

ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILES

Each church/church clerk should have received their ACP packet. We are requesting your church information by Friday, October 11 for our Annual Meeting being held on Sunday, October 20. Please call the office or Lynn provided her contact information in the packet, if you have any questions.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Associational Churches
Associational Ministries
Camp Kehukee
Missionaries
Wars and Conflicts
Ruth Thompson

Petersburg Baptist Association Executive Council

Monday, October 14, 2024
7:00 PM

Oaklawn Baptist Church
7925 Hickory Road - South Chesterfield

Petersburg Baptist Association Annual Meeting

Sunday, October 20, 2024
3:00 PM

Powers Memorial Baptist Church
2807 Jackson Street - Hopewell

We look forward to seeing you and your church messengers. Please remember that we must receive a copy of YOUR CHURCH MESSENGERS prior to the meeting. If you have any questions on the number of messengers your church is allotted please contact the PBA Office at 804-733-2010.

Mission Council

We have disbursed \$2000 to the Texas Baptist Association for Disaster Relief. We also sent our 2024 pledge of \$5000 to CPI for West African Ministries.

We supported our churches, who collected school supplies for West Virginia. We packed 150 back packs.

We will meet Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at 6:30 PM – PBA Complex to finalize our Partnership Missions. We welcome anyone that wishes to attend.

Thank you for all your prayers! May GOD BLESS all of our Churches mission's efforts.

In CHRIST, Tom

Kehukee Financial Support Team

The PBA and Camp Kehukee continue to be blessed by caring and compassionate PBA churches and congregants. As our Camp Kehukee ages, there are many parts that require maintenance or replacement over time, no different than our own homes. In order to meet the monthly loan payments, money required for the expensive Spain Conference Center work, a number of individuals or churches have made a \$1036 monthly loan payment and promised the same in a future year. Although some individuals may question why the cost, unless we do now what is necessary, our present inaction affects the future, again no different than our own homes. **Continued on page 3...**

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MINISTERS CONFERENCE

We had a wonderful time of fellowship and learning at our September conference. Our next meeting is October 7, 2024 at 10:30 AM at Sappony Baptist Church, 13045 Concord Sappony Road, Stony Creek, VA. Rev. Gilbert Nash will be presenting and Sappony's ladies will provide a delicious lunch. We look forward to having you join us.

Dates and coordinators for the 2024-25 year are:

OCTOBER 7, 2024: Rev. Gilbert Nash

NOVEMBER 4, 2024: Rev. Patricia Crump

DECEMBER 2, 2024: Rev. Stephen Stamp

JANUARY 6, 2025: Rev. Tom Williams

FEBRUARY 3, 2025: Dr. Joe Lewis

MARCH 3, 2025: Dr. Mark Hughes

APRIL 7, 2025: Rev. Steve Lalk

MAY 5, 2025: Dr. Roger Crump

Please put these dates on your calendar. As a reminder, the Ministers' Conference welcomes all the pastors of the Association. This includes senior/lead pastors, associates, ministers of music/youth/children/other, as well as interim and supply pastors. We can all benefit from this time of learning, praying, and fellowship together. See you in October!

In Christ,
Mike

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you ALL!!!

I would like to thank you for allowing me to have such an awesome job for the last 14 1/2 years! It has been a privilege to meet so many wonderful Christians and my life as well as my family's life has truly been blessed.

To the Moderators whom I've had the honor to walk beside, the Committee Chairpersons whom answered all of my phone calls and our past Treasurer, Jim McMillen, Assistant Treasurers' Tammie Frazier, Dian Watt and now Pat Crump—it was a joy to share the office and get to know you! Thank you to Lynn Rogers and Pat Crocker - PBA Clerks!! Your time and effort is like none other. I appreciate ALL of your time you have invested into the PBA!

To the DOM's Pastor Ron Sowers and Pastor Fred Adkins thank you for allowing me to have a job that I really enjoyed, and looked forward to coming to work each and every day!! I couldn't have asked for two nicer individuals to share this job with.

To the Kehukee Coordinators Hugh Mumford and Bob Streetz and the Caretakers, Wilson, Dennis, Bucky and David. "Thank You" seems such a small word for all the work you do for Camp Kehukee!! What a wonderful support you have been in all of my years at the PBA!!

Lastly, thank you to Edith, Glenda, Lynn, Ruth P., and Ruth T. (The Office Support Team). I always looked forward to our times we spent working on the Book of Reports, Annual and Gleam mailings. I couldn't have found a better team to help with covering the office and your dedication to the Association. My life is better for knowing each of YOU!

Many names that I have fond memories of have passed on, but never forgotten. Mr. Lemuel Duke and Rev. Pat Porter, Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Carter, Dennis Myers, Don Tatum, Rev. Robert Livesay and Mrs. Lucy Dorr. They enriched my life and I'm pleased that I got to know them. When I was interviewing for this job, I remember saying, God will place me where I'm suppose to be.... I will now say... Thank you God for Blessing Me!! *Rachel*

Kehukee Financial Support Team continued...

A leaking roof causes internal damage, the same as a defective toilet seal eventually allows deterioration of bathroom floor boards. It is simply "Pay me now or pay me later", words of an old Fram commercial. Too wait only allows for bigger and far more expensive repairs or replacement costs.

Although we opened our camp pool for 2024, which functioned extremely well with the new saltwater system, we still MUST resurface the masonry pool during the off season in order to protect the finish. This is something required of every masonry pool every so many years, and the contracted work is not cheap. It is an intensive and expensive process.

Thank you to all who have blessed us financially in meeting camp and associational needs, as well as the volunteer hours and skills that have eliminated contracting costs. As a recent Lifeway Sunday School lesson series emphasized, we are more so blessed by God when we are "serving alongside others", not by ourselves, but "alongside others".

Kehukee Financial Support Team

Hugh Mumford, Team Leader

FROM THE DESK OF... INTERIM DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

I love October. The weather begins to turn a little cooler. There is plenty of football to watch. The colors of leaves begin to fill the sky with God's magnificent beauty. And for those who like the smell or taste of pumpkin spice, well that actually began in August...but it's here. What's not to like.

But as wonderful as all those things are, sometimes they can be a distraction to all that needs to be done. For most of our churches, this is also the time of budget planning. By now you should have received a letter from Rev. Wayne Williams, chair of the Budget & Finance Committee of the Petersburg Baptist Association. Along with his letter was a copy of the proposed PBA Budget for 2025. It is truly a challenging endeavor, but I know that we can meet the challenge if we are purposed in our hearts to do so. Please be praying how God will use you and your church to help meet the challenge.

October is also the month of our Annual Fall Meeting of the PBA. This year our meeting will be held on Sunday, October 20, 2024, at the Powers Memorial Baptist Church in Hopewell. The time of the meeting is 3:00 pm. I hope your church has elected its messengers and that a list has been sent to the Associational Office.

Our theme this year is "Bearing Fruit" and our Scripture is from John 15:7-8; ***"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be my disciples."***

Please join us. It will not be the same without you.

One more thing. October is Minister Appreciation Month. Don't forget to let all your ministerial staff know how much you appreciate them and their families. Let them know that you are praying for their health, their families, their ministry and their walk with God.

Oh, and one more thing after the one more thing...the end of October will be the last days that our Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Rachel Branch, will be working with us. Don't forget to say a word of thanks for all that she has done to make our lives in the PBA easier. Not only has she been a superb Administrator...she has also been a friend. May God bless her and Carlton as they adventure into a new segment of their lives.

Serving HIM by Serving You,

Pastor Fred

KEHUKKEE COUNCIL

So far as 2024 is concerned, Camp Kehukee could class this year as routine. Well, routine for us is meeting many challenges head on and with God's help successfully getting through them.

As an example, consider our grass cutting where everything went well—mostly. The equipment did very well proving that preventive maintenance works. We hired a new grounds man David Beale, who is doing an excellent job. The grass looks like a golf course. The issue is that we have had so much rain resulting in a bumper crop of grass, we have had to prioritize what grass we cut. Every week was like coming home from a vacation, but your grass was working overtime. Also, some days grass was not cut because it was raining. Our Caretakers, though, made it work.

Our pool has had a good year in spite of a "few" routine issues. Bottom line everyone who wanted to go swimming was able to. We also are having success in learning how to operate a saltwater pool. Next year we will have one year experience to fall back on.

The Lord is clearly involved in keeping and getting Camp Kehukee operational - especially our pool. I thought about what God said in Genesis when He was creating the world. He said, "It is good". When He looked at our pool, He said, "Finally".

Bob Streetz - Kehukee Coordinator

Oct 1	11:45 AM	Kehukee Team Leaders Meeting – PBA Complex
Oct 1	6:30 PM	Missions Council Meeting – PBA Complex
Oct 3	7:00 PM	Kehukee Council – Camp Kehukee
Oct 7	10:30 AM	Ministers' Conference – Sappony Baptist Church
Oct 9	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – PBA Complex
Oct 11		Deadline for all ACP Reports from PBA Churches
Oct 14	7:00 PM	Associational Executive Council – Oaklawn Baptist Church
Oct 15	11:30 AM	Pastor's Appreciation Luncheon
Oct 20	3:00 PM	Association Annual Fall Meeting – Power's Memorial Baptist Church
Nov 1-3		Women's Get Away – Eagle Eyrie
Nov 3		Daylight Savings Ends – Fall Back
Nov 4	10:30 AM	Minister's Conference – PBA Complex
Nov 13	9:30 AM	Budget & Finance – PBA Complex
Nov 28		Happy Thanksgiving

MISSIONS BREAKFAST

Oakland Women's Missions Group will host a Missions Prayer Breakfast at 9am on Saturday November 23rd at Oakland. We would like to offer the invitation to attend to the women of the PBA. RSVP's would be appreciated by November 13th and can be made to Leslie Allin @ 804-720-0061 or to Tammie Frazier @ 804-919-1812.

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