

MINISTERS CONFERENCE

For the February conference, we were happy to welcome Cindy Elmore, the Director of Development for EverBless Foundation (formerly the Virginia Baptist Foundation). She shared with us how endowments can help to continue the ministry of our churches for generations to come. It was great to learn about things that have been accomplished because of not only the generosity of people within churches, but also because of good stewardship of resources that were given.

On March 4 we will meet at the Association Complex. Dr. Mark Hughes will present our topic, *Toward Better Christian Politics*. He writes, "With another presidential election year, some of us pastor's might be thinking the same thing - 'Can I take my sabbatical this Fall?' Many of our church members wrestle with how to be politically aware and engaged but without the division, delusion, and demoralization brought by previous experiences. There has to be a better way... right? We will discuss some ideas and strategies about how to engage in politics as Christians while still exhibiting the fruit of the spirit that is supposed to be evident in followers of Jesus." Join us for this important discussion.

The April Conference will be on April 8th instead of the first due to Easter Monday. Our guest presenter and topic is still to be announced. 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 us all.

Thank you for your continued support of the PBA Ministers' Conference and we look forward to seeing you soon!

In Christ,
Mike

PRAYER CONCERNS

Associational Ministries & Churches
Camp Kehukee
WMU Ministries
Missionaries

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 Church

All profits will go towards pool needs.

All tickets and money **MUST** be purchased/turned in by NOON, Monday, March 25th.

KEHUKEE SPRING CLEAN UP

When: Saturday, April 20th Time: 8:00 AM - Noon
Where: Camp Kehukee 17414 Shands Road South Prince George

Please bring rakes, shovels, chain saws, cleaning products, ie. Windex, Furniture polish, paper towels, etc., to assist in getting the job completed!! If you have any questions please contact the office. All are welcome to assist, Women's groups, Youth with supervision and Men's groups.

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HOPE

---IN CHRIST---

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

Jesus teaches us (His followers) the importance of prayer through His own lifestyle of prayer. He gives us an example of prayer in what we call the Lord's Prayer found in Luke 11:1-4. The parable He gives in the verses that follow (vs. 5-8) are an example of shameless, persistent prayer. God desires that our communication with Him be open and honest. He welcomes us into His presence. He knows the need we bring to Him, and He knows our greatest need – communion with Him. According to Hebrews 4:16 and 1 John 5:14-15, we can come before Him with confidence and boldness! The work of prayer is to conform us more into God's image and will. Spend time in His word daily to learn about His character and His will. When we know what is important to God, we will learn to pray accordingly, confident that He hears, and answers – according to His will.

March 3rd – 10th - The Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. This vital week of prayer and offering is observed annually by Southern Baptist churches to bring focus, prayer, and support for missionaries, their ministries, and their families. As you give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and pray alongside likeminded brothers and sisters, you are helping to make Jesus known.

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

March 22nd - World Water Day - More than 2 billion people around the world lack access to safe drinking water. Every day, more than 700 children under age five die from diseases linked to unsafe water, poor sanitation, and poor hygiene. 3 billion people do not have access to handwashing facilities with soap. *Pure Water, Pure Love* is a WMU Compassion Ministry that provides vital water resources to those who need it most around the world. Create awareness and lead your church to join in helping provide clean water to families around the world in Jesus' name. For more information, visit wmu.com/pwpl.

April 9th – PBA WMU 116th Annual Meeting – 9:45 AM at Immanuel Church (Colonial Heights). Please save the date and plan to join with our association WMU for a morning of worship and fellowship (and a little bit of WMU business). All are welcome and invited to attend! Our featured speaker will be Mrs. Ellen de Kroon Stamps, author, and former companion to Corrie ten Boom as they traveled around the world for 9 years. Also, the WMU of Immanuel will provide a luncheon following the meeting. Hope to see you there!

May 11th – World Fair Trade Day is an opportunity for your members to learn how WorldCrafts works with nearly 50 artisan groups representing thousands of people across more than 20 countries. Visit **World-Crafts.org** to shop for artisans' products and to get a deeper insight into the people who produce these items. Pray for the hands that perform the work and the hearts that seek hope.

Blessed to serve with you,

Tammie Frazier

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

There is a job to do and there is a job for you. There is so much we could do through the Petersburg Baptist Association alongside of our churches.

Nehemiah 4:6 states, ***“So we built the wall, and the entire wall was joined together up to half its height, for the people had a mind to work.”***

That verse can get lost in our reading if we are not careful, but I love the idea of the people coming together to deal with the task at hand. There are many things that could be done through the PBA if people had a mind to work together.

MISSIONS – Some of our churches that do mission projects can afford to do it on their own. But that leaves out the people who would like to participate in such an adventure if they were given an opportunity to do so.

Other churches would like to do a mission project but lack the financial resources to do so. The PBA has a fund just for such a project. All you need to do is ask.

CAMP KEHUKEE – We have spent a lot of time and money at Kehukee but our “to do” list is still long. And a lot of what needs to be done can be done by volunteers. We need some folks with electrical experience as well as plumbing experience. Maybe there are people in our churches with such a background and would be willing to spend some hours working with our caretakers.

Maybe your background is lawn care or landscaping. Imagine what a few hours of your time could mean to Kehukee. We just recently had some work done on the Halifax Road side, by some friends in landscaping and what a difference it made.

We need to rebuild the deck that was on the backside of the Conference Center. Could that be a project for you?

With Spring just around the corner, we are going to need a good “spring cleaning” to get things ready for our busy season. If you have a few hours in the week that you would like to volunteer some time we can find something for you to do.

As Nehemiah would say, “we need people with a mind to work together.”

PBA OFFICE COMPLEX – We have some needs at the main office. We have some inside painting that needs to be completed. Once that is done, we want to set up a small conference area with furniture we already have. If you enjoy painting, then come see us. If you tolerate painting, come see us anyway.

Here’s Hoping We Put You to Work!

Pastor Fred

Kehukee Council

Well, Camp Kehukee is in the midst of starting another year in its missionary effort to serve the Lord. It is starting off a little slow, which is not all bad.

As previously stated we are making the pool our number one effort. In January we met with our contractor team to set up a plan for our pool refurbishment. After an extensive examination of the complete pool, we discussed what needed to be done. It was also agreed that an itemized price list would accompany the estimate. A one week delivery date for the estimate was agreed upon.

A week later, in my follow-up on the estimate, I found out that our primary contractor had a serious heart attack. We are now temporary on hold. Our May opening for the pool is still our goal. We still have time.

All of our routine maintenance is progressing nicely. Most all of our equipment is ready for the coming season. Preventive maintenance is paying off.

A significant blessing from the Lord deserves noting. In a conversation with a leader of the Boy Scouts, we mentioned that we would like to clear more area at the Halifax Road end and get up the stumps from an earlier tree cutting. He said that he knew a guy. He did and he did. Not only did he do a magnificent job, he did it just for the fuel he used. Thank you Allan Kirks Landscaping.

Please continue to pray for Kehukee especially as we look for a replacement for one of our maintenance men. Bucky Allin will be hard to replace.

In Christ and for Christ,

Bob Streetz

ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR MARCH - APRIL 2024

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	10:00 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 AM	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	10:00 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – PBA Complex
Apr 11	7:00 PM	Kehukee Council Meeting – Second Baptist Church
Apr 15	7:00 PM	Associational Executive Council Meeting – Dinwiddie Baptist Church
<i>Apr 20</i>	<i>8:00 AM—Noon</i>	<i>Spring Clean Up at Camp Kehukee - 17414 Shands Road</i>

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