



# The Network News

November 2018

## ANNUAL MEETING REVIEW

We had a great meeting last week! If you missed it, well you missed a lot. We began on Monday afternoon with a new feature we called “Ministry Story Time”. We highlighted three ministries that some of our churches participate in:

- Macedonia Call - This is a new initiative in Hampton that several of our churches are plugged into. Rev. Gail Roberts-House represented this ministry. Donnie Tuck, the Mayor of Hampton also presented.
- Love Local - Brenden Lawson and Paul Eaker represented this ministry for youth groups.
- So All May Eat (SAME) - Prepared meal programs. Amy Sanford from Hampton Baptist represented this ministry.

On Monday evening, Melanie Lassiter interpreted our theme “Who Is My Neighbor?”, followed by brief messages from three of our pastors: Nathan Cecil, Caleb Pierce, and Wes Taylor. We were led in music by the First Baptist Church of Newport News’ praise team “Transformed.”

On Tuesday afternoon we had a Business Session where we heard reports from our staff and teams. We also adopted a 2019 budget of \$230,777, and elected officers for the coming year (Michael Silver, Moderator; Joyce Houston, Vice-Moderator; Anne Mitchell, Clerk; LaMonte Williams, Treasurer; and Kevin Schrum, Assistant Treasurer.)

On Tuesday night, we were led in music by the Hispanic Praise Team from First Baptist Church. This was followed by a “Missionary Report” from Patrick Clark, missionary in Vienna, Austria. We also heard messages from Charles Cheek and Chuck Harrison.

## RECENT DEATHS

We have mourned the recent deaths of two people who have played roles in the history of the Peninsula Baptist Association. Rev. Wayne Harrison is remembered among us especially for his time as Pastor of Memorial Baptist Church. We also recently lost Thelma Kiser. Thelma had a long and storied history of serving within the PBA. This included work with the Women’s Missionary Union, and Friendship House. She also served as the first woman moderator of the association. We will dearly miss these two fine servants!

**WHERE IS CHARLES?  
ON THE MOVE KINGDOM BUILDING!!!**

The PBA Community Networking activities are continuing non-stop and increasing as we are joyously reaching out to folks in our city neighborhoods and communities showing the Love of Jesus to all we meet and greet. So, let me see if I can bring you up to date as briefly as possible.

**“Want To Know You Better Tour”**...Chuck and I have met with the leadership of two of the PBA Churches (individually), thus far, to break bread on a Sunday afternoon. There were six leaders from the churches gathered around the table as we discussed their expectations of the PBA, we heard their needs and how we could help in resolving some of the more pressing issues. Ohhhhhh yesssssss, there was homework for all when we left the table. We really enjoyed our time together with each of the churches and the movement that has taken place since each of those gatherings has been nothing short of phenomenal. If your church is not on the list, please contact me so we can set up a date and time...it doesn't have to be on a Sunday.

**“Martin Luther King Day...A Day On Not A Day Off 2019”** ...We have two very exciting projects on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 that will be located in Newport News and Hampton. The projects will be from 8:30am until 2:30am...coffee, donuts and lunch will be provided at each site. All of this is a continuation of our “We're Better Together” activities.

1. The Hampton site will be at Memorial Baptist Church located at 317 Lee Street. Memorial Baptist is located in the Magnolia area of the city where presently there is no community gathering place for the neighborhood to have activities...so, this presented a great opportunity to engage the community and re-energize the neighborhood association. We will be painting, sanding, moving items to trash to fix up two rooms, on the second level, that will be utilized for the youth and families in the community to gather for community forums and events.
2. The Newport News site will be at Zion Baptist Church located at 633 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Newport News. We will be painting, cleaning, sanding and removing items to trash in the old day care building to be utilized as a Resource Center for Jobs For Life Classes for the community, Culinary training classes for youth in the community and other resources needed in the community.

Please contact me as soon as possible to sign up or if you have any questions. There will be a link soon on the national day of caring website and we will forward to you, but in the interim you can sign up by calling or emailing.

**“Effective Community Engagement Workshop”**...Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018. 10:00am to 2:00pm at the PBA Resource Center...IT'S FREE!!! A light lunch will be served. Workshop presenters are William Shackelford, Outreach Coordinator for the Office of the Virginia Attorney General and Charles Cheek, Community Networking Director for the Peninsula Baptist Association. Seating is limited so sign up early by calling the PBA Office at 757-596-4587 or email [pba@peninsulabaptist.org](mailto:pba@peninsulabaptist.org).

**Christian Community Development Association National Conference (CCDA)**..Just returned from an amazing conference in Chicago. The workshop that I co-presented with William Shackelford was a huge success for the attendees. All of the tables and seats were filled and folks had to sit on the floor or stand...it was an amazing time. Shared quite a bit about the wonderful things that our PBA Churches are doing and the activities that you are participating with us to make our communities and neighborhoods better.

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## THE ENTRUSTED CONFERENCE

November 16-17

New Life Church Kempsville (Virginia Beach)

Encourage those who have fostered/adopted to come out and participate in spreading awareness and receive the resources and support available for them. Encourage everyone else to come out to learn about the ways God wants them to engage with our current orphan care crisis - it looks different for everyone. (Visit [entrustednetwork.com/conference](http://entrustednetwork.com/conference) to learn more.)

As a church, here are some ways you can utilize the conference:

1. Invite those in your church to come to the conference
2. If you have families who are already on this journey, consider subsidizing or paying the cost for those families to come to the conference (\$35/person)
3. Donate to the conference and become a church sponsor with logo or ad space in our program (depending on the level you choose - starting as low as \$25)

There is pastors and staff pre-conference lunch before the conference starts on Friday, November 16. We would love for you to come for free and participate in a discussion about wrap around ministries for families who have fostered/adopted. Also, you will meet with our conference speaker, Kyle Raney, a lead pastor at his church on the west coast and an adoptive dad. Also, every church that comes will be given a free resource to help you better know how you can serve orphans and those who have great needs.

Please RSVP to Kevin Tremper by November 12<sup>th</sup> with how many people we can expect at the lunch from your church. <https://crcnorfolk.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/214/responses/new>

## FOOD BANK FOOD DRIVE

Donna Tighe from the Hampton Roads Food Bank asked if we would promote their upcoming food drive. She mentioned that recent donations have been down, but the need is always there!

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mayflower Marathon Holiday Food Drive will take place November 16<sup>th</sup> through November 18<sup>th</sup> at the Coliseum Marketplace in the parking lot next to BB&T. This 57 ½ hour food and fund drive makes giving easy - simply drive through and donate. Your gift will bring hope and joy, making the holiday season brighter for our neighbors in need. Collections will also take place at the Kroger, 5007 Victory Blvd, Tabb on November 16 and 17 from 7 AM to 7 PM, and November 18 from 7 AM to 3 PM.

## CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

This is to keep you informed of changes going on within our network of churches. Please let us know if you have any changes. [pba@peninsulabaptist.org](mailto:pba@peninsulabaptist.org)

Hampton Baptist

Memorial Baptist

Peninsula Chinese Baptist

Immanuel Baptist

Orcutt Baptist

Yorktown Baptist

### **A SAFE PLACE OF WORSHIP!**

We received this from Jamie Acree, a friend of the PBA in the Newport News Police Department:

Please come and take part in our *Safety, Awareness and Preparedness for Places of Worship*, on December 6, 2018, at the Newport News Police Department located at 9710 Jefferson Ave, Newport News VA. Class time will be 8 AM- noon, lunch will be provided. Hope to see you there. Thank you.

J. A. Acree, Community Relations Officer  
Newport News Police Department

If you are interested, contact Kelly King at [kingkt@nnva.gov](mailto:kingkt@nnva.gov) or 757-272-3358

### **WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU!**

Mennowood is a Christian based nonprofit retirement community caring for seniors. It is a warm, friendly environment where our residents are #1! If you are looking for a rewarding experience, come join us for as little as 2 hours a month or up to 20 hours a month. It is your choice! We are looking for men and women who could spend time with some of our residents who need a little TLC. People willing to listen and share their time. You could share meal times together. We also have a beautiful courtyard that you could enjoy together or maybe you would enjoy taking around the cart of magazines and puzzle books and sharing with those who are unable to come out. Opportunities are endless. Please call Thelma Shaffer at Mennowood Retirement Community at 757.249.0355 to get started.

Thank you for your interest and concern for taking care of Seniors.

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### **STUDENT MINISTRY NETWORK**

The Disciple Now will be an intentional church partnership effort and will be hosted by Fox Hill Road Baptist Church. Disciple Now is a weekend retreat where small groups of students meet in the homes of church members for Bible studies geared toward discipleship. The studies are led by trained adult leaders with the goal of beginning or strengthening the ongoing process of discipleship in each student's life. DNOW features concentrated Bible study with an emphasis on discipleship, fellowship, recreation, missions, and evangelism. Student ministries all across the country have witnessed the life-changing effects of Disciple Now weekends and it has grown to become one of the most effective tools in student ministry. For full information on DNOW 2019 click this link below.

<http://www.fhrbc.com/dnow-2019>.



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