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Teach Us to Pray

Jesus once asked His disciples what they would like for Him to do for them. Their response was, "Lord, teach us to pray." They had heard Jesus pray many times. Now they were asking Him to teach

them to pray like Him.

One aspect of **The Comeback** is prayer. It is important that churches have a powerful prayer ministry as we emerge from the pandemic. I am sure that we prayed during the pandemic, but one goal of **The Comeback** is for each church to develop an intentional, passionate, and powerful prayer ministry. If we are to be effective in reaching our communities post-pandemic we must begin with the most basic thing we can do: PRAY. If you already have a prayer ministry, continue emphasizing it. If your church prayer ministry needs some attention, start now. As you pray, plan to prayer walk or prayer drive neighborhoods and communities near you. Prayer walk your campus, the schools near you, and the street where you live. Learn to pray as Jesus prayed. James, one of the disciples whom Jesus taught to pray said it this way. "The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

In May of each year we, as an association of churches, promote and give to the Frances Eller Offering. Mrs. Eller was the wife of Rev. E. R. Eller, our Director of Missions from 1956 - 1968. The money received from this offering is used for local mission endeavors including the Released Time Christian Education Program, our Hispanic Church and other local missions. For 2021 and 2022 we will use 80% of the offering for "The Comeback."

Comeback to the Lord

Comeback to Church

Comeback to Evangelism

There are a lot of exciting things planned for "The Comeback" that we will be sharing in the near future. We have a limited supply of envelopes to help promote this offering. Give us a call and we will have yours ready for pickup.



What is Memorial Day to You?

May is the month we pause to remember and honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our nation by giving their life. For me, Memorial Day always goes back to March 23, 1993. I had been at Ft. Bragg for almost a month and prepared to go out on my first field exercise working with units from the 82nd Airborne Division. I was an airborne radio operator, and part of my job entailed providing in-flight communications. I spent that sunny March morning practicing changing out communication equipment between different types of cargo planes used by paratroopers. Right after we left the flight line, an F-16 crashed into a parked plane and hurled a massive fireball of debris and exploding ammunition into about 500 paratroopers preparing for a jump. Twenty-three paratroopers died that day, and almost 100 more were injured. Every time I think about that day, it reminds me that we are not promised the next minute, and we must be ready to meet the Lord.

As I close my article this month, allow me to encourage you to do two things:

1. Honor those who have given their lives in service to our nation in times of war and peace through accidents like the Green Ramp Disaster.
2. Ensure that you have placed your faith and trust in Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins and eternal life. Don't resist when the Holy Spirit calls you to salvation.

Blessings:
Chris



**The PBA Office will be closed
Monday, May 31st in
observance of Memorial Day.**

Treasurer's Report March 2021

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Contributions from Churches | 20,041.48 |
| Other | 6,000.62 |
| Total | 26,042.10 |
| Total Spent in March | 20,793.46 |
| Difference | 5,248.64 |

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|----------------------------------|------------|
| Monthly Budget Required | 25,484.00 |
| Budget Required thru March | 76,452.00 |
| Receipts to date | 63,413.59 |
| Budget Deficit | -13,038.41 |

Contributions from Churches (Note: Some churches give quarterly)

| | <u>Jan-Mar 2021</u> | <u>Jan-Mar 2020</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Agape | 776.00 | 961.61 |
| Arial | 891.00 | 792.00 |
| Bishop Branch | 1,233.09 | 1,912.90 |
| Brushy Creek | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Calumet | 363.00 | 346.00 |
| Calvary Hill | 3,320.65 | 3,368.72 |
| Cannon Memorial | 416.67 | 625.02 |
| Catechee | 832.75 | 1,338.00 |
| Cedar Rock | 831.70 | 762.57 |
| Central First | 982.50 | 850.00 |
| Connection Fellowship | 198.18 | 195.00 |
| Corinth | 300.00 | 600.00 |
| Crosswell First | 916.66 | 916.66 |
| Easley First | 2,150.01 | 2,150.01 |
| East Clemson | 621.39 | 687.03 |
| East Side | 1,125.00 | 1,125.00 |
| Elljean | 182.90 | 274.30 |
| Enon | 281.21 | 296.90 |
| Esperanza | .00 | .00 |
| Faith | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| *Fellowship Comm | 100.00 | .00 |
| Flat Rock | 457.47 | 1,727.31 |
| Geer Memorial | 1,210.83 | 1,082.47 |
| Georges Creek | 405.44 | 144.50 |
| Glenwood | 450.00 | 804.11 |
| Graceway | .00 | .00 |
| Hunt's Mem. | 900.00 | 900.00 |
| Jones Ave. | 1,371.26 | 1,842.26 |
| Liberty First | 500.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Living Grace | 93.20 | .00 |
| Mount Moriah | 750.00 | 750.00 |
| Mountain Springs | 2,708.84 | 2,254.22 |
| Mt. Airy | 2,400.00 | 2,400.00 |
| Mt. Carmel | 2,429.06 | 2,489.67 |
| Mt. Pisgah | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Mt. Tabor | .00 | .00 |
| Norris First | 2,250.00 | 2,250.00 |
| Park Street | .00 | 29.00 |
| Pendleton St. | 196.18 | .00 |
| Powdersville First | 3,492.38 | 2,936.26 |
| Refuge | 499.98 | 499.98 |
| Rice's Creek | 476.78 | 457.74 |
| River Road | 420.50 | 223.16 |
| Rock Springs | 9,529.55 | 17,577.64 |
| Ruhamah | .00 | .00 |
| Siloam | 2,705.89 | 2,450.33 |
| Six & Twenty | 1,400.00 | 700.00 |
| Slabtown | 888.00 | 777.00 |
| Smith Grove | .00 | 200.00 |
| The Neighborhood | .00 | .00 |
| Trinity Point | .00 | .00 |
| Wren | 203.79 | 319.01 |
| Total | 57,411.86 | 67,166.38 |

*Not a member of PBA



Birthdays:

- 13 Joshua Hughes, Pastor, East Side
- 14 Wayne Garmon, Pastor, Cedar Rock
- 16 Van Pigate, Pastor, River Road
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 2013 - Suzanne Whiten, Children's Minister, Bishop Branch
- 2015 - Hayden Crumpton, Minister of Youth, Mt. Pisgah
- 2019 - Shawn O'Shields, Pastor, Crosswell First



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



Living Grace Baptist in Piedmont is looking for volunteers/mission teams to help with their first VBS.

Block Party June 5

VBS June 7-9

Contact Pastor Rex Simmons to help 864-616-8687.

United Christian Ministries is accepting applications for the position of Executive Director. Resumes may be sent to ucmresumes2021@gmail.com by April 26, 2021.



Thursday, May 6, 2021

Mother's Day
May 9, 2021

