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The context of Habakkuk was certainly different from our reality of 2021 but I can relate to some words he spoke. It was a question he asked God. "How long, oh Lord, how long?" For two years we have faced the awful pandemic of COVID. It has affected families, businesses churches, and every level of society. 2021 - 2022 is the year of "**The ComeBack!**" I have been asking churches and families to intensify their prayer life. Develop a prayer ministry and strategy. Devote a specific period of time to intensive, intentional prayer. One church has experienced a "40 days of prayer" and another church has done a "100 days of prayer" when teams are praying every day for specific requests.


Come Back to Christ - It is great when those who have strayed from God "come back" to Him.

Come Back to Church - Sadly, many of our PBA churches are still considerably lower in about every category than they were before COVID. The PBA wants to encourage churches with resources and strategies to "re-reach" those who have "dropped out" of church.

Come Back to Evangelism - Next year, 2022, is the year for simultaneous revivals across the association and an Evangelistic Rally on October 2, 2022. The Rally will be on Sunday afternoon and I am asking that each church, each youth ministry, and each family participate in the one-day outdoor event. Attend the rally, bring your "one's", and others who are without Christ. Help them to be in a place where they will hear the Gospel and have an opportunity to come to Christ.

This year and next year can be an exciting time in this area!

Robert



Happy Thanksgiving

The PBA Office will close
Thursday, Nov. 25th in
observance of Thanksgiving.
Reopen Monday, Nov. 29th.



Thank you!

Thank you for continuing to partner with the PBA in taking the Gospel to the world in 2021. The Lord has been faithful, and countless lives have been impacted for the Kingdom by your prayers, gifts, and serving. Allow me to highlight a few projects from 2021.

◆ We have partnered with the City of Easley to implement a Chaplaincy program for the police department and assisted in two community block parties.

◆ Our fair ministry served over 800 meals to workers and provided over 200 health kits.

◆ Esperanza, our Spanish-speaking congregation, broke ground on an education building.

◆ Our Send Relief trailer carried a load of supplies down to Louisiana after the storm.

◆ Finally, we started our first year-long revitalization cohort with 5 members.

We praise the Lord for His faithfulness and look forward to his work next year with our **COMEBACK** emphasis.

Future Opportunities:

- Hearts for Schools
- Prisoner Packets
- International Missions
- Church Planting Partnership

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
Monday, November 1, 2021, 11:00am
Jones Avenue Baptist Church



Feet for Heat - Walk & Run

Saturday, November 6th, 9:00am.
Old Market Square, Easley.
Register @ ucmpc.org.



Beginning January 2022 we will no longer be mailing THE WITNESS unless requested. If you wish to receive a monthly copy by email please send your email address to joyce@piedmontbaptist.com or go to our website (piedmontbaptist.com) and sign up there. We are trying to be good stewards of our funds. You may request a printed copy by calling Joyce at 864-859-9906.
We must hear from you by the end of 2021.

Birthdays:

1 Wayne Holcombe, Activities Dir.,
Rock Springs

- 3 Jeremy Merck, Pastor, Norris First
- 5 Sarah McMinn, wife of Min. of Music, Brushy Creek
- 9 Alison McClellan, wife of Pastor, Brushy Creek
- 9 Bonnie O'Shields, wife of Pastor, Crosswell First
- 11 Rick Baldwin, Pastor, Smith Grove
- 14 Carol Jo Baumgarner, wife of Min. of Music, Easley First
- 18 Pam Clevenger, Wife of Asst. Pastor/Min. of Music, Jones Avenue
- 27 JoAnn Thornton, PBA WMU Director
- 27 Peter Ramlogan, Pastor, Graceway
- 29 Suzanne Whiten, Children's Dir., Bishop Branch
- 30 Jessica Hughes, wife of Pastor, East Side

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 26 James & Wanda Wiles, Pastor, Hunt's Memorial
26 Benjamin & Amanda Smoak, Pastor, Mountain Springs

Staff Anniversaries:

- 1999 Rodney Graham, Min. to Sr. Adults, Brushy Creek
2008 Steve Robins, Min. of Education, Mt. Airy
2009 Wayne Garmon, Pastor, Cedar Rock
2012 Van Pigate, Pastor, River Road
2012 David Lyles, Pastor, Connection
2015 Mandy Loftis, Dir. Preschool/Children, Mt. Airy
2015 Troy Harrison, Pastor, Siloam
2018 Tina Corn, Children's Director, Easley First
2019 Jeremy Merck, Pastor, Norris First

Norris First is seeking to fill 2 part-time positions-Minister of Music and Youth Minister. Could possibly be filled as one full-time. If interested in one/both, send resume to fbcnorris@fbcnorris.org attn: youth/music search team or call 864-639-2522 for more information.

Digest of Annual Church Profiles for 2021

	Church	Total Members	Baptisms	Other Additions	In Person AvgWeekly Worship	Online Avg Weekly Worship	In Person Avg Bible Study	Online Avg Bible Study	VBS	Mission Participation Total	Cooperative Program Gifts	Total Receipts
	Agape	200	4	0	50	10	15	0	75	15	\$ 5,704	\$ 67,645
	Arial	110	2	1	51	172	50	100	75	35	\$ 15,229	\$ 205,351
	Bishop Branch	149	8	0	0	145	0	0	212	123	\$ 36,648	\$ 527,344
	Brushy Creek	1835	15	27	395	30	210	0	0	55	\$ 84,000	\$ 2,633,652
	Calumet	300	0	0	70	10	40	0	53	0	\$ 7,192	\$ 203,984
	Calvary Hill	463	6	11	108	98	68	0	71	0	\$ 15,247	\$ 300,512
	Cannon Memorial	549	9	14	96	308	42	179	0	0	\$ 7,000	\$ 336,344
	Cateechee	135	0	0	35	0	25	0	20	14	\$ 3,918	\$ 85,539
	Cedar Rock	388	0	6	55	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 18,047	\$ 168,188
*	Central First											
*	Connection Fellowship											
	Corinth	319	5	2	35	0	26	0	0	0	\$ 2,292	\$ 110,011
	Crosswell First	456	1	8	68	13	53	13	55	193	\$ 1,250	\$ 242,196
	Easley First	1381	6	24	300	150	284	8	324	176	\$ 39,540	\$ 1,761,223
*	East Clemson											
	East Side	199	5	2	95	0	50	0	55	5	\$ 4,667	\$ 322,764
	Elljean	420			150	20	80	0	75	62		
	Enon	137	2	2	40	0	25	0	0	2	\$ 1,056	\$ 113,969
*	Esperanza (mission)											
*	Faith											
	Flat Rock	230	13	6	145	55	0	0	69	40	\$ 19,242	\$ 439,505
	Geer Memorial	895	0	0	50	5	17	3	0	0	\$ 23,090	\$ 257,927
	Georges Creek	117	2	6	70	0	30	0	85	0	\$ 13,748	\$ 341,166
	Glenwood	476	3	4	70	0	42	0	0	0	\$ 7,626	\$ 200,922
*	Graceway											
	Hunt's Memorial	124	0	0	95	0	71	0	129	0	\$ 3,600	\$ 191,014
	Jones Avenue	571	7	14	160	0	90	0	40	25	\$ 27,542	\$ 644,637
	Liberty First	565	4	0	65	0	45	0	60	42	\$ 8,000	\$ 282,955
	Living Grace	4	1	0	24	0	20	0	15	0	\$ 932	\$ 61,113
	Mount Moriah	124	6	18	105	55	20	0	71	10	\$ 12,000	\$ 275,609
	Mount Pisgah	1508	67	168	1100	450	498	45	411	100	-	-
	Mountain Springs	395	4	0	80	65	125	65	45	384	\$ 11,113	\$ 312,299
	Mt. Airy	1399	8	21	550	150	250	10	351	12	\$ 259,056	\$ 1,962,521
	Mt. Carmel	549	0	4	104	10	70	0	47	75	\$ 39,757	\$ 517,820
*	Mt. Tabor											
	Norris First	306	3	3	95	0	74	0	50	26	\$ 23,300	\$ 460,327
	Park Street	199	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 286	\$ 53,306
	Pendleton Street	124	0	4	68	0	36	0	46	0	\$ 1,760	\$ 109,908
	Powdersville First	285	1	18	127	0	52	0	35	273	\$ 44,497	\$ 458,869
	Refuge	138	8	22	89	10	55	10	50	0	\$ 2,000	\$ 204,734
*	Rice's Creek											
	River Road	144	0	2	16	0	7	0	0	0	\$ 4,831	\$ 53,294
	Rock Springs	6157	70	94		0	0	0	0	510	\$ 578,751	-
*	Ruhamah											
	Siloam	299	4	16	116	44	86	25	99	60	\$ 34,027	\$ 826,940
	Six & Twenty	305	2	1	50	0	25	0	36	0	\$ 13,000	\$ 157,901
	Slabtown	290	0	0	30	0	20	0	0	0		
*	Smith Grove											
*	The Neighborhood											
	Trinity Point	285	11	0	175	30	144	0	0	185		
	Wren	210	0	0	40	80	27	9	16	2	\$ 9,083	\$ 115,039
*	These churches have not sent in their ACP. Therefore the totals for the association are skewed.											