



MISSION SOURCE

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May

- 3 **WMU Spring Meeting**
4:00pm (Melville Ave. Baptist)
- 17 **Executive Committee Meeting**
7:00pm (PBA Office)
- 24 **Casino Conversations**
11:30am (Mt. Hermon Baptist)

June

- 17 **Mission Team Meeting**
7:00pm (PBA Office)

Office Hours

Mon -Wed: 9am - 2pm



THE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

Its hard for me to believe that 2022 is already 1/3 over. Where has the time gone? When I think about the work of our association, the words of an old country song from Jerry Reed come rolling through my mind - *"We've got a long way to go and a short time to get there."* Those words ring true for me, and the church I pastor (and likely your church too), and for our association. Time is short!

We have a number of initiatives in the works to help your churches work on mission together here in our region. Each of these are supported by the PBA mission's statement: ***Strengthening our churches to engage our communities with the gospel.***

- 1) **Students In Transition** | Our Mission Team will be organizing the collection of new and gently used clothing and toiletry items. These will be housed at association churches closest to each of the county's 20 schools. When a child is in need, the administration, counselors, nurses, and/or teachers will refer them to the closest "Students In Transition" closet. The closets will be stocked through the collective efforts of all of our churches. More details will be sent to your church in the coming weeks. We anticipate launching them for the start of this next school year.
- 2) **Casino Conversations** | Recently a group of pastors from across denominational lines discussed how our churches need to be prepared to minister to the growing needs of our city. Once the affects of gambling take root we will see a growing need for food, housing, and financial assistance. Join us for the second set of discussions on Tuesday, May 24th at Mt. Hermon Baptist Church (4385 Franklin Tpke). Lunch will be provided. 11:30am. I hope to see you there.
- 3) **Revitalization Cohort** | We will host a Church Revitalization Cohort at the PBA Office starting in October. We will meet the 3rd Thursday evening each month for 6-months (skipping December). Each session will include a session led by Dr. David Jackson, North American Mission Board's (NAMB) East Coast Revitalization Specialist, followed by a time of table and large group discussions. Our first meeting will be Thursday, October 20. Dinner will be provided. More details will be shared in the coming months.

Plan on attending our next **Executive Committee Meeting** on **May 17 @7pm**. Your input is vital to these projects and all we do as an association.

A **HUGE Thank you** goes out to **Rev. David Duncan** and the congregation at **Woodlawn Baptist** for graciously hosting our recent Spring Meeting.

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

PASTOR ANNIVERSARIES

May

2019 **Rev. Bob Thurman**
Stateline Baptist

June

2004 **Dr. Chuck Warnock**
Chatham Baptist

2019 **Rev. Steve Zimmerman (Interim)**
Greenpond Baptist



2022 Financial Information

Year To Date Totals

Received: \$16,595.18
Spent: \$13,630.77

PASTOR'S FELLOWSHIP & BOOK STUDY WRAPS UP

A group of five pastors from our association met weekly for six weeks at Woodlawn Baptist Church to discuss a very timely book, *"The Unsaved Christian."* It was a very encouraging time as various perspectives were shared on particular topics throughout the book. A HUGE thank you goes out to Reverend David Duncan from Woodlawn for graciously hosting and facilitating the discussion each week.

Plans are being made to offer this fellowship opportunity again in the near future. The plan, at this point, is to take a look at the book, *"Rediscover Church - Why The Body Of Christ Is Essential"* from Crossway Publishers. You can pick up a FREE copy at the PBA Office. Just call or email Billie.



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

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IMPACT MISSION CAMPS **July 10-16**

We hope to have more students and work sites this year. We are focusing on work sites in the Chatham area. We need you and your church to help make this a success. The following are needed:

- **Please pray** for the Lord to bless our Mission Camps.
- **Lunches for work crews.** We will need churches to provide lunches for each site for the week (M-F). One day, two days, the whole week of meal coverage are all helpful.
- Donations of **Gatorade/Powerade** for the crews. We would like two bottles per worker per day.

- We are also in need of **runners** to rotate between 3 to 4 job sites throughout the day and then “run” to Lowes to pickup any needed supplies. A pickup truck is helpful. Mileage can be reimbursed.
- We need **coolers** to use for Impact Virginia to keep drinks cold at work sites. If you have one you’d like to donate, please contact the PBA office.
- Please **contact Elizabeth Shorter**, Missions Team Chair, if your church would like to help provide meals, Gatorade/Powerade, a cooler, or have runners [Email: Elizabeth.Shorter@pcs.k12.va.us or call: (434) 709-9809]

Our Mission Team will be contacting churches to ensure these needs are covered for our Mission Camps.



Under the leadership of the Pittsylvania Baptist Association WMU and through the generosity of PBA churches, low-income families are able to provide brand new back-to-school clothing for their children entering Kindergarten through the Fifth Grade.

This year, our **Klothes 4 Kids sale will take place Friday, July 22nd from 10am-4pm and 10am-2pm on Saturday** at the PBA basement.

For \$5, each child will receive two shirts, two pair of pants, socks and underwear. Christian literature will also be given to each family.

Applications are available in English and Spanish. Please contact the PBA for an application or a stack of applications to pass out to families in your neighborhood or church that could benefit from this.

WE ARE HIRING **Vandola Baptist Church** is seeking a part-time secretary.
Resumes should be sent to vandolabc@gmail.com.

SWAP SHOP

FREE VBS Decorations | Is your church planning on a construction themed VBS this year? If so, Rivermont Baptist has some free decorations available. Just contact Pastor Joel Fletcher @ 434-250-9962.

Refrigerator Needed | The fridge at the PBA Office recently quit working. Do you have a good used one that isn’t being used? If so, please contact the PBA Office, we will gladly take it off your hands.



Plans are underway to host a training around the role of deacons in the local church.

TOPIC OF THE TRAINING | We will explore the Biblical role of the Deacon as servant. Our discussion will include the importance of the Deacon’s spiritual walk and will include practical helps to assist in ministry to the sick, those grieving, shut-ins, etc. We will explore other areas where the role of the Deacon can directly contribute to the church reaching it’s full Kingdom purpose.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND | This training is recommended for deacons, prospective deacons, pastors, and spouses.

WHEN | **Coming this fall - September 23 & 24.** Mark your calendar and plan on attending one of these two days.

Books, **“Nuts and Bolts of Deacon Training”** are available at the office. They are \$20 and are co-authored by Keith Dixon, the presenter for the training events.