



Piedmont Baptist Witness

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National Day of Prayer

There are many great passages in the Bible that talk about prayer. Perhaps the best known passage is 2 Chronicles 7:14. ***"If MY people, which are called by MY name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and***

seek my face, THEN will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and HEAL THEIR LAND."

As a preacher of the Gospel for more than fifty years, I have preached from this passage many times.

Another of my favorite "prayer passages" is Jeremiah 33:3. ***"Call unto ME, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things which you do not know."*** No believer who is walking with God would deny the need for prayer, especially during the uncertain and trying times of the last few weeks.

Try to imagine what might happen if believers all across Pickens County, and the nation, came together for a time of concentrated prayer. Try to imagine what might happen if we *really did repent of our sin*. Try to imagine what might happen if hundreds, thousands, *really did call out to God*. Try to imagine what might happen if the church, the people of God, *really did ask God for a great spiritual awakening during these days of shut down, and while we socially distance from each other we actually were to "draw close to God."* It might be a turning point in the life of believers, the church, and the nation. Remember the promise: *"I will heal the land."*

The National Day of Prayer is **May 7, 2020**. In partnership with the Pickens-Twelve Mile Baptist Association, the Piedmont Baptist Association is calling on the churches of Pickens County to come together for a season of prayer. All believers, every denomination, are invited to participate. The plan is simple, the outcome can be greater than one can imagine.

Seven prayer sites have been designated in our Piedmont Baptist Association. The Pickens-Twelve Mile Baptist Association will also designate prayer places. In the PBA (Piedmont Baptist Association) the churches who will host the prayer gathering are geographically spaced across our area. **Crosswell First, Mt Carmel, Easley First, Elljean, Siloam, Mountain Springs, and Liberty First** are the designated churches. Please go to one of the designated places on May 7 at 5:00 pm. You will stay in your car and will be guided with prayer topics and requests. You can drive by after work and it will take about 30 minutes. Of course, you are welcome to pray longer if you desire to.

Share this with your friends, with your church family, with your Sunday School/small group, and with anyone who has a heart for God. I have read about great moves of God in the past but I want to see God move in our day. In my study of the "Great Awakenings" in the past I made a great discovery. There has not been a great, wide spread move of God in North America in more than 100 years. There have been great moves of God in the past without great preaching and without great music, but there has never been a great move of God that was not preceded with great praying. *"Call unto me and I will answer you."* On May 7th let's call out to Him.

One last thought. The night Jesus was arrested and put on trial, do you remember that two times He awakened His disciples and told them to pray? The third time He found them asleep He said an amazing thing to them. "Sleep on" or "continue to sleep." I think what He was saying was that they had slept through the most important night in history. When our Lord returns, I don't want Him to find the church sleeping through what might be the most urgent time we will ever face. Plan to go to one of the designated churches on May 7th and spend 30 minutes in prayer.



Dear Churches:

I pray this article finds you healthy and adapting to our new normal during this time. I want to

encourage you that God knew what was going to happen in 2020. He knew where you would live, and even who your neighbors would be (Acts 17). So be encouraged that He knows your situation and has a plan and purpose for this time. Our perception has changed from going to church to being the church. As we hope for some sense of normalcy in the coming days, let me encourage you to pray for your neighbors and look for opportunities to meet their needs and point them to Jesus. Let's take advantage of the slowed season we are in and make the most of our time for the Lord.

Blessings:

Chris

Treasurer's Report March 2020

Contributions from Churches	21,426.68
Other27
Total	21,426.95
Total Spent in March	20,902.23
Difference	524.72

Monthly Budget Required	25,484.00
Budget Required thru March	76,452.00
Receipts to date	69,021.06
Budget Deficit	-7,430.94

Contributions from Churches (Note: Some churches give quarterly)

	<u>Jan-Mar 2020</u>	<u>Jan-Mar 2019</u>
Agape	961.61	929.29
Arial	792.00	1,006.00
Bishop Branch	1,912.90	3,532.01
Brushy Creek	3,000.00	3,000.00
Calumet	200.00	513.00
Calvary Hill	3,368.72	2,915.00
Cannon Memorial	625.02	625.02
Catechee	1,338.00	890.00
Cedar Rock	762.57	1,054.84
Central First	850.00	1,186.00
Connection Fellowship	195.00	191.25
Corinth	600.00	337.16
Crosswell First	916.66	300.00
Easley First	2,150.01	2,150.01
East Clemson	687.03	614.22
East Side	1,125.00	1,125.00
Elljean	274.30	293.22
Enon	296.90	628.06
Esperanza	.00	.00
Faith	150.00	100.00
*Fellowship Comm	.00	100.00
Flat Rock	1,727.31	1,955.61
Geer Mem.	1,082.47	966.33
Georges Creek	144.50	277.59
Glenwood	804.11	738.72
Graceway	.00	.00
Hunt's Mem.	900.00	900.00
Jones Ave.	1,842.26	1,966.88
Liberty First	1,000.00	1,250.00
Mountain Springs	2,254.22	1,682.46
Mt. Airy	2,400.00	2,400.00
Mt. Carmel	2,489.67	1,856.66
Mt. Moriah	750.00	750.00
Mt. Pisgah	3,000.00	3,000.00
Mt. Tabor	.00	.00
Norris First	2,250.00	2,200.03
Park Street	29.00	84.00
Pendleton St.	.00	126.94
Powdersville First	2,936.26	2,927.65
Refuge	499.98	600.00
Rice's Creek	457.74	315.65
River Road	223.16	660.05
Rock Springs	17,577.64	9,013.15
Ruhamah	.00	.00
Siloam	4,450.33	3,152.88
Six & Twenty	700.00	700.00
Slabtown	777.00	884.00
Smith Grove	200.00	.00
The Neighborhood	.00	.00
Trinity Point	.00	.00
Wren	<u>319.01</u>	<u>241.84</u>
Total	69,020.38	60,140.52

*Not a member of PBA



Birthdays:

- 13 Joshua Hughes, Pastor, East Side
- 14 Wayne Garmon, Pastor, Cedar Rock
- 16 Van Pigate, Pastor, River Road
- 18 Lori Buchhop, PBA Clerk
- 19 Hali Bagwell, wife of Pastor, The Neighborhood
- 21 Isabel Rood, wife of Pastor, Cannon Memorial
- 21 Phil McAlister, Pastor, Geer Memorial
- 24 Wanda Wiles, wife of Pastor, Hunt's Memorial
- 24 Jason Reid, Missions Minister, Mt. Airy
- 30 Joyce Sudduth, PBA Ministry Assistant

Wedding Anniversaries:

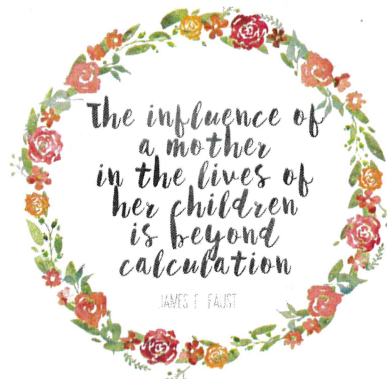
- 1 Jeffrey & Gloria Harris, Pastor, Calumet
- 5 Dalton & Anna Mitchell, Min. of Youth, Mt. Carmel
- 12 Nick & Alison McClellan, Pastor, Brushy Creek
- 18 Nathan & Victoria Foxx, Min. of Youth, Bishop Branch
- 19 Bryce & Waverly Ann Williams, Min. of Youth, Easley First
- 21 Bobby & Louise Goodwin, Pastor, Ruhamah
- 21 Keith & Lisa Shorter, Pastor, Mt. Airy
- 21 Rick & Dee Baldwin, Pastor, Smith Grove
- 23 Chris & Joni Jordan, PBA Missions Ministries Coord.
- 24 Bobby & Britt Tyler, Pastor, Flat Rock
- 25 Van & Kay Pigate, Pastor, River Road
- 28 Steve & Janet Robins, Min. of Ed., Mt. Airy
- 28 Johnny & Sherri Seay, Pastor, Corinth

Staff Anniversaries:

- 1977 - Joyce Sudduth, PBA Ministry Assistant
- 2009 - Gene Gilliam, Pastor, East Clemson
- 2013 - Jeff Whiten, Min. of Music & Assoc. Pastor, Bishop Branch
- 2015 - Hayden Crumpton, Minister of Youth, Mt. Pisgah
- 2019 - Shawn O'Shields, Pastor, Crosswell First



Cedar Rock will have "Miracle Mondays in June" revival services beginning June 8 with Dr. Stuart Houston, June 15, Rev. Chris Jordan, June 22, Rev. Ray Longnecker and June 29 with Dr. Robert Dickard. Services begin at 7pm each night.



Mother's Day - May 10, 2020



The PBA will be closed Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.