

PBA GLEAM NEWSLETTER

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Love is in the Air

The smell of love is a concept that refers to the idea that scents can be associated with feelings of attraction. . Pheromones are chemicals produced by animals and insects to attract mates. They are sometimes called "love chemicals. Scents can trigger memories, where people may associate certain smells with people they love. Scents that are associated with love include vanilla, chocolate, floral, and rose. The smell of someone we are attracted to may be influenced by the personal care products they use. Also, a person's diet can affect their smell and a well-fed person may even smell more attractive.

Sweet smelling savor" appears in the King James Version of the Bible which refers to things that are pleasing to God in the spiritual realm

For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish:"
2 Corinthians 2:15

"And walk in love, even as the Christ loved us, and delivered himself up for us, as an offering and sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor". Ephesians 5:2

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;" Ephesians 5:25

"And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four *and* twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints." Rev 5:8

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. 1 John 4:7

By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. 1 John 5:2

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MINISTERS CONFERENCE

We were disappointed to have to cancel the January conference due to weather, but it was certainly a blessing to look out of the window and see the beautiful snow covering the ground. We are currently working with Dr. Valerie Carter to reschedule her presentation to the pastors. We will let you know when she will be available.

On February 3, 2025 at 10:30 AM, our meeting will be at Second Baptist (3355 Johnson Road, Petersburg). Our special guest is Nathan Taylor from Virginia Baptist Historical Society.

We will meet on March 3 at 10:30 AM at West End Baptist Church (6506 Boydton Plank Road, North Dinwiddie). Dr. Mark Hughes will bring our topic.

The April 7 meeting will be held at 10:30 AM at Immanuel Baptist Church (620 Lafayette Avenue, Colonial Heights). Rev. Steve Lalk will be our presenter.

Dr. Roger Crump will close out the year with the May 5 conference at 10:30 AM at Powers Memorial Baptist Church (2807 Jackson Street, Hopewell). We look forward to seeing you at the conferences, and possibly coming to your church in the near future.

"Shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight,¹ ²not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you;² ³not for shameful gain, but eagerly; 3 not ⁴domineering over those in your charge, but ⁵being examples to the flock. 4 And when ⁶the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the ⁷unfading ⁸crown of glory. (1 Peter 5:2-4).

In Christ,
Mike



Camp Kehukee

Thank you for your support of Camp Kehukee with your reservations of the space, purchase of commemorative bricks, prayers and financial support. This beautiful natural resource is made possible in part because of your generosity.

To God be the Glory
Bob Streetz
Kehukee Coordinator



FROM THE DESK OF...
INTERIM DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

We all recognize that February is the LOVE month.

It is not as big as Christmas, but a lot is expected. As an Association, a church, or even an individual, we should always be loving to those we minister to. However, I want to add the word "compassion". There is a difference between love and compassion. We love those we know or are planning to know. But we can show compassion even to those we do not know. That's where our mission work is at its best. I want to thank the PBA for its outpouring of compassion for the folks in Southwest Virginia. Last October, at our Annual Meeting, we asked you to donate clothing items to the flood victims in our own state.

You did so in a very big way!

Thanks to Paul Burroughs, we were able to deliver a trailer load of clothes and other items to Bland Ministries in Bland, Virginia. They were extremely grateful for the donation. We hope another round of donations can be delivered soon. The Mission Council is also working to develop a partnership with the Lebanon Association in Southwest Virginia, to help with projects to help rebuild that part of our state. We do not know them, YET, however, we can show compassion for them. Love is not just an emotion, but it is a choice we make toward someone. Compassion involves a deep empathy and our desire to help alleviate suffering. As followers of Jesus, we are called to be God's people, and that means we are to love others AND have compassion for them.

Let's continue to work together in the Petersburg Baptist Association to show Virginia and the world, we are followers of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Serving HIM by Serving You,
Pastor Fred

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. . John 13:35

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. ³¹ And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. Mark 12:30-31

STRONGER TOGETHER

The Petersburg Baptist Association has a rich and varied history that includes you. Without you, there is no us. So it is important that we keep the lines of communication open and strong. The PBA is here to serve as the Lord leads. If you need prayer, please let us know. We stand ready to offer tangible help. We can announce your churches upcoming events to invite more participation.

The PBA website is available for your church announcements and can be used as a platform to plan, collaborate and fellowship with one another. So please, visit the website often. Let's "grow and glow" together by "letting our light so shine."

It is a pleasure and an honor to serve the Lord in the fellowship of His suffering for the upbuilding of His Kingdom.

The PBA Staff

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in Heaven.
Matthew 5:16



February—2025

Associational Calendar January 2025 – February 2025

Feb 3	10:30 AM	Minister's Conference – Second Baptist Church, Petersburg
Feb 10	7:00 PM	Leadership Council Meeting – Kehukee
Feb 12	10:00 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting – PBA Office
Feb 16		WMU Focus Sunday
Feb 17		President's Day – OFFICE CLOSED
Mar 2-9		Week of Prayer/North American Missions/Annie Armstrong
Mar 3		Minister's Conference—West End Baptist Church
Mar 12		Budget & Finance Meeting—PBA Office

God is Love

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. .

1 Corinthians 13 kjv

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