

YOUR ATTENDANCE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.....

What: PBA Executive Council
When: Monday, July 17, 2023
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: PBA Complex 3018 County Drive, Petersburg

We must have 20 voting members to conduct business for the Petersburg Baptist Association. Please encourage your PBA Representatives to attend the Executive Council meeting. Anyone is allowed to attend to learn what is going on within the Association and Camp Kehukee.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Associational Ministries & Churches
WMU Ministries
Missionaries
Ukraine

MISSION COUNCIL

Thank you to all who prayed for and contributed to the "Associational Mission Offering".
 The **Missions Council** will be meeting **Tuesday, July 11th at 6:30 pm**. Anyone interested in joining us, is welcome to attend. Please call the office (804) 733-2010 to verify the time and location.
 Again this year, we will be supporting our churches that will be collecting school supplies for Appalachia. We will be packing book bags at Camp Kehukee on August 21 and 22 from 8 AM-1 PM. This will be in the basement of the Spain Conference Center.
 May **GOD BLESS** all of our missions endeavors

In CHRIST,
 Tom



TRI-CITY CHILI PEPPERS BASEBALL

The PBA will be coordinating a group night July 30 for the Tri-City Chili Peppers. The clickable link below is for easy access to purchase your tickets and meal plan.

<https://chilipeppers.isportstix.com/order/group/PBA2023/>

WHEN: July 30th
GATE OPENS @ 4:30PM
WHERE: SHEPHERD STADIUM Colonial Heights, VA

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HOPE

---IN CHRIST---

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

Specifically in our watchword verse, we are encouraged to have joy in hope. Because of our hope in Christ, we should seek to be **genuine in love**, patient in tribulation, constant in prayer, and compassionate to all. Genuine love is hospitable. Because of how generous and loving God has been with us, we are to be generous and hospitable people. Our care and concern will express itself in practical deeds done for others. When we feel concern for another person, we try to understand what he or she must be feeling. That helps us know how to offer comfort and love. Look for ways you can share both inside your community of Christ and outside—all are people who need your love.

For your participation and prayer support:

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.

Please pray for the WMUV team at **Standing Rock July 23-28.**

Christmas in August is a fun way your church can directly support missionaries in North America. Each year WMU and the North American Mission Board work together to select the missionaries who will be featured. These missionaries provide a list of items they need to serve people in their communities and to share the gospel. Churches collect the items and send them to the missionaries.

Churches typically collect items throughout the month of August and send them to the missionaries in September. Go to WMU.com for more information.

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, hope to see you there!

Global Hunger Sunday, observed **August 27**, brings attention to hunger needs all around the world and enables local churches to make a difference by giving financially. Established in 1978, Global Hunger Relief (GHR) aims to not only address the hunger needs around the world but most importantly the spiritual needs.

Children's Missions Day is Saturday September 16. However you choose for your kids to participate in CMD, ensure they have an opportunity to leave the walls of your church and interact directly with someone as they share God's love. For more CMD information and resources or to report your event, visit wmu.com/cmd.

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*

LAYING MY BURDENS DOWN

I wish I had the space to tell this whole story, but I don't. Therefore, you'll get the Reader's Digest version. While at Gardner-Webb University, I began to serve the Eastside Baptist Church in Kings Mountain, NC. In fact, that is where I met my wife. Rev. Harry Vance was the pastor and an avid mountain bike enthusiast. One Sunday, he asked me to join him for a ride through the countryside. He had two bikes, so it sounded like a great afternoon. After about an hour or so, we came up on a barbed-wire fence. We needed to be on the other side. So, Harry backed up a bit from the fence, gave the cycle full throttle, got to the fence, and laid the bike on its side. He slid under the lowest strand of barbed wire, turned, and looked at me and said, "your turn."

Now I wouldn't recommend that for everyone, but it worked for us at that time. Laying it down was the only way to get to the other side in that situation.

What is it that we, as Christians, need to lay down, or lay aside? Our burdens. Matthew 11:28 reads, "***Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.***" Another way of saying that is, "***Come, lay down your burdens.***"

For years, many members of the PBA have had a burden for Camp Kehukee. And many still do. At this writing, we are within days of completing the construction/renovation at the conference center. It really looks good folks. However, a burden still remains. That is paying for the work done and seeking funds to complete the pool as well.

There was an old gospel tune I sang as a teenager in a quartet. It simply said,
Burden down Lord, burden down, Lord; when I lay my burden down.
Burden down Lord, burden down, Lord; when I lay my burden down.

Things happen when we truly believe what we sing, when we sing: "*All to Jesus, I surrender. All to Him I freely give.*"

Bottom line, the jest of my article is: We need to trust God to finish that which He started and that it requires all of us to finish as well.

Singing an Old Song,

Pastor Fred

KEHUKEE COUNCIL

The Spain Conference Center is moving toward the home stretch in being finished. Most recently the gutter system and the landscaping have been completed. There are still a few more items to be addressed including the rear deck which had to be removed due to being in a deteriorated condition. We hope to have the new one installed in the near future.

While the Conference Center is winding down, the pool is picking up in effort of being totally restored. Pools, like everything else, have a limited life span. Although we did replace the pool pump last summer, the pool itself is almost forty years old. Additionally, we are changing the pool over to a salt-water system.

The reason we have decided to go with a salt system is because of it being a significant cost savings. Not only do we save money on operating supplies, but also in the number of man hours necessary to keep a regular chlorine system operable. Although the cost of the repairs and upgrades is high, we expect the savings to offset the final cost within two years.

Finally, I would like to express a high level of gratitude to all of those who have helped in this massive project—especially our contractors. Their understanding and effort kept us moving along in this project and even allowed us to be partially "open for business".

Thank you one in all who have prayed for the successful completion of this project. I am totally convinced that prayer works.

Please continue to pray us. Thank – you!



ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR JULY - SEPTEMBER 2023

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 – Oakland Baptist Church
July 17		All church reservations open 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
Sept 4		Labor Day - OFFICE CLOSED
Sept 9	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Kehukee Open House – Camp Kehukee
Sept 10-17		Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions
Sept 11	10:30 AM	Ministers’ Conference – PBA Complex
Sept 13	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – PBA Complex

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