

PBA GLEAM NEWSLETTER

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PRAYER CONCERNS

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Castaway

We constantly strive to do better because faith without works is dead, being alone, right?. But sometimes its frustrating to know that no matter how good our intentions or how much practice we get, it's impossible to operate autonomously without the Lord. Living in an era of "I think therefore I am" rhetoric has little to do with faith, but more to do with many people wanting to succeed without input from the Savior. The Word tells us that we must acknowledge the LORD in all our ways and He will direct our steps. For the sake of efficiency, we want to understand every detail before we obey the Lord. We want cruise-control.

Imagine driving a car on the cruise control setting and taking a nap once set.

We cannot operate without situational awareness of our environment and of ourselves. Despite our short-lived respite, we will soon crash and burn. We must remain ever so vigilant, obedient, discerning and sensitive to the "warning signals" of the Holy Spirit.

During this season of spring cleaning let us "check so we don't wreck". Guided by the Holy Spirit, we must be mindful of our ministry by being wise as serpents yet gentle as doves.

But I keep control of my body, and bring it into subjection, lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway. 1 Corinthians 9:27

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MINISTERS CONFERENCE

“Therefore, since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every hindrance and the sin that so easily ensnares us. Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus, the source and perfecter of our faith.” (Heb. 1-2). When I was in high school, I was a cross-country runner. That experience, racing two miles, would help in my subsequent career as a Marine. At one point, I was able to run ten miles. I never signed up for a marathon, but I know many who have run them. One of the key things to distance running is realizing that you are not in a sprint. If you run too hard and fast at the beginning, you will not last.

It is key to set a rhythm and a pace that you can maintain for the long-haul. If you do not, you only set yourself up for failure. I heard one time that we tend to overestimate what we can accomplish in one year, but underestimate what we can accomplish in ten years. It is my prayer that after a busy Resurrection season, you will find time to relax, examine your pace, and adjust as necessary.

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



DID MEMORIAL DAY ORIGINATE RIGHT HERE IN PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA?

PETERSBURG, Va. -- It's a debate still simmering long after Civil War guns fell silent. Just where did Memorial Day originate? Several places, from Illinois and Virginia to Mississippi and Georgia, say they were the first. “Well we do claim it right here in Petersburg,” says Gene Ross with the Petersburg’s Department of Tourism. Ross digs in his heels when it comes to the Memorial debate. Ross boasts the holiday’s roots stretch back to Blanford Cemetery in Petersburg in 1866. “They began to decorate the graves of the men who fought in the battle of Fort Stedman. It was one of the last battles that took place in town,” says Ross.

Ross says Union General John Logan borrowed the idea from southerner Nora Fontaine Maury Davidson, who decorated the graves of the blue and gray. General Logan introduced Decoration Day in the late 1860s.

“They were putting flags and flowers down at these different gravesites,” says Ross. “That is what it was known as Decoration Day until it was changed to Memorial Day.”

<https://www.wtvr.com/2016/05/27/did-memorial-day-originate-in-virginia>

***Historical reminder provided by Pastor Rob Dawson First Baptist Church Petersburg**

CAMP KEHUKKEE

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



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

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

The weather is showing signs of warming up and hopefully the pollen is showing signs of disappearing. I say it every year but this sure seemed like the worst.

I want to share with you that we will **NOT** have a PBA Spring Meeting this year. Please forgive me but the challenge of getting someone to either sing or speak was just too much at this point. I am hopeful that we can make it happen in 2026. Thank you for your understanding.



I am encouraged by the progress at Camp Kehukee and especially the swimming pool area. Much thanks to Bob and the Kehukee Team Leaders for continuing their development plans for the pool. I hope by the time you are reading this that pool reconstruction will be complete. If not, it should be soon. A lot of work has gone into the pool area, and we appreciate all who have contributed to its completion.

As we enter the summer months, we are grateful that our Kehukee Reservation Calendar is almost completely full. There still remains a few days in July and some weekdays in August so if you are considering a get-away for your church group now is the time to make that call.

The Nominating Committee will be ramping up soon so please pray and consider how you can plug in to work of our association. We need more people to be willing to serve on these committees. If you are interested in serving, please call me at the office (804-733-2010) and let me know. I will get that information forwarded to the right people.

I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. John 9:4

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





May—2025



Associational Calendar

May 1 National Day of Prayer
May 5 10:30 AM Minister's Conference – Powers Memorial Baptist Church
May 11-18 Mission Week Offering for Associational Ministries
May 12 First Kehukee Reservation Day - 2026
May 14 10:00 AM Budget & Finance Meeting – PBA Office
May 26 Memorial Day – **OFFICE CLOSED**

Jun 8-11 Southern Baptist Convention Meeting – Dallas, TX
Jun 10 1:30 PM Nominating Committee Meeting – PBA Office
Jun 11 10:00 AM Budget & Finance 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

Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. Proverbs 31:10

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¹⁰ Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. ¹¹ The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. ¹² She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. ¹³ She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. ¹⁴ She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar. ¹⁵ She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens. ¹⁶ She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. ¹⁷ She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms. ¹⁸ She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night. ¹⁹ She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff. ²⁰ She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. ²¹ She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet. ²² She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple. ²³ Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land. ²⁴ She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant. ²⁵ Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. ²⁶ She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. ²⁷ She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. ²⁸ Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. ²⁹ Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. ³⁰ Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised. ³¹ Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates. Proverbs 31:10-31