



Serving the Churches of the
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A favorite hymn of mine was a song
entitled, *"No, Never Alone"*.

*I've seen the lightning flashing,
I've heard the thunder roll,
I've felt sin's breakers dashing,
Trying to conquer my soul;
I heard the voice of Jesus,
Telling me to fight on,
He promised never to leave me,
Never to leave me alone.
No, Never alone, No, Never alone;
He promises never to leave me,
Never to leave me alone!*

Matthew 1:23 says that the prophesy of Jesus birth said His name would be called Emmanuel, which means "God with us." This is the time of year when we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Remember, as the lyrics of the old song said, with the coming of the Messiah we are never alone, with Christ in our lives, He is with us in our joys and sorrows, in our grief and pain, in life and in death.

Celebrate Christmas this year or what it is: When God came to dwell among us and to dwell in us. What a joy! What a gift! What a God!

Robert

*How can I say thanks
For the things you have done for me?
Things so undeserved
Yet you gave to prove your love for me.
(My Tribute by Andraé Crouch)*

Thank you to everyone involved in my Retirement Celebration. Special thanks to Robert, Chris, Paul Turner, Lisa Boozer, Melissa Hood, Kathy Riddle and Marion Roach for their hard work in making everything so nice. As I told the PBA Council several months ago, since May 1977 this has been my home away from home. I want to thank you for the privilege of working here. I have been blessed by the people I have interacted with over the years. Many have become personal friends. At first it was just a part-time job but later I realized it was a calling from God that I serve Him here at the association. Because of my employment here I have been able to serve as an officer of the SCBC, president of the SC Baptist Ministry Assistants Assoc. and an officer of the National Association of Ministry Assistants. So, December 22, 2022 will be my final day. There are no words to express my gratitude to PBA for all the kindness shown to me and my family over the years. My prayers for Robert, Chris, Karen and our churches will continue. May God richly bless you, your family and your church.

In Christ,
Joyce



The Christmas season is upon us, and decorations are going up, trees are being decorated, parties are scheduled, and the busyness of the season has commenced. The season we celebrate the greatest gift given to man in the birth of our Savior,

Jesus! So, in the spirit of giving allow me to highlight some giving opportunities that are available in the coming days.

United Christian Ministries is accepting Christmas Dinner Boxes to give to families in need through mid-December.

The box should contain:

- 2 boxes of macaroni and cheese,
- 1 large can of green beans,
- 1 large can of yams,
- 1 box of cake mix,
- 1 container of frosting,
- 1 box of Jiffy corn muffin mix.

A suggested donation of \$10 will help in the bulk purchasing of hams for each family. Boxes can be dropped off at 303 Dacusville Hwy in Easley. If there are any questions, please call UCM at 864-671-1134.

Child Evangelism Fellowship is looking for churches to sponsor Good News Clubs for the spring semester at the following schools in our area: Clemson Elementary, Crosswell Elementary, Dacusville Elementary, and Liberty Elementary. If your church would like to give a gift that keeps on giving, give Candie Charping a call at 864-323-6093.

May the Lord bless you this Christmas season!

Blessings:
Chris

**The PBA Office will be closed December 26 - 30
for the Christmas holidays and January 2, 2023 for
New Year's. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
to everyone from your PBA Staff!**



**Pastors/Staff and spouses are invited to the
PBA Christmas Dinner
Tuesday, December 6, 2022, 6:00pm.
Cannon Memorial Baptist Church
Fellowship Building
Mark your calendars now.
RSVP no later than Monday, November 28th to
Joyce at 859-9906 or
joyce@piedmontbaptist.com**

Treasurers Report
October, 2022

Contributions from Churches	18,642.74
Other	25,000.00
Total	43,642.74
Total Spent in October	29,981.20
Difference	13,661.54
Monthly Budget Required	25,806.33
Budget Required thru October	258,063.30
Receipts to date	244,000.56
Budget Deficit	14,062.74

Contributions from Churches

	Jan - Oct 22	Jan - Oct 21
Agape	4,339.92	2,528.02
Arial	3,026.00	3,254.00
*Bishop Branch	0.00	3,211.72
Brushy Creek	9,000.00	10,000.00
Calumet	1,920.07	1,365.00
Calvary Hill	8,244.75	8,597.36
Cannon Memorial	2,083.34	1,875.01
Cateechee	4,712.00	4,237.75
Cedar Rock	2,657.31	2,887.06
Central First	5,535.76	4,823.71
Connection Fellowship	583.34	660.42
Corinth	975.00	1,200.00
Crosswell First	0.00	3,666.64
Easley First	7,166.70	7,166.70
East Clemson	1,983.97	4,704.46
East Side	3,750.00	3,750.00
Elljean	1,468.99	735.62
Enon	855.42	868.84
Faith	450.00	450.00
*Fellowship Comm Church	0.00	100.00
Flat Rock	3,556.49	2,554.52
Geer Memorial	4,466.11	3,719.84
Georges Creek	1,916.83	1,848.83
Glenwood	2,025.00	2,025.00
Hunt's Memorial	3,000.00	3,000.00
Jones Avenue	6,082.61	6,341.72
Liberty First	2,250.00	2,250.00
Living Grace	575.18	558.49
Mount Moriah	2,500.00	2,500.00
Mount Pisgah	12,500.00	10,000.00
Mountain Springs	6,596.63	9,212.16
Mt. Airy	8,000.00	8,000.00
Mt. Carmel	8,069.05	6,615.22
Mt. Tabor	0.00	348.00
Norris First	8,334.00	7,500.00
Park Street	0.00	114.00
Pendleton Street	611.42	646.19
Powdersville First	10,763.30	11,178.72
Refuge	1,666.60	1,666.60
Rice's Creek	1,612.46	2,110.21
River Road	473.45	841.50
Rock Springs	46,480.30	41,009.21
Siloam	7,607.59	8,006.42
Six & Twenty	2,100.00	2,800.00
Slabtown	3,475.00	3,346.00
Wren	832.53	786.66
	204,247.12	205,061.60

*Not a member of PBA



All Ministry Assistants are invited to join us **Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 11:45am** at the PBA office for a Christmas Luncheon. Please bring a wrapped \$8-\$10 Christmas ornament/decoration to exchange. Please RSVP by **Wednesday, Dec. 7** to Joyce@piedmontbaptist.com or 864-859-9906.



Birthdays:

2	Jamie Gibson, Pastor, Rice's Creek
3	Brandon Wimpey, Pastor, Elljean
7	Paul Turner, Pastor, Mt. Carmel
7	David Bagwell, Pastor, The Neighborhood
9	Joey Alonso, Minister of Music, Mt. Airy
9	Marie Wimpey, wife of Asst. Pastor, Elljean
9	Tessa Going, wife of Min. to Families, Brushy Creek
11	Gene Gilliam, Pastor, East Clemson
13	Rob Merritt, Missions Coordinator, Mt. Airy
15	Stacey Houston, wife of Family Minister, Rock Springs
17	Melody Poole, Wife of Pastor, Cannon Memorial
30	Cindy Gibson, wife of Pastor, Rice's Creek
30	Paul Clevenger, Minister of Music/Asst. Pastor, Jones Ave.

Wedding Anniversaries:

14	Jeremy & Stephanie Merck, Pastor, Norris First
15	Miles & Christy Bridges, Pastor, Powdersville First
17	Walt & Debbie Sweet, Min. of Education, Rock Springs
18	Dave & Cathy Shorter, Pastor, Calvary Hill
21	Paul & Beth Turner, Pastor, Mt. Carmel
29	Wayne & Evelyn Garmon, Pastor, Cedar Rock
29	David & Anna Lyles, Pastor, Connection
31	John & Donna Adams, Pastor, Easley First
31	Jamie & Cindy Gibson, Pastor, Rice's Creek

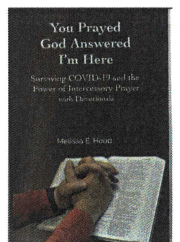
Staff Anniversaries:

2008 -	Phil McAlister, Pastor, Geer Memorial
2015 -	Brandon Wimpey, Pastor, Elljean
2018 -	Jamie Gibson, Pastor, Rice's Creek
2019 -	Brian Mahon, Pastor, Mt. Tabor
2020 -	Alex Chapman, Pastor, Georges Creek



Melissa Hood has released a new book about her battle with Covid. Two years later, she is sharing her story of illness, spiritual struggles and recovery while focusing on the importance of intercessory prayer. You may obtain a copy by emailing

Melissaahood67@gmail.com.



Calvary Hill Baptist Church is looking for a pianist. If you or someone you know is interested, please send resumes to Calvary Hill Baptist Church, 501 Rampey St., Easley, SC 29640 or email **calvaryhillinfo@calvaryhill.org**. Please mark "To The Attention Of: Pianist Search Committee"

Flat Rock Baptist Church, Liberty SC is looking for a part-time Worship Leader to lead a blended service. This person will be responsible for preparation and arrangement of congregational and praise team music. Submit resumes with references to **flatrockbaptistchurch@gmail.com**.



Season of Prayer for International Missions
& Lottie Moon Offering is December 4 - 11



United Christian Ministries is accepting new blankets, hats, gloves, scarves, and socks. Gently used and clean coats are also needed. Donations can be brought to UCM (303 Dacusville Hwy. in Easley) on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9am-noon at the double doors facing Henry Street.