



The Network News

March 2020

TRANSITIONS

Our season of transitions on the PBA staff continues to grow. Last week, Linda Reynolds announced that she will be leaving our staff. As you probably know, Linda has been “the face with the place” for over nine years. She is the first person you talk to when you call or come by the Resource Center. As Administrator, she has also been the person who handles too many functions to list here – not to mention the many delicious meals! We will really miss her.

We will begin immediately looking for someone to take on the role of Administrator. The job requires “covering” the office from 9 AM to 3 PM from Monday through Thursday. If you, or someone you know may be interested, please send a resume to Chuck at 1chuck@outlook.com.

SUMMER MINISTRY COORDINATOR

We will have a familiar face taking on the role of Summer Ministry Coordinator. Mike Heywood has agreed to coordinate our Summer Ministry opportunities. We are so glad to have Mike back on the team, though he never really left. If you need to talk with Mike about a summer sports camp, he will be in our office most Tuesday mornings leading into the busy season.

GROUNDSKEEPER

We are still in the process of finding the right firm to handle the groundskeeping tasks at the Resource Center. As we mentioned last month, George and Margaret Trueblood are retiring after handling this task for 42 years. We anticipate having someone in place by the beginning of April.

I’VE BEEN SPAMMED

Friends of mine (Chuck) have received an email purported to be from me that is spam! If you get this email, please disregard it. It looks like this:

From: **Chuck Harrison** <irena.kuc2009@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Mar 3, 2020 at 8:41 AM

Subject: Urgent Request

Hello,

I would like to know if you are free at the moment? Let me know ASAP.

In Christ Jesus –

Shalom,

VISION NIGHT

Our Spring Vision Night will be at Temple Baptist Church of Newport News on Sunday, April 26th beginning at 6 PM. We are still making plans for the format of the evening, so stay tuned! We will have full details in our April Network News.

JOURNEY CHURCH

We are excited to announce that our Leadership Team has approved Journey Church as a new “Watchcare” church in the Peninsula Baptist Association. Journey is a very young, growing church plant led by Pastor Chris Hoyt. Chris is no stranger to the PBA, having served on staff with Freedom Life Church for many years. We look forward to watching Journey continue to grow and impact the community. Please pray for Chris and his wife Kim on taking this giant leap of faith into church planting.

PASTOR’S FELLOWSHIP

If you are like me, you have a lot on your plate. How about a free “plate” that won’t cost you anything! Our next Pastor’s Fellowship will be Wednesday, March 11th at 11:30 AM at the PBA Resource Center. Come enjoy a good meal, great fellowship with other pastors, and a time for sharing ideas.

Please R.S.V.P. to 1chuck@outlook.com or call our office at 757-596-4587 to let us know you are coming.

PENINSULA KOREAN BAPTIST CHURCH CALLS PASTOR

We congratulate Peninsula Korean Baptist Church for calling Do Won-sook (Luke Do) as pastor. Pastor Luke grew up in Peninsula Korean. He has attended the University of Virginia, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Regent University. He has served in many ministerial roles before returning to Peninsula Korean in 2017 as Associate Pastor of Education. Last year the church called Pastor Luke to serve as Interim Pastor. He was installed as pastor on Sunday, February 23rd.

2020 HAMPTON YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION WEEK

The Peninsula Baptist Association is one of the sponsors for the Youth Violence Prevention Week. This week is dedicated our children..."our children deserve to grow up in a community that is free from violence; a community where they do not witness violence, do not lose loved ones to violence and do not believe that violence is a solution to the problems" (Mayor Donnie Tuck). It is open to all in the Hampton Roads area (seats fill up fast, so register early).

Attached is a flyer and the week's activities are listed. We encourage you to participate and share within your respective communities...there is no cost. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or text Charles at 757-602-9196 or at the PBA office at (757)-596-4587. Contact the PBA at 757-596-4587 or Charles at cecheek2004@yahoo.com For a printable poster.

COMMUNITY WEEK

This week is Community Week for the Newport News Police Recruits. There are 23 recruits in this class that will, hopefully, become police officers once they finish the academy. The week runs from March 2nd thru March 6th. Monday, we started out conducting surveys in the East End of Newport News, having a community conversation in Southeast Newport News and reading to 3rd thru 5th graders at the Achievable Dream Academy. We will in various parts of the City of Newport News during this week so if you see us stop and say hello and wish the recruits well.

This is the third NNPD Academy class that we have been involved with to set up a week of activities in various communities in the city so that they get a feel for people and situations.

There is a special event being held with this recruit class on Friday, March 6th, 2020 at 5:30pm at the Mid-town Community Center. Hampton Police Department and the Newport News Police Department Police Academy's recruits will have a challenge basketball game to establish bragging rights. Each team will have youth on the teams between 12 – 14 years of age that will play along with the recruits. You are invited to attend. It is free!!!

Contact the PBA at 757-596-4587 or Charles at cecheek2004@yahoo.com for a printable poster.

BI-MONTHLY PASTOR'S DIALOGUES

Some have asked what happens at the bi-monthly Pastor's Dialogue on Racism, Poverty and Violence. Our most recent one, in February, was on the topic – "Are Women Respected in the Workplace: The Church" (the focus of this one). The April Dialogue will continue with the same topic, but the focus will be on "Women in the Marketplace". The link below is to a very short video (couple of minutes) from the February Dialogue.

These luncheon Dialogues are attended by pastors and clergy of all denominations, law enforcement, non-profit agencies, government agencies, community and church leaders. If you would like to attend or get on the notification/email list, contact the PBA office. Video link: <https://youtu.be/yZc5YY6KrfU>

RE-INTRODUCTION!!!

Hi Folks. I want to reintroduce myself: Mike Haywood

Yes, this is the same Mike Haywood that used to work for the PBA but retired in 2013. I have been working the past 7 years as a volunteer for the PBA in certain areas, but now I am officially back. Chuck has asked that I cover the PBA Summer Mission Program in 2020. I now have the fancy title of "PBA Coordinator of Summer Ministry".

In this regard, let me mention two things that are coming up as part of my dual role as Volunteer and Summer Staff member:

1. PBA Co-Ed Softball: Churches have already received a flyer for our Co-Ed Adult Softball League. The League runs from April to July. The games are played at Liberty Baptist Field. If anyone is interested, but did not see the flyer, feel free to contact me at : dirtybluepinto@aol.com or 757-508-7557.
2. Summer Sports Camps: I have been contacting those churches who worked with the PBA last year to run a Sports Camp. If other churches are interested in doing a camp contact me at: dirtybluepinto@aol.com or 757-508-7557.

I am excited about working again with the PBA in these area's. Feel free to contact me for any other questions you might have.

MENNOWOOD RETIREMENT COMMUNITY **Understanding Veterans Pension & Compensation Benefits Eligibility** Tuesday, March 31st 10 AM to 11:30 AM

This event is an educational event. It is free and open to the public. Local VA Accredited Claims Agent Christina Drumm-Boyd, will be on-site discussing detailed information regarding both service connected and non-service connected Veteran Administration benefits which can help to significantly supplement your costs of long term care.

Don't assume you won't qualify. Know the facts.

Space is limited!!

Please RSVP to 757-249-0355 by March 26th.

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

Grace Baptist

Memorial Baptist

Peninsula Chinese Baptist

Williamsburg Baptist

Hampton Baptist

Orcutt Baptist

West Hampton Baptist