PBA GET EQUIPPED, BE FRUITFUL EVENT

WHEN: FEBRUARY 25TH, 2018 FROM 3 PM - 5:30 PM

WHERE: Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Temple (3100 Butternut Dr, Hampton, VA 23666)

WHAT: This is an opportunity to get equipped in a variety of areas, in order to become more fruitful for kingdom ministry as an individual, as a church, and as a network. There will be an opportunity for each attendee to participate in two breakout sessions. Details of the breakout sessions are on the next page.

HOW MUCH: $10 per person
Breakout Sessions:

LET’S TALK! OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL AND SMALL GROUPS NEED HELP- DAVID BURT
Let's talk about issues facing our small groups and SS classes. What resources do I use? Have your questions answered about both Sunday School and Small Groups. Do we need to transition to small groups? Let's Talk...

COMMUNITY EXPLOSIONS- MICHAEL SILVER AND GAIL ROBERTS-HOUSE
An informational session through shared experience of having an opportunity to engage your community. Come learn of possibilities for your church to become involved in this summer’s Community Explosions.

THE POWER IN YOU!!- CARLTON ASHBY
This session will focus on the power that God has placed in you to make a difference in lives you touch daily. Participants will learn several of Dr. John Maxwell's Laws of leadership and personal growth development. In addition we will discuss the significance of a “Spiritual Innovative Mindset” and the importance of one having a paradigm of: "I am here to SERVE!" The session will be delivered through hands on activities and viewing a special Youtube video.

LISTENING FOR MISSION- GANNON SIMS
It's estimated that 80% of the US population is not in church on Sunday. If we pay attention in our everyday life, we'll find out where and how people who are not in church spend their time. As church leaders, the world often knows us for what we say, but what benefit might it be for others to know us by how well we listen and observe and reflect? Using Paul's missionary posture of strategic listening, cultural exegesis and question-asking in the book of Acts, we'll learn to develop a missional ear. We'll spend time exploring how we listen to the Spirit, our context and our people—and how we might teach people in our churches to do the same.

EQUIPPING CHURCH LEADERSHIP FOR CONTINUED GROWTH- FREDDY VILLARREAL
Thirteen years ago, Freedom Life Church was started in Hampton, VA by a team of 27 people under the leadership of Pastor Freddy Villarreal. Today, Freedom Life is averaging over 1100 in regular attendance with campuses in Hampton, VA, San Antonio, TX, and online at flconline.org. The staff of FLC will be offering some lessons learned through their mistakes and the successes achieved through wisdom of others, to equip pastors and church leaders to press through the challenges they faced and continue to face. Additionally, you will be given information as to how you can join a free Pastor’s Training Network that FLC will be launching in 2018. You don't want to miss this presentation of an amazing journey of discipleship and growth.

BEING A GLOBAL DISCIPLE- CRAIG WADDELL
“The team is always bigger than you think!” We’ll talk about the resources for mission that God gives you, as well as practical ways to be a good mission partner.

MAXIMIZING VOLUNTEERS- JAMES WARREN
How to maximize your ministries potential by maximizing your volunteers potential.

COMMUNICATION: IT TAKES MORE THAN WORDS- KIM JESSIE
The Communication session focuses on the three aspects of healthy communication and how to use each part effectively.
UPDATE FROM MELANIE

Last month I celebrated five years being full time with the Peninsula Baptist Association as the Church and Community Ministry Director. The years have been filled with different efforts being made, a lot of personal growth, and a continued passion for the church and more importantly for the kingdom.

In January, I also shifted into a new role with the PBA. This new role comes with two changes. One, I am officially part-time. This means that I will have less working hours in the office, and split my time more evenly among the wonderful things I am blessed enough with that encompass my life. Secondly, I have now become the Leadership and Discipleship Director for the PBA. Therefore, my main objective will be to equip and train the churches of the Peninsula Baptist Association with best practices specific to Christian leadership and discipleship. I am eager to see how God utilizes me in this new role, and I am appreciative of the ability to follow where He calls me. I look forward to serving you all and working with you all in this capacity. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Melanie Lassiter

PROJECT GREENHOUSE

We just received word that Project Greenhouse has been approved as a 501 (c)(3) charity. What this means is that PBA churches now have an outlet to pursue grants for ministry projects. Many charitable foundations provide grants, but many do not give them directly to churches. With Project Greenhouse as an “umbrella”, many of these grants which were not available may now be accessed by churches.

Some advantages for you are:
• No need to go through the long process of creating your own 501 (c)(3)
• We can help you write grant proposals
• The financial work will be processed through Project Greenhouse
• In time, we will develop a successful “track record” making organizations more likely to invest through Project Greenhouse

PASTOR’S DIALOGUE
FBI TARGETED VIOLENCE ROUNDTABLE
February 14th 11:30 AM 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Denbigh Community Center, 15198 Warwick Boulevard

For our Pastor’s Dialogue on Racism, Violence, and Poverty this month, you are invited to attend a screening and discussion of the movie “The Coming Storm.” This thought-provoking film draws from real-life active shooter incidents and is designed to inspire dialogue, preparation, and collaboration in managing devastating events. Registration: cecheek2004@gmail.com.
PBA TOUR, FEEDBACK AND NEXT TOUR DATE

We had a great time at our second tour date with our Williamsburg churches. The staff presented, but more importantly we were able to hear back from the people who attended. We gained all kinds of feedback: report on how the churches in Williamsburg are partnering for ministry for the homeless, suggestion of making our Newsletter not only informational but inspirational as well, and a desire to see more highlights specific to the Williamsburg area in things like the Annual Meeting. This time was beneficial, and we’re excited to continue our tour.

The tour date for our Hampton area churches will be March 18th, 2018 at Fox Hill Road Baptist Church from 6:30-8PM. Therefore, if you attend a church in Hampton, we invite you to save the date and join us next month.

SPORTS CAMP INTEREST MEETING

If your church is interested in having a sports camp ministry (a ministry that reaches to connect with the community through the outlet of sports), then please plan to attend this upcoming interest/planning meeting. We will meet at Immanuel Baptist Church (69 Saunders Rd. Newport News, VA 23601) at 10 AM on March 6th, 2018. Please e-mail Melanie at melanie@peninsulabaptist.org if you plan to attend and/or have any questions.

STUDENT MINISTRY NETWORK CORNER

1. If Paul and I (Melanie) haven’t gotten the opportunity to meet with you or someone that represents the leadership of the students in your church to talk about your ministry and how that fits into the network, we would love to get the opportunity to do so. Please contact Melanie.
2. There is an opportunity for the student groups to gather together on March 25th from 6pm-8pm. It will be a time for worship, games, message, small groups, and free pizza. If you’re interested, please contact Paul Eaker (paul@crossroads.cc).

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

Emmaus Baptist
Orcutt Baptist
Peninsula Chinese Baptist
Yorktown Baptist

Hampton Roads Baptist
Memorial Baptist
Warwick Baptist
WALNUT HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH
MISSION TRIP

In early January, Jeffrey Buffkin, Baptist Collegiate Minister at College of William and Mary, 14 college students, and 3 members of Walnut Hills Baptist Church in Williamsburg, journeyed to Houston, Texas to share Christ’s love through a variety of ministry activities. The group was housed and worked through South Main Baptist Church of Houston.

The week focused on:

- Joining with the college/career group of SMBC to pack 26 classroom supply boxes. These would assist teachers in a nearby downtown community school where supplies had not been replenished from the damage caused by Hurricane Harvey.
- Working in a Cambodian immigrant farming community (25 miles south of Houston). In particular, helping a man named Peter began repairs on his football-field-sized greenhouse where he grows vegetables as his livelihood.
- Distributing to homes and businesses pamphlets & posters regarding human trafficking. (especially labor trafficking) The materials provided information on how to recognize human trafficking and how victims could get help. Even before the group left Houston at the end of the week, it was learned that a number of tear-off tabs providing trafficking hotline phone numbers had already been taken.
- Assisted a senior living complex in one of Houston’s poorest neighborhood in recovering from hurricane damage. Major tasks included removing damaged drywall, insulation, carpet, and furniture from the 3rd floor. In addition, cleaned bathroom and kitchen fixtures and appliances on 2nd floor to allow for residence to move back in to their apartments.
- Prepared meal bags for the homeless living within a 2 block area around the church. Delivering these meal bags allowed an opportunity to meet, visit with, and minister to the homeless people we had observed as team was coming/going each day.

This was a most gratifying ministry for who participated and we pray to those we met and interacted with. A couple of high points were: Peter’s 8-year-old son’s joyous reaction when we gave him a small bag of toys (all his toys had been washed away in the flooding) and the opportunities to pray with Peter and his family: residents of the apartment; and the homeless.

If you are interested in learning more about the mission trip, for you or your church; or how to assist or connect to future William and Mary BCM mission trips (Jeffrey does a couple each year), contact Jeffrey Buffkin at jeffrey.buffkin@bgav.org. If you are interested in supporting or plugging into the ministry opportunities in the Houston area, contact Bruce Green, missionary to that area, at bgreen@cbf.net. He coordinates a steady stream of mission groups coming into Houston area for such missions.
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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gpi0kvUHFKA

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