

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

The **Petersburg Baptist Association** attended the homegoing service of our beloved Sister in Christ **Ruth Thompson** on November 9, 2024 at **Dinwiddie Baptist Church**. Sister Ruth was a faithful servant who worked as a volunteer at the PBA until recent days at the age of 104. Sister Ruth will be sincerely missed. We offer sincere condolences to friends and family and pray for the Lord's peace and comfort to keep you. -

PRAYER CONCERNS

Associational Churches

Associational Ministries

Camp Kehukee

Missionaries

Wars and Conflicts

Lottie Moon / Week of Prayer for International Missions.

December 1—8, 2024

**Christmas Day -December 25,
2024**

**The PBA Office will be closed
December 23—January 1, 2025
The Office will re-open on
Monday, January 6, 2025.**



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!.

Christmas Service

Oakland Baptist Church will host a **Christmas Play** entitled “**Glory to God in The Lowest**” Sunday, December 15 2024 at 6:00PM. 12601 Prince George Drive Disputanta, VA 2384 23803

Everyone is welcome to attend.

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MINISTERS CONFERENCE

For the **November** conference, we were blessed to have Rev. Patricia Crump from Adams Grove Baptist to remind us that evangelism is everyone's responsibility. She reminded us that we have an obligation to connect with the unconnected and build relationships with them that lead to gospel conversations.

On **December 2** at 10:30 AM, Rev. Stephen Stamp, Youth Pastor at Woodlawn Hopewell, will lead our discussion. This meeting will be held at the Woodlawn Baptist Church—Hopewell, and lunch will be provided. On January 6, 2025, we will welcome Dr. Valerie Carter-Smith from the Women's Missionary Union of Virginia. On February 3, our special guest is Nathan Taylor from Virginia Baptist Historical Society.

In March, Dr. Mark Hughes from West End Baptist will bring our topic. On April 7, Rev. Steve Lalk from Immanuel will present. Dr. Roger Crump will close out the year with the May 5 conference. Please put these meetings on your calendar so that you may be blessed by gathering with your fellow pastors.

Dates and coordinators for the year 2025 are:

DECEMBER 2, 2024: Rev. Stephen Stamp
JANUARY 6, 2025: Dr. Valerie Carter-Smith
FEBRUARY 3, 2025: Nathan Taylor

MARCH 3, 2025: Dr. Mark Hughes
APRIL 7, 2025: Rev. Steve Lalk
MAY 5, 2025: Dr. Roger Crump

“And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.” Ephesians 4:11-12, ESV.

I am always so grateful for the body of shepherds who meet every month to learn how we can better “equip the saints.” I find so much help and encouragement from these committed shepherds.

See you in December!

**In Christ,
Mike**

MISSION COUNCIL

The Mission Council will support the **Christmas for Appalachia** December 2, 3 and 4. Please bring your slightly used gifts, wrapping paper, tape and scissors to **Camp Kehukee** if you plan to support this ministry. Time will be from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

**In Christ,
Tom**

STRONGER TOGETHER

Here's something to add to your Christmas “wish list.” If there is something that the Petersburg Baptist Association can do to help you with your ministry, outreach or community engagement, what would that one wish be? We would like to hear from you. Send us an email of your thoughts of how we can grow “stronger together”,

In the meantime, have a thankful and blessed holiday!

**Sincerely yours in Service to Christ,
The PBA Staff**

FROM THE DESK OF...
INTERIM DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

November was indeed a month where we as an association had so much to be grateful for and now, we enter into one of the most glorious times of the year...CHRISTMAS.

I want to thank the 10 churches of the PBA that gave to the Disaster Relief Fund. We sent a check for \$11,638.69 to the Lebanon Baptist Association for a program they are calling, "Rebuild Damascus Community". May God bless each of you for your generosity.

Also, we have collected almost a full trailer of clothing that is also being used in Southwest Virginia. This is an area that we are prayerfully considering a partnership beginning in 2025. Please pray for our Mission Committee as we make those decisions.

As we look forward to 2025, we have much to do in the PBA. The Trustees are meeting to work through the mandate of the Association to sell the PBA Complex. In doing so, the Facilities Committee will be locating space for the office to call home. Pray for these groups as they seek God's will in all they do.

On behalf of Rachel Branch, Cheryl Brown and myself, we extend to you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May God continue to light our path as we journey together.

Serving HIM by Serving You,

Pastor Fred

Merry Christmas to All

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6 KJV.

With Gratitude

A few weeks ago, I received a phone call from the PBA Moderator, Rev. Lee Woodcock. He shared with me his decision to step down as moderator. I cannot express my heartfelt thanks to Lee for his leadership for these past several years. He served as Moderator-elect for two years and then as Moderator for 2024. I am sharing his letter of resignation with you and I know that you will want to share with him your appreciation for his service and leadership.

Fred,

As discussed on the phone yesterday, October 21, 2024, after much prayer and consideration, I have decided to step away from serving as moderator for the Petersburg Baptist Association. Upon your request, I will hold the title until December 31, 2024, though I cannot promise that I will be able to fulfill any of the needs of the office, should something arise. I have talked with Tom Guess, and he is willing to move from Moderator Elect to Moderator.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to serve, my friend.

*Your brother in Christ,
Rev. Lee Woodcock*

DECEMBER

Dec 1-8

Lottie Moon/Week of Prayer for International Missions

Dec 2 10:30 AM

Ministers' Conference – Woodlawn Baptist Church—Hopewell

Dec 11 9:30 AM

Budget & Finance Meeting – PBA Complex

Dec 23 – Jan 1

Christmas - Association Office Closed



Jan 6 10:30 AM

Ministers' Conference—PBA Complex

Feb 3 10:30 AM

Ministers' Conference – TBA

Mar 3 10:30 AM

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Apr 7 10:30 AM

Ministers' Conference—TBA

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