

MINISTERS CONFERENCE

We all know that pastors are (or should be) people who read a lot. With this in mind, on May 6, 2024 at 10:30 am at the Association Complex, 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.** Come prepared to share something that you have learned for the benefit of the group.

We have started assignments for the 2024-2025 Conference season. Right now, we still have December, January, and April available for people to lead. We appreciate those pastors who have committed to either find guest presenters or lead discussions on relevant topics for the benefit of their fellow pastors. If you have a topic or presenter you would like to bring for one of the remaining months, please contact Mike.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

In Christ,

Mike

PRAYER CONCERNS

Associational Ministries & Churches
Camp Kehukee
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NEW KEHUKEE PRICING

If you have a reservation for the remaining of 2024 – your fees will be the same as when you made your reservation. All NEW reservations for this year and beginning 2025 will fall under the new fee structure.

Monday, May 13th will be the first date to make your 2025 reservations for your church.

Clean up day for the Associational Offices

Please join us as we purge unused items no longer needed at the PBA Complex. Everyone is invited to join in, but especially men and youth would be welcome for this endeavor. Saturday, May 18th from 8:00—12:00.

MISSION COUNCIL

The Associational Mission Week Offering was voted on at the April Executive Council meeting and approved for:

- 50% Partnership Missions
- 50% Disaster Relief

Our theme this year is: **“Praying for Pastoral Wellness”** and scripture passage comes from Romans 12:4-8. Pastors, you should have received your packet either by mail or at the April 15 meeting.

Our next Mission Council meeting will be held at the PBA Complex Tuesday, July 9th beginning 6:30 PM. We look forward to seeing you!

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HOPE

---IN CHRIST---

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

The PBA WMU held its annual meeting on Tuesday, April 9th at Immanuel Church in Colonial Heights. There were approximately 28 in attendance, representing 9 PBA Churches. (This is the lowest record of attendance to an annual meeting in my 10 years as Association WMU Director.) Our guest speaker for the morning, Mrs. Ellen de Kroon Stamps, shared with us from her experience as assistant and travel companion to Corrie ten Boom.

Not only did the WMU of Immanuel do an outstanding job hosting our group, as well they provided a wonderful luncheon after the meeting.

Not unlike WMU organizations across our state and even our nation, the PBA WMU has faced a constant decline in interest and participation over the past many years. In fact, according to the information recorded in "A Heritage to Share" (history of the PBA), significant decline can be traced back to the 1980's. The task of filling leadership positions within our team has been increasingly challenging. Far too often, those few serving on the Leadership Team, rather than to leave a position unfilled, would agree to serve "one more year." Consequently, we have team members that had been in their leadership position for as many as 20 consecutive years. Some of our very devoted team members were forced to be less active, if not inactive, due to health concerns.

These challenges became a frequent topic of discussion in our quarterly meetings, ultimately without any viable resolution. When once again faced with no prospect of new leadership for the upcoming year, the current WMU Leadership Team held a special called meeting on March 25th, 2024 to consider dissolving the Team. After much prayer and discussion, we voted unanimously that UNLESS there were nominations from the floor of the April 9th annual meeting – thus providing a new and full Leadership Team – the WMU Leadership Team of the PBA would disband, effective as of the close of that meeting. There were NO nominations from the floor.

This decision in no way effects the handful of WMU groups within our association. Women's missions groups, whether operating as WMU or otherwise, will continue to operate as they have. It is only the WMU Leadership Team of the PBA that has dissolved. We have complete faith that God will continue to work and to accomplish His mission in and through the missions groups of the Petersburg Baptist Association. It is our hope and our prayer that the work not only continues, but flourishes!

It has been a blessing, and honor to serve the Lord and our association, and to work alongside so many gifted and devoted women over the last 10 years as the Association WMU Director. I am grateful to Him for the opportunities to serve and to grow in my faith, and for the many friendships that have resulted.

As I said in our annual meeting, this decision should not come as a huge surprise. However, if there are questions regarding this action of the Leadership Team, please feel free to contact me.

In His Service – Still!
Tammie Frazier

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

Hopefully, you have heard the news by now but if not...WE PLAN TO HAVE WATER IN THE POOL THIS YEAR. (Disclaimer: That statement was true at the time this article was written but we all know that things happen.)

As I said to the Executive Council on April 15, 2024, I cannot give enough praise to Bob Streetz, our Kehukee Caretakers, our volunteers, and the Kehukee Team Leaders and Council. It seems like it would never be over, and the reality is...it's not. We still have so much work to do at Kehukee, but we are making great strides in continuing to refurbish the facility and grounds. If you or your organization would like to help, just let us know.

We had a Kehukee Workday in April, and we are having a workday at the Associational Office on Saturday, May 18, 2024, from 8:00 AM – 12 Noon. It is our plan to clean out some rooms that have become storage for a lot of stuff that is not pertinent to our operation. The Facilities Committee is leading in this endeavor. Hope to see you there.

May is also the month of our Associational Mission Week Offering. Please make sure your church is involved. If not, you can still make a donation to the office. The 2024 Offering will be split 50/50 to Partnership Missions and Disaster Relief. The Associational Missions Week of Prayer is May 12-19, 2024.

Serving You by Serving HIM,

Pastor Fred

Kehukee Council

What an eventful spring we have had at Kehukee. Answered prayer has almost been a daily occurrence. These blessings need to be shared.

First of all our pool restoration is finally moving forward. The first week of April we signed a contract that would begin the repair of the pool. Although this effort will allow us to begin usage of the pool by Memorial Day, there will be some more follow-up work later on. Our blessing is that we have the money to pay for this first phase of the pool repair. Work begins before the end of April.

Another success was accomplished 2 weeks ago. Our deck on the rear of the Conference Center has been replaced. The Lord supplied us a contractor to do the work at a significant savings. The cost was covered by donations already received. Praise God!

A couple of months ago, we had a landscaping contractor to donate his time and equipment to clear and remove stumps and fallen trees from the Halifax end of Kehukee. Since then, we have been working to clear all the debris. The Boy Scout Troop 101 stepped in to help. While clearing the worksite, we noticed we had numerous low spots that were holding water. This standing water and constant rain has slowed our progress—not stopped it. Constant effort and volunteers have allowed us to be close to finishing this very large project. We can plan hard work; miracles take no planning. It's no doubt God wants Kehukee to blossom.

As you may remember from last year, we were scrambling to get a cover for our pool. Issues followed by problems kept us from success. The cause for these hold-ups became clear—God had stepped in. He said “Not Now.”

Our original cost was over \$27,000.00. We got a second estimate of \$14,000.00. Earlier this year, a company was found who would provide a commercial grade cover for \$7,700.00. The Lord made sure we weren't in a “too big of a hurry.” Thank you Lord. With the lower cost and donations already received, the cover will be ordered soon.

Finally, our roads throughout Kehukee are always needing work. Because repair materials are so expensive, we have not been able to do any significant improvements. Well, the situation has changed. A company that does resurfacing of roads has started bringing us the millings that are ground from the surface of the road that is to be resurfaced.

We are presently receiving millings faster than we can use them. Our plan is to start repairing our roads by doing the worst ones first. No doubt this will be an ongoing effort.

Please continue to pray for Kehukee. When God is armed with our prayers, it is an awesome combination.

Bob Streetz, Kehukee Coordinator

NOTE: If anyone has plumbing experience, we sure can use some help!! All six of our bathrooms have needs.

PBA ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR MAY— JULY 2024

May 2		National Day of Prayer
May 6	10:30 AM	Ministers' Conference- PBA Complex
May 8	10:00 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – PBA Complex
May 12-19		Mission Week Offering for Associations
May 13	10:00AM – 2:00 PM	First Kehukee Reservation Day – 2025 Each church gets one reservation
May 18	8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	PBA Facilities Cleanup
May 27		Memorial Day - OFFICE CLOSED
Jun 11-12		Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting – Indianapolis, IN
Jun 12	10:00 AM	Budget and Finance – PBA Complex
Jun 17	10:00AM – 2:00 PM	Second Reservation Day for Reserving Kehukee - 2025—One Reservation per church for their second request for 2025
Jun 25	1:30 PM	Nominating Committee Meeting – PBA Complex
July 4		Fourth of July
July 9	11:45 AM	Kehukee Team Leaders Meeting – PBA Complex
July 9	6:30 PM	Missions Council Meeting – PBA Complex
July 10	10:00 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – PBA Complex
July 11	7:00 PM	Kehukee Council – Oakland Baptist Church
July 15	7:00 PM	Associational Executive Council – Newville Baptist Church
July 17		All Budget Request Forms due for 2025 Budget
July 22		PBA churches may reserve any dates that are available for Camp Kehukee - 2025

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