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Three Types of People

In something I was reading, this paragraph stood out.

Never forget that in your life are three types of people.

1. People who helped you in your difficult times
2. People who left you in your difficult times
3. People who put you in your difficult times

There are at least two points that can be made from this assessment. **First**, there are all sorts of people and behavior issues with whom you have contact. Some behavior can be controlled by outside forces. An example of this is drivers slowing down when they know a traffic cop is present. In society and in church, people sometimes modify their behavior because of "the law." Legalism cannot change the heart, only the Holy Spirit can do that. **Second**, a take away from that paragraph is that you are not responsible for the behavior of others. It is not a trite statement to say each of us will answer to God for our behavior. If you have had to deal with un-Christ-like behavior on the part of others, remember that you cannot change them, only God can. Also remember that they are accountable to God for their behavior, not to you.

As the Lord to help you see all the events in your life through the lens of the cross.

Robert



My Challenge to You

As you begin this busy summer season I want to challenge you with a paraphrase from Romans 12:1.

"So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life— your

sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life— and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him." I know the summer is a "crazy busy" time in all of our lives. Let me ask you a question, "What are you going to do for God this summer?" Maybe you are thinking that you don't have time for a mission trip. I challenge you this summer to take your ordinary life and place it before God as an offering. When we do that we relinquish our rights and expectations to what we do and where we go. May we spend this summer embracing what God does and allows in our lives. It could be that maybe God will provide a better opportunity to serve Him than we ever imagined.

Don't forget about The Big League World Series coming July 26-August 2. We need volunteers for the booth during the games and for the laundry unit in the mornings. Give us a call to volunteer. Also, we are collecting Ministry Kits that will be used on Mission Trips and for International Students at Clemson University. It would be great if we could get 1500-2000 of these this year. We have been averaging about 700-800. If every church could do 25-30 kits we would be well on the way. I am looking forward to serving Him together this summer!

Blessings:
Chris

Ministry Health Kits

1 bath towel

1 toothbrush

1 wash cloth

1 toothpaste

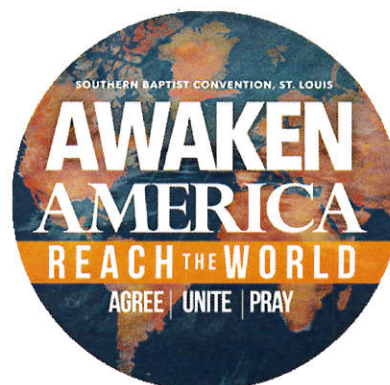
*1 hand towel

1 bar soap

1 comb

***Additional item added this year. If you have already prepared your kits don't worry about this item.**

Place in a 2 gallon zip lock bag. Due in the PBA Office on or before June 21st.



Treasurer's Report April 2016



Contributions from Churches	27,008.52
Other83
Total	27,009.35

Monthly Budget Required	26,344.28
Budget Required thru April	105,377.12
Receipts to date	95,731.90
Difference	-9,645.22

Contributions from Churches
(Note: Some churches give quarterly)

	<u>Jan-April 2016</u>	<u>Jan-April 2015</u>
Agape	913.35	852.00
Arial	1,699.00	1,523.00
Bishop Branch	2,992.36	3,336.97
Brushy Creek	3,000.00	4,000.00
Calumet	320.00	649.00
Calvary Hill	1,794.45	1,930.12
Cannon Memorial	1,591.70	1,500.00
Cateechee	758.00	724.65
Cedar Rock	1,119.75	1,226.34
Central First	1,045.00	1,420.10
Corinth	1,806.24	897.96
Crosswell First	400.00	982.18
Easley First	2,866.64	2,953.26
East Clemson	898.49	1,189.44
East Side	1,000.00	1,000.00
Elljean	516.17	413.01
Enon	1,675.00	1,555.00
Esperanza	.00	.00
Faith	200.00	200.00
Flat Rock	3,279.88	2,365.64
Geer Mem.	1,321.42	1,410.42
Georges Creek	995.61	1,032.64
Glenwood	1,185.51	1,153.26
Graceway	.00	.00
Hunt's Mem.	1,500.00	1,500.00
Indian Upstate	.00	100.00
Jones Ave.	3,285.65	2,856.32
Liberty First	1,500.00	2,072.91
Mountain Springs	2,502.86	2,033.34
Mt. Airy	3,200.00	3,200.00
Mt. Carmel	2,927.90	3,322.50
Mt. Moriah	1,000.00	750.00
Mt. Pisgah	11,189.35	10,513.97
Mt. Tabor	.00	87.00
My Father's House	.00	.00
Norris First	3,500.00	3,500.00
Park Street	135.00	111.00
Pendleton St.	1,550.37	996.75
Powdersville First	4,096.99	3,698.01
Refuge	673.32	666.64
Rice's Creek	805.98	100.00
River Road	400.55	349.24
Rock Springs	17,712.38	17,814.77
Ruhamah	.00	.00
Siloam	4,418.34	3,997.13
Six & Twenty	636.91	842.13
Slabtown	890.00	1,020.00
Smith Grove	600.00	.00
The Neighborhood	500.00	652.24
Trinity Point	.00	193.67
*Warehouse	.00	200.00
Wren	<u>324.45</u>	<u>348.74</u>
Total	94,728.62	93,241.35

*No longer affiliated with PBA.

Birthdays:

- 1 Gail Dobson, wife of Pastor, Cateechee
- 2 Mark Kannamey, Pastor, Liberty First
- 2 Donna Adams, wife of Pastor, Easley First
- 3 Robert Dickard, DOM
- 3 Rodney Graham, Minister to Sr. Adults, Brushy Creek
- 5 Joy Estes, wife of Minister of Education, East Side
- 5 Amanda Smoak, wife of Pastor, Mountain Springs
- 12 Scott Allen, Missions Minister, Rock Springs
- 12 Bobby Brock, Minister of Education, Brushy Creek
- 16 John Adams, Pastor, Easley First
- 20 Chris Hargrove, Minister of Youth, Flat Rock
- 22 Alton Nix, Pastor, Park Street
- 28 Alicia Harvell, wife of Minister of Music, Calumet
- 29 Doug Estes, Minister of Education, East Side
- 29 Boots Holder, Pastor, Esperanza

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 1 Owen & Marsha Robertson, Min. of Education, Easley First
- 6 Ken & Loretta Dover, Education Min. Team Leader, PBA
- 8 Micah & Sarah Ashley McMinn, Min. of Music, Brushy Creek
- 9 Phillip & Caroline Jewell, Min. to Youth, Mt. Carmel
- 10 Rodney & Sheila Graham, Min. to Sr. Adults, Brushy Creek
- 11 Chuck & Chris Traylor, Minister of Music, Brushy Creek
- 13 Alton & Carolyn Nix, Pastor, Park Street
- 14 Boots & Katie Holder, Pastor, Esperanza
- 15 Troy & Joyce Sudduth, Ministry Asst., PBA
- 16 Gregg & Wendy Finley, Pastor, My Father's House
- 24 Jeff & Lisa Jowers, Min of Youth, Mt. Moriah
- 25 Don & Myra Gibson, Minister of Music, Rock Springs
- 25 Darren & Isabel Rood, Pastor, Cannon Memorial

Staff Anniversaries:

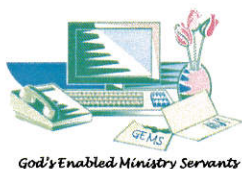
- 1981 Rick Baumgarner, Minister of Music, Easley First
- 1987 Rudy Halstead, Pastor, Agape
- 1995 Alton Nix, Pastor, Park Street
- 2013 Chris Hargrove, Minister to Youth, Flat Rock
- 2013 Micah McMinn, Minister of Music, Brushy Creek
- 2014 Doug Estes, Minister of Education, East Side
- 2015 Heath Bowie, Pastor, Refuge
- 2015 Eric Marvin, Minister to Students, Mt. Airy



*"Direct your children onto the right path,
and when they are older, they will not leave it."*
Proverbs 22:6

Celebrate Father's Day Sunday, June 19th.

PBA Ministry
Assistants will
meet Tuesday.
June 7th, noon, at
PBA Office.



God's Enabled Ministry Servants

Please bring a
salad to share with the group.