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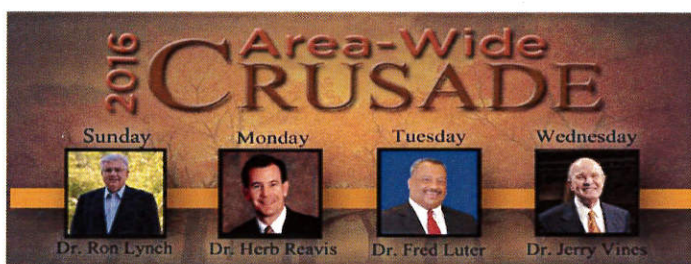
Not All Things Change

Change is all around us, everywhere. We are approaching a season change. People change. Churches change. I know that some resist and reject the idea of a church ever changing. The reality is, like it or not, churches do change. Those who

would reject the notion that churches change need to look at some evidence. There are many church buildings that used to be filled on Sunday morning but now are mostly empty. There used to be life and energy and vitality in the church, but now it appears that they are just going through the motion of "having church."

The truth is, the only thing constant is JESUS. "Yesterday, today, and forever." He is God. That has not changed. He loves the world, and died on the cross and rose from the dead to redeem lost people. That has not changed. He offers Grace. That has not changed. I am thankful that as I watch the world change before my eyes, I can close my eyes at night and know that He is still on the throne. That has not changed. Praise God!

Robert



September 11 - 14

Rock Springs Baptist Church

Sunday: 6:00pm

Monday: 7:00pm

Tuesday: 7:00pm

Wednesday 7:00pm

Special music each evening 15 minutes before service.

Child care provided.



Have Insurance Questions??

Thursday, September 8th, 10:00am there will be a meeting for all pastors, staff and any other interested people at the Impact Center at Rock Springs Church. Health insurance, liability insurance, workers' compensation, property insurance - it will all be discussed. Bring your questions and concerns and hopefully leave with answers. For more information, contact Zach Shaw at 859-1746 or 940-1356.



The **Annual Church Profiles** have **not** been mailed to our churches. Clerks/Ministry Assistants, we apologize for this inconvenience. As soon as we received these from SCBC we will get them mailed to you.

La Esperanza Church

In November 2015 La Esperanza Baptist church began to pray about what future plans God had for our church. We had been meeting in the homes of various church members. It was becoming hard to keep everyone up to date on where the service would be each week. Some long-time members had stopped attending. It was hard to see what God could do with our situation.

When we had given up finding a local church where we could meet and exhausted possibilities of renting a building, one of our church members called to say God had been leading him to donate part of his land to build a church.

We did not have any idea that He would lead us to build a church building, because we only had around \$1000 in the bank at that time. But, as we know, His ways are higher than ours.

The church currently meets in the garage of one of our members. It has been a blessing to use this location, but there is not much room for growth.

Last fall we began raising funds to construct a building on the donated property. We are blessed to have church members with all of the skills required to build a building, so we only need to raise money for materials. We have shared the vision for the construction project with several churches in the Piedmont Association. As of August 10, the Lord has provided about \$49,000 toward our goal of \$85,000 through the donations of many churches and individuals.

We have begun the process of applying for permits to build. We ask that you pray for our church during this time, because this process is complicated. We are ready to break ground as soon as we receive all of the permits. Please pray specifically for our driveway easement, which has been in process since the beginning of June.

We are always ready to share our story with any church that would like to partner with us in this ministry. Thank you so much for your prayers and support!

Boots and Katie Holder
864-436-8683

Treasurer's Report July 2016

Contributions from Churches	23,329.79
Other	1,000.85
Total	24,330.64
Monthly Budget Required	26,344.28
Budget Required thru July	184,409.96
Receipts to date	163,322.09
Total Spent to date	165,926.37
Difference	-2,604.28
Budget Deficit	-22,087.87

Contributions from Churches (Note: Some churches give quarterly)

	Jan-July 2016	Jan-July 2015
Agape	913.35	1,734.45
Arial	2,683.00	2,635.00
Bishop Branch	5,200.58	5,953.13
Brushy Creek	6,000.00	7,000.00
Calumet	840.00	1,140.00
Calvary Hill	4,270.75	3,517.12
Cannon Memorial	2,797.28	2,250.00
Cateechee	1,492.00	1,489.05
Cedar Rock	2,062.98	2,068.57
Central First	2,138.00	2,516.10
Corinth	2,486.35	2,926.72
Crosswell First	600.00	1,714.64
Easley First	5,016.65	5,103.27
East Clemson	1,502.40	2,118.70
East Side	1,500.00	1,750.00
Elljean	915.19	710.34
Enon	2,875.00	2,745.00
Esperanza	.00	.00
Faith	300.00	350.00
Flat Rock	5,148.53	4,197.90
Geer Mem.	2,398.50	2,535.71
Georges Creek	1,457.81	1,881.90
Glenwood	1,671.33	1,979.36
Graceway	.00	.00
Hunt's Mem.	2,100.00	2,100.00
Indian Upstate	.00	100.00
Jones Ave.	5,837.38	6,579.15
Liberty First	3,000.00	3,593.37
Mountain Springs	3,026.30	3,050.01
Mt. Airy	5,600.00	5,600.00
Mt. Carmel	4,694.45	4,604.51
Mt. Moriah	1,750.00	1,500.00
Mt. Pisgah	17,396.40	15,674.67
Mt. Tabor	174.00	116.00
My Father's House	.00	.00
Norris First	6,125.00	6,125.00
Park Street	219.00	182.00
Pendleton St.	1,550.37	1,996.95
Powdersville First	6,954.62	6,408.05
Refuge	1,178.31	1,166.62
Rice's Creek	1,386.62	400.00
River Road	723.43	743.67
Rock Springs	30,591.16	30,802.34
Ruhamah	.00	.00
Siloam	7,301.87	6,862.87
Six & Twenty	1,313.12	1,805.91
Slabtown	1,249.00	1,158.00
Smith Grove	800.00	.00
The Neighborhood	500.00	652.24
Trinity Point	.00	193.67
*Warehouse	.00	500.00
Wren	575.44	759.92
Total	158,316.17	160,991.91

*No longer affiliated with PBA.



**Pastor/Staff Lunch, Tuesday,
Sept. 13th, 11:30am, Silver
Bay, Easley**

**See You at the Pole,
Wednesday, September 28.
Pray for our students,
teachers, and administrators.**



PBA will be closed Monday,
September 5 in observance of
Labor Day.



SEPTEMBER



Prayer Calendar

Birthdays:

- 2 Troy Harrison, Pastor, Siloam
- 5 Gregg Finley, Pastor, My Father's House
- 5 Walt Sweet, Minister of Education, Rock Springs
- 5 Steve Allsep, Music Associate, Rock Springs
- 7 Robert Fowler, Pastor, Flat Rock
- 7 Amanda Galloway, wife of Media Director, Rock Springs
- 8 Joni Jordan, wife of PBA Missions Ministries Coord.
- 14 Chuck Traylor, Minister of Music, Brushy Creek
- 18 Nick McClellan, Minister of Youth, Brushy Creek
- 18 Kathy Shorter, wife of Pastor, Calvary Hill
- 21 David Gallamore, Pastor, Rock Springs
- 21 Chad Campbell, Pastor, Mt. Pisgah
- 22 Rick Baumgarner, Minister of Music, Easley First
- 28 Raquela Alexander, Children's Director, Brushy Creek
- 29 Troy Sudduth, husband of Ministry Asst., PBA
- 29 Miles Bridges, Assoc. Pastor, Powdersville First

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 4 Robert & Faye Dickard, PBA DOM
- 7 Rick & Carol Jo Baumgarner, Minister of Music, Easley First
- 7 Gene & Teresa Gilliam, Pastor, East Clemson
- 11 Harold & Dianna Sanders, Pastor, Wren
- 17 Eric & Regina Olson, Minister of Music, Siloam
- 18 Mark & Valerie Kannarney, Pastor, Liberty First
- 22 Gary & Cathy James, Pastor, Faith
- 27 Josh & Rachel Culver, Pastor, Mt. Tabor

Staff Anniversaries:

- 1983 David Gallamore, Pastor, Rock Springs
- 2001 John Adams, Pastor, Easley First
- 2003 Johnny Touchet, Pastor, Mt. Moriah
- 2003 Jimmy Sanders, Min. Of Media, Brushy Creek
- 2007 Bobby Brock, Min. of Education, Brushy Creek
- 2011 Eric Olson, Minister of Music, Siloam
- 2015 Mike D'Avanzo, Minister of Youth, Norris First



Arial: Sept. 27, 6pm, Dr. Gary Fleetwood will speak on work in Indonesia and Pakistan. For more information contact Kevin Dennis at 859-7234.

Cannon Memorial is seeking a full time youth pastor. Contact Darren Rood at 356-7568 or Darrenrood@yahoo.com

Crosswell First is seeking a Worship Leader/Minister of Music. Send resumes to RexDSimmons@outlook.com and LeeStacy43@att.net. or call 283-0848.

Mt. Pisgah will hold a Bible Conference Sept. 25-28. Sunday services at 10am & 6pm. Monday - Wednesday, 6:30pm. Speakers: Ron Lynch, Johnny Hunt, Herb Reavis and Mike Stone.

The Easley Farmers Market and the Fine Arts Council of Pickens County are seeking interested groups to host game booths at their Fall for the Arts Festival. For more information contact Lisa Chapman 855-7900 or email LChapman@cityofeasley.com.



Beginning January 2017 we will no longer mail the newsletter. One copy will be mailed to each of our PBA churches. If you are now receiving our newsletter and wish to continue to receive by mail, please call the PBA office at 859-9906 or email joyce@piedmontbaptist.com. The newsletter will be published on our website www.piedmontbaptist.com. This action is taken in an effort to cut costs and be good stewards of our budget money.