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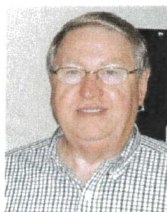
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New Opportunities

By now each church should have received login instruction for using Sampson Resource material. For many years, the PBA loaned kits to our churches, including women's studies,

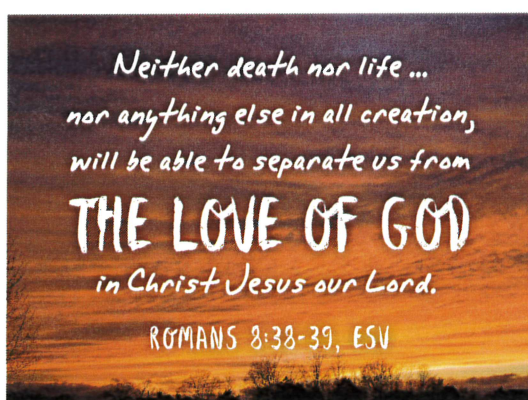
men's studies and Sunday School and student ministry resources. You can now stream these resources at no cost to the church. If you are a pastor, staff member or ministry leader and you have not received a password for your church, please call me for instructions.

I had a pleasant experience recently while pumping gas. The man across from me was also pumping gas. He engaged me in conversation first about my truck. In just a few minutes he asked me a question. "Say, do you know that Jesus loves you?" I replied that I do and we had a great conversation about the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. After pumping his gas, the man, perhaps in his thirties, drove away. This event left me with two impressions. The first one was, "there goes a young man who is in love with Jesus." The second impression is this: are we, the members of PBA churches, sharing Christ in our daily activities? I pray that each of us will share the Gospel with clarity, courage and conviction. February is called "the love month." Let's love Jesus more and love souls more. The Scripture says, "we love Him because He first loved us."

Robert



The January Pastor/Staff
Lunch will be Tuesday,
February 13, 2018, 11:30am at
Silver Bay in Easley.



Are We Obedient?

I read a testimony yesterday from a young lady from one of our churches that is participating in an 11 month/11 country mission trip around the world. For the last month they

have been serving in Cambodia. Early in the month they met an elderly lady who was blind. Throughout the month the story of Jesus spitting in the dirt and putting mud pies on the eyes of the blind man was a story none of the team could escape. Finally, after much prayer, last week they mustered up the courage to tell the lady about this Bible story and shared they felt God leading them to do the same to her eyes. They shared that they wanted to be obedient to Christ no matter the outcome. She gave them permission and the team spit in the mud and rubbed it on this lady's eyes. Scared and excited, they took some water and washed off the mud.... But the lady still couldn't see! At first the team was disappointed, however, the lady wanted to know more about Jesus. When they shared about Him and what He did for us on the cross, she placed her faith and trust in Him for salvation. Instead of finding SIGHT she found LIFE!!

How often are we given the opportunity to be obedient, even when it sounds crazy, and yet we let it pass us by. It might not be putting mud pies on someone's eyes. It might just be listening and sharing Jesus at the appropriate time. May we spend 2018 arming ourselves with the mind of Christ and being obedient to His Spirit. He may use us to bring someone from death to life.



Our Mobile Unit Trainings for February and March are open to any churches that plan to use the equipment in 2018 need to have someone trained. **It has to be repeated each year.**

☛ Thursday, February 22 at 6:30 PM, PBA Office

☛ Saturday, March 24 at 10:00 AM, PBA Office

If you have any questions give us a call.

Blessings:
Chris

Treasurer's Report December 2017

Contributions from Churches	26,136.90
Other	49
Total	26,137.39
Total Spent in December	26,102.80
Difference	34.59

Monthly Budget Required	25,826.00
Budget Required thru Dec	309,912.00
Receipts to date	262,780.12
Budget Deficit	-47,131.88

Contributions from Churches (Note: Some churches give quarterly)

	<u>Jan.-Dec. 2017</u>	<u>Jan.-Dec. 2016</u>
Agape	3,211.59	2,640.46
Arial	3,275.00	3,671.00
Bishop Branch	10,100.40	9,819.08
Brushy Creek	11,000.00	10,000.00
Calumet	1,599.00	1,807.00
Calvary Hill	7,323.25	7,469.75
Cannon Memorial	3,200.00	4,757.08
Cateechec	3,620.00	3,144.00
Cedar Rock	3,006.68	3,728.82
Central First	2,913.00	3,865.00
Connection Fellowship	675.00	650.00
Corinth	2,607.89	3,155.78
Crosswell First	1,300.00	900.00
Easley First	8,600.00	8,600.00
East Clemson	2,650.53	2,653.83
East Side	4,500.00	4,000.00
Elljean	1,478.73	1,611.28
Enon	4,499.45	4,905.00
Esperanza	.00	.00
Faith	550.00	550.00
*Fellowship Comm	400.00	.00
Flat Rock	7,708.79	8,248.39
Geer Mem.	4,213.89	4,176.61
Georges Creek	2,518.95	2,510.57
Glenwood	2,876.33	2,737.33
Graceway	487.28	217.38
Hunt's Mem.	3,600.00	3,600.00
Jones Ave.	7,714.68	10,079.30
Liberty First	6,500.00	5,500.00
Mountain Springs	8,514.26	6,186.42
Mt. Airy	9,600.00	9,600.00
Mt. Carmel	7,724.01	7,858.54
Mt. Moriah	3,000.00	3,000.00
Mt. Pisgah	12,000.00	24,442.40
Mt. Tabor	348.00	348.00
My Father's House	.00	.00
Norris First	10,500.00	10,500.00
Park Street	134.00	360.00
Pendleton St.	450.06	2,525.71
Powdersville First	11,746.92	11,760.02
Refuge	2,020.00	2,019.96
Rice's Creek	1,784.51	2,271.49
River Road	1,071.75	1,184.47
Rock Springs	58,890.69	51,650.36
Ruhamah	.00	.00
Siloam	9,730.35	12,711.33
Six & Twenty	1,408.76	2,457.05
Slabtown	2,306.00	2,309.00
Smith Grove	700.00	1,000.00
The Neighborhood	200.00	500.00
Trinity Point	.00	.00
Wren	<u>1,013.06</u>	<u>1,220.96</u>
Total	255,272.81	268,904.17

*Not a member of PBA

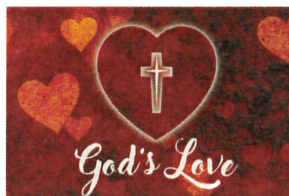
FEBRUARY

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
- 2015 - Josh Gibson, Minister to Students, Rock Springs



Ministry Assistants/Secretaries to Meet

Join us on Tuesday, February 20, noon, at the PBA Office. Dot Smith, Ministry Assistant at Powdersville First will speak on "God's Love." Soup and sandwiches will be provided. Call Joyce at 859-9906 or email joyce@piedmontbaptist.com to make your reservation. We look forward to seeing each of you.



Bishop Branch: Suzanne Whiten is the new Children's Minister.

Graceway: Peter Ramlogan is now serving as pastor.

Jones Avenue is accepting resumes for the following positions:

1. Bi-Vocational Children's Director
2. Bi-Vocational Youth Director
3. Bi-Vocational Outreach/Evangelism Director

Send resumes to Rev. Zach Shaw at ziggy4christ@yahoo.com or call 864-940-1356.



February 8, 6pm

West End Hall,

Carr Conference Center

**There will be a public meeting about
the National Christian College**

Athletic Association

Men's Baseball World Series

coming in May to

Red Owens Complex

WMU Focus Week February 12-18