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

*May 2020*

### MISSIONARY GLEANINGS

#### HISTORIC DISASTER RESPONSE EFFORTS

Over the past 75 years in the U.S we have seen lots of natural disasters. We have seen earthquake damage, hurricane damage, tornado damage, and flood damage---to name a few.

However, the entire world has never seen the damage a tiny virus can do in a few weeks. On March 1, two deaths in U.S., on April 1, 4,500 deaths, on May 1, 63,000 deaths. In 30 days, it wiped out 11 years of employment effort.

On April 30<sup>th</sup> PBA undertook its most daring Disaster Response effort in over 200 years---raising \$60,000 to help those negatively impacted by Covid-19.

#### HOWEVER, IT WILL UNDERACHIEVE!

That is unless close to 100% of PBA Churches apply for grants \$250-\$2500 during MAY. Please take an application (attached with this Newsletter) and access with your staff and lay leadership. Take time to pray about the response God wants your church to make. Fill it out and send it in---along with the prerequisite fee of \$100 per \$250 grant request.

Inactive churches are free to participate too. A \$100 fee per \$250 grant is due by former inactive churches June 1. Churches who already made any 2020 contribution to the general fund have until the end of the year to get the rest of their money paid.

#### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

The April PBA Executive Council voted to delay Celebration of this event and distribution of money from it until summer. -John Carpenter, Associational Missionary

This is a time different from any that any of us have ever known. Knowing that we need to be cautious and follow all the guidelines for protecting ourselves and our family members, we still need to be aware of our world and its needs. We need to find ways to share God's love, compassion and protection with those who are seeking something in their lives, that have been turned upside down in such a short period of time. The doors of opportunity for showing our faith in God are open to those who seek this inner peace and assurance.

What can you do? We are no longer holding on to the church building as our means of reaching people, but turning to the virtual world and using all sorts of creative ideas to show people that we care and gratitude for those who serve. What is your church doing? More importantly, what are you doing?

This past week the Portsmouth Baptist Association Executive Council approved something that can help you and your church reach out to help members in need and share in your community. This is called "Operation Inasmuch Express", a one-time only COVID-19 Grant to our churches. The funds have been provided by the Baptist Council and Operation Inasmuch...a total of \$25,000 to meet the needs of people who are being impacted by the COVID-19 virus. The grant is to be used in the "Spirit of Operation Inasmuch", whose purpose is to get outside the doors of the church, meeting people's needs in our community, showing the love of Christ through our actions.

This is a one-time opportunity that is being offered within a specific time frame. A Grant Request form is available (one is attached to this email). The grant will be given out in increments of \$250 (minimum) to \$2500 (maximum). Churches eligible for this grant will be based on what they have given or will give to the PBA. For every \$100 a church given to the PBA in regular or in a one-time contribution (by June 1st) a \$250 grant is available. Requests are due by June 1st. Money will become available immediately after this date and a review by the PBA committee responsible.

Why am I telling you about this? As Church Leaders you need to take action to help your church recognize the availability of help, find creative ways to show God's love and care around you, and take advantage of this extra help as a part of an association working together. I encourage to be bold and get started on using this as a part of God's mission for your church at this time.

### **Summer Mission Trip Updates:**

- The Standing Rock Mission Trip has been cancelled for 2020. We need to continue to pray for our Native American friends there. We want to maintain and build our relationships, even from a distance. Early Monday morning we are mailing 342 masks to our contact person in Wakpala. These will show our concern for them during this crisis. Thank you to Jackson Memorial, Collinswood Agape and River Shore for helping to make all these.
- The Eastern Shore Mission Trip for July has been cancelled. The Eastern Shore is full of victims of the virus. The Hispanic community is being greatly affected, especially thru the chicken processing plants where many of them work. We discussed with Marisa some ideas about doing a short-term trip later in August for VBS for the children and whatever needs there were. That will be "up in the air" for a while and dependent upon the situations ahead.
- "Mission Action Folks in the Time of Social Distancing" sponsored by WMUV on May 16th at 10:30 AM. Contact Laura Davis ([ldavis@wmuv.org](mailto:ldavis@wmuv.org)) to register & get instructions for using Zoom to join this information.

**Operation Inasmuch "Missions Blitz" Day  
Saturday, October 3rd...Make sure that you have marked this on your church's calendar!**

---Brenda Smith, PBA WMU Director

## CHURCH RECEIPTS

CHURCH	APRIL	YTD
CALVARY	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00
“THE LAND”	\$ 50.00	\$ 200.00
COLLINSWOOD Agape	\$ 0.00	\$ 600.00
CRADOCK	\$ 0.00	\$ 300.00
EAST END	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,000.00
GROVE PARK	\$ 832.00	\$ 2,004.91
HIGHLAND	\$ 135.00	\$ 540.00
HORIZON	\$ 0.00	\$ 150.00
JACKSON MEMORIAL	\$ 750.00	\$ 2,250.00
PORT NORFOLK	\$ 130.65	\$ 891.49
RIVER SHORE	\$ 100.00	\$ 400.00
UNION BETHEL	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
WESTHAVEN	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	<u>\$ 2,797.65</u>	<u>\$ 9,336.40</u>

\*\*\*TOTALS CURRENT THROUGH 5/5/20

**BUDGET REQUIRED PER MONTH \$3,481.58**  
**PERCENTAGE RECEIVED 87.24 % APRIL**  
**2020 BUDGET \$38,481.00 \*Approved 10/15/19**  
**PERCENTAGE RECEIVED 24.26%**

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**

## May happenings at Emily Green Shores

**No Visitors**

Bingo on Mondays and Fridays @10am

Wheel of fortune Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup> @ 10am

Eye Glass Cleaning May 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> @ 10am

Manicures Monday May 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> @1pm

Tuesday May 19<sup>th</sup> Resident auction @1pm

Thursday May 21<sup>st</sup> Resident council meeting  
@10am

Wii Bowling every Wednesday at 10am

Balloon Volleyball with popsicles every  
Wednesday@ 1pm

Every Friday Ice Cream @ 1:00pm

Every Night 6pm Music Hour in the Living  
room

Every Saturday 10am morning stroll