 18		Happy Father’s Day
Jun 19	10:00AM – 2:00 PM	Second Reservation Day for Reserving Camp Kehukee - 2024
Jun 21	9:30 AM	Budget and Finance – PBA Complex
July 4		Fourth of July – Office Closed
July 11	11:45 AM	Kehukee Team Leaders Meeting – PBA Complex
July 11	6:30 PM	Missions Council Meeting – PBA Complex
July 12	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – PBA Complex
July 13	7:00 PM	Kehukee Council Meeting – Oakland Baptist Church
July 17		PBA - All Reservations for Camp Kehukee - 2024
July 17	7:00 PM	Associational Executive Council – PBA Complex
July 17		All Budget Request Forms due for 2024 Budget
Aug 2	10:00 AM	WMU – Leadership Meeting – PBA Complex
Aug 9	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – PBA Complex
Aug 21-22	9:00 AM—Noon	Packing Book bags - Camp Kehukee

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