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

April 2019

MISSIONARY GLEANINGS

PBA SPRING MEETING

There is a person I know when asked how he is doing, always says, "I am blessed." He does this no matter his setbacks, disappointments, and sorrows he has had. He is no the typical person on the street.

Certainly, our Association and its Churches have experienced reversals, too. This is why the Annual Planning Committee and its Chairperson, Jackie Phillips, have chosen the theme "The Blessing." Rev. Melvin Jiggetts will develop the theme and the "Joyful Sounds" will strengthen it.

God has and continues to BLESS US.

APRIL MINISTERS CONFERENCE

The PBA Ministers Conference is scheduled at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, April 8th at Dennis's Spaghetti & Steak House. (3356 Western Branch Blvd)

PARKVIEW LEGACY FUND PROVIDED EMILY GREEN Over \$100,000 for Capital Improvements in 2018

In 2011-12 the congregation of one of our active churches decided, after years of exploring other alternatives, to close its doors after selling their church plant. The congregation chose the Baptist Foundation of Richmond to invest their monies. They selected in addition to Emily Green 7 other causes who would receive future annual earnings.

From 2012-2018 Park View Legacy Fund for Emily Green has given more financial support in 8 years than 36 PBA Churches in 18 years---hundreds of thousands of dollars. What a marvelous transition. More Churches should consider a Legacy Fund to support the causes it holds dear.

CHANCE TO RECYCLE

As the 21st Century dawned there was a flurry of interest in associations helping regions of the U.S.A. who experienced natural disasters. In 2005 PBA Spent many thousands of dollars on disaster response equipment-from trailers, a generator, chain saws to shovels and screw drivers. In 9 years, Leslie has received only one call to borrow our equipment. We need to find a way to bless other churches and associations who are doing the work in the area of Disaster Response. We also have Office items that need to be taken care of. Port Norfolk Baptist Church has since 2010 stored for free the old PBA Equipment that came out of its closed Airline Office. They recently asked us to clear all out by April's end.

A motion will be brought to PBA Executive Council in April to approve the best way to "Recycle our unused items". If the Executive Council approves we will have pictures and lists of items available soon after.

Dr. John Carpenter, Associational Missionary

**PORTSMOUTH BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION
SPRING
CELEBRATION**



**Tuesday April 23, 2019
6:45 p.m.**

**Calvary Baptist Church
2117 London Blvd, Portsmouth, 23704**

Our Spring Meeting promises to be to be an exciting and inspirational time for our PBA. This year's theme is "The Blessing" and we will be focusing on some of the many blessings that our Lord has bestowed on us. Rev. Melvin Jiggetts, Pastor of Churchland North will be our speaker. We will recognize Dr. John Carpenter and Leslie McMillan for their work within our PBA. In addition, we will honor DON CARTER for his 30 years as Director of The Joyful Sounds Choir.

They have indeed been a blessing to us and our community.

They will provide prelude music and offer special music within the meeting.

This will be a time of thanksgiving, inspiration and praise. Please plan to join us. Also, please share this information with your church and especially your choir as many of them know Don and have connections with the Joyful Sounds. All are welcome to this special service of thanksgiving and praise.

Celebrate Life

Saturday, April 20th

6pm

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
2117 London Blvd.
Portsmouth, VA 23704
(757) 399-1050**



**Meet Our New Sr Pastor
Corey Leggett
And Wife Autumn Leggett**

Join us for a simple yet dramatic portrayal of Jesus as told through recollections of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Singers & an orchestra will bring the story to life.

Celebrate Life! is an experience you don't want to miss as part of your Resurrection Day weekend.

EGGSTAVAGANZA
SATURDAY, APRIL 20
11:00 AM-1:00PM

Goodies, Crafts & Lunch for
Preschool & Elementary Aged Children
See you there rain or shine!

Jackson Memorial Baptist Church
4316 Bruce Road
Chesapeake, VA 23321
757-484-5568
Jacksonmemorial.org



Weekly Grief Support Group
Thursday Evenings
6:30 PM

This is a 13-week Session
Beginning April 4th
at

River Shore Baptist Church
4501 River Shore Road, Portsmouth 23703
Contact: Bea Parker 540-280-1362



WMU Leadership Team
Meeting

Saturday, April 6th,
10:00 AM

Union Bethel Baptist Church
1817 Joliff Rd., Chesapeake

For PBA WMU Officers,
Church WMU Directors &
Missions Contact Persons for our
Churches

Last Meeting before Annual
Planning in August
Will cover Spring & Summer
Mission Opportunities

Please bring donations of hard
candy that we will be bagging for
the Seafarer Ministry

SAVE THE DATE

SPRING WMU CELEBRATION
Thursday, May 2nd

Details will be given at the WMU
Leadership team meeting.

Going "Wild" for Jesus



**Join Us for Amazing Encounters with Jesus on Virginia's Eastern Shore
July 7 - 13, 2019**

\$375/Person

See your Church's WMU Director/Church Missions Leaders/Church Office for Applications/Information Sheets

Applications/Paperwork & Deposits Due May 1st

**Contact Brenda & Mike Smith
(477-0739 or 477-0859)
or email mike.brenda.smith@att.net
for more Information**



***** A List of Items Needed for the Eastern Shore Kits will be passed out at WMU Leadership Team Meeting on April 6th & at PBA Executive Council Meeting April 16th**

**WMUV Week
at Standing Rock Indian
Reservation,
North and South Dakota
July 21-26, 2019
(Does Not Include Travel Days)**



Our Team for the Wakpala community is being formed NOW!

We need your help! If you have individuals in your churches who are being called to a missions experience & may have a passion for working with our Native Americans, please share this info with them. We need individuals who can work with children in crafts, Bible storying, drama, puppets, recreation; with ladies in sewing, crafts, one-on-one evangelism; cooks to help with 2 meals that we provide each day; with men on small projects & one-on-one evangelism; with youth in crafts & Bible lessons for today's teens; or just be helpers in the many tasks of a mission team.

Volunteers need to attend the State Training on Saturday, May 11th at our VA Baptist Resource Center:

9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon New Volunteers Required Training
1:00 – 4:00 PM All Volunteers meeting together & Wakpala Team meeting
Volunteers need to register online for their attendance for that day. (wmuv.org)
Applications & \$125.00 are due to Wakpala Site Team Leaders Mike & Brenda Smith by May 1st.
Contact Mike & Brenda Smith for applications & more info.

April Happenings

at

Emily Green Shores

April 1, 2019 join us for a joy ride @1pm

April 4th Bible Study with St Andrews

@ 1:30pm

Join us for an egg Scavenger hunt April 11th

@ 1:30pm

Manicures in the living room Monday the 8th
and 22nd @ 1pm

April 16th ODU Students will be at Emily
Green 10am

April 25th Birthday Celebration with
Pinecrest @ 2pm

Join us every Friday for ice cream in the
living room @ 1:30pm

April 21st HAPPY EASTER



Emily Green needs Evening Volunteers!!!

Join the Family! Become an Emily Green Shores Assisted Living Volunteer today. Are you ready to make a difference in the lives of our residents and their families while adding meaning to your own life? Come invest in the lives of our residents by visiting with them, sharing your talent, playing games or simply offering emotional support. Your life will be enriched by the wisdom and perspective these men and women will offer you in return!

If interested, please contact Brooke Black
by phone at; 757-399-3442
or by email at bbrooke40@yahoo.com .

Baptist Collegiate Ministry

At the beginning of March the ODU BCM had a great retreat in Richmond, VA. We spent the first half of the weekend at a prayer retreat and the second half at the larger conference called Mission Possible. At Mission Possible students spent the day learning about what it means to be a Christ follower in their respective field whether that be business to art. It was a great practical weekend that really touched on the passions of students and how those connected with the larger Mission of God. As the campus minister, I have loved hearing and being a part of the conversations that have come out of this intensive learning. We would love your prayers as we are in the process of determining next years student leadership team.

Caitlin Brown
Campus Minister
Baptist Collegiate Ministry @ ODU

An open letter to all PBA churches from the Budget Committee

My name is Rev. Edward Young, and I am the new chairman of the Budget Committee for 2019. Other members of this committee are Asharah Oliver (Union Bethel) and Rose Jones (Westhaven). Ex Officio members are Rev. Mike Smith (River Shore) and Leslie McMillan (Collinswood). I ask that all of the PBA churches would pray that God would guide the minds and hands of this committee as we seek to do His will and glorify His Name. That being said, we need your help.

A review of church receipts for 2016 thru 2018 revealed that several churches reduced their giving when comparing 2017 and 2018 to 2016. A recap for those three years are shown below.

	2016	2017	2018
Budget	52,288	44,966	45,416
Funds Received %	75.07%	94.92%	83.40%

The budget for 2019 is 41,799. 12.17% funds were received Jan and Feb 2019.

What we need from you

Please put the PBA in your annual church budget if you have not done so. **In order that church receipts are put in the proper month, please mail funds to PBA prior to the 20th of that month. (whether you give monthly, bi-monthly, quarterly, or some other way)**

Your generous gifts, which are greatly needed, is used for the various ministries of the Portsmouth Baptist Association.

PBA Office News and Reminders

Reservations for the Block Party Trailer are starting to come in. If you plan to use the trailer this year, please make sure to reserve your date!!! Blocked out dates so far are May 15th, (Churchland) May 27th (Court Street) and August 25th (Churchland North)

This is a friendly reminder that

All Baptist Council Requests and Robert G. Thompson Grant Requests are due to the PBA Office by April 4th. They will be on the agenda for the

Executive Council Meeting Scheduled for April 16th at Grove Park Baptist Church at 7PM.

Pastors and Churches please remind your Messengers of the upcoming Executive Council Meeting!

Post cards will go out to those messengers that I have on file. You may update your churches messengers at any time by calling or emailing the PBA Office.

CHURCH RECEIPTS

CHURCH	FEBRUARY	MARCH	YTD
CALVARY	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 300.00
CHURCHLAND	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
“THE LAND”	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
COLLINSWOOD	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 75.00
COURT STREET	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
CRADOCK	\$ 300.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 300.00
EAST END	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 600.00
GROVE PARK	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 962.00
HIGHLAND	\$ 135.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 405.00
HORIZON	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 200.00
JACKSON MEMORIAL	\$750.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,250.00
NORTHWEST	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
PINECREST	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
PORT NORFOLK	\$ 299.61	\$ 347.73	\$ 1,248.45
RIVER SHORE	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 300.00
TAYLOR ROAD	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
UNION BETHEL	\$ 300.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 300.00
WEST NORFOLK	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
WESTHAVEN	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 500.00
	<u>\$2,259.61</u>	<u>\$ 957.73</u>	<u>\$ 7,440.45</u>

***TOTALS CURRENT THROUGH 3/29/19

BUDGET REQUIRED PER MONTH \$3,481.58
 PERCENTAGE RECEIVED 64.90 % FEBRUARY
 PERCENTAGE RECEIVED 27.51% MARCH
 2019 BUDGET \$41,779.00 *Approved 10/23/18
 PERCENTAGE RECEIVED 17.81%

The Churches listed ABOVE have qualified for Active Membership with full benefits of being a member from their 2018 contributions and participation.

The following churches have been moved to inactive status to reflect the changes stated in the new membership policy:

BRENT-LOX, DEEP CREEK, FIRST BAPTIST DENDRON, OLIVE BRANCH, SAINT TIMOTHY, TRUEWORD CHRISTIAN, VICTORY BLVD

CALENDAR

APRIL

- 4** **6:30PM GRIEF-SHARE @RIVER SHORE BC**
- 4** **GRANT REQUESTS DUE PBA OFFICE (BAPTIST COUNCIL AND ROBERT G. THOMPSON)**
- 6** **10AM-PBA WMU LEADERSHIP TEAM MTG@UNION BETHEL BC**
- 8** **12:30PM-PBA MINISTERS CONFERENCE@DENNIS'S SPAGHETTI AND STEAK HOUSE**
- 16** **7PM-EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MTG @GROVE PARK BC**
- 20** **6PM-CELEBRATE LIFE @CALVARY BC**
- 21** **EASTER SUNDAY**
- 22** **6:30PM-EMILY GREEN SHORES BOARD MTG@EGS**
- 23** **6:45PM- SPRING CELEBRATION @CALVARY BC**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!!



2018 OPERATION INASMUCH

Saturday, October 5th

More details coming at our Spring Celebration Meeting on Planning Team Dates, Fundraisers, etc. Be sure to get the date on your church's schedule NOW!