

# The Network News

December 2018



*MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE PBA STAFF!*

**We are very blessed to be able to serve you and your church. As we end one year and prepare to enter another, we wanted to take a moment to say “thanks” for your continued partnership and desire to see God’s Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. We look forward to 2019, and all the ways this network of churches will impact our area with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Please feel free to call on us to assist your church in any way!**

## CHURCH REVITALIZATION

In early 2019, I plan to offer an opportunity for pastors to gather over several months to make plans to bring change to their churches. This Church Revitalization Group will be open to any pastor wanting to see positive growth come to their church. The focus will be on making change, and not just on learning theory!

I plan to use my book (“What Happened to Our Church”) and the accompanying workbook, along with other resources to guide the process. I want this group to be open to full and part time pastors, including bi-vocational pastors. Actually, I’d like to have enough people for two groups! My goal is for each pastor to come through the process with a plan for making real change in the life of their church.

If you feel that you may be interested in something like this, please let me know! You may contact me on my mobile phone at 757-753-9422 or by email [1chuck@outlook.com](mailto:1chuck@outlook.com).

Chuck

## OPERATION IN AS MUCH

I recently had a productive meeting with John Daugherty, Executive Director of Operation In As Much. This is a great ministry for churches looking to become more involved in their communities. As many of you know, John Carpenter, Director of the Portsmouth Baptist Association, has worked tirelessly in our area to get more churches involved in this movement. I have used OIAM in the past, and can also attest to the benefits of this ministry.

While Daugherty was here, we purchased an “Operation In As Much Training Kit” from him. Please feel free to borrow the kit to determine if this is a ministry that would fit into your church’s strategy for ministry outside of the walls. Talk to Linda if you want to borrow the kit.

Chuck

## PASTOR’S SURVEY

We recently sent a brief survey to all our pastors about the ministry of the PBA. We know pastors are busy people, but this survey takes only a few minutes to complete. If you are a pastor, and you did not receive the survey, you may complete it here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RWSB68M>. If you are not a pastor, please ask your pastor to complete the survey! We want as much input as possible. The PBA staff is committed to serving our churches in every way we can. This brief survey will help us in this process. We also plan to offer a survey for lay people soon!

## January 21, 2019. "A Day On Not A Day Off"...MLK, Jr. Holiday

This is our 3rd year of engaging the community on Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. It is truly significant that we are making meaningful impact in the communities we have served over the years by initiating or partnering on projects. On January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 we will be having two projects - one in Newport News and the other is in Hampton.

### How Does This Help Our Community

"Through this effort, there is opportunity for churches, organizations and individuals to connect and establish sustainable relationships to serve others in need and not just show up for an event. In the words of Dr. John Perkins, "our communities are broken because our families are broken"...we want to be able to not just come into a community on the Day of Service but to engage the community at the basic level to have their participation to establish these necessary relationships.

**The Hampton project is at Memorial Baptist.** Volunteers from all over the region will gather to renovate (scrape, paint, putty and spackle, clean and discard items) for a space that will be utilized by the community as a gathering place for the Magnolia Neighborhood area of the City. If you, other adults or your youth group would like to sign up or get additional information, please utilize the following link to register or call the PBA office at 757-596-4587.

<https://www.allforgood.org/projects/xJYNY4kD> Volunteers will gather in the fellowship hall at Memorial Baptist Church located at 317 Lee Street, Hampton Virginia.

**The Newport News project is at the Zion Baptist Church old daycare center.** Again, folks will be gathering to renovate (scrape, paint, putty and spackle, clean and discard items) for a space that will be utilized by the community as a gathering place and a resource center for the southeast Newport News area. If you, other adults or your youth group would like to sign up or get additional information, please utilize the following link to register or call the PBA office at 757-596-4587.

<https://www.allforgood.org/projects/78eYpn8p> Volunteers will gather in the fellowship hall at Zion Baptist Church located at 633 20<sup>th</sup> Street in Newport News Virginia.

### 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

## PEWS

Grace Baptist Church Reformed is not associated with the PBA, but wanted to reach out to see if you could advertise to PBA churches and any other related contacts that our church has about 18 pews in fairly good condition that we liked to sell or donate. Feel free to contact us at the email below or the number below if they are interested.

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CHRISTMAS COOKIES BY THE FIRE  
DECEMBER 11TH  
10:30 AM TO NOON  
MENNOWOOD RETIREMENT CENTER  
13030 WARWICK BLVD.  
RSVP to (757) 249-0355



**Christmas**  
**In the Aire**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
NEWPORT NEWS

DEC 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM (Outdoors) *live nativity with animals*  
~If inclement weather, outdoor concert will be held indoors~

DEC 9<sup>th</sup> @ 5PM (Indoors)

12716 Warwick Blvd.  
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\*Refreshments provided\*





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