



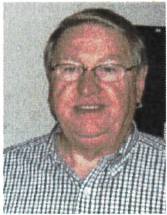
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In John 16:33 Jesus said, *"In this world you shall have tribulations: but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."* We would all agree that tribulation, stress, and pain across all America. From mass

shootings to moral failure to financial hardship, we see it all the time. I am grateful that Jesus didn't stop with the word "tribulation." He continued by saying, "be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Remember when things crowd in around you that you, as a child of God, can have His peace inside of you. When a submarine goes deep underwater, the pressure from the water outside is enormous. What keeps it from collapsing in on itself is equal or greater pressure from within.

As we move into the summer months and face pressure and tribulations, keep this thought, "Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world." (1John 4:4)

thank you

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Siloam Baptist Church for hosting our Evangelism Training on May 21st.

#### Ministry Health Kits

- 1 bath towel
- 1 hand towel
- 1 wash cloth
- 1 toothpaste
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 bar soap
- 1 comb

Place in a 2 gallon zip lock bag. Due in the PBA Office on or before June 28th.



Summer is here, and it is hard to believe we are halfway through 2022. I think it would be helpful to give you an update on how churches across North America are doing.

This week, The Unstuck Group released their quarter two report on churches across North America. Allow me to give you a few highlights from their information.

- ✧ Average in-person attendance dropped by 28% over the previous 12 months.
- ✧ Baptisms increased by almost 77% relative to attendance.
- ✧ Churches continued to connect with more new people.
- ✧ Small group participation increased throughout the past year.
- ✧ Volunteer engagement is returning to pre-pandemic levels.
- ✧ Giving was down less than 1% compared to the previous year.

With all the negative news we receive each day, I hope this has been encouraging and challenging. God is still moving and drawing people to himself. My prayer is that we utilize this summer to join Him as He works in our communities!

#### July 30- August 6



Go ahead and place the Sr. League World Series on your calendars. We will be doing laundry again each day and seeking volunteers to assist us. If you are interested in helping, please give me a call at the office: 864-859-9906.



The PBA Ministry Assistants will meet at the PBA Office on Tuesday, June 14th, noon. Lunch will be provided and I need to know how many to plan for so please email me at

[joyce@piedmontbaptist.com](mailto:joyce@piedmontbaptist.com) if you can join us.



**Treasurer's Report**  
**April 2022**

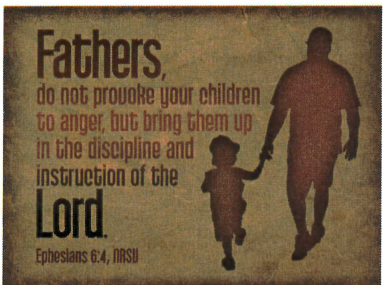
Contributions from Churches	20,090.37
Other	43
Total	20,090.80
Total Spent in April	24,636.54
Difference	-4,545.74

Monthly Budget Required	25,806.33
Budget Required thru April	103,225.32
Receipts to date	89,544.59
Budget Deficit	-13,680.73

**Contributions from Churches**  
(Note: Some churches give quarterly)

	<u>Jan-Apr 2022</u>	<u>Jan-Apr 2021</u>
Agape	2,660.54	1,655.54
Arial	1,224.00	1,216.00
Bishop Branch	.00	1,629.37
Brushy Creek	4,000.00	4,000.00
Calumet	811.50	668.00
Calvary Hill	3,351.04	5,425.76
Cannon Memorial	833.32	833.35
Cateechee	2,284.00	1,912.75
Cedar Rock	1,020.20	995.54
Central First	2,411.14	1,741.23
Connection Fellowship	233.36	264.18
Corinth	525.00	600.00
Crosswell First	.00	1,374.99
Easley First	2,866.68	2,866.68
East Clemson	759.44	816.33
East Side	1,500.00	1,125.00
Elljean	588.15	375.27
Enon	386.79	385.50
Esperanza	.00	.00
Faith	200.00	200.00
*Fellowship Comm	.00	100.00
Flat Rock	1,695.47	762.11
Geer Memorial	1,822.00	1,558.50
Georges Creek	925.41	925.20
Glenwood	825.00	675.00
Graceway	.00	.00
Hunt's Mem.	1,200.00	1,200.00
Jones Ave.	2,001.08	3,085.28
Liberty First	1,000.00	750.00
Living Grace	234.79	201.12
Mount Moriah	1,000.00	1,000.00
Mountain Springs	3,012.40	3,641.43
Mt. Airy	3,200.00	3,200.00
Mt. Carmel	3,309.22	3,134.17
Mt. Pisgah	5,000.00	4,000.00
Mt. Tabor	.00	87.00
Norris First	3,336.00	3,000.00
Park Street	.00	.00
Pendleton St.	150.02	196.18
Powersville First	4,359.22	4,650.58
Refuge	666.64	666.64
Rice's Creek	566.89	620.03
River Road	424.35	502.38
Rock Springs	19,920.02	14,078.92
Ruhamah	.00	.00
Siloam	3,122.02	3,467.22
Six & Twenty	700.00	1,400.00
Slabtown	1,348.00	1,569.00
Smith Grove	.00	.00
The Neighborhood	.00	.00
Trinity Point	.00	.00
Wren	<u>319.07</u>	<u>273.94</u>
Total	85,792.76	82,830.19

\*Not a member of PBA



**Father's Day**  
**June 19, 2022**



**Birthdays**

- 1 Gail Dobson, wife of Pastor, Cateechee  
1 Chad Lawson, Minister to Families, Powersville First  
2 Mark Kannarney, Pastor, Liberty First  
2 Donna Adams, wife of Pastor, Easley First  
3 Robert Dickard, DOM  
3 Rodney Graham, Minister to Sr. Adults, Brushy Creek  
5 Amanda Smoak, wife of Pastor, Mountain Springs  
9 Johnny Seay, Pastor, Corinth  
9 Justin Dutton, Minister of Youth, East Side  
12 Bobby Brock, Minister of Education, Brushy Creek  
12 Scott Allen, Missions Minister, Rock Springs  
12 Bobby Tyler, Pastor, Flat Rock  
13 Julie Shafran, wife of Pastor, Mt. Moriah  
16 John Adams, Pastor, Easley First  
18 Greg Nelson, Minister of Youth, Rock Springs  
21 Darlene Ramlogan, wife of Pastor, Graceway  
21 Austin Williams, Youth Minister, Jones Ave.  
22 Alton Nix, Pastor, Park Street  
27 Sarah Randolph, wife of Student Pastor, Mt. Airy  
29 Boots Holder, Pastor, Esperanza  
29 Stacy Lawson, wife of Minister to Families, Powersville First

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

- 6 Ken & Loretta Dover, Education Min. Team Leader, PBA  
6 Jeff & Sarah Randolph, Minister to Students, Mt. Airy  
8 Micah & Sarah Ashley McMinn, Min. of Music, Brushy Creek  
10 Rodney & Sheila Graham, Min. to Sr. Adults, Brushy Creek  
10 Randy & Tina Smith, Pastor, Pendleton Street  
10 Justin & Hannah Dutton, Minister of Youth, East Side  
10 David & Hali Bagwell, Pastor, The Neighborhood  
13 Alton & Carolyn Nix, Pastor, Park Street  
14 Boots & Katie Holder, Pastor, Esperanza  
15 Troy & Joyce Sudduth, Ministry Asst., PBA  
20 Brandon & Leah Wimpey, Pastor, Elljean  
23 Jimmy & Brittany Bagwell, Minister of Youth, Crosswell First  
25 Don & Myra Gibson, Minister of Music, Rock Springs  
27 Michael & Julie Shafran, Pastor, Mt. Moriah

**Staff Anniversaries:**

- 1981 Rick Baumgarner, Minister of Music, Easley First  
1987 Rudy Halstead, Pastor, Agape  
1995 Alton Nix, Pastor, Park Street  
2013 Micah McMinn, Minister of Music, Brushy Creek  
2016 Greg Nelson, Minister of Youth, Rock Springs  
2021 Jimmy Bagwell, Minister of Youth, Crosswell First



**Cannon Memorial** has called Carl Poole as pastor beginning May 22. We welcome the Pooles to PBA.  
**Faith Baptist Church, Norris** is in search of a full-time or bi-vocational pastor. Submit resume via email to [faithbaptist29630@gmail.com](mailto:faithbaptist29630@gmail.com).  
**River Road** has merged with another church as of May 22, 2022.  
**Ruhamah:** Pastor Bobby Goodwin has retired as pastor.