

## PBA GLEAM NEWSLETTER

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## PRAYER CONCERNS

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Missionaries  
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Members Battling Illness  
Pray for Neighbors & Nation



## SUFFER



Why does Jesus use the word "**suffer**" when he says "suffer the little children to come unto me", in *Matthew 19:14 (KJV)*? Perhaps because the kids were not welcomed, messy, in the way and rebuked by the disciples. Jesus emphasizes the importance of children and encourages them to approach him.

### **Children can be noisy and inconvenient**

The fact is, children are necessary for the upbuilding of God's kingdom on earth. Could our churches today benefit from extra efforts given towards welcoming children and youth into our church, and then being patient with their energy, errors and exuberance?

**Yes.**

**Deuteronomy 6:7-9** <sup>7</sup> And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. <sup>8</sup> And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. <sup>9</sup> And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

*Cheryl Brown* PBA Administrator

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## **MINISTERS CONFERENCE**

“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.” (2 Corinthians 9:8, ESV). The pastors of the PBA Ministers’ Conference are grateful to those pastors and churches who have hosted, led, and served our conference throughout this year. Your generosity and genuine concern for your fellow pastors have made the conference something to look forward to each month. During the May conference, Dr. Roger Crump’s insightful questions gave us all a lot of good things to think about and helped us to know each other better. It was most enjoyable!

We will resume the conferences on September 8, 2025 at 10:30 AM with a location to be announced. In the meantime, I hope and pray that each of you has a great summer. I pray that you experience success in your Vacation Bible Schools, camps, and other summer programs. I pray that you find time to rest and enjoy the Lord and the church where He has placed you. Most of all, I pray that you will be refreshed and renewed.

See you in September! In Christ, **Mike**

## **WHY IS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IMPORTANT**

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is important because it provides a fun, engaging, and structured environment for children to learn about God, the Bible, and Christian values, fostering spiritual growth and community. VBS also serves as a valuable outreach tool for churches, connecting with families who may not otherwise attend regular services and offering opportunities for evangelism

### **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.

**Bob Streetz** ,  
Kehukee Coordinator

### **MISSIONS COUNCIL**

The Missions Council will be supporting member churches that collect school supplies for West Virginia. Packing will take place in August. The exact date to be announced in the July Gleam. Thank you everyone who contributed to the Missions Offering. Please pray for the Council.

In Christ,  
**Tom**

## **SAVE THE DATES FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025**

**June 9-13 VBS 2025 “Magnified” Discovering the Bigness of God **Pine Grove Baptist Church**  
22218 Dabney Mill Rd Petersburg VA**

**June 16-19 VBS 2025 “Magnified” Discovering the Bigness of God **First Baptist Church Petersburg**  
235 W. Washington St Petersburg, VA Rev. Robert Dawson, Pastor 804-733-7484**

**June 23-27 VBS 2025 “Magnified” **Central Baptist Church** 6405 Courthouse Rd Church Road, VA 23833 Contact  
Glenda Coburn 804.265.8870**

**July 28 – 31 – VBS 2025 “Road Trip – On the Go With Jesus” **Antioch Baptist Church** 20230 Peters Bridge Road Yale,  
VA 23897 Thomas E. Guess, Pastor – 804-514-6680**

**But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 19:14!**

***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

I had a wonderful conversation this morning (5-19-25) with one of our volunteers at the PBA office. Unfortunately, the news she was sharing was not great but her attitude was delightful. I told her that we would be praying for her and the family and for healing. I shared with her that no matter the outcome, healing would take place.

When we pray, are we truly seeking God's will or our own. Knowing the mind of God takes a lot of time on our knees. We should pray with a surrendered heart in full faith that God is able to answer our prayer.

**Do you recall Elijah's prayer? Or how about Paul? And when Jesus prayed, He prayed, "Not my will, but Thine." That is how we should be praying consistently.**

Scripture teaches us to pray for each other (1 Thessalonians 5:25). So, in light of all said, please pray for the Petersburg Baptist Association. A lot is happening in the PBA. We are in full swing at Kehukee and are booked solid through July. There are still a few available dates in August during the week. We are hoping to have the transfer of the property on River Road (formerly First Korean Baptist) completed soon. We are also hoping to close on the PBA Complex to its new owner by the end of June. Our Budget and Finance Committee will begin soon to develop the PBA budget for 2026. Be in prayer for the committee and the association as we move forward..."in God's will."

**Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. Luke 22:42**

Serving HIM by Serving You,  
**Pastor Fred**



**Congratulations graduates!**

### TRAVELING MERCIES

This is a season of celebration, commemoration, and family reconciliation. We at the Petersburg Baptist Association are praying for protection over you and your family during this season of travel. The PBA is here to serve you as the Lord leads.

Sincerely, 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 VALUED

The Petersburg Baptist Association wishes to thank our long time volunteers who work tirelessly to help the PBA run smoothly and who help preserve the rich heritage & legacy of working together in unity. We also welcome and thank our new volunteers!

*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





# June—2025



## Associational Calendar

Jun 04 10:00 AM Budget & Finance Meeting – PBA Office  
Jun 8-11 Southern Baptist Convention Meeting – Dallas, TX  
Jun 10 1:30 PM Nominating Committee Meeting – PBA Office  
Jun 16 Second Kehukee Reservation Day – 2026  
Jun 17 1:30 PM Annual Program Committee Meeting – PBA Office  
Jun 24 1:30 PM Nominating Committee Meeting – PBA Office

Jul 4 Fourth of July  
Jul 8 11:45 AM Kehukee Team Leaders Meeting – PBA Office  
Jul 8 2:00 PM Missions Council Meeting – PBA Office  
Jul 9 10:00 AM Budget & Finance Meeting – PBA Office  
Jul 10 7:00 PM Kehukee Council Meeting – PBA Office  
Jul 21 All Budget Request Forms Due for 2026 Budget  
Jul 21 PBA – All Reservations for Camp Kehukee - 2026  
Jul 21 7:00 PM Executive Council Meeting – Oakland Baptist Church



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