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Promotional materials and offering envelopes are available at the PBA Office. Give us a call and we will have them ready for you.



re|claim THE CHURCH

May is Associational Missions Month!

Our theme this year is Reclaim the Church. Statistics show that roughly 80% of the churches across the SBC are plateaued or declining and our goal at the PBA is to Reclaim God's Church. We are providing equipping opportunities throughout the year to assist churches to Reclaim God's Glory in His church.

Our Associational Missions Offering is named in honor of Mrs. Frances Eller who was the wife of Rev. Eugene Eller who was the Director of Missions of the PBA in the late 1950's. Mrs. Eller had a heart for women's ministry and was very active in WMU on the Associational, State, and National levels. Before her death in 1996 she was very active at Easley FBC and also taught a Sunday School class at Baptist Easley Hospital. In 1992, the Associational Missions Offering was named in honor of Mrs. Eller. As of 2016 over \$150,000 has been collected in this offering.

2017 Offering Goal: \$10,000

2017 Frances Eller Offering Breakdown

Released Time— Pickens County 35%	Clemson BCM*— 10%
Released Time—Anderson County 10%	Multi— housing— 25%
Esperanza Building Fund— 10%	Local Missions— 10%

*BCM= Baptist Collegiate Ministry

This Month's Mission Opportunity



Each month in 2017 I have been highlighting different ministries that churches, small groups, and individuals can be involved with to help live a "life on mission." This month I want to highlight Released Time Bible Education. Through Released Time public school students are bussed off campus during the school day to receive instruction from the Bible. There are programs all throughout Anderson and Pickens counties that take around 2,000 students per year and teach them the Bible. Each of these programs need people from our churches to be involved to be successful. The programs rely on donations from individuals and churches to accomplish their mission. In addition to funding, South Carolina certified teachers are needed for Palmetto and Easley High Schools for the fall. A middle school teacher is needed for the RC Edwards Middle School program. There are a variety of ways for churches to be involved in Released Time. For more information about the Pickens County programs call Brian Hale @ 864-414-0005. For more information about the Anderson County programs call Miriam Ausburn @ 864-269-1328.

In just a few weeks our schedules will become more active with summer mission trips, camps, VBS, and other ministries. If we can help you in any way please give us a call. Also, mark your calendars for July 29-August 5. The Senior High League World Series will be at JB Red Owens complex and we have an opportunity to impact the nations with the Gospel of Jesus during this week by distributing gospel material and doing laundry for the teams. I hope you will be able to help us during this week. Blessings: Chris

Treasurer's Report March 2017

Contributions from Churches	22,165.74
Other	69
Total	22,166.43
Total Spent in March	26,455.77
Difference	-4,289.34
Monthly Budget Required	25,826.00
Budget Required thru March.	77,478.00
Receipts to date	70,834.51
Budget Deficit	-6,643.49

Contributions from Churches
(Note: Some churches give quarterly)

	<u>Jan.-Mar. 2017</u>	<u>Jan.-Mar. 2016</u>
Agape	767.52	.00
Arial	350.00	1,076.00
Bishop Branch	1,846.98	2,046.62
Brushy Creek	2,000.00	3,000.00
Calumet	494.00	320.00
Calvary Hill	2,325.40	1,794.45
Cannon Memorial	700.00	1,591.70
Catechee	923.00	758.00
Cedar Rock	596.58	850.16
Central First	436.00	1,045.00
Connection Fellowship	168.75	.00
Corinth	710.02	970.09
Crosswell First	400.00	200.00
Easley First	2,149.97	2,149.97
East Clemson	546.54	455.87
East Side	1,125.00	750.00
Elljean	393.18	354.25
Enon	1,300.00	1,250.00
Esperanza	.00	.00
Faith	200.00	100.00
*Fellowship Comm Church	300.00	.00
Flat Rock	1,874.08	2,678.39
Geer Mem.	1,084.10	1,024.06
Georges Creek	554.30	641.31
Glenwood	717.28	749.96
Graceway	152.80	.00
Hunt's Mem.	1,200.00	1,200.00
Jones Ave.	1,997.56	1,745.46
Liberty First	2,000.00	1,000.00
Mountain Springs	1,807.50	1,804.94
Mt. Airy	2,400.00	2,400.00
Mt. Carmel	2,134.40	2,218.33
Mt. Moriah	750.00	750.00
Mt. Pisgah	3,000.00	5,661.43
Mt. Tabor	.00	.00
My Father's House	.00	.00
Norris First	2,625.00	2,625.00
Park Street	51.00	135.00
Pendleton St.	150.02	962.70
Powdersville First	3,181.83	2,963.73
Refuge	504.99	504.99
Rice's Creek	500.01	620.50
River Road	214.36	302.75
Rock Springs	13,715.91	13,334.73
Ruhamah	.00	.00
Siloam	2,652.63	3,372.97
Six & Twenty	601.24	414.05
Slabtown	772.00	740.00
Smith Grove	500.00	400.00
The Neighborhood	200.00	500.00
Trinity Point	.00	.00
Wren	258.43	257.69
Total	63,332.38	67,720.10

*Not a member of PBA



The Pastor/Staff lunch will be Tuesday, May 9, 2017, 11:30am at Silver Bay in Easley.

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DAY, MAY 14th

The PBA Office will be closed Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.



Birthdays:

- 14 Wayne Garmon, Pastor, Cedar Rock
- 16 Van Pigate, Pastor, River Road
- 18 Denise Bowie, wife of Pastor, Refuge
- 19 Hali Bagwell, wife of Pastor, The Neighborhood
- 21 Phil McAlister, Pastor, Geer Memorial
- 24 Wanda Wiles, wife of Pastor, Hunt's Memorial
- 27 Mitch Huff, Pastor, Corinth
- 30 Joyce Sudduth, PBA Ministry Assistant

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 1 Jeffrey & Gloria Harris, Pastor, Calumet
- 12 Nick & Alison McClellan, Min. of Youth, Brushy Creek
- 14 Heath & Denise Bowie, Pastor, Refuge
- 15 Mike & Morgan D'Avanzo, Minister of Youth, Norris First
- 20 Chris & Jennifer Meadors, Min. to Students, Mt. Airy
- 21 Bobby & Louise Goodwin, Pastor, Ruhamah
- 21 Keith & Lisa Shorter, Pastor, Mt. Airy
- 21 Rick & Dee Baldwin, Pastor, Smith Grove
- 23 Chris & Joni Jordan, PBA Missions Ministries Coord.
- 25 Van & Kay Pigate, Pastor, River Road
- 27 Randy & Ann Mullikin, PBA Multi-Housing Team Leader
- 28 Steve & Janet Robins, Min. Of Ed., Mt. Airy
- 30 Steve & Glenda Allsep, Music Associate, Rock Springs

Staff Anniversaries:

- 1977 - Joyce Sudduth, PBA Ministry Assistant
- 1991 - Royce Addis, Pastor, Norris First
- 2009 - Gene Gilliam, Pastor, East Clemson
- 2009 - James Williams, Minister of Youth, Jones Avenue
- 2013 - Jeff Whiten, Min. of Music & Assoc. Pastor, Bishop Branch
- 2014 - Mitch Huff, Pastor, Corinth
- 2015 - Hayden Crumpton, Minister of Youth, Mt. Pisgah
- 2015 - Raquela Alexander, Children's Director, Brushy Creek

NEWS

Around the Association

Enon is looking for a part-time Youth Director and a part-time Children's Director. Send resumes for each position to Enon Baptist Church, Personnel Committee, 871 Enon Church Rd., Easley, SC 29640. Questions? Call 859-5170.

Flat Rock is seeking a full-time Associate Pastor/Worship Leader to lead all music programs and assist the Senior Pastor. If interested include a cover letter with resume and send to revrsf@aol.com.

Refuge is currently seeking a part-time Student Pastor who will lead Children and Youth ministries (ages 3-12grade). Send resumes to Rev. Heath Bowie preacherheath.bowie@yahoo.com.

A Reminder!!!

2017 PBA VBS Training

Arial Baptist Church

618 Rice Rd., Easley

Saturday, May 13, 2017, 9am

Session 1:

Directors & Pastors: Ken Dover

Preschool - 4K: Beverly Breazeale

1st-4th Grades: Letha Parker & Eunice Merritt

5th-6th Grades: Peter Villano

Missions: David Fowler

Music: Trish Barlet

Session 2:

I am a Christian now: Kevin Dennis

