



# The Network News

August 2016

## From the Director

### A PERSONAL NOTE FROM CHUCK

For the past several months I have had a mild sore throat. After being assured by my regular doctors that it was nothing to worry about I finally went to a specialist. After a bunch of tests they determined I have a tumor in my throat, which appears to have spread to a couple of lymph nodes next to it. Soon I will be undergoing radiation and chemotherapy over a seven-week period. Hopefully I will be able to maintain something of a regular work schedule at least for the early weeks of treatment. I appreciate your patience during this time. Fortunately, we have a great staff team to pick up the slack!

Of course, I appreciate your prayers! I know God is in charge of this. He will work his will. Hopefully, by the annual meeting I will be fully back in the saddle, with a new leaner look.

Thanks!  
Chuck

### SAVE THE DATE!

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. We are still working out details of location and program. SO for now, mark your calendar. This is always a great time as we celebrate together what God is doing through his churches in this region.

### IRON SHARPENS IRON

October 22, 2016 at London Bridge Baptist Church in Virginia Beach Iron Sharpens Iron is a Conference Network made up of individual ministries that are working interdependently to most effectively offer local church resources for men. We are doing this by mobilizing ministries to resource local churches with a first class one-day equipping conference that is designed for men (age 13 and older). This guy's only event is wildly popular! The main speaker is Jeff Kemp. After a career as a NFL quarterback, he has worked for two decades in ministries to strengthen families. We will have more info soon about the Gathering of Men's buildup to this event. Go to <http://ironsharpensiron.net/> and click on Virginia Beach on the map for more info.

### PASTOR'S DIALOGUE ON VIOLENCE, POVERTY AND RACISM

This month the dialogue will be on August 10th at 11:00 AM, at Jim's Local Market, 3101 Jefferson Avenue, Newport News in the Community Room. Please RSVP to [cecheek2004@yahoo.com](mailto:cecheek2004@yahoo.com) or 757-596-4587.

## **JOBS FOR LIFE INFORMATIONAL BREAKFAST**

The Church is uniquely equipped to address the devastating effects of unemployment and poverty by helping men and women experience the dignity of work-through honest relationships, mentoring, Biblically-based training, and an ongoing community of support. Jobs for Life is a global nonprofit organization that engages and equips the local Church to address the impact of joblessness through the dignity of work. By mobilizing volunteers committed to applying Biblically-based training and mentoring relationships, Jobs for Life helps those in need find dignity and purpose through meaningful work. We are looking for churches interested in becoming a Jobs For Life site or partnering with other host sites.

The Peninsula Baptist Association will be hosting an informational breakfast meeting on August 16th at 9:00 AM at the office located at 863 Cloverleaf Lane in Newport News. This meeting is open to all in the local churches on the Peninsula, Middle Peninsula and Southside (pastors and/or leaders in the local churches). Come to hear how you may become involved from JFL National Office leadership and local Hampton Roads JFL leaders and site leaders.

Please RSVP to Linda at 757-596-4587 or [pba@peninsulabaptist.org](mailto:pba@peninsulabaptist.org)

## **RACIAL TABOO SHOWING AND DIALOGUE**

Hampton Baptist Church

September 15th @ 9:00 AM (for Clergy only)

September 17th @ 9:00 AM (General Public, Law Enforcement, Educators)

Brian Grimm, the film's director will be present and conducting interviews of clergy and others for the upcoming documentary on Religion and Racism, Education and Law Enforcement and Racism. For more information or to register email Charles Cheek at [cecheek2004@yahoo.com](mailto:cecheek2004@yahoo.com) or call 757-596-4587.

## **TRANSFORMATIVE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPACT INTENSIVE**

NOVEMBER 12TH FROM 9AM TO 3PM  
THE FOCUS CENTER, NORFOLK, VA

Come join others who will learn bout a clear, simple community listening strategy that maximizes neighbor relationships. For disciple-making and advances neighborhood economics and social well-being. Sponsored by the Hampton Roads CCD Local Network and the Focus Center .

Presenters, Reesheda Graham- Washington, Executive Director of Communities First Association

Rev. Charles Cheek, Community Networking Director

## ROMANIAN MISSIONARY STUDENT

Flaviu Gavril Stir, a Romanian missionary student, will be in the PBA area from July 1<sup>st</sup>-September 1<sup>st</sup>. He is currently attending seminary in Romania and is looking to get exposure, training, and experience, as well as share his training and experiences, while he is here. If you are interested in having him come speak, teach, and/or meet with your church, please contact Melanie Lassiter ([melanie@peninsulabaptist.org](mailto:melanie@peninsulabaptist.org)) or Mike Haywood ([dirtybluepinto@aol.com](mailto:dirtybluepinto@aol.com)).

## SUMMER LEADERSHIP TEAM 2016

There is only one more week left of our Summer Leadership Team's eight-week serving, learning, and growing process. It has been a great summer thus far, with God at the center of it all. Thank you to all who have been praying, supporting, and investing in this year's team. It is well received and much appreciated.

## SPORTS CAMP 2016

Here is the list of Sports Camp ministries happening throughout the PBA this summer:

James River Baptist Church (August 8<sup>th</sup>-August 12<sup>th</sup>, 9AM-12PM)  
Immanuel Baptist Church (August 15<sup>th</sup>- August 19<sup>th</sup>, 9AM-12PM)

## BIBLE SCHOOL DATES AND TIMES

August 8 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	9 AM - 12 PM	York River Baptist Church
August 21 <sup>st</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 PM - 8 PM	James City Community (includes dinner)

## STUDENT MINISTRY NETWORK CORNER

Our first Student Ministry Network time to kick off the next season is August 29th, 2016. It will be at the PBA Resource Center (863 Cloverleaf Lane Newport News, VA 23601) at noon. It is a BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch) meeting. So, pack or pick-up your favorite lunch and join us for a good time of catching up, planning, and networking. We hope to see you all there!

## 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.

Calvary Baptist  
Fox Hill Road Baptist  
Hampton Roads Baptist  
Ivy Memorial Baptist  
North Riverside Baptist  
Peninsula Chinese Baptist  
Providence Baptist  
Walnut Hills Baptist

Warwick Baptist  
Yorktown Baptst

## **STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Unmasking Domestic Violence Conference

August 20, 2016 at Buckroe Baptist Church

Registration starts at 8:30 AM

Conference starts at 9:AM– 3 PM

Join us for a conference to engage our faith community and concerned citizens to discuss domestic violence .

Workshops include:

Domestic Violence and the Faith Community

How does domestic violence effect children

Human Trafficking in Hampton Roads

How do we break the silence of violence

Visit: [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) to RSVP or for more information

## **TRANSFORM**

### **TEACHING THAT CHANGES LIVES**

August 20, 2016, from 8:30 AM to 3:00 Pm

Columbia Baptist Church, Falls Church , VA.

Featured Speaker: Mark Croston

This highly focused conference will concentrate on the specific age-group segment you teach. You'll receive step-by-step guidance on how to teach in ways that genuinely transform lives and you'll leave with practical ideas you can put to work immediately.

Tracts of Study

Pre-school: birth- 2-3, prekindergarten, kindergarten

Children: 1st–2nd grade, 3rd–4th grade, pre-teen 5th–6th grade

Students

Adults: young , median, senior

Sunday School Director

Minister of Education

Pastor



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gpi0kvUHFKA>

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