

Piedmont Baptist Witness

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What Does the New Year Hold for You?

"One More Year!" Do you remember the parable Jesus told in Luke 13 about the un-productive fig tree? "Cut it down" the owner of the

vineyard said. The head gardener pleaded, "let's give it one more year. If it doesn't bear fruit, then we will cut it down." A case could be made that the fig tree was on a one year probation. It had one year to produce fruit - or face some hard consequences. While the primary message might have been to Israel, there are some lessons for churches and individuals today.

The question I want to raise is this: what will we do or attempt to do for Christ this year? As an individual, will I grow in my faith and get deeper into God's Word? Will I seek to bring people to Christ and be a faithful witness to those away from God? Will I love others as Jesus taught us to love? Time will tell.

As for the church, what kind of church will you be, or become, this year? Will we seek to impact our communities and neighborhoods for Christ? Will we be missionaries at home and around the world? Will we be like the church in the Book of Revelation with whom Jesus had no complaint or criticism?

Time is running out. Perhaps we don't have another year. Let's do it now!

Robert

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20 in 2020

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe, but 2020 is here. As I mentioned at the Annual Business session, I want to highlight 20 mission endeavors in 2020. For the most part this will be 2 each month

that your church can plug into and be a blessing. This month begins with United Christian Ministries. This is a local organization founded by the churches of the Easley area that assist residents of Pickens County and the Powdersville area of Anderson County with food, utility, and rental assistance. Many of you already give or volunteer at UCM. In addition to providing this type of assistance, UCM provides winter warmth items to those who are in need of assistance. For the month of January we will be accepting new and gently used coats at our office that will be given to UCM to assist with this valuable ministry. All sizes will be accepted. Call me for more information or with questions.

The second mission endeavor for January is an opportunity for the summer. This summer the Olympics are in Tokyo, Japan. The South Carolina Baptist Convention in partnership with the International Mission Board will be sending teams to Tokyo for evangelistic outreach at the Olympics. The weeks are July 22-August 3 or August 2-11. For more information contact the Missions Mobilization Department at the SC Baptist Convention at (803) 765-0030.



Don't forget about our Annual Mobile Unit Training this month on January 18 at 10AM. There will also be trainings in February and March. All churches that

plan to utilize the Mobile Unit Trailers need to attend one of the trainings. For more information please contact Chris at (864) 859-9906.

I am looking forward to what God is going to accomplish through our obedience in the coming year. If I can assist you this year in planning missions or ministry events please give me a call.

Blessings: Chris

Treasurer's Report November 2019

Contributions from Churches 20,693.74
Other
Total
Total Spent in Nov
Difference
Monthly Budget Required
Budget Required thru Nov
Receipts to date
Budget Deficit33,774.58

Contributions from Churches (Note: Some churches give quarterly)

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	n- <u>Nov 2019</u>	<u>Jan-Nov 2018</u>
Agape	3,322.21	2,617.32
Arial	3,406.00	3,511.00
Bishop Branch	8,735.44	11,263.51
Brushy Creek	11,000.00	10,000.00
Calumet	1,524.00	1,951.00
Calvary Hill	9,421.80	8,857.70
Cannon Memorial	2,291.74	2,666.68
Cateechee	4,525.00	2,858.10
Cedar Rock	3,074.06	2,619.47
Central First	4,576.00	2,896.00
Connection Fellowship		701.25
Corinth	2,461.47	2,288.43
Crosswell First	1,200.00	800.00
Easley First	7,883.37	8,600.00
East Clemson	2,371.05	2,712.92
East Side	4,125.00	4,125.00
Elljean	1,151.83	1,230.99
Enon	1,440.23	4,175.29
Esperanza	.00	.00
Faith	550.00	700.00
*Fellowship Comm	100.00	200.00
Flat Rock	6,710.09	7,633.69
Geer Mem.	3,701.82	3,757.10
Georges Creek	1,967.05	2,462.80
Glenwood	2,771.57	2,513.49
Graceway	.00	.00
Hunt's Mem.	3,300.00	3,300.00
Jones Ave.	6,899.33	5,688.63
Liberty First	3,000.00	4,500.00
Mountain Springs	6,983.79	8,237.16
Mt. Airy	8,800.00	8,800.00
Mt. Carmel	6,990.45	7,422.39
Mt. Moriah	2,750.00	2,750.00
Mt. Pisgah	11,000.00	11,000.00
Mt. Tabor	348.00	.00
Norris First	8,066.67	7,325.00
Park Street	279.00	208.00
Pendleton St.	588.56	761.64
Powdersville First	10,896.10	
		11,346.70
Refuge Rice's Creek	2,200.00	1,851.63
	1,446.08	1,630.90
River Road	1,234.17	938.09
Rock Springs	44,415.04	42,929.25
Ruhamah	.00	.00.
Siloam	9,523.72	9,442.91
Six & Twenty	2,100.00	2,100.00
Slabtown	2,890.00	2,448.00
Smith Grove	700.00	400.00
The Neighborhood	200.00	200.00
Trinity Point	.00	.00.
Wren	827.20	894.64
Total	224,449.09	225,316.68

^{*}Not a member of PBA





Birthdays:

- 2 Steve Robins, Minister of Education, Mt. Airy
- 6 Kay Pigate, wife of Pastor, River Road
- 6 Valerie Kannarney, wife of Pastor, Liberty First
- 8 Renee Sanders, wife of Minister of Media, Brushy Creek
- 12 Diane Fowler, wife of Pastor, Glenwood
- 13 Ken Dover, PBA Education Ministries Team Leader
- 15 Mike Dobson, Pastor, Cateechee
- 16 Leslie Shaw, wife of Pastor, Jones Avenue
- 19 Chad Henderson, Minister of Youth, Trinity Point
- 19 Bobby Goodwin, Pastor, Ruhamah
- 24 Zach Shaw, Pastor, Jones Avenue
- 25 Kathy Holcombe, wife of Minister of Activities, Rock Springs

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 4 Scott & Emily Allen, Missions Coordinator, Rock Springs
- 7 Austin & Paige McKnight, Pastor, Central First

Staff Anniversaries:

2007 Chad Hall, Minister of Music, Trinity Point

2009 Jeffrey Harris, Pastor, Calumet

2014 Chris Jordan, PBA Missions Ministries Coord.

2014 Mark Kannarney, Pastor, Liberty First

2017 Jeff Smoak, Pastor, Bishop Branch

2018 Peter Ramlogan, Pastor, Graceway



Mt. Airy: Dave Storay is no longer serving as Minister of Music.

Mt. Tabor: Brian Mahon as been called as pastor beginning in December 2019. We welcome the Mahons to PBA.



Pastor/Staff Lunch Tuesday, January 7, 2020, 11:30am Silver Bay, Easley.