SUMMER SLUMP?
Not around here! Summer is a busy time in the life of the PBA. Our summer ministry team has already been busy helping churches put on Sport’s Camps for their communities. Our team is in the capable hands of Anna Jones, who has been leading the team while Melanie has been on maternity leave. As I write this, the team is helping with “Love Local”, a coordinated ministry between some of our church youth groups to serve around the city. (“Love Local” is headed up by Anna’s sister Erin Mathis.)

Our team has also been interacting with Parkview Baptist’s summer ministry team, led by Mike Haywood. Mike has a group of young people here for several weeks from Latvia, along with one from Mississippi, and one from Romania, who are helping his local team serving in sport’s camps and other ministries this summer.

Several of our churches are participating in Summer Explosion events around Hampton. These are community days sponsored by local churches, the city of Hampton, and the Virginia Attorney General’s office. These events include games and activities for children, as well as many displays from local agencies and organizations providing resources for those who attend. This is just one more way our churches are connecting with their communities.

Among our churches that are either hosting or partnering with host churches are: Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Temple, West Hampton Baptist Church, Open Door Full Gospel Baptist Church, Langley Baptist Church, Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Ivy Memorial Baptist Church, Fox Hill Road Baptist Church, Buckroe Baptist Church, and Memorial Baptist Church. These churches have also partnered with churches outside of the PBA to put on these events.

Soon, many PBA churches will be involved with Back to School activities, including providing school supplies for children. Memorial Baptist will be hosting a back to school event with the city of Hampton. I haven’t even mentioned the many Vacation Bible Schools, Summer camps, Mission Trips and other activities happening each week. So, summer is a busy time around the PBA! Just imagine how many live are being impacted with the gospel through these efforts!

FALL CAN’T BE FAR BEHIND!
I’m not ready to start thinking about fall yet, but it is time to be planning events for the upcoming months. Look for more info throughout the newsletter on these upcoming events:

- “Leading from the Second Chair.”
- PBA Staff Tour.
- Coaching Cohort for Pastors.
COACHING COHORT

Early this fall, I will be offering another opportunity for pastors to join a Coaching Cohort based on my book “What Happened to Our Church?” and the accompanying workbook. This is a nine-session interactive training opportunity for church leaders interested in using these materials in their church. After an introductory session, we walk through each chapter of the book and workbook together. Toward the end of the training, each church leader will present a “case study” involving a plan to implement a change process in their church.

There is no cost for the cohort, except for the cost of the book and workbook. This will be the third time I have offered training in this format. Each time, participants have found the cohort extremely helpful in evaluating the needs of their church, and beginning a plan to bring change to the church.

If you think you may be interested, please contact me at 1chuck@outlook.com.

THANK YOU

We received this from Peninsula Pastoral Counselling Center:

Dear PBA Friends:

Thank you for supporting our Annual Banquet and Benefit Auction this year... Thanks to you and so many others, Peninsula Pastoral Counselling Center raised more than $16,000 for our Client Assistance Fund. In these challenging days when health care coverage is uncertain and resources are limited, I am pleased that PPCC is able to continue to provide counseling services to individuals, couples, and families, regardless of their financial situation.

I appreciate your confidence in our staff as we strive to guide people toward wholeness and health.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Glass
Executive Director

FRONT PORCH CONVERSATION... “LEADING FROM THE SECOND CHAIR”

"Serving Your Church, Fulfilling Your Role, and Realizing Your Dreams”... They say it's lonely at the top. And it may be even lonelier when you are almost at the top. Church leaders who hold second chair positions are under tremendous pressure. They are expected to do their jobs and provide leadership but defer to the top leader, too. We will examine a range of disciplines, not limited to but includes some of the following:

1. Enabling effective leadership
2. Encouraging life-changing service
3. Building authentic community
4. Creating Kingdom-centered impact
5. Engaging cultural and demographic realities

Who should attend? Ministerial Associates in the Church and Ministry Leaders in the Church.
When does it take place and what time? Every 2nd and 4th Saturday starting in September until November, 9:30am to 12:00pm
Where does it take place? Peninsula Baptist Association Resource Center
What is the cost? $20.00 per person to cover costs of textbooks
Who will be leading the classes? Seminary professors, Pastors and other subject matter experts
To register or for additional information contact Charles Cheek at the PBA Office at 757-596-4587
STUDENT MINISTRY NETWORK CORNER
The Student Ministry Network will not officially meet during the summer months. We pray that the summer is fruitful in your ministry and in God's purpose.

HOW CAN WE SERVE YOU?
As most of you know, the PBA hires a Summer Leadership Team for eight weeks in the summer. The summer has consisted of leadership/discipleship sessions, serving our churches through their sports camp ministry, and participating in Love Local. As we look to continue the eight weeks, there is a week open that we would love for our team to serve you in other ways. July 31st-August 4th our team is available to clean out an office at your church, have a discussion with a group from your church, join you in a service project, help your church get ready for VBS, etc. WE want to serve YOU. If you’re interested in getting our SLT involved in something during that week, please contact Melanie Lassiter via e-mail melanie@peninsulabaptist.org or phone 757-596-4587 OR 757-817-2731.

PBA Tour
We, as the PBA staff, are looking to provide an opportunity where our churches can come hear and interact about what it means to be a part of the PBA. We are looking to have 3-4 times/locations provided for us to come talk about what it means to be a network of churches, equipping churches, for Kingdom ministry. We hope this will be a beneficial time for all of our churches. More information and details to come.

SPORTS CAMP MINISTRY 2017
Please be in prayer for the following churches who are utilizing sports camp this summer as a way to engage with their community, build sustainable relationships, and to create a cross culture:

Parkview Baptist Church (sports camp and VBS), July 17th-21st
Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, July 24th-28th
Immanuel Baptist Church, August 7th-11th
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY DATES AND TIMES
16th -20th  6:00 PM to 8:30 PM  Pine Chapel Baptist
17th -21st  9:00 AM to Noon  Immanuel Baptist
17th -21st  1:00 PM to 4:00 PM  Parkview Baptist
( 8-9 AM before sports camp care, 4-5 PM after VBS care)
17th—21st  9:00 AM to Noon  Walnut Hills Baptist
24th—28th  9:00 AM to Noon  James River Baptist

AUGUST DATES AND TIMES
6th -10th  TBD  Buckroe Baptist
7th -11th  6:00 PM to 8:00 PM  Providence Baptist

Deer Park Baptist Church is seeking a contemporary worship leader for Sunday morning worship time. The position will be part-time, averaging 2-3 hours/week.

Job Requirements:
• A growing relationship with Jesus Christ
• Gifted vocally, instrumentally, and in leading others to connect with God in worship

Deer Park Baptist Church will be needing a part time Administrative Ministry Assistant, approximately the 1st of August.2017. Work days will be Mondays and Wednesdays with a total of 14 hours a week. Duties will consist of Secretarial assistance to the Pastor and ministerial staff as well as computer work and other office needs. A complete job description will be provided upon request.

Resumes will be accepted as of this date.

Attention Personnel Team
Deer Park Baptist Church
826 J Clyde Morris Blvd
Newport News, VA.23601

EMail: office@deerparkbaptistchurch.com .

Westhaven Baptist Church in Portsmouth, VA is seeking a qualified individual to lead their music ministry. This position may be bi-vocational or part-time. Interested persons should be able to direct and work well with volunteer choir. Letters of interest should be submitted to:
Westhaven Baptist Church
4900 Carolina Avenue
Portsmouth, VA 23707
757-397-0322 or 757-465-4349
Spotlight On Churches!

The monthly Spotlight on Churches offers the opportunity for our PBA Family to get an update look at churches in the Network, and the wonderful ministries they are involved in that enhance relational ministry in the community. Each month we will be spotlighting a church in the PBA Network of churches.

Buckroe Baptist Church

God is doing some fun things at Buckroe Baptist Church this Summer. Chuck Harrison lead our church through his book and workbook entitled “What Happened to Our Church? And where do we go from here?”. We are now involved in a period of prayer for the Holy Spirit’s leadership in applying these precious lessons learned before we begin a series of meetings to determine specifically where He wants to lead us.

The Holy Spirit has just enabled us to increase the goal in our “Shoe Drive” from 1000 to 1200 pairs of shoes to help a woman be provided thousands of dollars to assist her in adopting a handicapped child from a foreign country by the generosity of many people in this area. The shoes will be repaired and given to individuals who have no shoes in a foreign country.

By God’s grace and provision our children’s ministry is preparing to take 10 children to Eagle Eyrie youth camp the last week in July. Children and adults sold drinks and provide parking for beach goers to assist in funding scholarships for the children. They will return to conduct an evening VBS the second week of August. Ivy Memorial Baptist Church and Freedom Life were kind enough to provide us their VBS supplies after their combined Bible School was completed.

Our Lord has also provided us the opportunity to help co-sponsor with the Hampton Community and Family Skate Center the “Community Explosion: Summer in the City” event for the Buckroe Community on 22 July. We will use the PBA Fun Trailer complete with blow-up slides and a bounce castle. This is a community event involving additional churches and businesses. It will begin a broader continuing effort to increase cooperation in meeting community needs.

Ken’s Pantry provided 66 bags of groceries feeding 24 children, 33 adults, and 9 seniors during the last month. Some who have been receiving food had prayers answered allowing them to no longer need this assistance and some have begun helping with the ministry. God provided a bonus blessing for this ministry by allowing us to receive a large donation of leftover food supplies from the rotation of the FEMA stocks because we had feed so many so consistently during the last year.
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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

Calvary Baptist
Faith Baptist
Warwick Baptist
Yorktown Baptist

Emmaus Baptist
Hampton Roads Baptist
Peninsula Chinese Baptist