

The Witness

January, 2024

Wishing you
A VERY
HAPPY
NEW YEAR

A Word From Dr. Chris Jordan, MMD

We are on the cusp of a new year, a fresh slate, and an unwritten story. As we begin 2024, our experience is very similar to other churches worldwide. Around 80% of our churches are plateaued or declining. We live in an uncertain world and are probably wishing we did more for God's kingdom. Let me encourage you from Isaiah 54 as we begin this new year. The nation of Israel has been in exile and is exasperated with the world around them. In this context, Isaiah speaks a word of encouragement that should encourage us today.

He encourages them to enlarge the place of their tents, lengthen their cords, and strengthen their stakes. He then tells them not to fear because of their God. The Lord of Hosts is His name! The Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer! The God of the whole earth he is called! For those of us who are under the blood of Jesus Christ, we have nothing to fear! This Holy One of Israel is our Redeemer, too, and we need to move into 2024, enlarging our tents, lengthening our cords, and strengthening our stakes because He is God over all the earth!

Know that your staff at the PBA is here to: Encourage you as you take the Gospel to the nations, Equip our churches to glorify God through ministry, and personally Engage the lost world around us. Let us know how we can help as we partner together on mission!

Blessings:
Chris

WANT TO GO ON A MISSION TRIP IN 2024?

Let us help you get started...



Upcoming EVENTS & INFORMATION

January 1

Happy New Year (PBA closed)

January 9

Pastor Staff Luncheon

11:30 AM at Silver Bay

January 23

Associational Men's Rally

6:30 PM @ Easley First Baptist

January 27

Missions Planning Seminar

9-12 at Elljean Baptist Church

A very special thank you to everyone who helped plan, donated a dessert, decorated, cooked, or helped financially for Robert's surprise Christmas/Retirement party. We also appreciate Easley First Baptist for allowing us the use of their facilities.

Serving the Churches of the
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Birthday:

- 2 Steve Robins, Minister of Education, Mt. Airy
- 8 Renee Sanders, wife of Business Adm., Brushy Creek
- 12 Diane Fowler, wife of Pastor, Glenwood
- 15 Mike Dobson, Pastor, Refuge
- 16 Leslie Shaw, wife of Pastor, Jones Avenue
- 20 Stewart Hendrick, Minister of Youth, Mt. Carmel
- 24 Zach Shaw, Pastor, Jones Avenue
- 27 Anna Chapman, wife of Pastor, Georges Creek

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 4 Scott & Emily Allen, Missions Coord., Rock Springs
- 7 Austin & Paige McKnight, Pastor, Central First
- 26 Joey & Kim Alonso, Worship Leader, Mt. Airy
- 30 Rick & Marie Wimpey, Assoc. Pastor, Elljean

Staff Anniversaries:

- 2007 Chad Hall, Minister of Music, Trinity Point
- 2014 Chris Jordan, PBA Missions Ministries Coord.
- 2018 Peter Ramlogan, Pastor, Graceway
- 2020 Stuart Houston, Min. to Families, Rock Springs

Thank You For Your Support

Because of the generosity of the WMU circles in our Association, we were able to send 445 Prisoner Packets to Columbia, where they will be distributed to inmates in SC Correctional Facilities.

Church Staff Needs

Cateechee Baptist Church is seeking a Bi-Vocational Pastor to lead our worship services and help our church grow.

Please send resumes to:
PO Box 515, Norris, SC 29667 or email:
cbcsearchcommittee2024@gmail.com

Prayer Request

Please remember to pray for the following churches that are currently without a pastor.

- Calvary Hill
- Cateechee
- Crosswell First
- Liberty First
- Pendleton Street
- Rice's Creek

Financial Report, November, 2023

Contributions from Churches	\$23,607.63
Other Income	\$20,501.10
Total Income	\$44,308.73
Spent in November	\$30,532.82

**Some Churches give quarterly*

	Jan - Nov 23	Jan - Nov 22
Agape	4,134.89	4,339.92
Arial	2,474.00	3,328.00
Brushy Creek	10,800.00	10,500.00
Calumet	1,304.00	2,105.07
Calvary Hill	7,481.36	9,641.18
Cannon Memorial	2,290.68	2,083.34
Cateechee	4,423.00	4,712.00
Cedar Rock	2,870.34	2,657.31
Central First	4,301.67	5,535.76
Connection Fellowship	641.67	583.34
Corinth	540.00	975.00
Crosswell First	400.00	0.00
Easley First	7,791.70	7,166.70
East Clemson	2,277.17	2,162.53
East Side	3,750.00	3,750.00
Elljean	1,820.03	1,468.99
Enon	1,647.74	960.52
Esperanza	0	0
Faith	500.00	450.00
Flat Rock	3,909.01	3,863.66
Geer Memorial	3,773.91	4,466.11
Georges Creek	2,435.82	1,916.83
Glenwood	2,000.00	2,225.00
Hunt's Memorial	3,300.00	3,300.00
Jones Avenue	5,500.00	6,818.68
Liberty First	2,500.00	2,250.00
Living Grace	828.77	575.18
Mount Moriah	2,750.00	2,750.00
Mount Pisgah	13,750.00	13,750.00
Mountain Springs	7,546.14	7,139.86
Mt. Airy	8,800.00	8,800.00
Mt. Carmel	8,452.45	8,069.05
Mt. Tabor	0	0
Norris First	8,334.00	8,334.00
Park Street	56.00	0.00
Pendleton Street	922.86	611.42
Powdersville First	11,822.11	11,840.79
Refuge	1,833.26	1,833.26
Rice's Creek	1,853.60	1,612.46
River Road	0.00	473.45
Rock Springs	53,840.25	51,694.87
Siloam	4,019.16	8,578.95
Six & Twenty	2,100.00	2,100.00
Slabtown	2,967.21	3,475.00
Smith Grove	1,300.00	0.00
The Neighborhood	0	0
Trinity Point	0	0
Wren	1,018.61	942.65
Total Contribution Income	215,061.41	219,840.88