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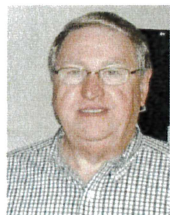
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Have you ever been in a place or a situation and you ask yourself, "What am I doing here?" Titus, in the New Testament, may have asked himself that question. Paul had assigned him the task of organizing and leading the Christians on the island of Crete. After some time leading the church there, he wrote to Paul, asking to be re-assigned. "I don't like it here. I don't like the people here. They don't like me either. They don't like my preaching. They don't like my leadership style" he said to Paul. Paul's response to Titus is in our New Testament book by that name. Essentially, Paul said, "Stay in Crete. It's not time to leave." One of my favorite passages in the New Testament is Titus 2:11-14. He talked about GRACE, maybe one of the most used and most misused words in the church. Paul reminded Titus that:

GRACE Affects Our Past - Salvation

"The Grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men..." (2:11)

GRACE Affects Our Present - Sanctification

"Teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world..." (2:12)

GRACE Affects Our Future - Glorification

"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the Great God and Our Saviour Jesus Christ..." (2:13)

A man is quoted as having said, "I can face anything but the future and certain parts of the past and present."

God's Grace takes care of all that. We, as Christians have HOPE.

Robert



By the time you read this, the Upper SC State Fair will be in full swing. Thank you to all who are involved in helping this year at the fair. We have at least 15 different churches engaged in one way or another. Allow me to share with you a little about the people that work in the fair industry.

For ten days we get to do life with about 75-100 "carnies." Fair ministry is unique and very messy as there are people from all walks of life. About half of them are from another country trying to make enough in the 8-9 months they are in the United States to provide for their families for the entire year. All of the internationals are here on a legal work visa, and many are separated from their wives and families. They miss home just like you would if you were working in a foreign land. We have an opportunity to encourage them and share Jesus with them in the ten days they spend in Easley by providing a meal each day and getting to know them on a personal level.

Many of the rest of the workers have chosen the "carnie" life because they were searching for something they hadn't found anywhere else. Many are shunned by society and even discriminated against as they move from town to town. The best way I can describe the fair environment is that they are a big dysfunctional family, but they are definitely a family and care for one another as they live and work together for nine months each year. Many have been in this industry for over 20 years. We have an opportunity to help them find what they are really looking for but just haven't realized it yet. By our daily interaction, they can see the hands and feet of Jesus lived out before their eyes.



My prayer is that one day there will be a multitude of carnies sitting at the feet of Jesus in heaven because they came through Easley, SC and the Piedmont Baptist Association was used by the Holy Spirit as the instrument to introduce them to a life-changing Savior!

If you would like to be involved and you read this before September 8, give me a call. Come out for breakfast and get to know one of these workers.

Thank you for giving to the Lord!

Chris



PBA WMU Fall Training

Saturday, September 14, 2019, 9:30am

Calvary Hill Baptist Church, Easley

Life lunch served at noon

Treasurer's Report July 2019

Contributions from Churches	22,688.71
Other31
Total	22,692.02
Total Spent in July	28,577.63
Difference	-5885.61

Monthly Budget Required	25,484.00
Budget Required thru July	178,388.00
Receipts to date	152,901.22
Spent thru July	167,018.68
Difference	-14,117.46

Contributions from Churches (Note: Some churches give quarterly)

	<u>Jan-July 2019</u>	<u>Jan-July 2018</u>
Agape	1,751.29	2,617.32
Arial	2,089.00	2,432.00
Bishop Branch	6,743.08	6,936.93
Brushy Creek	7,000.00	7,000.00
Calumet	1,196.00	1,127.00
Calvary Hill	6,377.80	5,795.35
Cannon Memorial	1,458.38	1,750.00
Catechee	3,395.00	1,860.35
Cedar Rock	2,086.70	1,403.84
Central First	2,670.00	1,640.00
Connection Fellowship	446.25	446.25
Corinth	1,836.75	1,706.88
Crosswell First	600.00	500.00
Easley First	4,300.02	5,733.32
East Clemson	1,476.21	1,777.31
East Side	2,625.00	2,625.00
Elljean	742.18	754.66
Enon	1,027.84	3,316.48
Esperanza	.00	.00
Faith	350.00	450.00
*Fellowship Comm	100.00	200.00
Flat Rock	4,511.90	4,943.25
Geer Mem.	2,352.80	2,376.29
Georges Creek	1,444.73	1,555.94
Glenwood	1,808.12	1,791.06
Graceway	.00	.00
Hunt's Mem.	2,100.00	2,100.00
Jones Ave.	4,428.28	3,160.17
Liberty First	2,000.00	3,000.00
Mountain Springs	5,046.44	5,537.06
Mt. Airy	5,600.00	5,600.00
Mt. Carmel	4,373.06	4,878.84
Mt. Moriah	1,750.00	1,750.00
Mt. Pisgah	7,000.00	7,000.00
Mt. Tabor	87.00	.00
Norris First	5,133.35	4,625.00
Park Street	189.00	137.00
Pendleton St.	438.52	450.06
Powdersville First	7,119.88	6,643.31
Refuge	1,400.00	1,178.31
Rice's Creek	1,093.07	969.82
River Road	933.16	548.29
Rock Springs	27,093.28	30,495.56
Ruhamah	.00	.00
Siloam	6,440.40	5,962.53
Six & Twenty	1,400.00	1,400.00
Slabtown	1,811.00	1,651.00
Smith Grove	500.00	400.00
The Neighborhood	200.00	200.00
Trinity Point	.00	.00
Wren	<u>550.14</u>	<u>573.24</u>
Total	145,075.63	148,999.42

*Not a member of PBA

**Pastor/Staff Lunch, Tuesday,
September 10th, 2019,
11:30am, Silver Bay, Easley.**



SEPTEMBER Prayer Calendar

Birthdays:

- 2 Troy Harrison, Pastor, Siloam
- 5 Walt Sweet, Minister of Education, Rock Springs
- 7 Robert Fowler, Pastor, Glenwood
- 8 Joni Jordan, wife of PBA Missions Ministries Coord.
- 11 Shawn O'Shields, Pastor, Crosswell First
- 11 David Lyles, Pastor, Connection Fellowship
- 18 Nick McClellan, Minister of Youth, Brushy Creek
- 18 Kathy Shorter, wife of Pastor, Calvary Hill
- 21 David Gallamore, Pastor, Rock Springs
- 21 Chad Campbell, Pastor, Mt. Pisgah
- 22 Rick Baumgarner, Minister of Music, Easley First
- 28 Raquela Alexander, Children's Director, Brushy Creek
- 29 Troy Sudduth, husband of Ministry Asst., PBA
- 29 Miles Bridges, Pastor, Powdersville First

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 4 Robert & Faye Dickard, PBA DOM
- 7 Rick & Carol Jo Baumgarner, Minister of Music, Easley First
- 7 Gene & Teresa Gilliam, Pastor, East Clemson
- 11 Harold & Dianna Sanders, Pastor, Wren
- 17 Eric & Regina Olson, Minister of Music, Siloam
- 18 Mark & Valerie Kannarney, Pastor, Liberty First

Staff Anniversaries:

- 1983 David Gallamore, Pastor, Rock Springs
- 2001 John Adams, Pastor, Easley First
- 2003 Jimmy Sanders, Min. Of Media, Brushy Creek
- 2007 Bobby Brock, Min. of Education, Brushy Creek
- 2011 Eric Olson, Minister of Music, Siloam



Corinth has called Johnny Seay as pastor beginning September 1st. We welcome the Seays to PBA.

Wren will have a 5th Sunday night singing on September 29th. 5:00pm -7:00pm. Church members the first hour and a guest group will sing until 7:00pm. They will be having their 45th year Homecoming on Sunday, October 13, 2019. Services begin at 10:00am. Also, Revival October 20th-23rd with Rev. Randy Smith, Pastor, Pendleton Street, Easley, 7:00pm Monday-Wednesday. Sunday, 11:00am and 6:00pm.



**Week of Prayer for State
Missions and
Janie Chapman Offering
(Sept 8-15)**

Clerks/Ministry Assistants

It's that time of year again! The ACPs will be mailed soon. Please complete your church's ACP and return to the PBA by Tuesday, October 8th. We want your church to be included in the Book of Reports and the 2019 Annual.



**Annual
Church Profile**



**PBA Office will be closed
September 2, 2019 in
observance of Labor Day.**