



Piedmont Baptist Witness

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A Good Read

If you have not read *Flickering Lamps* by Henry Blackaby, you should now. Blackaby talks about the seven churches in Revelation 2-3. Each of the churches was once a strong and vibrant congregation. When Jesus spoke to the church, instead of a shining light they had become a flickering lamp. Moses knew God's *purpose* for the Israelites - freedom from bondage in Egypt. He *assumed* he also knew God's *plans*. Using the wrong plan (he murdered an Egyptian taskmaster) to accomplish the right purpose cost Moses forty years in the wilderness. Blackaby presses the point that many churches knew the purpose of God for His church, the problem generally arises while constructing a plan to accomplish God's purpose. Church revitalization is learning again, not the purpose of the church, but the plans, means, and ways to accomplish God's purpose.

The PBA might be able to help you develop a plan consistent with God's purpose. If you are interested, give me a call.

I am praying that your church will have a great summer, have a great VBS, and baptize many people.

Robert



We Welcome our Summer Interns

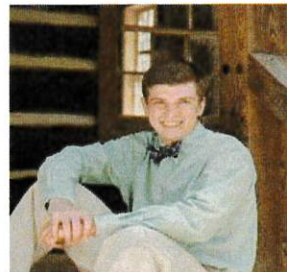
Allow me to introduce you to our summer interns. They will be working with us from June 11-August 5. We still have a couple of open dates they can assist your church in July. Give me a call to schedule.

ASHLYN STREET



Ashlyn is a sophomore business major at NGU. She came to faith in Christ at 7 years old. She is a member of Powdersville First. Her favorite verse is Mark 10:45. In five years she hopes to be graduated and in the workforce in a place that God has designed for her.

JOHN HUCKABEE



John is a sophomore Ministry major at AU. He is from the Columbia and a member of Northpoint Community Church. His favorite verse is Psalm 18:2. He came to faith in Christ at the age of 8. In five years he hopes to be working as a Youth Pastor in a ministry that God has designed for him.

Blessings:
Chris



Pray for the
Southern Baptist
Convention meeting in
Dallas
June 12 - 13.

Ministry Health Kits

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|--------------|--------------|
| 1 bath towel | 1 toothbrush |
| 1 hand towel | 1 toothpaste |
| 1 wash cloth | 1 bar soap |
| | 1 comb |

Place in a 2 gallon zip lock bag. Due in the PBA Office on or before June 19th.

Ministry Assistants Meeting
Tuesday, June 19, noon, PBA
Office

Lunch will be provided so please call Joyce at 859-9906 or email joyce@piedmontbaptist.com before Monday, the 18th if you can attend. Paula Haskett will have a craft for us. Cost: \$5.00.



Treasurer's Report
April 2018

Contributions from Churches	25,322.67
Other	4.63
Total	25,327.30
Total Spent in April	22,963.84
Difference	2,363.46

Monthly Budget Required	25,567.33
Budget Required thru April	102,269.32
Receipts to date	91,595.12
Budget Deficit	-10,674.20

Contributions from Churches
(Note: Some churches give quarterly)

	Jan-Apr 2018	Jan-Apr 2017
Agape	1,742.70	767.52
Arial	1,441.00	564.00
Bishop Branch	4,046.40	2,709.61
Brushy Creek	4,000.00	3,000.00
Calumet	668.00	494.00
Calvary Hill	2,747.45	2,325.40
Cannon Memorial	1,000.00	1,050.00
Catechee	1,860.35	923.00
Cedar Rock	898.50	895.18
Central First	718.00	698.00
Connection Fellowship	255.00	225.00
Corinth	1,060.49	710.02
Crosswell First	300.00	400.00
Easley First	2,866.64	2,866.64
East Clemson	880.90	711.31
East Side	1,500.00	1,500.00
Elljean	379.12	492.42
Enon	1,985.65	1,300.00
Esperanza	.00	.00
Faith	250.00	250.00
*Fellowship Comm	200.00	400.00
Flat Rock	2,829.86	2,484.30
Geer Mem.	1,429.88	1,426.03
Georges Creek	895.68	792.55
Glenwood	1,090.84	947.51
Graceway	.00	203.36
Hunt's Mem.	1,200.00	1,200.00
Jones Ave.	1,926.95	1,997.56
Liberty First	2,000.00	2,000.00
Mountain Springs	3,124.62	2,050.89
Mt. Airy	3,200.00	3,200.00
Mt. Carmel	2,475.08	2,134.40
Mt. Moriah	1,000.00	1,000.00
Mt. Pisgah	3,100.00	4,000.00
Mt. Tabor	.00	.00
My Father's House	.00	.00
Norris First	2,600.00	3,500.00
Park Street	86.00	51.00
Pendleton St.	311.58	300.04
Powdersville First	3,948.22	4,168.26
Refuge	673.32	673.32
Rice's Creek	579.14	613.05
River Road	358.90	298.16
Rock Springs	17,447.41	18,329.44
Ruhamah	.00	.00
Siloam	3,431.07	3,435.03
Six & Twenty	.00	826.62
Slabtown	1,068.00	952.00
Smith Grove	.00	500.00
The Neighborhood	200.00	200.00
Trinity Point	.00	.00
Wren	308.77	354.32
Total	84,085.52	79,919.94

*Not a member of PBA



Birthdays:

- 1 Gail Dobson, wife of Pastor, Catechee
- 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
- 5 Ann Mullikin, PBA Historian
- 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 Logan & Carrie Silver, Minister of Children, Flat Rock
- 13 Alton & Carolyn Nix, Pastor, Park Street
- 14 Boots & Katie Holder, Pastor, Esperanza
- 15 Troy & Joyce Sudduth, Ministry Asst., PBA
- 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
- 2016 Greg Nelson, Minister of Youth, Rock Springs
- 2017 Jeff Woods, Pastor, Mt. Moriah

NEWS
Around the Association

Georges Creek has called John Power as pastor starting May 6, 2018. We welcome John, Liz and family to PBA.

Hunt's Memorial will have Homecoming Services on June 3 starting at 10:30am. Lunch to follow the services.

Rice's Creek is seeking a bivocational/marketplace pastor. Mail resumes to Rice's Creek Baptist Church, PO Box 597, Liberty, SC 29657 or email to ricecreekbaptist@bellsouth.net.

Slabtown: After praying for an 84 year old man for twenty years, George Tate had the opportunity to lead this man to the Lord. The man had been attending the church but had never responded to the invitation for salvation. Finally, he called George to his house and accepted Jesus as his personal savior. Being terribly afraid of water, he wanted to see the baptismal pool and decided he could enter the water and was baptized. The moral to this story - NEVER STOP PRAYING FOR SOMEONE!!

