

# The Network News

MAY 2018

## VISION NIGHT RECAP

Our Vision Night/Mission Fair on Sunday, April 22 was a great night. We began by welcoming Sure Foundation Kingdom Ambassadors, with Pastor Lawrence Nichols into Watchcare with the association. This young church in York County is eager to engage in the life of the PBA. Pastor Nichols is already involved in many ways.

Following this, we were led in inspiring worship by the Praise Team of Peninsula Korean Baptist Church. Chuck, Melanie, and Charles all shared about current and future plans for the association.

The Mission Fair which followed had many displays from our churches and some of our ministry partners. This is always a great opportunity for people to share and network between churches. A particular highlight this year was the presence of young people from The Catalyst Effect. This organization under the direction of Cortez Higgs does a great job of building kids from 10 to 17 years old into young Christian leaders. We look forward to more opportunities to connect with this group.

The attendance this year was very good and represented the diversity of who we are as a network of churches.

## COMMUNITY EXPLOSION

The first of many Community Explosions will take place this Saturday 10 AM to 2 PM at Parkview Baptist Church. Several partners are coming together to make this a fun and informative day of serving the community. Among the partners are The Catalyst Effect, Serve the City and Mission Continues, a group of military veterans who are active in serving the community. And, several churches near Parkview will be participating as well.

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EXPLOSIONS

It is not too late for your church to partner with one of these to make these events even more successful. Several churches (PBA and Non-PBA churches) are coming together in each location to support the effort. For more information about future Explosions, contact Charles Cheek [cecheeck2004@gmail.com](mailto:cecheeck2004@gmail.com). Here are the locations for the Community Explosions:

May 5th	Parkview Baptist Church, Newport News
June 2nd	Phoebus United Methodist & Open Door Full Gospel Baptist Churches, Hampton, Va
June 16th	Sure Foundation Kingdom Ambassadors, York County
June 30th	Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Newport News
July 14th	Wesley Grove United Church of Christ, Newport News
July 21st	Denbigh Community Center, Newport News (Liberty Baptist and Psalm Ministry)
August 4th	Zion Baptist Church, Newport News
August 18th	New Life Church, Hampton
September 8th	James City Community Church, Williamsburg

## ORGAN

If any church is looking for a small two keyboard Conn Rhapsody 628 organ, please contact Chuck [1chuck@oitlook.com](mailto:1chuck@oitlook.com). Someone is willing to donate one to a church.

## STUDENT MINISTRY NETWORK CORNER

Love Local. If you're looking for a great way to plug your students into local missions this summer, then there is a great opportunity called Love Local. This event will take place July 8th-11th and will be here on the Peninsula. The base church will be Immanuel Baptist Church (69 Saunders Rd. Newport News, VA 23601). There will be multiple ways of serving the local community, worship, networking, and fun for the students during that time. It's ONLY \$40 per student and \$25 per adult. There are at least three churches, from our network, participating in this this year. If you're interested in getting your students involved please feel free to contact Melanie for more details.

## **UPDATES ON THE PASTOR'S DIALOGUE ON RACISM, POVERTY AND VIOLENCE**

The Pastor's Dialogue on Racism, Poverty and Violence has become one of the best known assets on the Peninsula in addressing issues of concern in our communities and bringing together Christians from all walks of life that include clergy, community leaders, law enforcement and government agencies. The lives that have been changed, the resources that the churches have gained from participation and the relationships that have been formed are helping to further Kingdom Building and are nothing short of phenomenal. We have some exciting Dialogues that are coming up and we want to make sure that you know about them and will consider joining us on this amazing journey that God has us on. If you would like additional information or to register for any of the Dialogues, please do not hesitate to contact Charles Cheek at 757-602-9196(cell) or 757-596-4587 (PBA Office) or email at [cecheek2004@gmail.com](mailto:cecheek2004@gmail.com).

**May 9th, 11:30am, Newport News Police Department Headquarters**

**June 13th, 11:00am - 2:30pm, Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Temple, Please Take Note Of The Time Change.** This Dialogue will be the first of our semi-annual Dialogues that will have a specific topic that will be addressed and there will be solution driven workshop breakout sessions afterwards on the topics. We want to encourage you to register your church outreach directors and associates that are involved in ministries that affect "Poverty", as well as our non-profit supporting agencies and government agencies that provide services to clients. We will delve into how we can collaborate to empower people instead of enabling folks. More information to come. Mark your calendars now.

**July 11th, 11:30am, Downing Gross Cultural Arts Center, Hosted by the Legal Aid Justice Center**

Great opportunity to learn about the work that the Legal Aid Justice Center is doing that involves advocacy for our youth to provide opportunity and hope for them and their families. Also, participate in the Dialogue around the tables addressing the myriad of issues that face our young people.

**August 8th, 11:30am, the Historic First Baptist Church of Williamsburg.** This Dialogue will be co-hosted with Williamsburg Baptist Church. Learn and experience the history of First Baptist Church that was organized in 1776; and, experience their trials and history from slavery. Also, you will have the opportunity to ring the historical Freedom Bell (that was transported to Washington, DC and rung at the opening of the National Museum of African American History). We are working on transportation alternatives for those who do not wish to drive there.

**September 12th, 11:30am, City Life Church at North Riverside Baptist Church is the location.** Combination Dialogue with the Pastor's Monthly Prayer Group and other Clergy Groups to PRAY for our children, school system personnel, first responders and support personnel for the upcoming school year. There will be brief presentations from the school systems

### **MISSION TRIP TO NAVAJO RESERVATION IN ARIZONA**

Canyon de Chelly in Arizona on the Navajo Reservation in Arizona, one of the most gorgeous and historical places that is part of the canyons on the reservations. It's coming up on that time of the year when Charles Cheek will return to preach, fellowship and worship with our brothers and sisters on the Navajo Reservation. This year he and Pastor Alvin Claude from Atlanta, Georgia will be in Chinle, Arizona at a Navajo Camp Meeting at Twin Trails Miracle Church from Sunday, July 29th thru Sunday, August 5th. If you would like to join them contact Charles for more information at [cecheek2004@gmail.com](mailto:cecheek2004@gmail.com) or call 757-602-9196.

### **SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE**

#### **Dr. John Herbst**

Dr. John Herbst approached us with a proposal that will really benefit our association. By naming him Scholar-In-Residence he will provide a much-needed resource to our pastors and churches. Among the benefits we will receive will be:

- A new blog linked to the PBA website, "Preaching the Word." The entries are designed to help pastors and church leaders prepare sermons and Bible studies.
- Assist local churches with leadership Bible and theology training.
- Review of recently published book on Bible, theology, and church history.
- PBA representation and supply preaching, as needed.

We are exploring other ways to utilize John's training and experience as well. It is our hope that our churches will take advantage of opportunities to utilize this resource. One area of expertise which John regularly shares with churches is a talk designed to help Christians understand the Islamic religion. John may be reached at [herbstot13@gmail.com](mailto:herbstot13@gmail.com).

### **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)

Emmaus Baptist

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Peninsula Chinese Baptist

Yorktown Baptist

Hampton Roads Baptist

Memorial Baptist

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