

MINISTERS CONFERENCE

For January's conference, we truly learned a lot. We learned how to Zoom a guest presenter from Michigan. We also learned that there is a time limit on Zoom meetings unless you have a professional account. We learned that we didn't need the expensive cord to connect the computer to the TV. We also learned that Stephen is tech-savvy enough to know these things. On a completely related topic, we learned that Taran Woodcock makes a great lasagna which we were all able to enjoy!

Rob Stoddard from Covenant Eyes presented a lot of information for pastors on ministering to those affected by addiction to pornography. He gave some information on just how prevalent pornography use is amongst our congregations. We were reminded of the various ways in which this addiction affects not only the men in our churches, but women and children as well. He reminded us as pastors just how important that it is that we are engaging this topic with our families.

On February 5, we will return to the Association Complex. Our guest is Cindy Elmore, the Director of Development for EverBless Foundation (formerly the Virginia Baptist Foundation). She will share with us about how pastors and other leaders of the church may go about establishing, promoting, and securing an endowment that furthers the mission and ministry of the local church for years to come. She will bring to us a wealth of knowledge to help us better equip the members of our churches to be good stewards of the resources God has entrusted to us.

Looking ahead to May, Dr. Roger Crump will be leading a book discussion. Ahead of this, each of us are asked to be prepared to discuss a book that we have recently read. This should be a great time of discussion and learning for all of us.

In Christ,

Mike

PRAYER CONCERNS

Associational Ministries & Churches
Camp Kehukee
WMU Ministries
Missionaries
War torn Countries
Storm Victims

POOL FUNDRAISER

There will be a *fish and oyster fundraiser meal* on *Saturday, April 6, 2024*, at Kehukee, Mattox Pavilion.

Meals can be picked up between 4:30-6:30 PM, or eaten at the Powell Pavilion. Meals are \$20 donation each. Tickets can be obtained from the PBA Complex, Jimmy Tomko, Bob Streetz, Jeanie Pond, Ron Barker or Hugh Mumford. We hope to pre-sale 200 meals.

Jimmy Tomko will be cooking the meal, assisted by members of Newville Baptist.

All profits will go towards pool needs.

**Above all, love each other deeply,
because love covers over a multitude
of sins. 1 Peter 4:8 NIV**

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HOPE

---IN CHRIST---

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

Winter is a time when many people experience seasonal depression. Take time this month to personally encourage those around you (family, friends, co-laborers) through a note, visit, or phone call. Share a Bible verse or passage with them. Remind each one of the special role they play in your life, and the ministry they are involved in, and thank them for serving so well!

The **PBA WMU Leadership Team** will meet **Wednesday February 7th at 10 a.m.** at the **PBA Complex**. Please join us for discussion and planning of the WMU annual meeting (April).

Celebrate **WMU Focus Day - February 18th**! This February, celebrate what God is doing through WMU both in your church, your association, and in your state. Contact your local or state WMU leadership, and ask for testimonies of God's work throughout these areas. Plan a time to emphasize all the various ministries and resources produced by WMU.

The Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering - March 3rd – 10th. Reflecting on the many stories of Annie Armstrong's passion for missions, we can't help thinking of how we, too, can encourage our church members to give. Annie wrote thousands of letters urging Southern Baptists to give—what will we do? During this important Week of Prayer, we can learn, pray, and give to advance the gospel. Make it a point to educate and encourage your missions groups and church members to participate in North American missions.

The Week of Prayer for Global Missions Offering – March 10th – 15th. 100 percent of your church's gifts goes to missions funding and keeps CBF missionaries serving on the field sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

March 22nd is recognized around the world as World Water Day. Through compassion ministries like Pure Water, Pure Love, WMU is doing its part to bring clean and safe water to all people. Create awareness and lead your church to join in helping provide clean water to families around the world in Jesus' name.

Save the date!!! The **116th Annual Meeting** of the Petersburg Baptist Association **Woman's Missionary Union** is scheduled for **Tuesday April 9th**, 9:45 a.m., Immanuel Baptist Church, Colonial Heights. Lunch will be provided following the meeting.

Blessed to serve with you,

Tammie Frazier
Association WMU Director

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

Do you love me? Thinking about February as the “Love Month” I wonder how many times we either say things or think things about love. And then how do we define love? It can mean so many things in so many ways.

But I want to focus our attention on our love for God. We are all probably familiar with John 21. Jesus asked Peter if he loved Him. Jesus was asking that using a word that meant unconditional love. Peter answered the first two questions using a word that meant brotherly love. However, the third time Jesus ask Peter, He too, uses the word for brotherly love. And Peter responded the same.

I don't think we are that much different from Peter. It is easy to have a brotherly love for people. We can invest a little time or a little money and feel good about ourselves. What was the point of Jesus changing His wording. Well, I believe it got Peter's attention for one. Does it get yours?

Unconditional love requires more. After each question from Jesus and answers from Peter, Jesus said, “Feed my sheep.” That is what all of us are called to do. It's the work of each Christian, each church and even our association...unconditionally.

Serving Him by Serving You!

Pastor Fred

Kehukee Financial Support

The Kehukee Council Financial Support Team will continue to emphasize two financial needs and make PBA congregants aware of a couple more. The Kehukee Council plans to have the Kehukee pool ready for water by May 1, 2024, unless required funds remain short. Prior to your receipt of this article, we will know in writing the dollar figure necessary to safely open the pool, and a separate dollar figure to complete the cosmetic work and pool resurfacing. The later part can be delayed for a time and will in no way affect filling the pool by May 1, and summer pool use.

We presently have pool money in two reserves. One for pool restoration and a second for pool covers only. The pool mechanical room is basically complete, just a couple minor things left. Our pool reserve is much higher now due to an \$18,000 Christmas blessing by one Sweet Christian Lady, money for pool restoration cost and loan principal reduction only. We are truly thankful, and have faith that others of you will be assisting us as well.

Rev. Mark Hughes, a PBA Trustee, wrote a recent Gleam article in which he clearly stated that a dollar a day for one year (\$365) by 550 of the 15,000 PBA members, would produce \$200,750 to not only pay off the \$150,000 Kehukee loan, but an extra \$50,000 that can replenish missing “reserve funds”. Just this week I have been contacted by four individuals and an adult SS class that will send either \$365 or make one monthly loan payment of \$1050 in the year 2024.

What can you do?

What will you do?

Due to the deterioration of part of the Spain Conference Center rear wooden deck, and the need to fully access the building rear during recent work, we had to completely remove the deck. Although we meet the Prince George County building codes and required number of exits without both of the upstairs hallway exit doors functional (boarded over due to no outside deck), we firmly believe a deck should be rebuilt for increased safety. There could be a short deck at each door rather than a full length one as before. \$4000 in lumber and materials will cover the cost with total volunteer labor. Should you wish to assist with a monetary donation, provide some of the needed materials, or volunteer your expertise and physical labor, contact the PBA office, Bob Streetz, Ron Barker or myself.

The last item is the need for 3 to 4 tandem truck loads of gravel, stone, asphalt millings, or slag for the Halifax Rd end of the Kehukee road from the rear gate to the old pavilion and tent camping area. If you can donate any of the identified road products, or know someone that can, contact the PBA office.

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ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR FEBRUARY– APRIL 2024

Feb 5	10:30 AM	Ministers Conference – PBA Complex
Feb 6	7:00 PM	Leadership Meeting – PBA Complex
Feb 14	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – PBA Complex
Feb 11-18		WMU Focus Week
Feb 19		President’s Day - Office Closed
Mar 3-10		Week of Prayer-North American & Global Missions – Annie Armstrong
Mar 4	10:30 AM	Ministers Conference- PBA Complex
Mar 10		Daylight Savings Time Begins/Spring Forward
Mar 13	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – PBA Complex
Mar 24		Palm Sunday
Mar 31		Easter
Apr 1		Easter Monday – Office Closed
Apr 2	11:45 AM	Kehukee Team Leaders Meeting – PBA Complex
Apr 6	4:30—6:30 PM	Oyster/Fish Fry - Camp Kehukee
Apr 8	10:30 AM	Ministers Conference – PBA Complex
April 9	9:45 AM	WMU Annual Meeting – Immanuel Baptist Church
Apr 9	6:30 PM	Mission Council – PBA Complex
Apr 10	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – PBA Complex
Apr 4 OR 11	7:00 PM	Kehukee Council Meeting – Second Baptist Church
Apr 15	7:00 PM	Associational Executive Council Meeting – Dinwiddie Baptist Church

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