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

April 2020

MISSIONARY GLEANINGS

Remember the 2 Chinese word pictures for CRISIS: DANGER and OPPORTUNITY. There is a war going on worldwide against a silent enemy. Our lives have changed, profoundly in the past 30 days. One of our pastors called me a couple of days ago and asked was the PBA considering helping its churches during this crisis financially? My first response was "Are you kidding?" Then I began to pray about the subject and research what others were willing to help.

- For BGAV Churches they have set aside 100G grants for the first 100 BGAV who apply up to a hundred.
- Again the BGAV has an arrangement with a company through whom your member can use short-term or long term for "electronic giving" Each church would receive its donations the 10th of each month. They do not charge a dime. However, the Financial Institution charges 3%.
- The U.S. Small Business Administration has lots of money to make loans not only to small businesses, but also to nonprofits like churches. Supposedly a certain forgiveness clause also exists.

Now back to the pastor's question. What plan do we as PBA have to help churches and neighbors in need? The answer is nothing. I wish to change all that. Here are my recommendations:

1. I would like for the PBA to set up a matching grant program of \$50,000 to be used by October 15th to help members and neighbors who find themselves living on the edge.
2. Actually, this would be a matching grant proposal. PBA Churches would ask for certain amounts, but they would actually have to earn the same amount. That makes it a 25K/25K proposal.
3. If churches have to come up with \$25,000 in benevolence money, how does PBA come up with \$25,000?

A: I would ask the Baptist Council to redirect the \$7,000 of the 2019 interest money.

B: I would ask OIAM Coordinators and Steering Team to give up another \$9,000 in light of their \$50,000 gift in March.

C: Finally, I would ask Baptist Council to put \$9,000 out of their regular checking account. This would make the total \$25,000.

D. Churches may request grants of \$500 up to \$25,00.00 in increments of \$250. They would agree to put up to 1/10 of 1% of their undesignated receipts for the months of January and February into the PBA budget account at the time of grant request. They would agree to spend 50% of the total matching grant money for church member's needs and the other 50% for their neighbors. They would earn their grant matching money between June 11th and October 15th.

Meetings/Cancellations

June

The summer Olympic Committee postponed summer games. The leader of the Southern Baptist Commission cancelled the Convention for the first time in my memory.

May

Center for Healthy Churches cancelled May 18-21 Training BCHC cancelled May 23 training at Pinecrest

April

4 - WMU Meeting cancelled

9 - PBA finance committee- April 9th at 6pm (virtual meeting) Call the chair for the access number.

9 - 7pm Leadership Team- has a virtual meeting at 7pm. Will be notified by the Moderator with the access number.

30 - Executive Council- Moderator will do virtual reports mailed ahead of time. Churches send Leslie names/emails of all Church elected Messengers. The meeting has been changed from April 16 to April 30. Moderator will give access code to members.

30 - The spring meeting has been cancelled.

Other meetings contact the one leading the meeting to see how it's being handled.

CAUTION: Wherever you go have a mask, gloves, and hand sanitizer or antiseptic wipes---use them everywhere.

-John Carpenter, Associational Missionary

Communion Cups available. If your church needs communion cups please call Dr. Carpenter (757-488-5646).

New Conference Media Available - Uber message is now available for use. Leslie (757-818-5961) will schedule its use and share the telephone number with Teams, Committee's, Boards and Churches.

CHURCH RECEIPTS

CHURCH	MARCH	YTD
CALVARY	\$ 100.00	\$ 400.00
“THE LAND”	\$ 50.00	\$ 150.00
COLLINSWOOD Agape	\$ 0.00	\$ 600.00
CRADOCK	\$ 0.00	\$ 300.00
EAST END	\$ 200.00	\$ 800.00
GROVE PARK	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,172.91
HIGHLAND	\$ 135.00	\$ 405.00
HORIZON	\$ 50.00	\$ 150.00
JACKSON MEMORIAL	750.00	\$ 1,500.00
PORT NORFOLK	\$ 221.94	\$ 760.84
RIVER SHORE	\$ 100.00	\$ 300.00
UNION BETHEL	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
WESTHAVEN	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
	<u>\$ 1,606.94</u>	<u>\$ 6,538.75</u>

****TOTALS CURRENT THROUGH 4/6/20*

BUDGET REQUIRED PER MONTH \$3,481.58
PERCENTAGE RECEIVED 50.11% MARCH
2020 BUDGET \$38,481.00 *Approved 10/15/19
PERCENTAGE RECEIVED 16.99%

The Churches listed ABOVE have qualified for Active Membership with full benefits of being a member from their 2019 contributions and participation.

The following churches have been moved to inactive status to reflect the changes stated in the new membership policy:
BRENT-LOX, CHURCHLAND, COURT STREET, DEEP CREEK, FIRST BAPTIST DENDRON, NORTHWEST, OLIVE BRANCH, PINECREST, SAINT TIMOTHY, TAYLOR RD TRUEWORD CHRISTIAN, VICTORY BLVD, WEST NORFOLK

CALENDAR

APRIL

- 9 PBA BUDGET COMMITTEE
VIRTUAL MTG
- 10 GOOD FRIDAY
- 12 EASTER
- 21 BAPTIST COUNCIL AND ROBERT
G. THOMPSON SCHOLORSHIP
REQUESTS DUE
- 30 PBA EXECUTIVE
COUNCIL VIRTUAL MTG