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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

May 2017

MISSIONARY GLEANINGS

“Together We Can”

MORE SATISFACTION

My Professor in Marketing at East Tennessee State University once said, “Nobody really has anything to sell, but SATISFACTION.” The level of satisfaction churches have with Portsmouth Baptist Association may have slipped over the years. An effort to reinvent ourselves and become more responsive to our churches is underway. A good portion of that work will be unpacked in October of 2017. However, all of the changes will not be adopted until April or October of 2018. I am confident that PBA will achieve a much higher satisfaction level with its churches. A tremendous number of volunteers will be needed as we seek to revitalize our ability to equip our churches to do their work of ministry.

DISASTER RESPONSE TRAINING

Please see flyer on this subject. Many years ago Tom Kline facilitated the training at Pinecrest Baptist Church. This June 3 he will do it at 8am at Horizon Community Church. Please call the office to sign up for the training. Also, consider volunteering for help on the Planning Team

MINISTER’S CONFERENCE PROGRAMMING

The attendance and comradery has been tremendous the last several ministers(staff) conference in the private dining room at Dennis’s Steak House. The speakers and topics have been stimulating. The next one is the second Monday in May--May 8th at 12:30 p.m. Dr. Brian Williams will talk about renewing our skills for ministries through education. He has an earned PhD from Baylor and has been associated with SWBTS, SEBTS, John Leland Center, Reagent University, and now “Grassroots” Seminary.

FOCUS TEAM SESSIONS START THURSDAY, APRIL 27TH

The Ad Hoc Committee that seeks to sharpen the PBA’s shared ministry opportunities with its churches, has prepared a new “ministry catalog.” Leslie and I volunteered to do “mini” focus groups (4-6 people) at each and every church in the PBA by late June or early July.

1. Evaluate Ministry Offerings
2. How can we improve present ministries?
3. What would you add or delete that your church would more fully participate?

All focus sessions will be by appointments: Next 7 weeks—Tuesday Afternoons--- or Thursday Mornings due to Leslie’s children’s school schedule. Limited “black out” dates will be kept.

John Carpenter, Associational Missionary of the Portsmouth Baptist Association

VIRGINIA BAPTIST DISASTER RESPONSE TRAINING

JUNE 3, 2017

HORIZON COMMUNITY CHURCH

2430 Gum Road

Chesapeake, VA 23320

The training will consist of a general overview of Disaster response. You will learn why, how and when we respond. After the general overview we will have lunch then break out into groups to learn about areas such as feeding, recovery, water purification, shower and laundry ministries. Several Virginia Baptist Response units will be on hand for training and “show and tell”. Also, the Portsmouth Baptist Association recovery unit trailer will be at this training. The schedule of this day will be:

8 to 8:30 - Registration

8:30 to 10 - Disaster Overview

10 to 10:30 - Walk-a-round to see the DR units

10:30 to 11:30 – Small group training

11:30 to 12:30 – Lunch

12:30 to 3 – Small group training and recovery of the units

The cost per individual is \$25 to cover the cost of the hat, shirt, and lunch.

You will also receive a laminated 3 year certification card, good anywhere in the United States that the Southern Baptist Convention is operating Disaster Relief Response Teams.

To Register please call the Associational Office at 757-488-1162 or email us at portsmouthbaptistassociation@gmail.com



**Kick-Off Meeting for
2017 Operation Inasmuch
Thursday Evening, May 4th, 7:00 PM
Port Norfolk Baptist Church
2017 "Missions Blitz" Day
Saturday, October 7th**

Needed: Past OIAM Leadership...Church Contact Persons, Site Team Leaders & Any New Churches who want to join us.

Bring suggestions for projects & improvements & be prepared to make commitments for your church's involvement. Invite other churches (not involved before) to join in these acts of compassion to our community.

Help Needed to Raise Funds for 2017 OIAM

- **This Spring – Coupons for Auto Bell Car Care are available to sell; Cost \$20.00...\$10.00 profit of this goes to OIAM; Coupons available at the Kick-Off Meeting**

Spring WMU Celebration & Annual Meeting

**Saturday, May 6th
10:00 AM...Grove Park Baptist Church**



**Featuring
WMUV HOPE Team on Human Trafficking
Pat Wright & Pat Etheridge**

**Don't think it's someone else's problem...It's happening all around us...even here in Portsmouth!
Let's see what's going on & how the Christian Community can help!**

**Sandwich & Salad Lunch
\$6.00
Reservations Due to Brenda Smith
By Tuesday, May 2nd (477-0859)**

**Eastern Shore Mission Trip
July 9 - 15, 2017**



Applications Due May 1st

Your help is needed with making the "Health Kits" that we share at the end of the week. The following is a list of items that goes in each kit & how many we will need.

PRIORITY

Supplies for 200 Ladies & Men's Kits
(All must be full size)

TOOTHPASTE
TOOTHBRUSH
COMB
DEODORANT
SHAMPOO
DISPOSABLE RAZORS
SHAVING CREAM
HAND TOWEL
WASHCLOTH
2 BARS DEODORANT SOAP

Supplies for 40 Baby/Toddler Kits

Baby Wipes
Bibs
Baby Powder
Baby Lotion/Oil
Baby Bottles
Sippy Cups
Baby Shampoo
Baby/Toddler Toys/Rattles
Baby/Toddler Storybooks
Undershirts/Onesies
Baby Washcloths
Baby Wash/Ivory Soap
Baby Socks

Supplies for 30 Preteen/Teen Kits

Age Appropriate Books
Notepads/Journal
Lotions (not big/huge bottles)
Lip Gloss/Chap Sticks
Pens
Pencils
Stretch Bracelets/Christian Jewelry
Items
Ear Pods
Nail Polish/Teen Girls' Jewelry
Nail Files/Clippers
Sun Shades/Glasses
Sports Items for guys

Supplies for VBS & Camp Snacks

Cookies
Peanut Butter & Jam
Lemonade (large containers)
Individually packaged Fruit Snacks
Small bags of chips/crackers

Packing Days for these Kits:
Monday, June 26th



STANDING ROCK MISSION TRIP

July 23rd - 29th

Your help is needed in preparing for working with ladies, children, teens.

- **New Tennis Shoes**
- **Undies (boys boxers, girls colors)**
- **Socks (no show)**
- **Backpacks (patterns available)**

The following items will be used with crafts and learning new skills that will help the families:

- Fabric for quilting, pillows, making craft projects
- Needles, straight pins, sewing gauges, tape measures, needle threaders....anything that you would find in a sewing kit
- Scissors both large & small sizes
- Rotary cutters & boards
- Batting for quilts
- Polyester Stuffing for pillows
- Manicure/pedicure supplies
- Small lotions & bath products for ladies
- Sample size cosmetics, fragrances

Collection Day for these Items will be Monday, June 26th

CHURCH NEWS

Pinecrest Baptist Church: You are invited to the hear the “Greater Vision” Gospel Group on April 30th at 6:30 p.m.

Westhaven Baptist Church: Come Fellowship with us! April 30th 2:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served! We invite you to join us in welcoming Pastor Rick Hudock to our church family at Westhaven Baptist Church, and to the community of churches in the Portsmouth Baptist Association. Originally from Pennsylvania, Pastor Rick has served most recently as Interim Pastor for pastoral care at Beale Memorial Baptist Church in Tappahannock, Virginia. He is also an experienced missionary, church planter and hospice care minister.

CHURCH RECEIPTS

	APRIL	YTD
BRENT-LOX	0.00	\$ 0.00
CALVARY	100.00	350.00
CHURCHLAND	0.00	250.00
CHURCHLAND NORTH	25.00	75.00
COLLINSWOOD	50.00	150.00
COURT STREET	0.00	2,000.00
CRADOCK	300.00	600.00
DEEP CREEK	0.00	0.00
EAST END	200.00	800.00
FIRST BAPTIST DENDRON	0.00	0.00
GROVE PARK	1,189.00	2,289.00
HIGHLAND	135.00	540.00
HORIZON	100.00	300.00
JACKSON MEMORIAL	750.00	3,000.00
NORTHWEST	0.00	268.89
OLIVE BRANCH	0.00	0.00
PINECREST	829.40	3,252.52
PORT NORFOLK	376.91	1,846.96
RIVER SHORE	100.00	400.00
SAINT TIMOTHY	0.00	0.00
TAYLOR ROAD	0.00	0.00
TRUE WORD CHRISTIAN	0.00	0.00
UNION BETHEL	0.00	300.00
VICTORY BOULEVARD	0.00	0.00
WEST NORFOLK	0.00	0.00
WESTHAVEN	0.00	500.00
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$4,155.31	\$ 16,922.37

*****TOTALS CURRENT THROUGH 4/24/2017**

BUDGET REQUIRED PER MONTH \$3,747.17
 PERCENTAGE RECEIVED 110.89% APRIL
 2017 BUDGET \$44,966
 *Revised at 1/17/17 Executive Council Meeting
 PERCENTAGE RECEIVED 37.63%

BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY AT ODU

March was the month of missions at the ODU BCM. First, over spring break I took seven students to Wilmington, DE to serve alongside a ministry called Urban Promise. It was encouraging to watch the students plug into serving at the charter schools and after-school programs. We helped the children with homework, played games with them, and even had an opportunity to share devotionals with them in a one-on-one setting. A couple of our students were asked to present devotions in a large group setting. After the trip, two of our students discerned that God was calling them to serve as summer interns in Wilmington! Despite the many obstacles in the way (no pay, cramped living conditions, etc.) they feel that they are being obedient to God’s call.

-Scott Anderson, ODU BCM

*Taken from the Monthly Collegiate Report

CALENDAR

APRIL

- 30 2:30PM-FELLOWSHIP WITH PASTOR RICK HUDOCK@WESTHAVEN BC
- 30 6:30PM-GREATER VISION GOSPEL @PINECREST BC

MAY

- 4 7PM-OIAM KICK OFF MTG@ PORT NORFOLK BC
- 6 10AM-WMU SPRING CELEBRATION @GROVE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH
- 8 12:30PM-MINISTERS CONFERENCE @DENNIS’S RESTAURANT

JUNE

- 3 DIASTER RELIEF TRAINING@HORIZON COMMUNITY CHURCH
- 12 12:30PM-MINISTERS CONFERENCE @DENNIS’S RESTAURANT

Associational Meetings:

WMU SPRING CELEBRATION
SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017
10AM
GROVE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH