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Our Responsibility as Christians

I read a statement some time back by a great preacher who is now in Heaven. "What has been decreed by Heaven cannot be annulled by Hell. What has been settled in eternity cannot be undone in time."

Millions of people watched the inauguration of a new President in January. Some were happy. Some were angry. This is the great news from the word of God: Our salvation does not depend on who is in The White House. The enablement to do the work God has called us to do does not come from Washington. We are Eternally Saved and Supernaturally empowered by the Holy Spirit to share the Gospel. As long as we are in the world, we have a job to do. Our job is three-fold: **Evangelize** and win the lost, **Exalt** the Savior, and **Encourage** believers. Now, that's a full time calling. The power to get this done does not come from man. It does not need the approval of man. It comes from God. It has been decreed in Heaven and settled in Eternity. I am grateful to God that He chooses to use us to accomplish His plans.

February is call "the love month." Let's love God, love the lost, and love each other.

Robert



Mentoring 101

I hope your 2017 has been good so far. This year I want to give you an idea of a mission project that you might incorporate into your church or small group. For February I want to highlight the Mentor program that the local school districts use. This is a wonderful opportunity for the members of PBA churches to be on mission by impacting local students and their families. The following information is from the Pickens County YMCA who facilitates the program:

We are excited to announce this new program! We are calling on individuals in the community to sacrifice just 30 minutes per week during the school year to transform the life of a child/teen. We believe positive life change happens through one on one relationships and mentoring is the way to do it!

If you are even the slightest bit interested in being a mentor, all we ask is for 2 hours of your time. The training, Mentoring 101, serves two purposes. First, it is a way for you to learn more about being a mentor. By attending a training, you are NOT committing to being a mentor. Secondly, if you have already decided that you want to be a mentor, this is the training you need to attend. You can go ahead and apply to be a mentor AND register for a training at the same time.

Please do not sit back and think, "Someone else will mentor, I am not needed." Or do not think, "I would not be good at this, someone needs to do it." This is a community effort and we need YOU! For more information on being a mentor, beginning a mentor program in your school or sponsoring a school, please contact:

- ◆ Pickens County School District: Cindy Perry at cindyperry@pcymca.net or at (864) 307-0213.
- ◆ Anderson County District 1: Christy Coffee at christycoffee@pcymca.net or at (864) 625-2065.

Just a reminder of our Block Party Training on February 28 and March 25. If you plan to use the units in 2017 make sure you attend one of the trainings.

Blessings:
Chris



The PBA Executive Committee met January 10, 2017. Connection Fellowship that meets at 109 Leader Dr., Piedmont, was welcomed into the association.

David Lyles is the pastor. He may be reached at 864-915-3536.



Date: Friday, Feb. 10, 6:30pm
Place: Mt. Moriah Baptist Church
Cost: \$20 per couple
Guest Speaker: Dale McCoig
Music: Lloyd & Christina Shockley

Call Mt. Moriah at 269-7244 before Monday, Feb. 6 to register. Childcare will be provided.

Released Time Program of Pickens County needs a certified teacher for the Easley High School program. Classes will be 3 hours a day starting at 9:45am every other school day. For more information contact Brian Hale at 414-0005.



VBS Expo - March 24, 2017

- ◆ Brushy Creek Baptist Church, Taylors, SC
- ◆ Early Bird Registration by Feb. 24th at the web address below
- ◆ Regular Registration by March 24th at the web address below
- ◆ Call Darlene Dennis at 864-313-6616 for more information.

www.scbaptist.org/generations/children

Treasurer's Report December 2016

Contributions from Churches	24,621.32
Other74
Total	24,622.06

Monthly Budget Required	26,344.28
Budget Required thru Dec	316,131.36
Receipts to date	282,964.32
Budget Deficit	-33,167.04
Total Spent to date	292,034.55
Difference	-9,070.23

Contributions from Churches (Note: Some churches give quarterly)

	<u>Jan-Dec 2016</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 2015</u>
Agape	2,640.46	3,908.45
Arial	3,671.00	4,201.00
Bishop Branch	9,819.08	9,958.54
Brushy Creek	10,000.00	10,000.00
Calumet	1,807.00	1,653.00
Calvary Hill	7,469.75	6,104.27
Cannon Memorial	4,757.08	4,114.10
Catechee	3,144.80	3,086.05
Cedar Rock	3,728.82	4,253.53
Central First	3,865.00	4,616.10
Connection Fellowship	650.00	.00
Corinth	3,155.78	3,815.13
Crosswell First	900.00	2,014.08
Easley First	8,600.00	8,686.62
East Clemson	2,903.83	3,923.92
East Side	3,750.00	3,000.00
Elljean	1,611.28	1,280.35
Enon	4,905.00	5,053.35
Esperanza	.00	.00
Faith	550.00	600.00
Flat Rock	8,248.39	6,668.31
Geer Memorial	4,176.61	4,315.28
Georges Creek	2,510.57	3,077.99
Glenwood	2,737.33	3,247.55
Graceway	217.38	.00
Hunt's Memorial	3,600.00	3,600.00
Indian Upstate	.00	100.00
Jones Avenue	10,079.33	11,097.43
Liberty First	5,500.00	6,634.29
Mountain Springs	6,186.42	11,945.87
Mt. Airy	9,600.00	9,600.00
Mt. Carmel	7,858.54	7,681.75
Mt. Moriah	3,000.00	2,750.00
Mt. Pisgah	24,442.40	20,692.35
Mt. Tabor	348.00	348.00
My Father's House	.00	.00
Norris First	10,500.00	10,500.00
Park Street	360.00	312.00
Pendleton Street	2,525.71	4,187.59
Powdersville First	11,760.02	11,796.14
Refuge	2,019.96	2,000.00
Rice's Creek	2,271.49	1,166.38
River Road	1,184.47	1,211.34
Rock Springs	51,650.36	51,870.97
Ruhamah	.00	.00
Siloam	12,711.33	12,049.37
Six & Twenty	2,457.05	3,152.56
Slabtown	2,309.00	2,646.00
Smith Grove	1,000.00	300.00
The Neighborhood	500.00	652.24
Trinity Point	.00	193.67
*Warehouse	.00	700.00
Wren	<u>1,220.96</u>	<u>1,186.90</u>
Total	268,904.20	275,952.47

*No longer affiliated with PBA.

Extreme Teen Blast 2017

"Pursuing Christ at All Cost"

Friday, Feb. 24 & Saturday, Feb. 25

Refuge Baptist Church

Guest Speakers:

Matt Wurst, Joe Anders & Chad Moore
Praise & Worship led by Clemson BCM

For more information contact:

Rev. Heath Bowie(423-8827) or

Denise Bowie (42303232)

february prayer calendar

Birthdays:

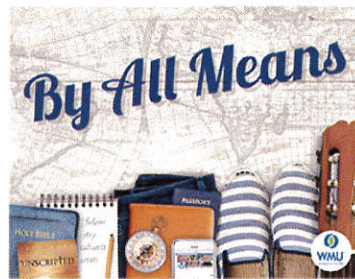
- 2 Jennifer Meaders, wife of Missions Coord., Mt. Airy
- 3 Jean Parton, wife of Pastor, Arial
- 6 Mandy Gilmore, Pre-School Director, Mt. Airy
- 10 Faye Dickard, wife of DOM
- 14 Donna Brock, wife of Min. of Education, Brushy Creek
- 14 Christy Bridges, wife of Asst. Pastor, Powdersville First
- 18 Harold Sanders, Pastor, Wren
- 18 Dave Shorter, Pastor, Calvary Hill
- 23 Marion Roach, PBA Clerk
- 23 Royce Addis, Pastor, Norris First
- 25 James Wiles, Pastor, Hunt's Memorial
- 26 Stacey Campbell, wife of Pastor, Mt. Pisgah

Staff Anniversaries:

2015 - Darren Rood, Pastor, Cannon Memorial

WMU Focus Week

February 13-19



*"I have become all things
to all people so that by all possible
means I might save some.
I do this for the sake of the gospel,
that I may share in its blessings."*



Part-time Director of Music needed at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Pelzer. Send resumes to Music Search Committee, P O Box 268, Pelzer, SC 29669.

Walk where Jesus walked!

Take a **10-DAY TRIP TO ISRAEL** 11/27-12/6, 2017. Tour 45-50 places in a Bible study tour with witnessing opportunities. Only \$350 deposit holds your spot. Space is limited. \$2998 includes round trip air fare, hotel, food, & tours. Contact Randy Mullikin at 430-8744 or Joy Estes at 678-492-1118.

God's Enabled Ministry Servants, (Ministry Assistants and Secretaries) will meet Tuesday, February 14th, noon at the PBA office. Lunch will be provided. Please make your **reservation no later than Monday, the 13th by noon**. Call Lu at 843-6481 or Joyce at 859-9906 or email joyce@piedmontbaptist.com. We look forward to seeing each of you.



KATE CAMPBELL BENEFIT CONCERT

EASLEY FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2017

7 PM

Tickets \$10 each

Tickets are available in the church office, by mail,
and online soon at www.efbc.org.
Call the church office for more details.

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The Pastor/Staff lunch will be Tuesday,
February 14, 2017, 11:30am at Silver
Bay in Easley.