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Which Well??

There is a marvelous story in the fourth chapter of John. We refer to it as the story of the Woman at the Well. On a hot and dry day Jesus engaged a woman who had come to draw water from Jacob's well. Jesus

asked her for a drink. After more conversation, Jesus said to her, "If you had ask **ME** for water, I would have given you a drink of **Living Water**." Somewhat confused, the woman observes, "Why, you have nothing with which to draw the water...*and the well is deep*." She was saying, "I don't see how you could possibly do that."

Sometimes we look at our circumstance and situation and say, "God couldn't (or wouldn't) change my situation." We have been reminded by the Resurrection of Jesus that we can have victory through Him. God desires to use you mightily. He wants to use your church to impact your community and the world. So often, like the woman at the well, we tell God how difficult the task is. We see our weaknesses, flaws, and difficulties and think, but maybe don't say out loud, "Even God can't fix this."

Beware of looking at yourself and wondering how God can do things with you. *The water He offers does not come from your well!* He is not going to draw His power from your reservoir. As we move forward this year, the question is: By which well are you living? The well of Jacob or the well of Jesus. Let's drink deep from His well. His well really is deep!

Robert

Ministry Health Kits

1 bath towel
1 wash cloth
1 hand towel

1 toothbrush
1 toothpaste
1 bar soap
1 comb

Place in a 2 gallon zip lock bag. Due in the PBA Office on or before June 20th.



2017 Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting, June 13-14, at the Phoenix Convention Center.



Will You Connect?

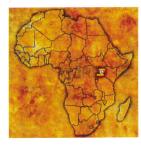
So far this year I have been highlighting local ministry opportunities in my article, but I want to take a break this month and encourage you as summer begins. In the final verses of Hebrews 12, the

author paints the picture of some type of seismic activity and begins to speak of an unshakable kingdom. As you embark on the next few months of summer activities be mindful of the people you meet on a daily basis who have encountered an earthquake of a problem that has destabilized their life. Hold to the fact that a Sovereign God has placed you along their path to point them to His unshakable kingdom spoken of in Hebrews 12:27. Reach out to them with compassion. Connect them to the community found in the Bride of Christ, the church. Help them see the bigger story of Christ's plan and purpose for their life. And ultimately, be the compass that points them to a relationship with Jesus.

There is a section of the Berlin wall near the center of Berlin with the following slogan; "Many small people, who in many small places, do many small things, can alter the face of the world." Imagine the difference in the face of His kingdom if we took this summer to do those many small things...

Don't forget about the Sr. High League World Series, July 29-August 5. We will need volunteers for our churches to be the hands and feet of Jesus in many tangible ways. Be on the look-out next month for more detailed information.

Blessings: Chris



PBA Pastor and Family Leave for Uganda

Johnny Touchet, pastor of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, along with his wife, Kerry, and 3 of their children will be moving to Uganda July 18 to train pastors, minister to refugees and help take

care of 42 orphans. Go to www.teamtouchet.com to learn more about the need and their mission to Uganda or contact them at igoteamtouchet@gmail.com to sign up for newsletter.

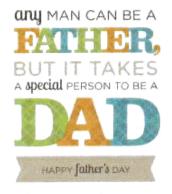
Treasurer's Report April 2017

Contributions from Churches 16,587.56
Other
Total
Total Spent in April
Difference6,817.44
Monthly Budget Required
Budget Required thru April 103,304.00
Receipts to date
Budget Deficit

Contributions from Churches (Note: Some churches give quarterly) Jan.-Apr. 2017 Jan.

	<u>JanApr. 2017</u>	<u> JanApr. 2016</u>
Agape	767.52	913.35
Arial	564.00	1,699.00
Bishop Branch	2,709.61	2,992.36
Brushy Creek	3,000.00	3,000.00
Calumet	494.00	320.00
Calvary Hill	2,325.40	1,794.45
Cannon Memorial	1,050.00	1,591.70
Cateechee	923.00	758.00
Cedar Rock	895.18	1,119.75
Central First	698.00	1,045.00
Connection Fellowship	225.00	.00
Corinth	710.02	1,806.24
Crosswell First	400.00	400.00
Easley First	2,866.64	2,866.64
East Clemson	711.31	898.49
East Side	1,500.00	1,000.00
Elljean	492.42	516.17
Enon	1,300.00	1,675.00
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Esperanza Faith	250.00	200.00
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Flat Rock	2,484.30	3,279.88
Geer Mem.	1,426.03	1,321.42
Georges Creek	792.55	995.61
Glenwood	947.51	1,185.51
Graceway	203.36	.00
Hunt's Mem.	1,200.00	1,500.00
Jones Ave.	1,997.56	3,285.65
Liberty First	2,000.00	1,500.00
Mountain Springs	2,050.89	2,502.86
Mt. Airy	3,200.00	3,200.00
Mt. Carmel	2,134.40	2,927.90
Mt. Moriah	1,000.00	1,000.00
Mt. Pisgah	4,000.00	11,189.35
Mt. Tabor	.00	.00.
My Father's House	.00	.00.
Norris First	3,500.00	3,500.00
Park Street	51.00	135.00
Pendleton St.	300.04	1,550.37
Powdersville First	4,168.26	4,096.99
Refuge	673.32	673.32
Rice's Creek	613.05	805.98
River Road	298.16	400.55
Rock Springs	18,329.44	17,712.38
Ruhamah	.00	.00
Siloam	3,435.03	4,418.34
Six & Twenty	826.62	636.91
Slabtown	952.00	890.00
Smith Grove	500.00	600.00
The Neighborhood	200.00	500.00
Trinity Point	.00	.00.
Wren	<u>354.32</u>	<u>324.45</u>
Total	79,919.94	94,728.62
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^{*}Not a member of PBA





Birthdays:

- 1 Gail Dobson, wife of Pastor, Cateechee
- 1 Jon Alexander, husband of Children's Director, Brushy Creek
- 2 Mark Kannarney, Pastor, Liberty First
- 2 Donna Adams, wife of Pastor, Easley First
- 2 Mike D'Avanzo, Minister of Youth, Norris 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
- 24 Greg Nelson, Minister of Youth, Rock Springs
- 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:

- 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
- 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 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
- 2016 Greg Nelson, Minister of Youth, Rock Springs

NEWS Around the Association

Central First is seeking a part-time summer youth worker (10-15 hours a week). The position begins on or before June 7th and lasts for 10 weeks. Must lead a youth activity each week and be present in both Sunday services and Wednesday evening service and assist in growing and expanding the youth group in our church. Contact: Lynn Chapman, 864-639-1739 or email chapmalo@gmail.com.

Crosswell First is seeking a part-time Minister of Music. Please contact Deidre Stokes at 884-9139 or deidrestokes24@gmail.com.

PBA Ministry Assistants will meet Tuesday, June 20th, noon, at PBA Office. Lunch will be provided but you must pre-register by calling Joyce at 859-9906 or email



joyce@piedmontbaptist.com. Please

join us. We look forward to seeing you.