



The Network News

June 2020

MIDDLE OF THE RIVER

I will be sharing an online devotional for Harbor Point Community Church next week entitled “The Middle of the River.” I stole the idea from Jim Baucom, pastor of Columbia Church in Northern Virginia. The idea is that we left the old side of the river, and we are heading for the new side of the river. But right now, we are in the middle of the river. And, as Joshua said when he led the Israelites across the Jordan River “you have never been this way before.”

Even though some churches are returning to “live” public worship services, we still have a way to go. We have figured out a few things along the way:

Some things we used to do weren’t working, and we don’t need to go back to exactly the way things were.

Since we haven’t been this way before, we don’t yet know what the future will look like.

There are things we can be doing now in the “middle of the river” to share the gospel with people around us.

These things will be different for each church. I have heard many stories about what PBA churches are doing to show the love of Jesus in their communities in these challenging times. And, I am proud of our churches! Even as I am sitting in my office writing this, volunteers from Search Point Bible Fellowship and Out of The Box Ministries are in front of the PBA Resource Center handing out Food Bank meals to children from the community. These meals (a breakfast and a lunch) may be the only good food some of these kids get today. This is just one story, there are so many more.

I agree with so many others who are saying God can use this crisis to spread the gospel in new and creative ways. But it will only happen if we are listening to God and following where he leads us.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS OFFERING

We decided that with everything going on we would not promote an Associational Missions Offering this year. However, if churches have already or plan to receive funds for this, we will put the money toward local community ministry causes. As always, funds for the Associational Missions Offering must be indicated as such for bookkeeping purposes.

FREE PIANO

Pastor Larry Biermann contacted us to let us know that his daughter has a free piano she would like to donate to a church. If your church needs a piano, you may contact Larry at 223-1818.

DISCIPLESHIP WEBINAR

We are hosting a Zoom Webinar with Jay Lawson this Thursday, June 4th at 10 AM. Jay will be sharing about a Discipleship plan he has been working on, entitled: "Ancient Ways for a New Day: A Pandemic Proposal for the People of God." This is a simple way to mobilize people to do discipleship the way Jesus did it. Jay is offering this plan to any church that may be interested. He will be available to come to your church (however that is allowed) and share in more depth.

Who is Jay Lawson? Jay is a recently retired pastor who spent much of his ministry in Peninsula Baptist churches. Before retiring last year he was pastoring Warrenton Baptist Church in Northern Virginia. His son Brenden is currently Youth and Worship Pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Newport News.

Please contact me at lchuck@outlook.com for info on how to log into this free webinar. This is open to anyone interested in doing discipleship through their church. Those who "attend" the webinar will receive all of Jay's notes, including extra info about implementing the plan. The first several churches that implement the plan will receive a small grant to use as start up money for this ministry.

HopeTree Family Services

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COMMUNITY MINISTRY

Please feel free to share this with others. This webinar is in conjunction with Cities United, Russell Place Project - Pastors and staff (Louisville, Kentucky), Made To Flourish - Hampton Roads, City of Hampton Office of Youth and Young Adult Opportunities and the Peninsula Baptist Association.

You are invited to a Zoom webinar entitled "Community Partnerships That Transform Neighborhoods - Pastors and Faith Leaders as Wealth Managers". June 12, 2020 12:00 PM. Register in advance for this webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0s_MfjZGTeaYvJy9qZaoDg

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

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

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