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## Palmetto Baptist Association

“A Body of Churches Being His Hands and Feet”

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### Rev. Mike Baker, Director of Missions

Thank you, Palmetto Baptist Association, for keeping missions going through this COVID crisis. Our churches and pastors have responded in spite of the challenges presented to us! A total of 98 ministry health kits were brought in by our churches! 40 bags were taken to area schools we serve. 14 bags were given to Guatemalan migrant workers at Callahams orchard. It was a joy to see them excited about the gifts from PBA! 10 bags were used in community missions, and 34 bags were shared through Operation Care.

The COVID Virus did not stop the school supply effort either! Because of your giving, we were able to deliver much appreciated school supplies to Cedar Grove Elementary, Palmetto Elementary, West Pelzer Elementary, Spearman Elementary, Palmetto Middle, Palmetto High, and our Christian Learning Center! Thank you for being faithful to see the needs of those less fortunate, and for reaching out in Jesus' name.

Our pastors gathered in August with IMB missionary MJ, who shared with us the opportunity we have to help plant churches and open villages in Southeast Asia to The Gospel by placing water filter pots in homes. This will give IMB workers the “foot in the door” to share the gospel and find people willing to open their homes for house churches. The possibility is there that we can take a team of Pastors back to see the work and preach in some of the house churches! This year 2021, we will be passing the rice paddy hat church by church to help fund that ministry. Pray about how your mission groups can help raise funds for this exciting project!

Even our seniors defied the COVID Virus by meeting at White Plains for our scheduled luncheon in September. It was a wonderful time of fellowship with 7 churches represented! Josh Coates gave a beautiful concert of music and we enjoyed a wonderful meal together after. Thanks, White Plains, for opening your doors to us. Our next fellowship will be at Beaverdam Baptist on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Plan now to be at our Christmas gathering for fun and fellowship.

#### Upcoming:

CLC will need snacks through the year. Right now we have 24 students involved! We need 48 snacks each month. Please help with this ongoing Bible teaching ministry where many young folks encounter Christ for the first time right here on our campus.

The Ladies Prayer group and back pack ministry reaches out to 142 students with food packs EACH WEEK! If you would like to help this ministry, and would like more information about it call 864-847-7348 to be connected.

PBA Administrative/Executive meeting is on for October 5, 2020. It's vital for all pastors and board members to be at this meeting since we will not have the PBA Fall meeting this year. Instead, we will have a regathering of the association at Whitefield Baptist on the evening of January 24, 2021 with praise and worship along with the great preaching of Rev. Lloyd Robison! That night we will kick off our fund raising for the water filter pot mission project. **DON'T MISS this night!**

We will still have our PBA Christmas missions this year that provides new clothes to needy children. Info will go out to the churches on October 20, 2020.

Operation Care will be giving out Senior Christmas Food Baskets again this year to many in need. The baskets include an entire Christmas dinner. If your mission group wants to help, you can provide a small ham, turkey breast, sweet potatoes, corn, green beans, boxed macaroni and cheese, box dressing, cranberry sauce, and pre-packaged desserts. Contact Cathy Cannon or the PBA Office for information.

Lastly, we are going forward with our state mission to send prisoner packets. Year before last PBA sent the most in the state! Let's do it again! We will collect the packs by December 3, 2020 and will deliver them to Columbia on December 7<sup>th</sup> where hundreds of volunteers sort, inspect, and prepare them to go to prisoners around the state.

We love you all, and thanks for continuing support of the Lord's work here throughout our association of churches!

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

Churches	Receipts	Year-to-Date
Beaverdam	500.00	5,500.00
Big Creek	-	4,155.89
Calvary	202.05	3,130.06
Cedar Falls	-	732.37
Cedar Grove	300.00	3,075.00
Columbia	153.88	1,731.15
Eastview	121.48	964.75
Friendship	29.95	1,029.80
Hillcrest	469.47	6,231.67
Macedonia	-	-
New Hope	452.50	5,266.03
Open Door	112.41	1,455.39
Piedmont Heights	198.06	2,112.41
Pelzer First	83.33	916.63
Rehoboth	-	-
Revive Church	-	-
Riverside	-	2,375.00
Tabernacle	233.33	2,566.63
Washington	600.00	6,600.00
Waycross	-	500.00
West Pelzer	124.64	1,510.48
White Plains	300.10	3,886.52
Whitefield	250.00	2,550.00
Williamston First	541.66	6,058.26
Fuente de Vida PBA Hispanic Church	100.00	400.00
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>4,772.86</b>	<b>62,748.04</b>
Balance Brought Forward <u>TOTAL ALL ACCCOUNTS</u> August 1, 2020		\$ 31,486.76
Total Receipts from Churches		\$ 4,772.86
Deposit- Designated Account: Hispanic Church Mission		\$ 500.00
Interest on Checking August 2020		\$ 1.25
Voided Check # 8432		\$ 212.00
Deposit- Designated Account: Indonesia Missions		\$ 392.00
Deposit- PBA Book		\$ 15.00
PBA Total Disbursements: Designated & General Fund for August 2020		\$ (7,087.04)
Total all accounts: Designated & PBA Operations August 31, 2020		<b>\$ 30,292.83</b>
<b>*DESIGNATED FUNDS ACCOUNT BALANCE:</b>		
Hispanic Church Mission		\$ 11,571.04
ESL Mission		\$ 2,508.60
PBA Book Sales		\$ 977.40
PBA Indonesia Missions		\$ 392.00
<u>Total Designated Accounts August 2020</u>		<b>\$ 15,449.04</b>
** PBA Operations General Fund August 2020		\$ 14,843.79
*Designated Funds Total		15,449.04
**PBA Operations General Fund		14,843.79
Total PBA Funds for August 2020		<b>30,292.83</b>

**WMU Information**

\*\*\*Virtual Training fro WMU Leadership is Now Available\*\*\*  
 For information on all groups please visit:  
[www.wscwmu.org/virtual-training-2020](http://www.wscwmu.org/virtual-training-2020)  
 Baptist Women's Day of Prayer - November 2, 2020  
 Our WMU meeting at Beaverdam Baptist has been canceled.  
 For more information contact the PBA .

**Annual Church Profiles** Reports are ready for 2020 for churches to key in your information on <https://workspace> this is the same information and reports as 2019. If you need assistance please do not hesitate to call the PBA. Reports are due in the PBA 10/11/20.

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**Birthday – Anniversary – Wedding**

**October Birthdays**

- 2, Mrs. Melissa Gardo, PBA Secretary
- 3, Rev. Joel Lopez, Minister of Youth & Children, WFBC
- 4, Mrs. Leigh Anne Terry, wife of Cedar Falls Pastor
- 6, Rev. Rusty Freeman, Minister of Students, Washington
- 7, Rev. Mark Spearman, Pastor of Eastview
- 8, Mrs. Rhonda McCuen, wife of Waycross Pastor
- 8, Rev. Travis Brooks, Pastor of Columbia
- 8, Rev. Ray Lowe, Pastor of Tabernacle
- 18, Mrs. Robin Lowe, wife of Tabernacle Pastor
- 19, Mrs. Lyndsay Ramey, wife of White Plains Pastor
- 21, Rev. Dicky McCuen, Pastor of Waycross
- 29, Mrs. Debbie Baker, wife of PBA, DOM

**October Pastoral Anniversaries ☩**

- 18, Rev. Larry Clayton, Pastor of Piedmont Heights -11 yrs.
- 22, Rev. Richard Burton, Pastor of New Hope -3years

**October Wedding Anniversaries 🎒**

- 1, Rev. & Mrs. Jeremy Sargent, Pastor of Revive
- 13, Rev. & Mrs. Trey Haning, Pastor of Williamston 1<sup>st</sup>

**November Birthdays**

- 15, Mrs. Martha McMinn, wife of Whitefield Pastor
- 23, Mrs. Katie Haning, wife of Williamston 1<sup>st</sup> Pastor
- 26, Mrs. Kim Baldwin, wife of Hillcrest Pastor

**November Pastoral Anniversaries ☩**

- 3, Rev. Randall Smith, Pastor of West Pelzer-18 yrs.
- 14, Rev. Lloyd Robison, Pastor of Open Door-10 yrs.
- 24, Rev. Dicky McCuen Pastor of Waycross -7 yrs.

**Christmas Prisoner Packets**

Packets due in PBA December 3, 2020

Approved Packing List from SC Department of Corrections:  
 ONE **black** non-retractable pen (no wire clips, no other color pen), ONE writing tablet no larger than 5" x 8" (no wire bound or composition books), ONE **adult** toothbrush (individually factory-sealed, no multi-packs), **THREE** first-class #10 **Stamp-Embossed Envelopes** (from US Post Office – no regular stamps), TWO rolls of hard candy like LifeSavers, Mentos, Breath Savers (**NO** Smarties, Sweetarts, Necco Wafers, Rolos, Starburst, or TicTacs), ONE 3.2 oz. to 6 oz. bar of soap (no travel size, no unwrapped/unboxed bars), ONE 4 oz.-6 oz. toothpaste (no travel size), ONE gallon size zipper bag (no other size bags accepted). All items **MUST FIT** in the zipper bag with zipper closed securely. You can visit: [www.scwmu.org](http://www.scwmu.org) for more information and a printable list of items. SCBC will let us know if any changes need to be made due to COID-19 ASAP. Otherwise we move forward with the above.