



# The Network News

March 2016

From the DOM

## WE ARE THE CHURCH!

These words are more than just our theme for this year, they represent one of the most important truths of the Christian faith. Jesus came to usher in a Kingdom based on love and forgiveness through his death on the cross. He commissioned the Church to advance that Kingdom throughout the world.

There is only one Church. This Church is represented by smaller bodies of believers throughout the world. These bodies are diverse in language, ethnicity, culture, and practices. These individual congregations are the “incarnation” (flesh and blood) of the one big “C” church. Your congregation is not in competition with the one down the street - you are part of the same body. This is true whether or not the specifics of your theology and practice are the same or different.

Often, the world doesn't see one Church. They see factions, and splinters, and divisions. That is mostly our fault. Jesus prayed:

*“My prayer is not for them alone (the original disciples). I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message (us), that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.”* John 17.20-21 NIV (comments in parenthesis added)

Jesus knew that the only way the world would believe in him was if his followers demonstrated unity.

This is an important part of why we network together in the Peninsula Baptist Association. We come together to declare with one voice the good news of Jesus Christ. Twice a year we literally come together as a network of churches. Our next gathering will be our **Vision Night** on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6 PM. This gathering will take place at First Baptist Church of Newport News. Let's come together as one diverse Church to celebrate the good news of Jesus.

Following an inspiring time of worship (led by the National Day of Prayer combined choir) and vision casting by our staff, we will have a Missions Fair and reception.

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.

**CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (CCDA) REGIONAL GATHERING**  
Saturday, March 19th, 2016 at 10AM at Memorial Baptist Church

We welcome all who are interested in learning more about the new CCDA local network, established in Hampton Roads. During this time you will be introduced to CCDA and to one another. We will ask for your valuable input in order to help build our knowledge of regional ministries who share the CCD values. We will also identify together the key issues these ministries are addressing. We look forward to providing the opportunity for future relationships and powerful partnerships.

Please e-mail Charles Cheek ([cecheek2004@yahoo.com](mailto:cecheek2004@yahoo.com)) if you have any questions and/or to RSVP to this event. Your RSVP is requested, as lunch will be provided. Childcare will also be available, upon request. Learn more about CCDA at [www.cdda.org](http://www.cdda.org).

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

Our next dialogue is coming up, next Wednesday (3/9/16), at Memorial Baptist Church (317 Lee St, Hampton) at 11:30.

We have had a lot of great dialogue happening already this year and things are starting to happen. If you want to be a part of this, we would love for you to join us.

Please email [melanie@peninsulabaptist.org](mailto:melanie@peninsulabaptist.org) by 3/7/16 if you plan on attending so we can plan the food and format accordingly.

**WALK WITH THE CROSS**

Walk with the Cross (downtown Hampton) is Friday, March 25th, 2016 at 5:00 PM. The starting point is First Baptist Church (229 King Street, Hampton). All are invited to come and join with Hampton Baptist Church, Memorial Baptist Church, Kingdom Builders Community Church, Open Door Full Gospel Baptist Church, and other downtown churches. An ecumenical event. For more information contact Charles Cheek at [cecheek2004@yahoo.com](mailto:cecheek2004@yahoo.com).

**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).

**DONUTS & DIALOGUE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CHATS DATES AND LOCATIONS**

Phoebus Community Center

Saturday, March 12th from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Hosted by: Pastor Gail Roberts-House of Open Door Full Gospel Baptist Church

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church

Thursday, March 17th, from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Hosted by: Pastor Michael Silver of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church

Pearlie's Restaurant

Saturday, March 26th from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Hosted by: Evelyn Azeem

For more information on these events contact Charles Cheek at [cecheek2004@yahoo.com](mailto:cecheek2004@yahoo.com)

## THANK YOU!

I just want to give a personal shout out to everyone who made the Community Engagement Fair the success that it was. I want to specifically thank Ivy Memorial Baptist Church for letting us use their facilities, the PBA Missions and Ministry Team for being a helping hand in so many ways, the organizations who had wonderful displays, Linda for all the hard work she did behind the scenes to make everything run well (like she always does), and to many others who gave a helping hand. We had thirty-four organizations participate, around fifty-five people attend, and twenty-two churches represented.

My prayer is that connections will continue to be made and that sustainable Kingdom impact will take place in our communities.

Thank you!  
Melanie Lassiter

## ANNUAL SPORTS CAMP INTEREST AND PLANNING MEETING

This year's meeting will be held NEXT TUESDAY (March 8<sup>th</sup>) at 10AM 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.

The objectives for this meeting are: receiving information 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.

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 let her know if your church plans to be represented. Call (757)-596-4587

E-mail: [melanie@peninsulabaptist.org](mailto:melanie@peninsulabaptist.org)

## SUMMER LEADERSHIP TEAM 2016

As of this month, I will start accepting applications for the 2016 Summer Leadership Team. This is a team of six high-potential and high-capacity young leaders (ages 18-25) who are willing and wanting to have an eight week (June 20<sup>th</sup>-August 12<sup>th</sup>) paid position, which focuses on discipleship, leadership, and serving our churches. Please feel free to contact Melanie for more information about this opportunity, to receive the job description and application, and/or to recommend someone to be a part of this team.

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## STUDENT MINISTRY NETWORK

Our next SMN Fellowship is March 21<sup>st</sup>, at 12PM at Bubba N Franks Smokehouse (229 Floyd Thompson Dr, Hampton, VA). One of the topics of discussion will be about the possibility of having a PBA-wide D-NOW youth event.

If you would like to join us and/or have any questions, then e-mail Melanie Lassiter ([melanie@peninsulabaptist.org](mailto:melanie@peninsulabaptist.org)) or Paul Eaker ([pauleaker15@gmail.com](mailto:pauleaker15@gmail.com)).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

### March

- 10 Bi-Vo Pastors @ PBA 6:30 PM
- 17 Pastor's Fellowship @ PBA 11:00 AM
- 21 SMN @ Frank & Bubba's Smokehouse in Hampton 12 PM
- 24 Bi-Vo Pastors @PBA 6:30 PM

## PENINSULA WMU ANNUAL MEETING

The Peninsula WMU will have its annual meeting at Ivy Memorial Baptist Church on April 16th starting at 9:00AM for light refreshments until Noon. We are having Pat Wright as our speaker.

## DISASTER RELIEF

We need a few good people to volunteer to help in Tappahannock.

Tasks include

- helping clear drive ways and yards
- putting tarps on roofs
- helping people do what other jobs they need to have done.

Call Tom Cline at 757 329 5223 as soon as possible.

## WEST HAMPTON BAPTIST CHURCH

We are seeking a **part-time Youth Minister** who will demonstrate a strong commitment to Jesus Christ while developing and implementing a ministry for the youth of our church and community. Candidates who offer strong youth ministry leadership and organizational skills will be considered. A desire to include the youth and parents in the overall ministry of the church is essential. Some college education is preferred. Send resume to [personnel@whbcnow.org](mailto:personnel@whbcnow.org) or Personnel Committee, West Hampton Baptist Church, 631 Aberdeen Road, Hampton, VA, 23661.”

## EASTER PRAISE 2016

Jesus, Hope of the World will be a presentation of select passages from all 4 gospels. Easter Praise includes a variety of ministries such as the choir, orchestra, drama, construction, media, and dance. A dramatic presentation of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, Easter Praise is meant to reach out into the community and to the church body. Tickets are not required, Admission is free. Childcare is available by reservation for infants - Kindergarten. Please RSVP for childcare by March 22 to [children@bbcnyorktown.org](mailto:children@bbcnyorktown.org). Bethel Baptist Church is located at 1004 Yorktown Road, Yorktown, VA 23693. For directions and more information, go to [www.bbcnyorktown.org](http://www.bbcnyorktown.org).

## IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH

We are looking for someone who could play piano for an 8:30am worship service on Sundays starting April 3rd. We are looking for someone to play hymns and instrumental pieces for the offertory. If you are interested, please e-mail [brenden00@gmail.com](mailto:brenden00@gmail.com) (with two zeroes) or call the church at 596-2525 for more details.

They are also looking for a part-time Children's Director. For more information about this position call Brian at 757-596-2525 or email [imbc@verizon.net](mailto:imbc@verizon.net).

## 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



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

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