

PBA GLEAM NEWSLETTER

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The Test is yet to Come

Is God presently testing you in some area of your life?

What has His testing revealed? Have you become bitter toward God because of where He has led you? Or have you come to trust Him more as a result of what you have gone through?

Pressure, pain, or harsh situations have a way of testing hearts and revealing what is on the inside. We can learn, grow, and become better from testing, or we can become disillusioned, angry, or bitter.

Trust God, even when you may not understand. Lean into His love, grace, mercy, and goodness. Christ will see you through. God calls believers to be salt, light, and to faithfully follow Christ in a fallen world. We are to make a positive difference for the Lord and point others to Jesus.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; Ephesian 6:13-14

Keep the prayers strong for our nation and one another.

God loves you . . . be encouraged!!! Blessings,

Alan Pomaville

Chaplain / Hope and Healing for Heroes

God bless and have a great rest of the week

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MINISTERS CONFERENCE

“Don’t worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” (Philippians 4:6, CSB). In ministry, stress comes with the territory. There are always more things that you want to do than hours in the day. There are visits to make, phone calls to return, funerals and weddings to prepare, holidays and special services to plan, meetings to attend, meetings to prepare for, unexpected visits and phone calls, and by the way, Sunday’s coming! I have discovered that when I am at my most stressed, it is usually because I am relying on my own ability instead of petitioning God. We are not meant to do His work without Him. We are also not meant to do this work without each other. It is good for us to take the time away from our desks to visit with our fellow pastors for learning and encouragement.

For the March conference, we were grateful to have Steve Law from *Financial Leadership* present the topic of “Ten Ways for Churches to Have More Money.” His list of practical ideas covered good stewardship of God’s resources, proper planning, and encouraging generosity. We can all look forward to putting some of these ideas into practice.

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. At this meeting, we will lay out our calendar for 2025-26, so please come prepared to accept hosting duties for one of the meetings.

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.

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



Celebrate Administrative Professionals Week April 23-29, 2025



Did you Know?

Petersburg Residents are eligible for Elderly and/or Disabled Tax Relief for Real Estate. Contact the Master Commissioner of the Revenue office for more information 804-733-2315 corteam@petersburgva.org

Spring is a time of new beginnings!

This is a good time to visit the Camp Kehukee Prayer Garden . A place of peace and tranquility overlooking the beautiful lake. Engraved bricks are available for purchase in loving memory or to commemorate a loved one.

FROM THE DESK OF...

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

Easter is upon us and there are so many stories that could be told, but I am reminded of a story about a grave in Hanover, Germany. The tomb is the grave of Henriette Juliane Caroline von Ruling. She died in 1782. Her tombstone bears the inscription *“Dieses auf ewig gekaufte Begrabnis darf niemals geoffnet werden.”*



For those of you whose German may be a little rusty it means: “**This tomb bought for eternity may never be opened.**”

However, it seems that over the years, a seed from a birch tree landed in a crack of the stones and began to grow, pushing its way through the stones. Eventually, the iron bands surrounding the stones burst and technically opened up the grave. The Princess Henriette had hoped to be concealed forever. Much like we, as sinners, wish to hide from the Almighty. **Easter is about an empty tomb.** A tomb where the stone was rolled away and Jesus, the Son of God, walked out for the redemption of mankind. The awesome news is that not only did Jesus conquer death over 2000 years ago, but He will also do so again at His return. John 5:28 says, *“All that are in the graves shall hear his voice.”* When Christ returns Henriette will stand before God with the rest of us.

“For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.” (1 John 5:4)

So, all who read this article...

REJOICE! Christ is risen. He has risen indeed.

Serving HIM by Serving You,
Pastor Fred

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. The PBA is here to serve you as the Lord leads.

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

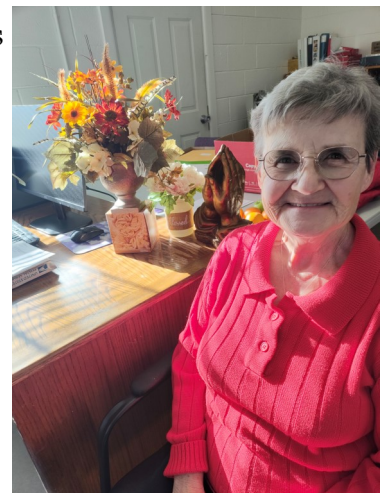
VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Petersburg Baptist Association is in the process of preparing documents, books and files for archives to preserve its legacy.

We need you to help by volunteering one day a month.
Will you join us as a volunteer? Call us 804-733-2010

Many hands make light work.

Nehemiah 3:15-5:13, 1 Corinthians 7:25-40, Psalm 32, Proverbs 21:5-7



Edith Byl, Readville Baptist Church
PBA Volunteer



April—2025

Associational Calendar

Apr 7	10:30 AM	Minister's Conference—Immanuel Baptist Church
Apr 8	11:45 AM	Kehukee Team Leader's Meeting—PBA Office
Apr 8	3:30 PM	Missions Council Meeting—PBA Office
Apr 2	10:00 AM	Budget & Finance Meeting—PBA Office
Apr 10	7:00 PM	Kehukee Council Meeting—Second Baptist Church
Apr 13		Palm Sunday
Apr 20		Easter—Resurrection Sunday
Apr 21		Easter Monday— PBA OFFICE CLOSED
Apr 23		Administrative Professional's Day
Apr 28	7:00 PM	Executive Council Meeting—Camp Kehukee
May 1		National Day of Prayer
May 4	3:00 PM	Associational Spring Meeting



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