

# The Network News

JUNE 2018

## SALE OF EASTOVER PROPERTY

In a Called Business Session on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, the Peninsula Baptist Association voted to sell the Eastover property to The Edge Christian Camp, Incorporated for \$1.5 million. There were 13 churches represented, and 37 messengers present to vote at this meeting. We have met with Scott Carsley (president of The Edge Christian Camp ministry) and some members of his team. Their desire is to continue providing Christian Retreat/Camp experiences on this property that is sacred ground to so many of us.

Our prayer through this whole process has been to find someone with a vision of continuing ministry at this place. They have been praying that God would lead them to a place like this, where they can conduct their camps, and provide retreat space for Christian groups. We feel God has answered all of these prayers.

We also hope our churches will continue using this property and embrace the new owners. These are good Christian folks who provide a wonderful ministry experience. Scott's desire is that people keep coming to Jesus in this place for many years to come! Let's join him in that prayer.

The closing on the property is set for June 29<sup>th</sup>. The Edge Camp plans to honor reservations already on the books. If your church has plans to use the facilities in the coming months, please let them know. Meanwhile, we look forward to allowing Dick and Marcia Bailey to "re-retire" from Eastover. They have filled in to keep the ministry going. We thank God for their many years of dedication to this ministry.

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

Our next Leadership Team meeting will take place on Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon, at the P.B.A. Resource Center. The Leadership Team consists of staff, officers, and team leaders. This team is responsible for daily operations, and any business not requiring a vote of the whole association.

## PASTORS!

Add a date to your calendar: Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. This will be our next Pastor's Gathering! Come for the free cookout and information on upcoming events. We are currently working on a program which will extend this meeting until about 2 P.M. Check next month's newsletter for more details.

## 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:

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

## 2018 SPORTS CAMP SCHEDULE

June 18th-22nd Gloucester Point Baptist Church  
June 25th-29th Memorial Baptist Church  
July 16th-19th Mount Hebron Baptist Church  
July 23rd-27th James River Baptist Church  
July 30th-August 3rd Immanuel Baptist Church  
August 5th-August 9th James City Community Church

## PART-TIME CHILD CARE

Deer Park Baptist is looking for part-time Nursery workers for Sunday morning (10:30 AM to 12:00 PM. AM) worship service starting this fall after school starts. This is a paid position, from Please contact Betty Kelly at 757-898-8035 or [bkelly3971@gmail.com](mailto:bkelly3971@gmail.com).

## STUDENT MINISTRY NETWORK CORNER

We're praying that you all have a fruitful summer.

**DIALOGUE ON RACISM, POVERTY AND VIOLENCE  
COLLABORATION: THE ROLE OF THE CHURCHES AND THE COMMUNITY IN  
ADDRESSING POVERTY**

Wednesday, June 13th

**11:00am to 2:00pm**

Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Temple, 3100 Butternut Drive (Hampton)...Fellowship Hall behind the main sanctuary building

This Dialogue is open to all Pastors, Clergy, Ministry leaders in the Faith Community, Community Leaders and Agencies (non-profit and government)...please feel free to forward to others.

**RSVP:** Please RSVP by Friday, June 8th. (do it now for your church or ministry, community or agency)

**There will be a panel discussion on homelessness, caring for the less fortunate in our communities and how we can collaborate with existing ministries and programs.**

**EXPERT PANEL DISCUSSION: (11:00am to 12:30pm...a working lunch)**

**HAMPTON ROADS ECUMENICAL LODGINGS AND PROVISIONS, INC. (H.E.L.P.)** in Hampton, Matthew Stearn, Executive Director

**NATASHA HOUSE** in York County, Karen Brown, Executive Director

**COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK @ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH** in Newport News. Rev. Bruce Cheney, Rector

**WORKSHOPS (12:40pm to 1:40pm)**

(A) **THRIVE PENINSULA...Financial Requests: Join The Network...**Discover how you can lessen the hardships of financial requests on your church or organization.

**Presenter:** Angela York, Executive Director, THRIVE Peninsula

(B) **PENNSULA AGENCY ON AGING...Linking Seniors To Services:** What happens to our seniors who are 200/300% below the poverty line?

**Presenter:** Randi Chew, Director of Development, Peninsula Agency on Aging

(C) **NEWPORT NEWS HUMAN SERVICES/FAMILY SERVICES...Low Income Childen and Violence:** Strengthening Our Community Initiative - Churches as Safe Zones.

**Presenter:** Shelley Matthews, Senior Family Services Specialist, NNDHS/Youth Services

(D) **HAMPTON ROADS JOBS FOR LIFE NETWORK...MAKING A DIFFERENCE:** Breaking the cycle of poverty...Connecting local churches and ministries in communities to prepare men and women for meaningful work.

**Presenter:** Pastor Gail Roberts-House, Hampton Roads Jobs For Life Network



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