

PBA SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

New office hours for the summer (July & August) will be:

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

You can always call 804-733-2010. If you leave a message outside of office hours, we will contact you the next business day. Thanks for your understanding!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Associational Ministries & Churches
Camp Kehukee
WMU Ministries
Missionaries
Ukraine
Storm Victims

Kehukee Financial Support Team

The Kehukee Council Team Leaders, DOM, and the PBA Kehukee Council, propose that **every church** consider a commitment to **one loan payment of \$1,035** over the next 48 months. If able to do so, and wish to commit to more than one monthly loan payment in the 48 month cycle, the additional monthly payment will be graciously accepted.

We realize that this may be a burden to smaller PBA churches, and suggest that they consider partnering with another small sister church in making the one loan payment together.

In addition, we are grateful for individuals who have personally committed to the needs of Kehukee.

MISSION COUNCIL

Thank you to all who contributed to the "Associational Mission Offering". To date we have received \$5,052.00 from eleven churches.

Thank you, to our churches that collected school supplies for Appalachia. We will be packing book bags at the PBA Complex on August 21 and 22 from 8 AM-1 PM. PLEASE NOTE LOCATION CHANGE TO THE PBA COMPLEX 3018 County Drive, Petersburg, VA.

May **GOD BLESS** all of our missions endeavors.

In CHRIST,
Tom

KEHUKEE COUNCIL

Greetings from Camp Kehukee. As stated in the July Gleam our emphasis has shifted from the Conference Center, to our pool. Even though there are still a few issues that need to be addressed or corrected at the center, getting the pool open will make a major statement regarding Camp Kehukee's refurbishment.

On July 10, Fred Adkins, our Director of Missions—and I met to discuss the feasibility of opening our pool. In this lengthy meeting we discussed many topics. Of these topics money and the lateness of the summer were primary.

No doubt available funding for all the work being done at Kehukee has always been a major consideration. Also, the Conference Center has always been our primary focus. Therefore, because.....**continued on page 3**

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HOPE

---IN CHRIST---

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

The Association Women on Mission group met Monday evening, July 10th at the PBA Office Complex. An interesting and informative presentation was given by Mrs. Kathleen Robinson, Executive Director of the Braille Circulating Library in Richmond. This Christian organization provides Bibles and other Christian literature to blind persons across the United States.

Our next **quarterly WMU Leadership Team meeting** is scheduled for **Wednesday August 2nd at 10 am** and will be held **at the PBA Complex**. The August meeting is open to members of all missions groups within our churches. This is a great opportunity to meet together and share missions ideas with women from across our PBA. We will also have a guest speaker from the WMUV HOPE Team. This Team addresses mental health issues such as Anxiety Disorders, Depression, Bipolar Disorder, Addiction, and Dementia. In addition, they are equipped to address concerns such as Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence, Labor Trafficking, and Sex Trafficking. And, they are available to speak to your church or WMU/WOM group! Join us, we'd love to hear about the exciting missions work of your group or church!

We encourage you to give to the **Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions September 10 – 17**. 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.

Christmas in August is the perfect end-of-summer project to unite your church behind a common missions outreach. Go to www.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.

Global Hunger Sunday is August 27th. 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 or GlobalHungerRelief.org/resources to learn about, pray for, and support Global Hunger Relief.

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.

Blessed to serve with you!
Tammie Frazier
Association WMU Director

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

I shared this with the Executive Council on Monday, July 17, 2023. I thought I would share it with the rest of you.

For six months in 1930, Lewis Wickes Hine was on top of the world. Literally. Commissioned to document the construction of the Empire State Building, from May to November of that year the 56-year-old photographer clambered up stairs, perched atop steel beams and even dangled a quarter mile over the streets of New York in a specially built box to photograph “skyboys” at work. “Like little spiders they toiled, spinning a fabric of steel against the sky,” the Literary Digest noted in May 1931, shortly after the building opened.

Rising at a rate of four and a half stories a week, the building took just one year and 45 days to complete. Amazing, when you consider how long it is taking to complete work at Kehukee. But that is not the point of this story.

Hine was struggling to make a living, and yet remained optimistic. He was quoted, “The sense of the future is so glorious.” That is the point of this story.

Paul, in his second letter to Timothy, says in II Timothy 1:7, “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”

Paul understood what the future was all about. God must look down on His creation, at times, and we look like little spiders scurrying around without a sense of purpose. That was not and is not His plan.

God’s plan for our future is simple. He has given us power. As John 1:12 reads, “But to as many as received Him, to them He gave the power to become sons of God.”

So, we are not little spiders with no direction. We are the sons of God, and our future is glorious.

Serving HIM by Serving You,
Pastor Fred

Please note that the PBA Office hours will be 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM through August. We will advise the association if that needs to continue through September.

KEHUKEE COUNCIL ...continued

Of this early on decision, we wanted to be sure that no other money was spent before the center was completed. Because the center is virtually finished, moving on to the pool was decided.

Some preliminary, less expensive work had already been done as suggested by our contractor. Now we looked at final costs estimates. The costs varied significantly depending on how complete the restoration was carried out—some work done this year; some later on, but all being done eventually.

Looking at all the dollar numbers in our Kehukee budget as to what we had already spent including some lofty unexpected overruns, it became clear there was just not enough money to do the necessary work the pool needed.

So, because we don’t have the money to do the pool as it needs to be done, the decision to not open the pool until the 2024 pool season was sadly made. The Kehukee Team Leaders reluctantly supported the decision.

Because of the many blessings, have me realize during the Kehukee restoration, there’s no doubt God has been with us. I am sure He wants it to be up and operating as the special place that it is.

Oh, please continue to pray - it sure is working, our future is positive!

Bob Streetz - Kehukee Coordinator

ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR AUGUST — OCTOBER

Aug 2	10:00 AM	WMU – Leadership Meeting – PBA Complex
Aug 9	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – PBA Complex
Aug 21-22	8:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Packing book bags - PBA Complex ***NOTE: Location Change***
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 12	6:30 PM	Mission Council Meeting - PBA Complex
Sept 13	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – PBA Complex
Oct 2	10:30 AM	Ministers' Conference – PBA Complex
Oct 4	9:00 - Noon	PBA Office - will close at noon
Oct 10	11:45 AM	Kehukee Team Leaders Meeting – PBA Complex
Oct 10	6:30 PM	Missions Council Meeting – PBA Complex
Oct 11	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – PBA Complex
Oct 12	7:00 PM	Kehukee Council – Camp Kehukee
Oct 13		Deadline for all ACP Reports from PBA Churches
Oct 16	7:00 PM	Associational Executive Council – Immanuel Baptist Church
Oct 17	11:30 AM	Pastor's Appreciation Luncheon
Oct 22	3:00 PM	Association Annual Fall Meeting – Sappony Baptist Church

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