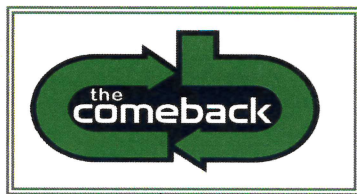




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As I said in the last *WITNESS* article, the focus for almost the next two years will be about The Comeback. Come back to the Lord • Come back to Church • Come back to Evangelism.

I have been thinking about people in the Bible who have experienced a comeback.

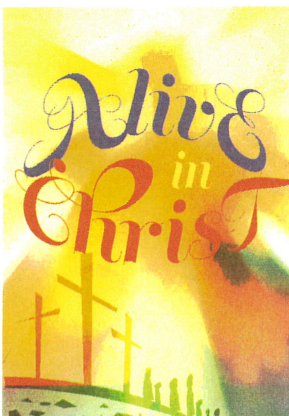
There was **Joseph**. From an exalted position in the family, at least in the eyes of his father, he was sold to a migrant band who took him to Egypt. Then he found himself in the household of Potiphar. There he was lied about and ended up in prison. What a long way to slide.

The Comeback - God used him to prepare Egypt for seven years of famine. His brothers, who hated him and sold him, came looking for bread. They had to deal with Joseph.

His Comeback Complete - from an exalted place in the family to prison to the second most powerful person in the world. Joseph's comeback was complete when he revealed to his brothers who he truly was. God used him to save two nations from starvation.

My prayer is that God will be so mighty in the comeback of the PBA Churches that we will see people saved, churches strengthened, believers grow deep faith and discipleship. Our comeback could bring us to a better place than when we were before the COVID pandemic. The result will not be talk about a great comeback. The talk will be about a Great God!

Robert



Opportunities

This week is Holy Week. One of my favorite times of the year as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Spring itself testifies to the

resurrection with the new life that comes from the dead winter plants. Remember this Easter season the new life found in Christ. 2 Cor 5:17 says that if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation: old things are passed away, and all things become new. This new life is especially relevant as we emerge from the pandemic.

If you plan to use the Mobile Units this year, please call and get your dates scheduled as they are beginning to fill up. Also, the training is online at www.piedmontbaptist.com and must be completed before you can officially reserve the units.

If your church wants to have a team from MFUGE come and do some work for a week this summer around your church, contact me for more information. There are seven available weeks, and the teams can do maintenance, yard work, or outreach in the community.

Finally, mark your calendars for April 17. The SBC Disaster Relief training will be in Easley at Brushy Creek. Go to www.scbaptist.org to sign up.

Happy Easter,
Chris

Piedmont Baptist Association WMU Spring Meeting

Thursday, April 8, 2021, 6:00pm

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church

1623 Hester Store Road, Easley 29640

Lite meal provided - donations appreciated

Please RSVP by April 5, 2021

Jo Ann Thornton - 864 420 7234 or

Joyce Sudduth - 864 859 9906



Treasurer's Report February 2021

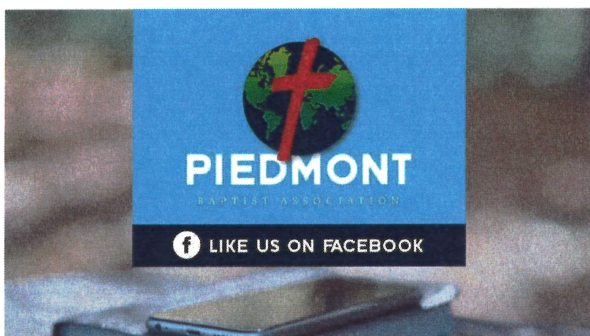
Contributions from Churches	20,623.66
Other54
Total	20,624.20
Total Spent in Feb	21,073.06
Difference	-448.86

Monthly Budget Required	25,484.00
Budget Required thru Feb	50,968.00
Receipts to date	37,371.49
Budget Deficit	-13,596.51

Contributions from Churches (Note: Some churches give quarterly)

	<u>Jan-Feb 2021</u>	<u>Jan-Feb 2020</u>
Agape	776.00	961.61
Arial	615.00	546.00
Bishop Branch	896.10	1,613.03
Brushy Creek	2,000.00	2,000.00
Calumet	198.00	200.00
Calvary Hill	1,670.50	2,017.82
Cannon Memorial	208.33	416.68
Cateechee	832.75	1,338.00
Cedar Rock	600.38	510.52
Central First	604.49	850.00
Connection Fellowship	132.12	130.00
Corinth	300.00	600.00
Crosswell First	916.66	458.33
Easley First	716.67	716.67
East Clemson	436.71	520.41
East Side	750.00	750.00
Elljean	105.47	274.30
Enon	192.65	191.90
Esperanza	.00	.00
Faith	100.00	100.00
*Fellowship Comm	100.00	.00
Flat Rock	205.51	1,151.54
Geer Memorial	792.93	670.13
Georges Creek	405.44	144.50
Glenwood	225.00	554.11
Graceway	.00	.00
Hunt's Mem.	600.00	600.00
Jones Ave.	1,371.26	1,202.52
Liberty First	250.00	1,000.00
Living Grace	93.20	.00
Mountain Springs	1,900.91	1,131.75
Mt. Airy	1,600.00	1,600.00
Mt. Carmel	1,763.42	1,931.69
Mt. Moriah	500.00	500.00
Mt. Pisgah	2,000.00	2,000.00
Mt. Tabor	.00	.00
Norris First	1,500.00	1,500.00
Park Street	.00	29.00
Pendleton St.	196.18	.00
Powdersville First	2,501.04	2,091.52
Refuge	333.32	333.32
Rice's Creek	285.69	213.84
River Road	110.60	150.88
Rock Springs	4,968.28	13,871.14
Ruhamah	.00	.00
Siloam	1,885.10	1,721.71
Six & Twenty	700.00	.00
Slabtown	888.00	558.00
Smith Grove	.00	200.00
The Neighborhood	.00	.00
Trinity Point	.00	.00
Wren	142.67	242.78
Total	37,370.38	47,593.70

*Not a member of PBA



Birthdays:

- 2 Stuart Houston, Family Life Minister, Rock Springs
- 3 Michelle Turner, wife of Pastor, Trinity Point
- 10 Justin Medlin, Pastor, Arial
- 17 Keith Shorter, Pastor, Mt. Airy
- 20 Jeff Smoak, Pastor, Bishop Branch
- 20 Jennifer Harrison, wife of Pastor, Siloam
- 20 Alex Chapman, Pastor, Georges Creek
- 21 Don Gibson, Minister of Music, Rock Springs
- 23 Gloria Harris, wife of Pastor, Calumet
- 23 Chad Hall, Minister of Music, Trinity Point
- 24 Benjamin Smoak, Pastor, Mountain Springs
- 27 Wanda Tate, wife of Pastor, Slabtown
- 28 Evelyn Garmon, wife of Pastor, Cedar Rock

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 11 Mike & Gail Dobson, Pastor, Cateechee
- 21 Phil & Pamela McAlister, Pastor, Geer Memorial
- 25 Josh & Ashton Gibson, Minister of Youth, Rock Springs
- 30 Robert & Diane Fowler, Pastor, Glenwood

Staff Anniversaries:

- 2008 Rick Baldwin, Pastor, Smith Grove
- 2012 David Bagwell, Pastor, The Neighborhood
- 2018 Austin McKnight, Pastor, Central First

NEWS *Around the Association*

Arial has called Justin Medlin as pastor. He had been serving as their Interim. Welcome Justin and Savannah.

Elljean is looking for a Full-Time Youth and Discipleship Pastor. Please send resumes to: Att. Pastor Brandon Wimpey and Deacons, 605 Elljean Rd, Easley, SC 29640. Please included with your resume a short bio of your salvation experience.

Slabtown: George Tate retired as pastor as of Sunday, April 4. He has served since 1980.



Pastor/Staff Lunch
Tuesday, April 13, 2021,
11:30am
Silver Bay, Easley.

The PBA Office
will be closed
Monday, April 5th
in observance of
Easter. We will
reopen Tuesday,
April 6th.

