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*A family of churches cooperating in  
the spirit of the Great  
Commandment to carry out the  
Great Commission.*

## **PORTSMOUTH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

*February 2018*

### **MISSIONARY GLEANINGS**

#### **THANK YOU FELLOWSHIP TEAM AND FORMER MODERATOR DENICE RICHARDSON**

Beginning around last October, Denice, Vickie, and the PBA FELLOWSHIP TEAM, began working on a special orientation January 8<sup>th</sup>. However, Mother Nature foiled the first date with snow and cold temperatures. Undeterred, they rescheduled for January 16. The special decorations and heavy Hors d'œuvres were appreciated by all. At the PBA Executive Council Denice Richardson announced she was stepping down as PBA Moderator. One of her greatest contributions was the PBA Missions Fair at Pinecrest a couple of years ago. Thank you, Denice. We wish you well.

#### **FEBRUARY MINISTERS CONFERENCE**

The February Ministers Conference will be held on Monday, February 12 at 12:30 p.m. in the Private Dining Room at Dennis's Spaghetti and Steak House in Churchland. If you are a staff member of any of our churches you are invited.

#### **NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS WEEK OF PRAYER**

The First Calendar Offering for SBC Churches is the North American Missions Week of Prayer and Missions Offering. Our WMU Director has covered the subject well. I simply want to add that we need to set goals for our churches. The changes in focus and philosophy at the NAMB have not been an easy transition for many in the old SBC. However the issue of population density is a legitimate one.

#### **PRODUCING HEALTHIER LEADERSHIP/MINISTRIES/CONGREGATIONS**

The Roanoke Baptist Association for 2018, desires that their churches have more healthy ministries. In order for that to happen congregations will have to make changes in how they allocate resources for healthier churches. For that to happen the RBA will have to be very intentional about how it trains ministerial and lay leadership. Perhaps, PBA can take a page out of the RBA 2018 Plan Book?

#### **LISA KIDD BEGINS FINAL SEMESTER**

She started September 11 and finishes her degree program April 28. During this time she has grown a lot and added to the productivity of the PBA Office. We wish you well as you finish your internship with the PBA.

-Dr. John Carpenter, Associational Missionary

# Report from 2018 “Walk for Life”

for the

## Crisis Pregnancy Center of Tidewater



Thank you to all individuals & churches who came out on Sat. morning, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>, to show support for the ministry of the Crisis Pregnancy Center of Tidewater.

We were encouraged by having 33 participants out early on Sat. morning with 9 churches represented by the walkers. Our oldest walker was Mrs. Ruth Skelton from Highland. Union Bethel still holds the record for the most walkers, but Fairwood Agape came in a close 2<sup>nd</sup>. We also appreciated the Acteens from Cradock Baptist coming out to show their support. We also appreciated the support of the 2 pastors who joined us. As of Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> we have received \$1,736.00 in donations for this ministry & are anticipating more to come in the next few days.

Reminder to Church WMU Directors: If you have more donations, please bring them to the WMU Leadership Team Meeting on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will be turning in all funds immediately after this mtg.

### **WMU Leadership Team Meeting**

Saturday morning, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 AM  
Horizon Community Church  
PBA WMU Officers, Church WMU Directors, Mission Contact Persons in our churches & any others who want missions updates to share with your churches...Please make plans to attend.

# GO SERVE!

# CHILDREN'S MISSIONS DAY™ 2018

**“Serve one another humbly  
in love”**

(Galatians 5:13 NlrV)

Join us for a time of hands-on experiences right here in our Portsmouth/Chesapeake Community

**“Children Helping Children”**

As we decorate bags & fill them with items for children who are in transition from their homes & families

**Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

**Calvary Baptist Church**

We are furnishing the bags & decorating tools along with a Pizza Lunch!

**You bring the Children...Grades 1-6**  
Items that you & your children can collect to help fill the bags:

Small new stuffed animals, Hygiene items – toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, washcloth, PJ's in children's sizes; We'll be adding small Bibles & Tracts



***North American  
Missions  
Emphasis  
Annie Armstrong  
Easter Offering***

**North American Missions  
Prayer Brunch  
Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:30  
AM  
Jackson Memorial Baptist  
Church  
SAVE THE DATE!**

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**We are including some opportunities that are being made possible thru our WMU of Virginia in this newsletter. Please make copies & share with your churches. There are persons that these retreats can provide much needed help if you will share the word.**

**Change the Dance:  
Loving Someone  
Through Addiction  
& Recovery**

Date: Mar 23, 2018 - Mar 24, 2018  
*All Day*

Location:  
[CrossRoads Camp & Conference Center](#)  
2247 Little Piney Road  
Lowesville, VA 22967

Begins with dinner on Friday, ends 3:00 p.m. on Saturday

Cost: \$135 Double or \$165 Single Occupancy (includes lodging, three meals and program)

Heroin has hit! This crisis has touched every geographic region in our country. Immunity? There is not a city, suburb, or rural area that has not been impacted. Perhaps an addiction of some kind has overtaken one of your loved ones or a friend and you need answers.

This retreat is for anyone who needs to attend. Men or women and ministry leaders and outreach people and pastoral care people. Also for families in desperate need of help.

Join us for this HOPE Retreat that is designed to educate loved ones while providing space for sharing, exchanging ideas, missional responses, resources, prayer and spiritual healing. Nona Puckett, LPC, RN will facilitate our time together.

[REGISTER ONLINE NOW](#) or call 800.255.2428, ext. 8267

# Journey Toward Hope and Healing Through Grief

**Date: Mar 30, 2018 - Mar 31, 2018**

*All Day*

**Location:**

**CrossRoads Camp & Conference  
Center**

**2247 Little Piney Road  
Lowesville, VA 22967**

Begins with dinner on Friday, ends 3:00 p.m. on Saturday

Cost: \$115 Double or \$145 Single  
Occupancy (includes lodging, three meals and program)

A widow at 48 years old, I was angry, felt abandoned and sometimes didn't want to endure another day alone or should I say without him. Like me, Carol Kidd, a former Accountant at WMUV, was also a young widow of a Baptist pastor. In an attempt to comfort me in my grief one day Carol said, "Time will be your best friend." "Carol was right! Now ten years later, I am much better emotionally although I still have those surprise moments of extreme grief. Some days, especially on Sunday afternoons, I don't want to get out of bed for the longing of what was consumes me. We grieve many kinds of losses. The loss of dreams unrealized, the loss of hope in light of challenging times, the loss of physical or mental faculties and more. Grief is hard. It is painful and can result in emptiness and despair. Grief can be confusing and as Christians, many of us feel that something is wrong with us that our faith in God sometimes doesn't make us feel better. At this retreat, we plan to "get real" about grief and provide hope for your journey. As we commune with God and one another by the Piney River, we will share our pain, our joy, and lessons learned. We will worship, pray and embrace God in sacred space towards healing. Lucianne Warren, LCSW will facilitate our time together.

**REGISTER ONLINE NOW** or call  
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# Mission Craft Retreat

**Date: Apr 7, 2018**

*All Day*

**Location:**

**CrossRoads Camp & Conference  
Center**

**2247 Little Piney Road  
Lowesville, VA 22967**

**Refresh!**

## Mission Craft Retreat

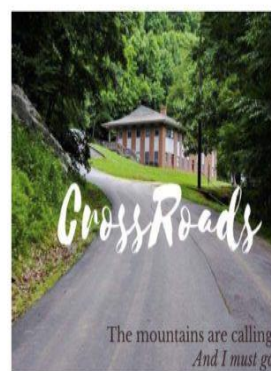
Let's meet in the mountains in April at CrossRoads Camp and Conference Center to share craft ideas for mission trips and get new craft ideas for ministry. Churches can reach out to women of all ages in the community through crafting experiences.

Mission Craft Retreat includes:

**When:** Friday-Saturday, April 6-7<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Where:** Lowesville, VA

(Off Route 29 one hour south of Charlottesville or one hour north of Lynchburg)



	Weekend Schedule
<b>Friday</b>	6:00 pm Dinner 7:00-10:00 pm Paint Night with Wendy Custer
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 am Breakfast 9:00 am Crafting will begin! 12 noon Lunch 1:00 pm Crafting will continue 3:30 pm Concludes
<b>Cost:</b>	<b>\$125</b> Stay in Ukrop hotel (includes shared room, 3 meals, and cost of craft supplies) <b>\$115</b> Stay in House of Happiness (includes shared room, 3 meals, and cost of craft supplies)

Can only come Friday night?

Paint Night with Wendy

\$30

Includes dinner at 6:00 pm too!

## Can only come for the day on Saturday?

**When:** Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 9am-3:30 pm

**Where:** CrossRoads Camp & Conference Center, Lowesville, VA

(Off Route 29 one hour south of Charlottesville or one hour north of Lynchburg)

**Cost:** \$40 includes lunch

Register at <http://wmuv.org/events/missioncraftretreat/>

Deadline for registration: March 20, 2018





## Summer Missions Opportunities

- Eastern Shore Mission Trip**

**July 8-14<sup>th</sup>**

**Applications will be due by May 1<sup>st</sup>**

- Standing Rock Mission Trip**

**July 22-28<sup>th</sup>**

**Travel Days will be either Friday or Sat., July 20 or 21 if flying**

**Applications will be due to Site Leaders (Mike & Brenda Smith) last week in April or before.**

**New Volunteer Training: Saturday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> at Virginia Baptist Resource Center, 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon.**

**More Information with applications will be passed out at WMU Leadership Team Meeting on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

### CHURCH RECEIPTS

	JANUARY	YTD
BRENT-LOX	0.00	\$ 0.00
CALVARY	200.00	200.00
CHURCHLAND	0.00	0.00
CHURCHLAND NORTH	0.00	0.00
COLLINSWOOD	25.00	25.00
COURT STREET	0.00	0.00
CRADOCK	0.00	0.00
DEEP CREEK	0.00	0.00
EAST END	200.00	200.00
FIRST BAPTIST DENDRON	0.00	0.00
GROVE PARK	1,297.00	1,297.00
HIGHLAND	135.00	135.00
HORIZON	150.00	150.00
JACKSON MEMORIAL	750.00	750.00
NORTHWEST	0.00	0.00
OLIVE BRANCH	0.00	0.00
PINECREST	1,987.04	1,987.04
PORT NORFOLK	465.34	465.34
RIVER SHORE	100.00	100.00
SAINT TIMOTHY	0.00	0.00
TAYLOR ROAD	0.00	0.00
TRUE WORD CHRISTIAN	0.00	0.00
UNION BETHEL	300.00	300.00
VICTORY BOULEVARD	0.00	0.00
WEST NORFOLK	0.00	0.00
WESTHAVEN	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$5,609.38</b>	<b>\$ 5,609.38</b>

**\*\*\*TOTALS CURRENT THROUGH 1/30/2018**

**BUDGET REQUIRED PER MONTH \$3,784.67**  
**PERCENTAGE RECEIVED 148.21% JANUARY**  
**2018 BUDGET \$45,416.00**  
**\*Approved 10/24/17**  
**PERCENTAGE RECEIVED 12.35%**

### CALENDAR

#### FEBRUARY

- 3 10AM-WMU LEADERSHIP TEAM MTG @HORIZON COMMUNITY
- 12 12:30PM-MINISTERS CONFERENCE @DENNIS'S RESTAURANT
- 14 VALENTINES DAY
- 17 10AM-1PM CHILDRENS MINISTRY DAY@ CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
- 19 PRESIDENTS DAY

#### MARCH

- 3 9:30AM-NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS PRAYER BRUNCH @JACKSON MEMORIAL BC
- 11 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
- 12 12:30PM-MINISTERS CONFERENCE @DENNIS'S RESTAURANT
- 17 ST PATRICKS DAY
- 23-24 CHANGE THE DANCE: LOVING SOMEONE THROUGH ADDICTION AND RECOVERY CONFERENCE @CROSSROADS
- 30 GOOD FRIDAY
- 30-31 JOURNEY TOWARD HOPE AND HEALING THROUGH GRIEF @CROSSROADS

#### APRIL

- 1 EASTER SUNDAY
- 7 MISSION CRAFT RETREAT @CROSSROADS
- 17 6PM-PBA LEADERSHIP TEAM MTG @PTBA
- 17 7PM-PBA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MTG @PTBA
- 24 PBA SPRING CELEBRATION@PTBA