



# The Network News

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February 2016

## From the DOM

I continue to spend a good amount of time doing consultant work with our churches. I am currently engaged with three churches at differing levels of strategy and health work. Churches that are willing to do the hard work of a long term consulting process gain the most value from their efforts. I am continuing to find my book to be a helpful resource as I engage with churches interested in making change.

Along these lines I have been planning to write a companion workbook for churches to use as a practical tool to implement the kinds of change I wrote about in the book. The Administrative Team has granted me a six week "Sabbatical" in the form of a "study leave" beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>, to spend time working on this project. I will still engage with churches when appropriate during this time, but I will be working outside of the office in order to focus on this project.

I am also working on the first draft of new By-Laws and a new Procedures Manual for the PBA. Hopefully, I will complete these as well during this time. Once complete, these will be presented to our Constitution and By-Laws Committee, and our Leadership Team for review and editing. Once we have a final draft these will be brought to the association for discussion and adoption. These documents have long been in need of revising in order to reflect current realities.

Another area I have been engaged in over the past year has been an effort at bringing white and black pastors together in racial harmony as we work together for God's Kingdom. We plan to keep working towards a greater diversity in the PBA - not just among these races, but a broader ethnic diversity, broader generational diversity in leadership, and greater harmony across theological lines. Having Melanie on the ministry team, and bringing Charles on board has made this dream achievable. But, we can't do it without you. My prayer is that 2016 will be a year with many new faces in the PBA as we work together to impact our region for the Kingdom of God.

Finally, I would like to once again thank the PBA for taking time at the annual meeting to recognize my five-year anniversary of serving you. The plaque hangs proudly in my office, and the love offering was deeply appreciated. I am truly blessed to serve such a great bunch of churches, alongside a tremendous ministry and administrative staff of dedicated servants. This is indeed my dream job!

Chuck Harrison



# **PBA-WIDE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FAIR**

**FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2016**

**WHO:**

1. Invited to attend: Everyone from our PBA churches are invited to attend this event. We please ask that you RSVP.
2. Some of the organizations/agencies that will have displays at this event: Peninsula Worklink, JENCARE, The Fresh Air Fund, Peninsula READS, I AM Companion Home Care, Peninsula Agency on Aging, CARE, Insight Enterprises, The Virginia Veteran and Family Support, Newport News Sheriff's Office- Community Outreach/Programs, Community Housing Partners, Firm Foundation, Boys and Girls Club, Lackey Free Clinic, Newport News Schools, H.E.L.P, James City County Department of Social Services, and Newport News Department of Human Services

**WHAT:** A fair format event- each organization/agency will have a display set-up and those attending will be able to visit the different displays. People may come and go throughout the event.

**WHEN:** 9AM-12PM

**WHERE:** Ivy Memorial Baptist Church (2200 Coliseum DR. Hampton, VA)

**WHY:** To learn about the different organizations in your church's community and to find tangible ways to partner with these organizations, in order to better engage with the community surrounding your church.

**TO RSVP TO THIS EVENT or FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Melanie Lassiter

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You can also go the PBA Facebook page [click here](#) or the Eventbrite event [click here](#).

## **COMMUNITY NETWORKING DIRECTOR**

There is much to celebrate and much more to do to advance the mission of Kingdom Building. By connecting churches with their respective communities and neighborhoods, they become wholesome through an enriching experience with the local churches of the PBA.

Relational activities have been continuing with the Pastors Dialogue on Racism, Violence and Poverty which has now taken on a definitive time of its own monthly. This dialogue opportunity is expanding and sets the stage for continued networking of pastors. They become more relational with others of a different race and denomination. This fosters understanding and trust so that the churches may support and interact with one another.

A spin off of the monthly Pastors Dialogue on Racism, Poverty and Violence are the Donuts & Dialogues. These are intentional conversational gatherings that allow the churches to become more engaged with their respective neighborhoods and communities. These are uninhibited conversations that allow a sharing of concerns and needs that can be engaged by the residents and the church cooperatively. "Where the Cross Meets the Streets"

I have had several individual and group meetings with pastors within and external to the PBA network. This has resulted in increased interest in the PBA and the relational activities and resources available to assist their respective ministries/churches. Pastors and churches are reengaging as they see the clarity of mission and the revelation of direction and offerings of the PBA.

I am engaging in talks to bring the 2018 Christian Community Development Association's (CCDA) national conference to the Hampton Roads area, in specific, Hampton, VA. The probability of that being a reality is more than a dream at this juncture. Along that same line, we hosted a CCDA Cafe at the PBA Office. Planning process is underway to host another CCDA Cafe in April 2016 with the CEO of CCDA conducting it along with a book signing to take place at Williamsburg Baptist. Further planning is taking place to host a day long CCDA Intensive to further examine the principles of Christian Community Development to occur in September 2016 in Hampton.

I conducted Jobs For Life training for Site Leaders and Instructors in which three PBA churches participated and will be establishing sites in the near future. I also worked with Memorial Baptist Church as they held their first Jobs For Life Class and their graduation on January 16th. Another site leaders class will be starting on February 8th that will also include several PBA Churches.

I visited six PBA churches to introduce myself to the Pastors and Congregations to start a conversation as to my role with the PBA.

Rev. Charles Cheek

## **PASTOR'S DIALOGUE ON RACE, VIOLENCE, AND POVERTY**

There was a lot of great conversation at our first dialogue of the year about where we are now, where we go from here, and what we can do along with others to make a difference.

We invite you to join us for the next dialogue on February 10th, 2016. It will be at New Life Church (1525 Power Plant Pkwy, Hampton, VA) at 11:30AM.

Please email Melanie at [melanie@peninsulabaptist.org](mailto:melanie@peninsulabaptist.org) ASAP, if you plan on attending, so we can ensure that there will be enough lunch for everyone.

## **ANNUAL SPORTS CAMP INTEREST/PLANNING MEETING**

This year's meeting will be held on March 8<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00a.m., at the PBA Resource Center. This meeting is for any church interested in the possibility of having a sports camp ministry at their church this summer.

Communicating about any changes to the sports camp ministry, in regards to the church's role and the PBA role, and working on nailing down the 2016 sports camp schedule are the objectives for this meeting.

If you are even slightly interested in this sports camp ministry, it is essential to have at least one person from your church represented at this meeting. We will give priority in scheduling to the churches represented at this meeting.

Please feel free to contact Melanie Lassiter about any questions and/or to inform her if your church plans to be represented.

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## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **PBA VISION NIGHT AND MISSION FAIR**

Sunday, April 17th at 6:00 PM

(location to be determined)

Our annual time of celebration and casting vision of where God is taking our network of churches, followed by our Missions Fair where churches can share ideas about how they serve beyond themselves.

The Mission Fair is a display of God's work being done through people and churches of the PBA. This will be an opportunity for churches and individuals to partner with and encourage each other to be on mission.

Please consider being a part of the PBA Mission Fair by sharing what you have been doing. The ministries can be local, national, or international. We will need to know how many tables you will need and if you require the use of an outlet for your display. For more information contact: Cindy Washam [ccwasham@cox.net](mailto:ccwasham@cox.net) 595-7372.

## **PRAYER GATHERING FOR PASTORS AND LEADERS**

The third Tuesday of each month, 12 noon to 1 PM, different location each month. This is a new non-denominational effort to bring pastors together for a focused hour of prayer followed by an optional bag lunch once a month.

Contact Fred Michaux, pastor of City Life Church at [fred@citylifeva.com](mailto:fred@citylifeva.com)

## **STUDENT MINISTRY NETWORK**

Our next SMN Fellowship will be on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at noon at Chick-fil-a (5003a Victory Blvd, Yorktown). If you work with the students/youth in our churches and are able to make lunch, then we would love for you to join us! As usual, please contact Melanie Lassiter [melanie@peninsulabaptist.org](mailto:melanie@peninsulabaptist.org) if you plan on being there.

## **TIM TEBOW NIGHT TO SHINE PROM** **Northside Christian Church**

February 12<sup>th</sup>,

The Northside congregation will be hosting the Tim Tebow Night to Shine Prom for people with special needs. We look forward to sharing Christ's love with 100 guests and their families.

The prom is for people with special needs who are 16 years of age and older. Registrations can be made at [www.northsideecc.org/#!/events](http://www.northsideecc.org/#!/events). If you or others need more information, contact us directly at [kiml@northsideecc.org](mailto:kiml@northsideecc.org).

## **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

## **SWEET LIFE! DESSERT COMEDY THEATRE**

### **Bethel Baptist Church in Yorktown**

Saturday, February 20, 2016, 7:00 PM

Tickets are \$10.00 if purchased in advance or \$15.00 at the door. For more information and/or to purchase tickets, please visit the church website [bbcyorktown.org](http://bbcyorktown.org) or call the church office at (757) 867-8082. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the fun begins at 7:00 p.m. Bethel Baptist Church is located at 1004 Yorktown Road, Yorktown. Childcare will be provided for infants through 5th graders. If interested in childcare, please RSVP to the church office

Nationally-known comedian Scott Davis will serve up his special brand of humor, which is sure to leave you laughing. Davis has performed on television and stage with Mark Lowry, Dennis Swanberg, and Mark Hall of Casting Crowns.

## **VALENTINE'S DAY FUND RAISER**

### **First Baptist Church NN**

**THIS EVENT IS FOR EVERYBODY! CHILD CARE PROVIDED!**

Come celebrate Valentine's Day with the FBCNN Youth February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. Whether you are a couple or you're single and ready to mingle, this evening will be a night of fun and fellowship where you can enjoy good food, hilarious entertainment and support the best youth group in the whole wide world! Call Mike Adams for more information at 757-871-6981. Make your reservation today by emailing Pastor Michael at [madams@fbcnn.org](mailto:madams@fbcnn.org).

## **ROMANIA MISSION TRIP 2016 YARD SALE**

### **First Baptist Church NN**

Saturday, April 23, 7am-3pm

The First Baptist Newport News church family has sponsored a mission trip to Romania every other year since 1993 when Dr. Jim White (then pastor), Dennis Adams, and Richard Green went, and a partnership was formed with the Hungarian Baptists. Fund raising events are held to raise money to purchase all supplies that are taken with the team to provide Bible Studies, Recreation & Crafts. The team is divided into 3 small teams, each responsible for 2 days of Bible Studies, Recreation & Crafts. There is also a group of disabled adults to whom services are provided, including the camp children, staying at the Barnabas House at the camp which is specially designed for their needs. Funds are most needed to sponsor all the children. Donations are now being accepted and can be brought to the church or you can call the church office for pick up. For more information please contact Dennis at 930-0911 or at [dadams@fbcnn.org](mailto:dadams@fbcnn.org).

## **PARKVIEW FOOT MINISTRY**

### **Parkview Baptist Church**

9am on the first Monday of each month

Parkview offers a foot ministry to the community where anyone can come and have their toe nails trimmed. Over the years this ministry has been staffed by a variety of nurses and professional pedicurists. At present, there is an urgent need for more volunteers. This only requires 2 hours once a month. If you have an interest in this ministry, or know someone who might, please call Carolyn Conley, 867-8027 or the church, 247-0491.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

For additional information on events please visit [peninsulabaptist.org](http://peninsulabaptist.org) or call the PBA office.

### **February**

- 11 Bi-Vo Pastors @ PBA 6:30 PM
- 15 SMN Fellowship @ Chick-Fil-A 12 PM
- 18 Pastor's Fellowship @ First Baptist NN 11:00 AM
- 25 Bi-Vo Pastors @PBA 6:30 PM
- 27 Community Fair @ Ivy Memorial 9 AM to 12 PM



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