

Second Annual TNT Dynamite Kids Night

Our event was a wonderful success again this year, and for those of you who may not know, TNT Dynamite is a place where children can go to play inflatable games. We had over one-hundred children and about fifty adults attend the event. We spent three hours playing games, eating pizza and snacks, having a devotional and a super time of fellowship. Eight of our associational churches were in attendance

Our next event will be a Kid's Rally at Temple Baptist Church on Wednesday, March 3rd. This is an attempt to see if we could worship together periodically on a Wednesday night. This is an event for leaders to bring kids to. For additional information on this and other events please visit the PBA website.



Disaster Relief: Haitian Earthquake

The following is an excerpt from the February 16th NAMB Disaster Update regarding the situation in Haiti:

It has taken Southern Baptists approximately a month to gain a clear picture of how best to respond to the horrific devastation in and around Port-au-Prince, Haiti. The Lord reminds us to make the most of the time. It is clearly evident that God has given us an opportunity to make an eternal difference in Haiti.

As leaders have engaged in the planning process, volunteer teams have been meeting needs and sharing Christ in Haiti. Nine medical teams have treated more than 8,000 patients. One-hundred sixty-one (161) Haitians have accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior. Haitian Baptist pastors have been distributing food to people in their communities with the assistance of the Florida Baptist Convention. Southern Baptist churches across the U.S. have embraced the "Buckets of Hope" initiative to get food to the people of Haiti.

The Haiti response is a God-sized response and Southern Baptists know that only God can do all that needs to be done. One point strongly discussed in last week's planning meeting at the North American Mission Board was the need for continuous and focused prayer. In the coming weeks, Southern Baptists will be given tools to help in focused prayer. As you read these updates, spend some time praying for the Haitian people, the volunteers, Haitians in the U.S., and for the light of the gospel to be proclaimed boldly in Haiti.

A large obstacle to the response so far has been transportation into Haiti. By the end of this week, the Port-au-Prince airport will likely open back up for commercial flights. This will eliminate the fatigue of overland travel for responding teams and the added logistical issues related to travel between Santo Domingo and Port-au-Prince. Teams will be able to begin their work almost immediately upon arrival in Haiti.

God continues to open avenues of ministry to Southern Baptists. Volunteers, filled with the Spirit, will impact Haitian believers and non-believers forever. What will Haiti look like in six months, a year, five years? The prospects are indeed exciting.

For the latest information visit the Virginia Baptist Mission Board website at www.vbmb.org, or contact Tom Cline, our local disaster coordinator, at tg_cline@yahoo.com or 757-329-5223.

Baptist Collegiate Ministries

Kimberlee Gibson, CNU Campus Minister

As the Campus Minister of Baptist Collegiate Ministries of Christopher Newport University I will be taking students to New York, New York during the University's Spring Break. During that time we will be working with Metro Baptist Church in an effort to assist those in the community.

Metro Baptist Church is heavily involved in the community and supporting those that are less fortunate. In a city where the homeless and underprivileged population continues to grow, Metro Baptist makes every effort to meet their needs. From feeding the homeless to running a coat closet, from providing after school activities for teens to opening their building to families and women in need, Metro Baptist defines what it means to be Christ's hands and feet.

The students of Baptist Collegiate Ministries and I have chosen not to participate in typical spring break activities. During Christopher Newport University's Spring Break we will make a difference in the lives of those who depend on Metro Baptist Church as well as those who work tirelessly to keep it running. Please be in prayer for our group as we prepare to make the journey and are on the mission field.

Our group will be staying in the dormitories at the church while in New York City. We'll be leaving on Sunday, February 28 and start assisting the church on Monday morning. Our assignments will vary between outreach and building upgrades. It will be exciting to experience both qualitative and quantitative missions during this trip. We will have the opportunity to do enrichment activities with children, work with teens in the Teen Center, and help with the Clothes Closet. We will also be able to assist with interior painting and deep cleaning of overlooked spaces. Please be in prayer for our group as we prepare ourselves spiritually and continue to fundraise. During our travels and while we're in New York, please pray for our safety, wellness, energy, and strength.

We are greatly looking forward to this opportunity of service to the members, staff, and community of Metro Baptist Church. Your prayers, love, and encouragement will sustain us during our trip. I look forward to sharing our experience with you upon our return.

William and Mary BCM

Members of The College of William and Mary BCM recently served with Mark Grumbles and Herbert Soto, in Jicaral, Costa Rica, to help start a church. They held Bible camps and meetings where they told fifteen Bible stories in chronological order. We will have a complete report on their recent trip in the next edition of the Currents.

WMU (Women's Missionary Union)

Ladies Retreat at Eastover Retreat Center - March 26th-27th

Ann Brown, Virginia WMU President, will be our leader

North American Missions Prayer Gathering - April 20th, 6:00pm @ Walnut Hills Baptist

Dinner meeting with Judy Hetherington, leader for mission trips to Standing Rock Indian Reservation,

For more details on these events contact Carolyn Conley at carolynconley1@cox.net or 757-867-8027.

The WMU of Virginia has a fantastic new website: www.wmuv.org

The Peninsula Baptist Association (PBA) is made up of sixty-three Baptist churches from across the Peninsula. Our reason for associating is to encourage and support one another, start new churches, and to do ministry together that we may not be able to do alone. Together we seek to impact our area with the love and message of Jesus Christ.

Good News from our Churches

The Lord continues to bless **Gloucester Point** with new members. Since the first Sunday in January, we have had ten decisions made with four of them being for baptisms! Our church is also starting the PRISM Weight Loss Program.

York River welcomes our new Student Minister, Joey Meador on staff. Joey began his ministry at YRBC on January 10th. He and his wife Alayna, are from Corpus Christi, Texas.

Faith Baptist Church has called Rev. Larry Soblotne as pastor as of December 6th.

The combined choirs of **White Marsh Baptist** and **Yorktown Baptist** presented the Christmas cantata, "It's The Most Wonderful Time of the Year" together twice. The first date was December 13th at Yorktown's morning worship service and the second date was December 20th at White Marsh's evening worship service. Rusty Taylor, a member of White Marsh and the organist/choir director at Yorktown, led the combined effort--thank you, Rusty!!

Immanuel participated in the Homeless Ministry in January, and will soon be starting a new discipleship study, "Have A New Kid by Friday."

The congregation of **Freedom Life Church**, with the help of employees at Northrop Grumman and Printpak Inc. were able to send twenty-two Christmas care packages to military servicemen & women serving our country overseas. The packages went to service members of all branches in Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan. We were extremely blessed to have the opportunity to give back to the Americans who give so much for us; their time, commitment and sometimes, unfortunately, even their lives. In addition to the care packages, Freedom Life Church sent over 200 Christmas cards to military members across the US, including stations here on the Peninsula.

HarborPointe Community Church hosted a "Night's Welcome" for the homeless women of Hampton (Jan 23-30) and hosted Celebration Christian Fellowship for their Saturday night worship gatherings (started May 2009). HarborPointe launched their 2nd Sunday morning worship service (June 2009) – laid back, preaching from bar stool, unplugged gathering.

Fox Hill Road Baptist recently brought in Dr. Ron Herrod for a revival that focused on prophecy and the end times and saw many commit their lives to Christ.

Riverside will send a contribution for Haiti relief from monies set aside in a savings account for mission-type projects and will receive special offerings over two weeks toward this cause. They served dinner to the Peninsula Rescue Mission on February 10th.

Temple will host the first "Kids Rally" on March 3rd, 2010 from 6:15pm-7:30pm.

December was an exciting month of celebrating Christ at **Parkview**. The true Spirit of Christ was celebrated with birthday parties for Jesus held by the very youngest to the oldest of our family groups. The Peninsula Concert Band's stirring Christmas concert, and the beautiful and moving Christmas Eve service which culminated in lighting the Christ Advent candle with all the individual candles lit from Parkview was truly a people reaching up and out into the community in the name of Christ.

Williamsburg Baptist Church has begun a thirteen-week study of Henry Blackaby's "Experiencing God" with Leadership by Religious Herald editor Rev. Jim White and Mrs. Connie White.

Sharpening the Ax

A word from Tommy Davidson, Interim Leadership Team



How about a good book?

Reading is a great way to stretch mentally and deepen spiritually. The Apostle Paul understood that. Even when at the end of his ministry, in jail and near death, he was requesting stuff to read, according to 2 Timothy 4:13. He wanted to stay sharp and fresh, intellectually alert and vocationally visionary and spiritually focused.

We could benefit, too, from using some of our time during these winter days to recharge with the aid of wise writers. Allow me to pass on some suggestions of helpful works that are blessing me personally just now.

Anything that John Ortberg pens is insightful and creative. His latest offering is *The Me I Want To Be* (Zondervan, 2010). He discusses individual growth and maturity in a variety of areas, and uses very helpful illustrations. Chip Ingram's new book, *Living On The Edge* (Howard Books, 2009) also deals with deepening our spirituality, and he develops, in a very practical way, the applications that come from Romans 12.

You'll find John Piper's most recent work, though brief, to be rich and pointed. It is *A Sweet And Bitter Providence* (Crossway, 2010). He works through the Old Testament book of Ruth, drawing out crucial themes that impact our lives today. He highlights sex, race, and the sovereignty of God as well as the comforting truth that the Lord is always at work in our situations to bring about our good and His glory. *Pure Pleasure* (Zondervan, 2009) by Gary Thomas would refresh you. He ponders why Christians feel so bad about feeling good. He offers a practical theology about delighting in the everyday pleasures that God created for us to enjoy while warning about the misuse of those joys.

Want something a little deeper? Try the weighty academic study by Andreas Kostenberger, *A Theology Of John's Gospel And Letters* (Zondervan, 2009). It thoroughly probes the historical and literary features of these New Testament writings and digs out in detail the critical themes. This work provides fodder for a long, satisfying investigation of these portions of scripture. Sermons galore could be birthed out of these pages, and Sunday School preparation enhanced.

For some scintillating reflections on marriage, check out *Love And War* (Doubleday, 2009) by John and Stasi Eldredge. This couple blends scriptural thoughts with experiences out of their own relationship and those of people they counsel to serve up some beneficial advice on marital issues. Their transparency is refreshing and their wisdom enriching. If you need to brush up on your leadership skills, you might find *Axiom* (Zondervan, 2008) by Bill Hybels to be of assistance. This noted megachurch pastor shares a wealth of insights in short, incisive chapters on matters like vision, strategy, communication, teamwork, assessment, and integrity. It's almost like a "book of Proverbs" on leadership issues.

Dr. Larry Crabb does an interesting thing in his new book, *66 Love Letters* (Thomas Nelson, 2009). He devotes a chapter to each book in the Bible and "converses with God" about what He is trying to communicate in each particular portion of scripture in terms of personal concern. This comes off like a daily journal kind of reading experience and is packed with rich thoughts on all kinds of spiritual and emotional matters in light of what God gave us in His Word centuries ago. This book offers a different kind of devotional way to work through the Bible over a year.

So...see ya at the bookstore.

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Pastor News

- Phillip Higgins has resigned as Music Minister at Providence.
- Marshall Mason has resigned as Pastor at Ivy Farms.
- Faith has called Larry Soblotne as Pastor.
- John Corson is interim Pastor at Hampton Roads.
- Joey Meador is the new Student Minister at York River.
- Seth Horrell is the new Pastor at North Riverside beginning March 1st.

2009 Financial Contributions

Contributions totaled \$284,412.69 for last year.

Listed below are the top ten contributing association churches:

1.	First Baptist Church	\$28,876.93
2.	Ivy Memorial Baptist	\$18,729.00
3.	Walnut Hills Baptist	\$17,978.46
4.	Emmaus Baptist Church	\$17,936.95
5.	West Hampton Baptist	\$16,590.69
6.	Hampton Baptist Church	\$13,224.01
7.	Temple Baptist Church	\$12,690.66
8.	James River Baptist	\$12,193.01
9.	Gloucester Point Baptist	\$10,831.83
10.	Orcutt Baptist Church	\$10,079.50

2009 Kissinger Offering: \$17,663.05
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Cold Days of Flag Football: Dedicated Officials, Fans and Players



Eastover Update

A few quick notes on camp statistics. 4,725 different children, youth and adults participated in camps, conferences and retreats, and eleven churches and organizations conducted a total of ten weeks of camp at our facility from June 15th-August 22nd, involving a total of 891 participating individuals.

Janice McGrew is the new Chair of the Retreat Ministry Board and Mike Doyle is the Vice-Chairman. We appreciate all of Bill Cashman's hard work as Chairman; he will continue to serve as a board member.

Military Ministry

Temple Baptist recently began a trial ministry at the old Seafarers Center building in Newport News. On January 14th they served a spaghetti dinner to twenty sailors from Huntington Hall. They were able to distribute many "freebie" items from bags previously donated by association churches. One of the sailors attended Temple Baptist the following Sunday and two others indicated they also might be interested in visiting. There are approximately 450 men and women currently housed in Huntington Hall. Temple has received commitments to help from other churches, but they are still seeking help to prepare meals and assist on upcoming Thursdays in March and April. If you are interested in helping with this ministry please contact Tom Cline (757-329-5223) or Lee Noack (757-930-9499).





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Verse of the Month

Commit to the Lord whatever
you do, and your plans will suc-
ceed.

- Proverbs 16:3

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Upcoming Events

Visit the PBA website for additional information on the following events, or to confirm times and locations.

Kids Rally

Wednesday, March 3rd, 6:15pm - 7:30pm @ Temple Baptist Church

Pastor's Fellowship

Tuesday, March 9th, 11:00am, Location TBA

YouthNet

Wednesday, March 17th, 6:45pm, Langley Baptist Church