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From Our Moderator

Can you imagine 49 churches coming together for a night of worship and the word? On Sunday, October 21st we won't have to think about it, we are going to be able to experience it! As we have prayed and prepared for our annual meeting our hearts have drawn to God's word and we are seeking a night of renewal as an association, as churches and individuals. On Sunday, Oct. 21st at 6:00pm we are going to gather at Mount Pisgah for a night of worship led by an associational choir and I promise that we will be challenged with a message from Dr. James Noble, pastor of Mountain Spring Baptist Church in Anderson and professor of preaching at Anderson University. I want to ask you to begin now bathing this service in prayer.

- Pray for each church in our association.
- Pray for our association staff.
- Pray for Dr. Noble as he prepares to preach.
- Pray for our hearts as church members and church staff that we would hear the voice of God and be obedient to His call.

Pastors, please encourage your people to join us for an unforgettable night of worship, fellowship and the word. I would like to encourage you to move your evening services to Mount Pisgah, and come expecting a fresh, mighty movement of His Spirit!

I'll see you October 21st!

God. Is. Able!

Benjamin Smoak, Moderator

What's Crazy??

The Psalmist prayed in Psalm 90:12 *"Teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."* One might paraphrase this verse by saying *"help us to live like we have good sense."*

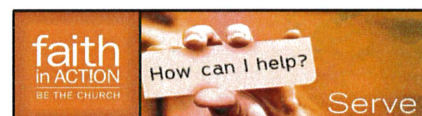
Does it seem to you that our present age has lost its sense? From politics to finances to personal behavior, a lot of things that are happening are just plain "crazy." Of one thing I am absolutely sure: to know the truth about Jesus, to know what it means to have eternal life and not to share it is crazy. Let's pray for our country; let's live like people who are children of God; and above all, let's share the old, old story that Jesus saves.

Robert



Looking Forward

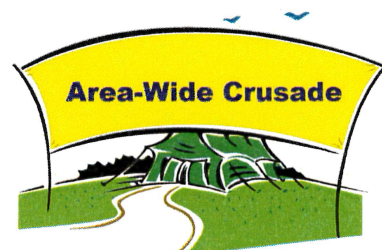
I hope your summer has gone well. Thank you to all who worked with our interns this summer. I know their lives will be forever changed by what you invested in them over the past eight weeks. When you get this the Sr. League World Series will be in full swing. Thank you to all who have volunteered to provide a meal, do laundry, or adopt a team this year.



Coming up in just a few weeks, August 30-September 9, is the Upper SC State Fair. We will have our ministry to fair workers again this year so we are looking for churches/small groups/and Sunday School classes to provide breakfast for the workers. We also need volunteers to do laundry for a couple of days. Finally, we need volunteers to work our booth during the fair to give out tracts and Bibles. If you or your church would like to volunteer and provide a meal, please give me a call.



Blessings:
Chris



September 23-26
Rock Springs Baptist Church

Guest Speakers:

Sunday Night Dr. Junior Hill
Monday Night Dr. Herb Reavis
Tuesday Night Dr. Fred Luter
Wednesday Night Dr. Mike Whitson

Treasurer's Report June 2018

Contributions from Churches	17,940.64
Other	4.56
Total	17,945.20
Total Spent in June	26,182.48
Difference	-8,237.28

Monthly Budget Required	25,567.33
Budget Required thru June	153,403.98
Receipts to date	130,908.65
Budget Deficit	-22,495.33

Contributions from Churches (Note: Some churches give quarterly)

	<u>Jan-June 2018</u>	<u>Jan-June 2017</u>
Agape	1,742.70	1,546.35
Arial	2,141.00	876.00
Bishop Branch	6,079.29	4,277.80
Brushy Creek	5,000.00	5,000.00
Calumet	1,127.00	837.00
Calvary Hill	4,240.25	3,824.15
Cannon Memorial	1,500.00	1,750.00
Cateechee	1,860.35	1,816.00
Cedar Rock	1,403.84	1,491.27
Central First	1,640.00	1,177.00
Connection Fellowship	382.50	337.50
Corinth	1,060.49	1,490.37
Crosswell First	400.00	600.00
Easley First	4,299.98	4,299.98
East Clemson	1,492.50	1,154.68
East Side	2,250.00	2,250.00
Elljean	615.94	725.09
Enon	2,923.81	2,430.00
Esperanza	.00	.00
Faith	400.00	350.00
*Fellowship Comm	200.00	400.00
Flat Rock	4,290.90	3,863.59
Geer Mem.	2,109.52	2,223.74
Georges Creek	1,350.21	1,225.47
Glenwood	1,605.94	1,483.43
Graceway	.00	203.36
Hunt's Mem.	2,100.00	1,800.00
Jones Ave.	3,160.17	3,257.19
Liberty First	3,000.00	3,000.00
Mountain Springs	4,617.92	3,346.71
Mt. Airy	4,800.00	4,800.00
Mt. Carmel	4,108.59	3,945.32
Mt. Moriah	1,500.00	1,500.00
Mt. Pisgah	6,000.00	6,000.00
Mt. Tabor	.00	174.00
My Father's House	.00	.00
Norris First	3,950.00	5,250.00
Park Street	137.00	51.00
Pendleton St.	450.06	300.04
Powdersville First	5,937.17	6,312.18
Refuge	1,069.98	1,009.98
Rice's Creek	904.21	896.43
River Road	468.46	532.73
Rock Springs	21,899.11	27,139.91
Ruhamah	.00	.00
Siloam	5,183.62	4,974.99
Six & Twenty	1,400.00	826.62
Slabtown	1,475.00	1,152.00
Smith Grove	400.00	500.00
The Neighborhood	200.00	200.00
Trinity Point	.00	.00
Wren	512.24	532.08
Total	123,389.75	123,133.96

*Not a member of PBA



Thanks to WMU for 539 Health Kits!



Birthdays:

- 2 Rachel Culver, wife of Pastor, Mt. Tabor
- 4 Eric Olson, Minister of Music, Siloam
- 4 David Stora, Minister of Music, Mt. Airy
- 12 Steve Roach, husband of PBA Clerk
- 14 Chris Jordan, Missions Ministries Coord., PBA
- 20 Myra Gibson, wife of Minister of Music, Rock Springs
- 21 Doug Goss, Pastor, Six & Twenty
- 24 Caroline Jewell, wife of Minister of Youth, Mt. Carmel
- 26 Lisa Shorter, wife of Pastor, Mt. Airy
- 27 Scott Willis, Pastor, Enon
- 27 Micah McMinn, Asst. Min. of Music, Brushy Creek
- 28 Gary James, Pastor, Faith
- 28 Pamela McAlister, wife of Pastor, Geer Memorial
- 30 Larry Gunter, Pastor, Glenwood

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 1 Jeff & Jennifer Smoak, Pastor, Bishop Branch
- 3 Greg & Taylor Nelson, Minister of Youth, Rock Springs
- 5 Jim & Ethel Spencer, Pastor, Brushy Creek
- 5 Doug & Joy Estes, Minister of Children & Youth, East Side
- 6 Jeff & Suzanne Whiten, Assoc. Pastor/Min. of Music, Bishop Branch
- 8 Jimmy & Renee Sanders, Media Minister, Brushy Creek
- 10 Wayne & Kathy Holcombe, Min. of Activities, Rock Springs
- 12 Hayden & Haley Crumpton, Minister of Youth, Mt. Pisgah
- 20 Scott & Robin Willis, Pastor, Enon
- 25 Zach & Leslie Shaw, Pastor, Jones Avenue
- 28 Royce & Elaine Addis, Pastor, Norris First

Staff Anniversaries:

- 1980 Gary James, Pastor, Faith
- 1996 Keith Shorter, Pastor, Mt. Airy
- 2006 Jim Spencer, Pastor, Brushy Creek
- 2008 James Wiles, Pastor, Hunt's Memorial
- 2012 Robert Dickard, Director of Missions, PBA
- 2013 Chad Campbell, Pastor, Mt. Pisgah
- 2013 Phillip Jewell, Minister of Youth, Mt. Carmel
- 2014 Doug Goss, Pastor, Six & Twenty
- 2017 Randy Smith, Pastor, Pendleton Street



Faith: After 38 years as pastor Gary James has announced his retirement effective the end of August.



The Pastor/Staff Lunch will be Tuesday, August 14, 2018, 11:30am at Silver Bay in Easley.

PBA Ministry Assistants will meet Tuesday, Aug. 21st, noon, at PBA Office. Lunch will be provided by our friends at Southern Mutual Church Ins. Co. Please pre-register by calling Joyce at 859-9906 or email joyce@piedmontbaptist.com. Please join us.

