

The Network News

October 2015

FROM THE DOM

Racial Taboo Movie and Dialogue
Saturday, October 17, 2015
Doris Miller Community Center
2814 Wickham Avenue, Newport News

So why does the subject of "race" continue to be a taboo subject in much of America? In fifty-three minutes the film *Racial Taboo* takes an honest, yet entertaining look at America's racial history and why that legacy continues to affect us today. *Racial Taboo* has been watched by thousands of people from a broad range of audiences including university students, educators, people in positions of power, religious leaders, at risk populations and "everyday people" to audiences at the International Civil Rights Museum. The film's true power is realized when it is watched by black and white people together and then audience members talk about it.



An effective way to overcome prejudice is for more black and white people to become friends, but how? We can't even have meaningful conversation about racial issues. Why? To answer that, *Racial Taboo* looks at our history, uses comedy and candid interviews to help the audience gain a common understanding of our past and how it affects our present. *Racial Taboo* is intended to be a catalyst for open, respectful and ongoing conversations between people of different races.

IMPORTANT: A free lunch will be provided for the **first 200 people who R.S.V.P.** by any of these:

Phone: 757-596-4587

Email: melanie@peninsulabaptist.org

EventBrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/racial-taboo-dialogue-tickets-18767910325>

PASTOR'S FELLOWSHIP
Thursday, October 15th
11 AM

This month's Pastor's Fellowship will feature Charles Cheek sharing about some incredible opportunities for churches to do effective ministry using the Christian Community Development model. Rumor has it that we will be enjoying a delicious meal from Parkview Baptist Church again (a great Autumn tradition). Lunch is free as usual, but PLEASE let us know if you plan to attend by contacting Linda pba@peninsulabaptist.org.

PBA ANNUAL MEETING
October 26th & 27th
Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Temple

Our annual meeting is just a few weeks away. As always, we will have two worship gatherings. The one on Monday night will include music led by the Sixth Mount Zion worship team, and messages from Melanie Lassiter and Jerome Barber (pastor of Sixth Mount Zion). Tuesday night will include music led by Immanuel Baptist Church's worship team, and messages by Charles Cheek and Chuck Harrison. We will have training breakouts on Monday at 4 PM, and a Business Session on Tuesday at 3:30 PM. Look for a Special Addition of our Network News next week with all of the details. Meanwhile, encourage everyone from your church to attend. All meetings are open to everyone.

PBA OFFICERS AND TEAMS

We are currently recruiting officers and team members for 2016. If you, or someone you know, would like to serve in a significant way with the PBA, please let us know by calling 757-596-4587, or emailing pba@peninsulabaptist.org.

STATE BAPTIST MEETINGS

This year's Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia's Annual Homecoming will be at Liberty Baptist Church in Hampton on November 8-10. For more information on this event, go to <http://www.sbcv.org/annual-homecoming-2015/>.

This year's Baptist General Association of Virginia's Annual Meeting will be at Second Baptist Church in Richmond on November 9-10. For more information on this event, go to <http://meeting.bgav.org/>.

If your church is dually aligned – sorry! You need to tell them to have the meetings on different dates next year.

CCDA Cafe on Saturday
October 10th at 9:30 AM
PBA Resource Center

"Many of us have a deep sense that the world is not as it should be. Broken relationships. Divided communities. Poverty and violence in our neighborhoods..."

The good news is that God longs to work through us to help restore things to the way they were intended to be. In the language of the Old Testament, this wholeness is called Shalom--a state where nothing is missing and nothing is broken.

Christian Community Development encourages committed Christians to see people and communities holistically restored. It is our belief that God wants to restore us...not only to a right relationship with Himself but also with our own true selves, our families and our communities. Not just spiritually, but emotionally, physically, economically, and socially. Not by offering mercy alone, but by undergirding mercy with justice.

To this end, we are to follow Jesus's examples of reconciliation. We go where the brokenness is. We live among the people, we become one with our neighbors until there is no longer an "us" and "them" but only a "we". And, in the words of the Prophet Jeremiah, "we work and pray for the well-being of our city (neighborhoods and communities)," trusting that if the entire community does well and prospers, then we will prosper also.

Welcome to Our New Pastors

Deer Park Baptist Church

We are delighted to announce that, after a long search, God has answered our prayers for a new pastor. Randy Steven Fields has accepted the Call to be full time pastor of Deer Park Baptist Church. Please welcome Randy Fields and his wife, Leah. Randy and Leah have two children, Randall and Alexis.

West Hampton Baptist

We are very pleased to announce that Rev. Brian Adams has been chosen to serve as West Hampton Baptist's 6th senior pastor. Brian has served our church as our youth and young adult pastor for 11 years and has been bringing the word to us in our contemporary service for over two years and most recently he has been filling the pulpit at our 8:30 service since Danny's retirement last December. Please join us in welcoming Brian as he take on this new role that God has called him to serve in.

First Baptist NN

Operation Inasmuch is a national nonprofit that employs proven models to equip churches to move more congregants out of the sanctuary seats and into the streets to serve their communities. Operation Inasmuch invigorates the body of Christ, the church, to live out the Gospel through daily acts of compassion:

- Serving the un-served
- Loving the unloved, and
- Reaching out to the un-churched

SIGN UP STARTING OCT. 7

2 shifts available: 9-12pm / 12-3pm

Many projects to participate in serving.

Everyone can help!

- Praying
- Writing letters
- Painting
- Building Repair / Lawn Care
- Book Sorting / Organizing

For detailed information Contact: Kim Overton
kim@systemseatinc.com or 757-871-1576

Student Ministry Network Corner

SMN Fellowship

Come join us for our first SMN fellowship, since our break. We are excited to get everyone back together for resourcing, fellowship, and networking. We are meeting at the Kiln Creek Chick-fil-a (5003a Victory Blvd, Yorktown, VA 23693) at noon on October 19th, 2015. ALL who work with the youth/students in our churches are invited to be a part. Hope to see you all there!

This is to keep you informed of changes going on within our network of churches. Please let us know if you have any changes.

Churches without Pastors

Buckroe Baptist
Calvary Baptist
Fox Hill Road Baptist
Ivy Memorial Baptist
North Riverside Baptist
Peninsula Chinese Baptist
Providence Baptist
Walnut Hills Baptist
Yorktown Baptist

Upcoming Events

For additional information on events please visit peninsulabaptist.org or call the PBA office.

October

8 Bi-Vo Pastor's Fellowship@ PBA 6:30 PM
10 CCDA Café@ PBA 9:00 AM
15 Pastor's Fellowship@ PBA 11:00 AM
17 Racial Taboo@Doris Miller Community Center 9:00 AM
22 Bi-Vo Pastor's Fellowship@ PBA 6:30 PM
26-27 PBA Annual Meeting@ Sixth Mt. Zion Baptist Temple in Hampton

From Charles



Charles Cheek is involved with a great ministry called “Jobs for Life”. Here is one way you may get involved. We understand the amount of time and commitment required in transformational ministry, and we also understand that there is great power in prayer. In fact, prayer is one of our **core values**, and the staff at Jobs for Life prays together every morning at 10AM.

During the first full week of October (**October 5-9**), we’ve decided to open up our prayer time to everyone so we all can experience strength from interceding for each other through prayer. We’re calling this week of prayer "**A Time of Refreshing**". Each day, from **10-10:30AM (EST) / 9-9:30AM (CST)** we will pray for a particular subject matter that is a direct result of the devastating impact of joblessness around the world. You will be able to join this prayer call either by phone or through your computer.

Below is the Week of Prayer schedule and links to register. We invite you to join us in prayer each day! Please register for each day that you would like to join us in prayer. Upon registration you will receive an email with info on how to join the prayer call. To register [click here](#).

Thursday, October 8 - Prayer Topic: Homelessness

JfL Staff Facilitator:

Tracy Clark (Writing and Communications Consultant)

Guest facilitators:

Pastor Charles Cheek - Site Leader, Hampton Roads Ecumenical Lodgings and Provisions (Hampton, VA)

Dwight Hunter - JfL Graduate, City Advisory Board (Raleigh, NC)

John Ray - Class Instructor, Raleigh Rescue Mission (Raleigh, NC)

Friday, October 9 - Prayer Topic: Mass Incarceration

JfL Staff Facilitator:

Marten Fadelle (Field Director – Middle Tennessee)

Guest facilitators:

Pastor Cedric Maddox - Site Leader, A More Xcellent Way (Charlotte, NC)

Bryan Lewis - Site Leader, Hope House Ministries (Bowling Green, KY)

Don Williams - Site Leader, Prisoner Transformation (Midwest City, OK)



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gpi0kvUHFKA>

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