



# The Network News

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

There is so much change in the air these days! Sometimes I feel that if I hear the phrase “a new normal” one more time I am going to scream. There is nothing that feels “normal” about what we are going through. Our churches are adjusting in a variety of ways to the realities we find ourselves in. We don’t yet know when the threat of the Corona virus will be gone. As I speak with pastors, I hear stories of efforts to return to “live” worship. Not all of the stories are good ones.

The current national conversation around issues of race following the recent tragic killings of Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Rayshard Brooks, and George Floyd has also impacted the lives of our churches. The church cannot stand idly by as if these events are not real.

The PBA has been facing a lot of change as well. Most recently, Charles Cheek has stepped down as our Church and Community Director. Charles has been instrumental in the past several years at getting the PBA into a lot of conversations we would have never been in otherwise. We have much better connections and relationships with local governments and agencies than we had in the past. We owe a great deal of gratitude to Charles for representing us so well. I hope we have a long future of partnering with Charles in other endeavors as he follows his calling.

You may also remember that just prior to the beginning of the Corona virus crisis, Linda Reynolds announced that she would be leaving us to pursue a full-time position with Camping World. We had just begun the process of searching for a new Administrator when things shut down. Thankfully, Linda has been plugging in on her days off to help us keep things going. We are once again beginning to receive resumes (more about this in this newsletter).

As people of faith, we may rely on a God who never changes in his love for us. There is an old saying, “We don’t know what the future holds, but we do know who holds the future.”

## PBA ADMINISTRATOR

In our March Newsletter, we wrote: *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](mailto:1chuck@outlook.com).*

As I mentioned above, we halted this search process while we were basically “shut down”. We are now resuming the process of searching for someone to fill this position. It requires a people person with clerical skills, organizational skills, and hosting skills. We need somebody who is a strong team player with a heart for the ministry of this network of churches. Details about the position will be provided upon request.

## SUMMER MINISTRY COORDINATOR

As we announced previously, Mike Haywood has agreed to step up and work with a team of young people to provide summer ministry opportunities. Though the schedule will look very different than originally planned, Mike has some good plans for the team over the next six weeks. He is still finalizing a few details. To find out more, feel free to reach out to Mike at [dirtybluepinto@aol.com](mailto:dirtybluepinto@aol.com).

## CONTACTING US

We are still not back to regular office hours at the Resource Center. As restrictions are lifted, we will be returning to our traditional hours. I (Chuck) am in the office some mornings, but am always available by phone 757-753-9422 or email [1chuck@outlook.com](mailto:1chuck@outlook.com). Of course, if it is not time sensitive, you may leave a message on our office phone at 757-596-4587.

### 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](mailto:pba@peninsulabaptist.org)

Grace Baptist	Hampton Baptist
Memorial Baptist	Orcutt Baptist
Peninsula Chinese Baptist	West Hampton Baptist
Williamsburg Baptist	