



MISSION SOURCE

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OUR MISSION: *Strengthening our churches to engage our communities with the gospel.*



DEACON TRAINING

Strengthen your deacon body and ultimately help strengthen your church.

Keith Dixon, the co-author of *"Nuts and Bolts of Deacon Training"* and former pastor of 35 years and DOM of 10 years, will lead the training. We will explore the Biblical role of deacons, the importance of the deacon's spiritual walk, and practical helps to assist in ministry to the sick, grieving, and shut-ins. We will also explore how the role of the deacon can directly contribute to the church reaching it's full Kingdom purpose.

This training is recommended for deacons, prospective deacons, pastors, and spouses.

Mark your calendar and plan on attending one of these two days:
September 23 - evening session with dinner at Stateline Baptist
September 24 - morning session with breakfast at Greenpond Baptist.
Start times will be announced shortly.

Cost to attend is **\$10/person and includes your meal**. Please RSVP to Rev. Fletcher at joelfletcher.pba@gmail.com.

The book, *"Nuts and Bolts of Deacon Training"* are available at the office (\$20). They are not required for the training but provide additional topics to work through with your deacon body.



If you would like to receive boxes for Operation Christmas Child (OCC) this year, please contact Jo Ann Bell as soon as possible at (434) 792-1492.

OCC will hold it's fall workshop at Faith Memorial Baptist, (7450 Martinsville HWY, Danville) on September 17 at 1:30pm. Churches that have contacted Jo Ann about getting boxes will pick them up at the workshop.

Collection dates at the PBA Office are November:
14-18th Monday-Friday **10:30am-3:00pm**
19th Saturday **12:00-2:00pm**
20th Sunday **1:00-4:00pm**
21st Monday **10:30am-1:00pm**

Please contact Jo Ann about days you would like to volunteer to help with OCC. Lunches are also needed every day for the volunteers.

Your help is much appreciated for Operation Christmas Child 2022!



August

16 Executive Committee Mtg
7:00pm (PBA office)

September

23 Deacon Trng PM - Stateline
24 Deacon Trng AM - Greenpond
27 WMU Fall Meeting
7:00pm (PBA office)

Office Hours

Mon—Wed: 9:00am - 2:00pm



Year To Date Financials

As of July 31st

Received: \$30,020.30
Spent: \$24,422.75

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THE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

With the school year starting we have two initiatives that are being finalized and soon to become a reality. I'm excited that we are close to officially launching these in the coming weeks - just as the students and teachers head back to the classroom. Each of these are driven by our mission statement: **Strengthening our churches to engage our communities with the gospel.**

- 1) Students In Transition (SIT)** | With the start of the school year starting this month we are eager to get our SIT Closets up and running. We are still collecting new and gently used clothing (new socks and underwear) for children of all ages and toiletry items (toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, deodorant, soap, shampoo, etc.) These will be housed at association churches closest to each of the county's 20 schools. When a child is in need, school personnel refer them to the closest "Students In Transition" closet. The closets will be stocked through the collective efforts of all of our churches. Final details are being worked out and we hope to open them in the coming weeks.
- 2) PrayerZones is Coming!** | We are close to officially launching this important challenge to our area churches to strategically be praying for our areas schools, their students and staff. The video is done, the Prayer Guides have been designed, and technical hurdles are being dealt with on the website. Look for some exciting news on the this very, very soon!

Press on! - Joel Fletcher, *Director of Missions*

FLOOD RELIEF FOR KENTUCKY

We are **collecting items to deliver to victims of the recent catastrophic flooding** in central Kentucky. Items will be delivered to a Bethel Mennonite Camp in the hardest hit county of the state. Supplies will provide immediate relief and be used by work crews coming to the camp over the next several months to help with the clean-up and reconstruction in the community. Please **place any donated items in the bin outside the basement entrance at the PBA office by Wednesday, August 17**. Pastor Bob from Stateline Baptist and Pastor Joel, our DOM, will be **delivering these items on August 18**. Items requested include:

Good work gloves	Bottled water	Cleaning Supplies	Insulation Masks	Contractor Bags
Can Openers	Non-perishable food items	AA & AAA Batteries	Headlamps	Plastic Totes
Bungee Cords	Extension Cords	Paper products (cups/plates)	Cleaning Supplies	Safety Glasses
Hygiene Supplies	First Aid Supplies	Snow Shovels	Steel Toed Boots	Work Pants (all sizes)
Concrete Rakes	Brooms & Dustpans	Laundry Detergent	Towels	Walmart/Amazon Gift Cards



IMPACT MISSION CAMPS UPDATE

The Mission Team would like to thank all the churches who helped provide lunches and Gatorade for the IMPACT VA sites. The students really appreciated them. The churches were very generous to provide extra meals when our number of students increased. We also appreciate the donations of Gatorade and coolers that helped so much. We were blessed to have runners every day to help get supplies as they were needed. Thank you for your prayers, cooperation and support.

- PBA Mission Team

Summertime means camps, and through Impact VA, the PBA has been afforded the opportunity to be involved in this great summertime activity. During the week of July 10th, Impact VA along with the PBA (provided daily lunches and Gatorade) and Averett University (provided housing and meals), afforded around eighty middle/high school aged kids the opportunity to be involved in serving God through construction projects.

This year we tackled six projects in Danville and Pittsylvania County. These projects consisted of providing needed wheelchair ramps, installing a new roof, remodeling the interior of a house for wheelchair accessibility, and a fresh coat of paint for the House of Hope (Danville's homeless shelter). The relationships between the kids and homeowners produced an atmosphere of love and compassion that created smiling faces and tears of joy. It reassured the homeowners that God does care for those who are in need, giving all involved a better understanding of what it truly means to walk in Christlikeness.

Although construction projects are the center of Impact camps, it is so much more. Impact is rooted in the Great Commission, offering the kids morning and nightly worship events, daily Bible studies, along with Christian mentorship. Impact may only be a week-long camp, but its effect has a lasting impact (for some eternal) on the lives of all who were involved.

- David Motley, Construction Coordinator

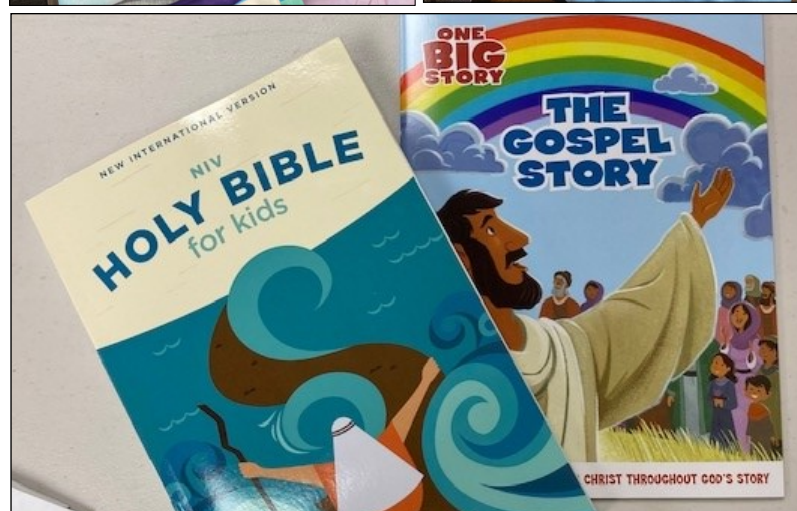


Pictures from top to bottom: Daily worship service at Averett University, Inspecting a job well done, homeowner and team with completed ramp, setting the posts for the ramp, brave teens on a roof, installing porch steps, showing off the installed shower safety handrails.

Kothes4Kids

The good Lord blessed us to be able to help 111 students and 51 families to prepare for the 2022-2023 school year. We would like to thank Charles and Gail Swanson for making and donating stocking hats for every child. The hats were beautiful and the children very excited to get them. Through your generosity, many families were able to take advantage of our offer of gently used coats, sweaters, vests and jacket this year. Thank you for your prayers and donations. We will continue to ask for donations of coats, sweaters, vests and jackets to help build up our supply for next year. We will also need your monetary support due to the increase of the number of students and the cost of the clothing we are providing.

- Elizabeth Shorter and Phyllis Coleman



In addition to the clothing, hats, and jackets, the children were given a Children's Bible and a copy of The Gospel Story. The literature was provided by PBA's mission funds.

Mission Houses Needed

Does your church have a mission house available for missionaries on furlough? On occasion we get asked by if any of our churches have one. We'd like to have an updated list of possible houses. Please contact our office and let us know if you do.

ACP Reports

The Annual Church Profile Reports (ACP) will be mailed to all the churches to be filled out and returned. They can also be completed online.

Please send a copy of the completed report to the PBA Office or email it as a PDF. The information from these reports are used to generate our fall and spring reports.

We will not be hosting a workshop on how to complete the reports this year. If you have any questions please contact David Turbyfill, PBA Clerk & Pastor of Schoolfield Baptist at (434) 793-4165.

WE ARE HIRING

Schoolfield Baptist Church is seeking a P/T Secretary (16 hrs/week).

Programs to be familiar with include Microsoft Word, Excel, QuickBooks, and Calendar Creator. Send resume to 12 Schoolfield Drive, Danville, VA 24541.

WMU® The WMU Church Directors will meet Tuesday,

September 27 at 4:00pm in the basement of the PBA office building for our fall meeting. We will be hearing reports on summer mission activities and planning for fall and winter projects. We always welcome anyone who wants to come and help us plan. For more information call Gail Swanson at (434) 724-1120. We hope to see you there!

REVIVAL Community Revival

Churches in the Edgewood & Schoolfield Communities of Danville are working together and hosting a community revival. Be in prayer for this and join them at 6:30pm on the following evenings in September:

- 11th Stateline Baptist (651 Holland Road)
- 12th First Church of the Brethren (37 Glen Oak Drive)
- 13th Schoolfield Baptist (12 Schoolfield Drive)
- 14th Calvary Baptist (416 Edgewood Drive)

PASTOR ANNIVERSARIES

August

2011 Rev. John Lester
Blairs Baptist

2015 Rev. Joel Fletcher
Rivermont Baptist