



The month of November is important for several reasons. For **one**, it is voting month. I suspect that all of us get tired of political ads on tv, radio, and in signs. As annoying as they are, they do remind us of one of the great things about our country. Our Republic was designed to be a government “of the people, by the people, and for the people.” Ask God to give you discernment and understanding on how to vote and exercise that great right.

Also, November is the usual time for our State Baptist Convention to meet. Pray for the SC Baptist Pastor’s Conference and the Convention Meeting, Nov. 13 - 14. The Pastors Conference will be at North Trenholm Baptist Church in Columbia, beginning at 9:45 am. The Annual Meeting will be at Shandon Baptist Church on Nov. 13 - 14. The first service will be on Monday, Nov. 13 at 6:00 pm. The second service will be on Tuesday, Nov. 14 beginning at 9:00 am.

Last, November 23 is the day set aside for THANKSGIVING. The Pilgrims wanted to give thanks to God for His blessings. Today, this month, let’s honestly give thanks to our Lord for His many blessings.

Robert



I have a couple of pairs of glasses that contain "Progressive" lenses. With these lenses, your point of focus is determined by where you look in the lens. The top of the lens is used for seeing distance. The bottom is used for near vision. I have to really focus when using these glasses because I am not used to concentrating my vision on one area.

As we move into the Thanksgiving season, let me encourage you to view them through a lens of gratitude. It is easy to get bombarded with activities, dinners, and shopping deals and lose our focus during this time of year. Take some time to be thankful for the blessings from the Lord this year. Paul tells us in Ephesians to "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (5:15,20). I know for some; the holidays are a difficult time. Trust the Lord to see you through these times and be thankful for His deep care and comfort that is available to His children. 1 Peter 5 tells us that we can cast all our cares on Him because He cares for us. May the Lord bless and encourage you this season as you approach it with a sense of gratitude.

From my family to yours, Happy Thanksgiving!
Chris



World
DAY OF
Prayer

Women’s World Day
of Prayer
November 6, 2023
11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Mt. Carmel
Baptist Church
1623 Hester Store Rd.
Easley, SC 29640



Powdersville First Baptist will be celebrating it’s 40th anniversary on Sunday, November 5th. Rev. Danny Culbertson will be leading us in worship. Choir rehearsal will be at 10:00 AM for anyone wishing to attend, and the service will start at 10:45 AM.

Cross Roads Baptist Church, Easley, is currently seeking to fill the part-time position for Minister of Students. Interested applicants can submit resumes to pastorphilhenry@gmail.com.

Christmas
Party

Pastor/Staff and Family are invited to
the PBA Christmas Party.

Tuesday, November 28
6:30 pm

Easley First Baptist Church

Please RSVP no later than
Tuesday, November 14
864-859-9906 or
karen@piedmontbaptist.com

Prisoner Packets

Packs are due on **Monday, November 20** to the PBA Office.

- (1) Black non-retractable pen (no wire clips or other color ink)
- (1) 6X9 standard writing tablet (no wire bound, composition books, colored paper)
- (1) adult toothbrush (individually factory-sealed, no multi packs)
- (1) 4 - 6 oz toothpaste (no travel size)
- (1) 3.2 - 6 oz bar of soap (no travel size or unwrapped/unboxed bars)
- (2) rolls of hard candy like LifeSavers, Mentos, Breath Savers (no Smarties, Sweetarts, Neeco Wafers, Rolos, Starburst, Tic Tacs)
- (3) First-class #10 stamp embossed envelopes (from US Post Office, no regular stamps, no other size envelope)

All items must fit in one gallon size zipper bag with zipper closed.

Birthdays:

- 1 Wayne Holcombe, Activities Dir., Rock Springs
- 3 Jeremy Merck, Pastor, Norris First
- 3 Tiffany Williams, wife of Min. to Families, Jones Avenue
- 5 Sarah McMinn, wife of Min. of Music, Brushy Creek
- 7 Roy Moore, Pastor, Ruhamah
- 9 Alison McClellan, wife of Pastor, Brushy Creek
- 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
- 23 Carl Poole, Pastor, Cannon Memorial
- 27 JoAnn Thornton, PBA WMU Director
- 27 Peter Ramlogan, Pastor, Graceway

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 David Lyles, Pastor, Connection
- 2015 Troy Harrison, Pastor, Siloam
- 2018 Tina Corn, Children’s Director, Easley First
- 2019 Jeremy Merck, Pastor, Norris First
- 2021 Austin Williams, Minister to Families, Jones Ave.

Digest of Annual Church Profiles for 2023

Congregation	Total Membership	Baptisms Total	Other Additions	Weekly Worship Average Attendance	SS Average Attendance	VBS Enrollment (ACP)	Mission Project Part Total	Total Receipts	Cooperative Program
Agape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
Arial	95	2	3	52	38	70	71	\$ 191,605.00	\$ 12,206.00
Brushy Creek	1145	23	60	500	308	100	43	\$ 2,368,981.00	\$ 84,000.00
Calumet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
Calvary Hill	464	6	4	132	75	110	31	\$ 296,786.00	\$ 34,361.00
Cannon Memorial	577	16	27	136	88	123	6	\$ 304,754.00	\$ 7,000.00
Cateechee	135	2	0	38	23	0	0	\$ 68,294.00	\$ 4,098.00
Cedar Rock	405	1	4	75	20	0	0	\$ 157,335.00	\$ 16,777.00
Central First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
Connection Fellowship	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
Corinth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
Crosswell First	467	0	7	50	40	40	30	\$ 308,045.00	\$ 125.00
Easley First	1415	24	28	300	265	157	223	\$ 1,848,444.00	\$ 40,000.00
East Clemson	56	0	0	25	12	0	14	\$ 83,619.00	\$ 7,733.00
East Side	308	33	63	160	140	104	0	\$ 456,150.00	\$ 5,000.00
Elljean	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
Enon	139	0	2	34	29	17	0	\$ -	\$ -
Faith	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
First Baptist	501	6	0	75	45	75	36	\$ 144,673.00	\$ 3,681.00
Flat Rock	263	28	19	220	70	120	75	\$ 535,947.00	\$ 19,357.00
Geer Memorial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
Georges Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
Glenwood	0	3	15	65	44	45	0	\$ 180,343.00	\$ 7,200.00
Hunts Memorial	111	4	3	92	54	123	12	\$ 206,694.00	\$ 3,600.00
Jones Avenue	362	24	28	242	138	80	50	\$ 658,000.00	\$ 22,000.00
Living Grace	9	2	0	35	15	50	35	\$ 80,050.00	\$ 1,491.00
Mount Moriah	133	3	9	117	76	45	46	\$ 281,827.00	\$ 12,000.00
Mount Pisgah	2218	126	0	0	708	902	317	\$ -	\$ -
Mountain Springs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
Mt Airy	1448	15	17	650	308	257	187	\$ 1,762,609.00	\$ 228,360.00
Mt Carmel	559	20	6	105	64	23	70	\$ 450,090.00	\$ 35,345.00
Mt Tabor	38	3	7	60	50	0	3	\$ 107,991.00	\$ 2,400.00
Norris First	316	0	18	102	85	49	21	\$ 496,367.00	\$ 19,992.00
Park Street	198	0	1	15	6	0	0	\$ 32,710.00	\$ -
Pendleton Street	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
Powdersville First	290	4	0	110	61	103	171	\$ 432,645.00	\$ 31,672.00
Refuge	0	3	18	53	32	0	0	\$ 225,128.00	\$ 2,000.00
Rice's Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
Rock Springs	6184	67	80	0	1110	0	0	\$ -	\$ 665,217.00
Ruhamah	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
Siloam	268	1	9	137	77	0	115	\$ 895,076.00	\$ 24,223.00
Six & Twenty	304	1	0	0	0	40	0	\$ 156,595.00	\$ 13,000.00
Slabtown	509	1	5	40	28	35	0	\$ 165,255.00	\$ 11,895.00
Smith Grove	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
The Neighborhood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -	\$ -
Trinity Point	315	27	0	230	175	0	167	\$ -	\$ -
Wren	207	0	0	44	27	22	2	\$ 133,715.00	\$ 10,809.00