



The Network News

June 2016

From the Director

SUMMERTIME BLUES?

Many churches consider the summer as a time to back off and do less. While each of us need a break sometimes, summer can be a critical time for church growth. July is a great time to plan plenty of fun events such as cook outs, ice cream parties, and pool parties that offer newcomers a chance to get to know people in the church. In an area with a large military presence such as ours, August and September are often prime months for people looking for a church home in a new city. Provide guests who are new to the area a gift bag with information about the community. A lot of times local businesses are happy to provide discount coupons to add to the bag.

Summer children's activities are still good ways to connect with new people. Some churches do well with a traditional VBS, while others get creative with adventure camps, music camps, sports camps, and other ways of engaging children. Many are finding evenings work just as well as mornings, making it easier for working people to volunteer.

I'm not suggesting more "busy-ness" but rather a focused effort to reach out. Instead of church-wide parties, why not challenge several church members to host a cookout at their home. Two or three couples (or a small group) could get together and share the cost of the food. Then the host family could invite their neighbors to come to the cookout. Keep it casual, and have fun. Another idea for summer is a series of simple service projects. With the later sunset during these months, evening projects are possible. Explore the needs of the community surrounding your church building, and plan some projects to help meet these needs. Invite the neighbors to join in these efforts.

All of these ideas have the added benefit of showing unchurched people that church people can have fun, and that we care about our communities. Don't worry about "hitting them over the head" with the gospel right away. But be ready if they ask. First Peter 3.15 says *"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."* Why not commit to making this summer a time for your church to reach out to unchurched people and to people new to the community!

PASTOR'S FELLOWSHIP

Our next Pastor's Fellowship will be on Thursday, June 16th at Memorial Baptist Church at 11 AM. The folks at Memorial will be providing the lunch. These meetings are for any pastor wanting to enjoy some fellowship, a good program, and a delicious meal.

BIVOCATIONAL PASTORS TAKING A BREAK

Our BiVo Pastors group will not meet for much of June and July. We will come back together on Thursday, July 28th at 6:30 PM at the PBA Resource Center. If you are a bi-vocational pastor or ministry leader, put this date on your calendar and plan to join us for dinner and a dialogue.

SECURITY AND SAFETY FOR PLACES OF WORSHIP

Thursday, July 28th, 9 AM to 1 PM

This training is aimed at church staff members and Security Team leaders. The workshop will be led by Officer Nicole Newcomb of the Newport News Police Department, and Rev. Walter Satchell of First Baptist Church of Newport News. This is a repeat of the same training offered in July 2015, and January 2016. If a representative of your church was not able to attend either of the previous times, make sure someone attends this one! To register, or if you have questions, contact Officer Newcomb at Newcombne@nnva.gov, or call 757-342-7057. The location of this event will be provided upon registering.

S.E.E.D.S FAMILY AND COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR

“Strengthen Educational Experiences to Create Dynamic Students” (SEEDS), is a joint effort between the City of Hampton School System and Hampton churches. This event for the families of students in the Hampton School system will include free backpacks and school supplies for students, free lunch, fun activities, and information about organizations and resources to help families in Hampton. Once again this year Memorial Baptist Church is one of the seven host sites for this project.

This is a great way for our churches to show the community that we care about the children of the city. Your church does not need to be in Hampton for you to support Memorial Baptist in this effort. A simple way to help is to collect backpacks and school supplies to be distributed on that day. They will also need volunteers to help on the day of the event. For more information, check out their page on Face Book at www.facebook.com/SEEDSFamilyCommunityResourceFair.

JOBS FOR LIFE

The Church is uniquely equipped to address the devastating effects of unemployment and poverty by helping men and women experience the dignity of work-through honest relationships, mentoring, Biblically-based training, and an ongoing community of support. Jobs for Life is a global nonprofit organization that engages and equips the local Church to address the impact of joblessness through the dignity of work. By mobilizing volunteers committed to applying Biblically-based training and mentoring relationships, Jobs for Life helps those in need find dignity and purpose through meaningful work.

We are looking for churches interested in becoming a Jobs For Life site. The PBA will be hosting an informational breakfast meeting on August 16th at 9:00 AM. This meeting is open to anyone in the church. Please RSVP to Linda at 757-596-4587 or pba@peninsulabaptist.org.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO SERVE YOU

As most of you know, the PBA hires a Summer Leadership Team to work with Melanie for the summer. The summer primarily consists of leadership/discipleship sessions and serving our churches through their sports camp ministry. However, this summer there is a week open that we would love for our team to serve you in other ways. July 5th-8th 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: <mailto:melanie@peninsulabaptist.org> or phone (757-596-4587 OR 757-817-2731).

SPORTS CAMP 2016

Here is the list of Sports Camp ministries happening throughout the PBA this summer:

Memorial Baptist Church (June 27th-July 1st, 9AM-12PM)

Gloucester Point Baptist Church (July 18th-July 22nd, 6PM-8:30PM)

Mt. Hebron Baptist Church (July 25th- July 29th, 9AM-12PM)

Open Door Full Gospel Church (August 1st-August 5th, 9AM-12PM)

Parkview Baptist Church (August 1st-August 5th, 9AM-12PM, **pre-registration required**)

James River Baptist Church (August 8th-August 12th, 9AM-12PM)

Immanuel Baptist Church (August 15th- August 19th, 9AM-12PM)

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.

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

STUDENT MINISTRY NETWORK CORNER

WORKCAMP 2016

If you plan to bring youth to WorkCamp 2016, a deposit of \$25 per person is due June 10th. Also, if you plan on attending but have not communicated that to Melanie, please do so ASAP via email (melanie@peninsulabaptist.org). You can also contact her if you have any questions/concerns.

SMN MEETINGS

Due to the busy summer season for youth leaders, there will be **no SMN** in June or July. However, the next one is scheduled for August 29th. We will be in prayer for each of you as you engage with the youth and live out your ministry in this season. Please feel free to contact leader, Paul Eaker pauleaker15@gmail.com, if you would like to connect during the summer and/or if you have questions/concerns. We hope you have a blessed summer!

SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS SEMINAR

Mark Gowin of Gowin Wealth Financial offers to provide churches with a seminar to help people understand Social Security benefits and the many options people have for claiming their benefits. His goal is to take the guess work out of investing to help people plan for a safe and secure retirement. If this sounds like something your church may be interested in, you may contact him at 757-477-1940 or mgowin@gowinwealthfinancial.com.

PART-TIME MUSIC DIRECTOR

Calvary Baptist Church is seeking a part-time Music Director to lead Wednesday night Adult Choir rehearsal, and music in Sunday morning worship service. Additional duties: Prepare Sunday morning worship service in coordination with Pastor; plan and conduct special services for Christmas, Easter and other celebrative times; prepare and oversee yearly music ministry budget. Send cover letter/resume to Personnel Committee, Calvary Baptist Church, 4700 Huntington Ave., Newport News, VA 23607 or email to cbcpersonnel@cox.net.

PIANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR

for Yorktown Baptist Church! This would cover a weekly Wednesday evening choir rehearsal, plus Sunday Services. Please contact 757-898-3274, or office@ybc.hrcoxmail.com.

FREE LITERATURE

Ivy Memorial has a lot of unused Lifeway literature that is just sitting around the church, and we would like to offer it (FREE!) to anyone who's interested. Some of the items include Lifeway's *Explore the Bible* series (Sunday School literature), which includes leader guides, student books, and resource kits. We also have some devotional material.

The literature is from previous seasons (for example, Fall 2015), but all of the books themselves are new and unused, and would be a great resource! If interested, call Ginny at 838-3107.

BIBLE SCHOOL DATES AND TIMES

June

20 th - 24 th	9 AM - 12 PM	Gloucester Pointe Baptist Church
26 th - 30 th	6 PM - 8:30 PM	Orcutt Baptist Church
27 th - July 1 st	9 AM - 12 PM	Freedom Life Church/ Ivy Memorial Baptist Church
27 th - July 1 st	9 AM - 12 PM	Providence Baptist Church

July

11 th - 15 th	9AM - 12 PM	Hilton Baptist Church
17 th - 21 st	5 PM - 8:30 PM	Stevens Memorial Baptist Church
18 th - 22 nd	6 PM - 8:30 PM	Fox Hill Toad Baptist Church
18 th - 22 nd	6:15 PM - 8:30 PM	Menchville Baptist Church
18 th - 22 nd	9 AM - 12 PM	Walnut Hills Baptist Church
24 th - 28 th	5:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Pine Chapel Baptist Church(includes dinner)
25 th - 29 th	9 AM - 12 PM	James Rive Baptist Church
25 th - 29 th	6 PM - 8:15 PM	Lee Hall Baptist Church

August

1 st - 5 th	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Hornsbyville Baptist Church
8 th - 12 th	9 AM - 12 PM	York River Baptist Church
21 st - 24 th	5:30 PM - 8 PM	James City Community (includes dinner)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

June

16 Pastor's Fellowship @ Memorial Baptist at 11:00 AM



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

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