



The Network News

August 2018

EASTOVER SALE

By the time you read this, the closing on Eastover will most likely have taken place. I know we have been saying that for several weeks, but there have been delays. The new owners are very nice Christian people who have been doing retreat ministry for a couple of years. Scott Carsley and his wife, along with another couple, will be running the operation under the name The Edge Christian Camp. Here is their contact info: email: info@theedge.camp; phone: 757-294-3636. Of course, the address is the same: 702 Eastover Drive, Spring Grove, VA 23881.

Please know that we are financing this sale, so we will not be getting a “huge” check. We will be receiving a payment each month, but a large part of that will go towards paying off the Eastover loan with the Virginia Baptist Foundation. In other words, we still rely on the financial support of our faithful churches to do what we do.

We highly encourage our churches to continue using these facilities under the new owners. Their desire is to see lives continue to be changed by the gospel of Jesus Christ in that wonderful place. It is our hope that the PBA can maintain a great ministry partnership with The Edge Camp for years to come!

WEBSITE CHANGES

We have been making some updates to our website recently. If you haven't visited in a while, go to www.peninsulabaptist.org and check it out. One of the changes you will see immediately is the addition of a page for our Scholar-in-Residence John Herbst. John began a blog that will provide insight into sections of scriptures. Currently, he is going through the book of Exodus.

We have also made some upgrades to our staff page. Go to “About Us” then click on “Our Staff”. We are planning some more upgrades in the coming days. Our desire is that this website is a resource for our churches!

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Our next Leadership Team meeting will be on Wednesday, August 15th at 12 noon at the PBA Resource Center. This team consists of our staff, officers, and team leaders. This is where we make decisions about the ongoing operation of the PBA ministry. Any PBA church member is welcome to attend. But you MUST RSVP with Linda pba@peninsulabaptist.org so she can know how much lunch to prepare. We will be working on a draft for our 2019 budget at this meeting.

WHERE IS CHARLES? ON THE MOVE KINGDOM BUILDING!!!

The PBA Community Networking activities have been non-stop and ever increasing as we are joyously reaching out to folks in our city neighborhoods and communities exhibiting the Love of Jesus. So, let me see if I can bring you up to date as briefly as possible.

Pastors Dialogue on Racism, Poverty and Violence continues to be active on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 11:30 AM in addressing relevant issues that are important in our communities. We have had record attendance of Pastors and clergy, local and federal law enforcement officers, community leaders, ministry leaders and local government agency representatives. There are some wonderful partners to sponsor and host the Dialogues...Sixth Mouth Zion Baptist Temple (Hampton), Newport News Police Department, Memorial Baptist Church (Hampton), Hampton Police Department, Denbigh Community Center, Newport News Commonwealth's Attorney Office at Downing Gross Cultural Arts Center, First Baptist Church (Williamsburg) and Williamsburg Baptist Church, Newport News Dept. of Human Services Youth Services at South Morrison Center, Hampton Economic Development Office on the rooftop at Old Point National Bank, Parkview Baptist Church, Mt. Calvary Baptist Church and many, many more. Many, many partnerships have formed between churches, non-profit and city agencies to address issues. If your pastor or ministry leaders are interested, please let us know and we will make sure that you are on the email notification list.

Community Explosions - Summer In The City movement to connect churches, businesses and neighbors together and to bring resources to the neighborhoods. Last year the Community Explosions were in Hampton and now this year they are in Hampton, Newport News, York County and Williamsburg. If you would like to see a listing where the upcoming Community Explosions are being held so that your Church can get an idea of the activities and plan on having one next year, go to <https://hamptonroadscdnetwork.weebly.com> and go to the Community Explosions page.

Mothers of Murdered Children...Assisted a mother of a murdered child in Newport News form a group known as "Peninsula Families United Together - Circle Up" to bring together mothers/families to work through their trauma, forgiveness, accountability and restorative justice. Also, for the mothers to become a voice to the young people and families to break the chain of violence and revenge. This group is not open to the public. If you know of mothers/fathers/families that have experienced this unfortunate violence in their lives, please refer them. They are embarking on some unique projects that will be the first in the Hampton Roads area, they will be announced shortly. If you would like one or several of these mothers to speak at your church, please feel free to contact us.

Next week, August 13th -18th, we will be involved with the NNPd Police Cadets. We were contacted to setup a week of activity in the City so that they can become more involved with various segments of the population prior to their finishing the academy. The week is packed with activities from Denbigh to Southeast Newport News with Churches, various community projects, activities with the elderly, the youth, the homeless and the immigrant population from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM daily.

Our Hampton Roads Jobs For Life network is one of the Stakeholders in the newly developing Hampton Department of Economic Development's Workforce Development Center. We will be conducting job readiness classes there (Jobs For Life is a faith based curriculum). Two of our PBA Churches in Hampton that have been conducting classes will be coming together in the new center to hold classes in a more expansive setting. They will need volunteers to assist them as champions/mentors, instructors and other positions. In addition, to these classes we will be having a first for the area, an exciting entrepreneurial program for those who have been in addiction recovery, sex trafficking victims and ex-offenders...more to come about this. Please let us know if you would like to know more or volunteer.

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WHERE IS CHARLES?

"Jobs For Life and The Church: The Pathway to Re-Entry"...I will be conducting this workshop at the 5th Annual Community Collaborations Re-Entry Summit at Old Dominion University in Norfolk on September 24th along with Sherron Hedgepeth-Sanders of the Newport News Commonwealth's Attorney Office (see flyer for additional information or to register [CLICK](#))

There is so much more to share that we are actively involved with at this time. We will highlight them in the next issue, so stay tuned. If you would like further information about any of these activities, please do not hesitate to reach out.

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We have a surplus of resources to donate for people or churches who can use them! These resources include:

Seven Christmas trees

Heights:

7.5 Feet

6.5 Feet

4 Feet

3 Feet

One blue and one yellow wood cabinet

Rolling office chairs in blue, tan and gray

STUDENT MINISTRY NETWORK

We're hoping your enjoying Summer, and that it's been a fruitful season.

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

Immanuel

Memorial Baptist

Peninsula Chinese Baptist

Yorktown Baptist

Orcutt Baptist

Warwick Baptist



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