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“A Body of Churches Being His Hands and Feet”

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Rev. Mike Baker, Director of Missions

Friends, I am amazed at the resilience of God’s people! God’s people know where they are going when this little day is done. We should never fear- but now as always - trust in the Great God Jehovah Who made us and knows our borders! Take a look at Ecclesiastes 3 again in light of these times. Did you ever think there would actually be “a time to embrace and a time to avoid embracing?” As you read the Bible, you’ll realize that nothing has changed about God with the passing of time, for time is in His hands and He has set in motion the things that will occur and have occurred on Earth because He wills it. So, we should not fear. Rather, we should relax in faith. I feel that during this extremely unusual time in Earth’s history there is a powerful opportunity to reach the lost for Christ as conversations all around me have turned to subjects like “end times” and “what are we going to do” or “how can anyone prepare?” As we go through the market place, sit in our homes, share with children, or communicate via Facebook and media, let us be proclaiming the GOOD NEWS that there is hope beyond Coronavirus, life and death. Those of us who know the answer should realize that if *ever*-now is the time to be sharing The Gospel. I know you will.

Pray also for our fellow missionaries around the world. I have talked with some. They are hunkering down. One told me that they were scheduled to come to USA but didn’t know if they can get out or get in. Pray for IMB leadership who is trying to work out many schedules, flights, and situations that we can’t even imagine. I know personally that some are in places where medical facilities are poor and unable to take care of normal flow much less epidemic levels of patients. In Southeast Asia there is under reporting and little or no testing. When we lived there we had to fly to Singapore for world class medicine. Singapore has closed entry and is usually a hub for hundreds of our IMB missionaries. The IMB has maintained apartments in Singapore for M’s coming and going for medical appointments. All of that is in jeopardy now with this situation upon us. One thing is sure-our IMB staff is actively sharing the gospel to hungry hearts during this crisis. Let’s keep them supplied in prayer and through giving to the agencies that support them financially.

As we think about our current plans for PBA functions we know that the virus situation will affect our plans. We will no doubt have to put plans on hold for the time being. I am going to call an emergency meeting of the PBA **Administrative committee** to make a plan for future contingences. I suggest that only this group meet on April 20 at 6:30 to map out a plan for the remaining year. That will include the Moderator Dr. Ron Fousek, Vice Moderator Dr. Ray Lowe, and will also include the following people: Ray Bunton, Tom Couch, Rev. Zack Terry, Rev. Stan Candler, Donnie Creamer, members of the finance committee, properties committee, clerk Beth Wilson and treasurer Georgia Waters. I’m grateful that we have these fine folks to help us plan for uncertain times ahead. We covet your prayers as we meet, pray, and plan for the future of our association!

May God bless you all as we go *through* this crisis together! Now go wash your hands! (:
Love yas,
Mike and Debbie Baker

Contributions from the PBA Churches
Year: October 2019 – September 2020
Reporting: February 2020 Receipts and YTD Total

Churches	Receipts	Year-to-Date
Beaverdam	500.00	2,500.00
Big Creek	668.00	2,242.89
Calvary	207.09	1,343.87
Cedar Falls	-	732.37
Cedar Grove	300.00	1,275.00
Columbia	153.88	807.87
Eastview	113.49	295.23
Friendship	75.05	546.70
Hillcrest	491.88	3,080.87
Macedonia	-	-
New Hope	337.73	2,334.23
Open Door	149.64	799.03
Piedmont Heights	196.53	939.12
Pelzer First	83.33	499.98
Rehoboth	-	-
Revive Church	-	-
Riverside	-	1,141.00
Tabernacle	233.33	1,166.65
Washington	600.00	3,000.00
Waycross	-	-
West Pelzer	273.34	784.32
White Plains	283.45	1,682.68
Whitefield	500.00	1,300.00
Williamston First	541.66	2,808.30
Total Received	5,708.40	29,280.11
Balance Brought Forward TOTAL ALL ACCCOUNTS February 1, 2020		
Voided Checks 8168 & 8171		\$ 33,321.02
Total Receipts from Churches		\$ 40.00
Deposit- Designated Account: Hispanic Church Mission		\$ 5,708.40
Deposit- PBA Book		\$ 838.00
Deposit- SCBC Ck#93487 for Operation Care		\$ 50.00
Deposit- Associational Training Reimbursement		\$ 212.00
Interest on Checking February 2020		\$ 80.00
Deposit- SCBC Ck# 93581 ACP Incentive Check		\$ 1.24
PBA Total Disbursements: Designated & General Fund for February 2020		\$ 100.00
Total all accounts: Designated & PBA Operations February 29, 2020		\$ (7,295.89)
		\$ 33,054.77
*DESIGNATED FUNDS ACCOUNT BALANCE:		
Hispanic Church Mission		\$ 9,856.65
ESL Mission		\$ 2,508.60
PBA Book Sales		\$ 932.40
Total Designated Accounts January 2020		\$ 13,297.65
** PBA Operations General Fund February 2020		\$ 19,757.12
*Designated Funds Total		13,297.65
**PBA Operations General Fund		19,757.12
Total PBA Funds for January 2020		33,054.77

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Birthday – Anniversary – Wedding

April Birthdays 2020

- 9, Rev. Stan Candler, Pastor of Washington
- 9, Dr. Ron Fousek, Pastor of Big Creek
- 16, Mrs. Amy Brooks, wife of Columbia Pastor
- 20, Rev. Randall Smith, Pastor of West Pelzer
- 24, Rev. Larry Baldwin, Pastor of Hillcrest
- 29, Mrs. Linda Garrett, wife of Pelzer First Pastor

Wedding Anniversaries 🎒

- 17, Rev. & Mrs. Barry Garrett, Pastor of Pelzer First

PBA Staff Anniversaries ✝

- 1, Mrs. Missy Gardo, PBA Secretary/Bookkeeper 14yrs
- 1, Rev. Mike Baker, PBA DOM 7 years

May Birthdays 2020

- 2, Rev. Mickey Gambrell, Retired DOM,
- 3, Mrs. Donna Smith, wife of West Pelzer Pastor
- 15, Rev. Brad Ramey, Pastor of White Plains
- 17, Rev. Larry Clayton, Pastor of Piedmont Heights
- 28, Mrs. Donna Dickerson, wife of Cedar Grove Pastor
- 29, Mrs. Sandra Gambrell, wife of Retired DOM

Pastoral Anniversaries ✝

- 1, Rev. Bob Clardy, Associate Pastor of Whitefield 8yrs
- 7, Rev. Brad Ramey, Pastor of White Plains 2 years
- 25, Rev. Chris Huff, Pastor of Beaverdam 12 years

Missions of the PBA going forward

Ministry Health Kits- Some of our PBA churches have collected and put together kits. We ask that churches hold Health Kits. A drop off date will be emailed to the church later in May. Ministry Health Kits consist of: 1 Toothbrush, 1 Toothpaste, 1 Soap (Bath Size), 1 Washcloth, 1 Bath Towel, 1 Comb. Items should be placed in a 2-gallon zip lock type bag. Health Kits will be used in our community and Operation Care.

Happy Mother's Day

Sunday May 10, 2020

"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.

Proverbs 31: 25-26



*They found the
 stone rolled away
 from the tomb,
 but when they entered,
 they did not find
 the body of the
 Lord Jesus.*

~ LUKE 24:2-3 ~

He has Risen!