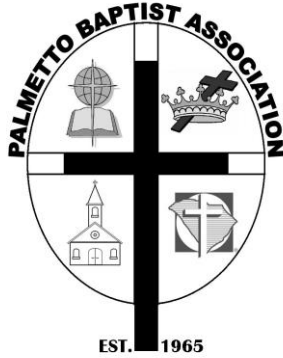


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Contributions from the PBA Churches Year: October 2021 – October 2022 Reporting: December 2022

Beaverdam	473.39	1,436.51
Big Creek	440.00	1,343.00
Calvary	211.23	782.27
Cedar Falls	-	-
Cedar Grove	416.00	1,248.00
Columbia	153.88	500.11
Eastview	1,399.50	1,399.50
Friendship	90.25	90.25
Hillcrest	484.19	2,229.15
Macedonia	-	-
New Hope	466.71	1,442.25
Open Door	161.93	336.60
Piedmont Heights	183.75	430.20
Pelzer First	166.66	333.32
Revive Church	-	-
Riverside	-	753.00
Tabernacle	233.33	933.32
Washington	-	1,800.00
Waycross	-	-
West Pelzer	136.42	443.66
White Plains	651.51	1,355.59
Whitefield	304.29	980.77
Williamston First	475.00	1,275.00
Fuente de Vida PBA Hispanic Church	-	300.00
Total Received	6,448.04	19,412.50

Balance Brought Forward <u>Total All Accounts</u> December 1, 2022	\$ 45,130.37
Total Receipts from Churches	\$ 6,448.04
Deposit- Designated Account: Hispanic Church Mission	\$ 134.00
Interest on Checking December 2022	\$ 1.88
Deposit- Love Offering	\$ 20.00
Deposit- SCBC Assistance/OC	\$ 960.00
PBA Total Disbursements: Designated & General Fund for 12/31/2022	\$ (5,745.99)
Total all accounts: Designated & PBA Operations 12/31/2022	\$ 46,948.30
*DESIGNATED FUNDS ACCOUNT BALANCE:	
Hispanic Church Mission	\$ 16,842.61
ESL Mission	\$ 2,508.60
Total Designated Accounts December 2022	\$ 19,351.21
** PBA Operations General Fund December 31, 2022	
	\$ 27,597.09
*Designated Funds Total	19,351.21
**PBA Operations General Fund	27,597.09
Total PBA Funds for December 2022	46,948.30

Birthday – Anniversary – Wedding

February Birthdays

10, Mrs. Brenda Clardy, wife of Assoc. Pastor, Whitefield
27, Mrs. Margaret Clayton, wife of Piedmont Pastor

Pastoral Anniversaries

15, Rev. Ryan Steed, Pastor of Riverside - 8 years

Wedding Anniversaries

2, Rev. & Mrs. Trey Haning, Pastor of Williamston First
12, Rev. & Mrs. Lloyd Robinson, Pastor of Open Door

March Birthdays

3, Rev. Terry Greer, Pastor of Macedonia Baptist
12, Mrs. Iris Bearden, wife of Interim Pastor Cedar Grove
18, Rev. Richard Burton, Pastor of New Hope
19, Rev. Trey Haning, Pastor of Williamston First
23, Rev. Bob Clardy, Associate Pastor Whitefield
29, Rev. Jeremy Sargent, Pastor of Revive Church

Pastoral Anniversaries

1, Rev. Brandon Couch, Pastor of Beaverdam - 1 year
12, Rev. Rusty Freeman, Student Minister of Washington Baptist - 16 years

Season of North American Missions

March 5-12, 2023

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is the primary way Southern Baptists fund missions in North America. One hundred percent of gifts given go to the field to support more than 2,400 missionary families serving across the US and Canada.

Palmetto Baptist Association North American Mission Study and Salad Supper

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Hillcrest Baptist Church 6:30 PM

Please bring your favorite salad to share. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

Guest Speaker:

Joyce Brasfield, retired from
Mission Services Corps
with North American Mission Board



Focus on WMU Sunday- February 19, 2023
WMU Annual State Meeting March 24-25, 2023
Riverland Hills Baptist Church, Irmo, SC.

PBA Spring Senior Adult Luncheon

Tuesday, March 14, 2023
Beaverdam Baptist Church
1904 Beaverdam Road
Williamston, SC 29697



Program at 10:00AM, Lunch to follow.

Host church will furnish the meal. Churches are asked to bring 1 or 2 gifts for door prizes. Please call the associational office with your church attending number by March 9th, noon. This helps our host church know how many to prepare for. Join us for a great time of fellowship, food, and lots of fun!

Looking forward to seeing you!

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Rev. Mike Baker, Director of Missions

“What mean these stones?” (Joshua 4:21) The amazing record of Israel’s move into Canaan is astounding! The message within this story resounds through the ages to us today; individually, and corporately as tribes – or churches. Palmetto Baptist Association is a Godly, blessed group of tribes. You each have a leader saved, called, and set apart to serve. And each church or tribe has a stone – a spot in the city – (a church building) where your tribe meets and lives. This awesome biblical episode chronicles the final move of God’s people into their possession. The people of God were more than ready to move in and claim that inheritance! But some wanted the land on the east side of the Jordan because it was suited for cattle and they were cattlemen. God and Moses allowed that codicil with this condition: and it carries a message to us today. I paraphrase, “Okay Ruben, Gad, and Manasseh, fine, but you must bear weapons, armor, and determination to help the children of Israel – your brothers in our other tribes – “into their possession!” A long wonderful story shortened, they kept their promise, suited up, helped them in the battles and ALL prospered and inherited! One nation, 12 tribes, helped each other to succeed. I suggest to you that we, the PBA are 23 tribes! We were assigned, placed, and imbedded where God wanted a church. He wanted a holy people to praise, worship, and from that base, spread the Gospel! If you are a pastor reading this, you are a Ruben, Gad, Benjamin and so forth. But you are not separate from the nation! (Association) The call is to help the whole! I totally understand autonomy, but I understand unity better. Today, in the PBA, I see a separatist attitude at times. It’s not in an ungodly sense or one of dissension, but more of a business model looking inward with a “my four walls” sense of individuality. One of our fellowships recently declared independence, denouncing the SBC and PBA. If it was a real majority vote then they have that right, but it is not the Cooperative Program plan God has blessed and we follow successfully under the Holy Spirit’s guidance. Friends, think about it. Our gatherings are planned times of reunion. Our Jerusalem? The point? We don’t take advantage of what should be incumbent upon us in my opinion. Each year, I/we plan those gatherings, but the group often leaves scratching heads wondering why so many didn’t look at the calendar, prioritize the time, and see it as imperative fellowship. Read the story. If Ruben and Gad had not been willing to meet and help the others cross over, Moses reminded them of their former sojourn 40 years in the desert! “Your sin will find you out!” He said. (Numbers 32:23) Message? We need you! If you are missing, it doesn’t hurt us as much as it hurts your tribe! Pastors, leaders, as you plan deacon meetings, counseling sessions, and minor events, consider consulting the PBA calendar and promos listed in this edition. Our meetings are relatively few, important, and spread out through the year. We plan trainings, EV activities, pastor seminars, and meet quarterly (as per constitution) to fellowship, plan, vote, and work TOGETHER. Actually, the quarterly meetings are fun and interesting as we consider God’s business. Why not bring your stone and add it to the memorial so that later when our children, youth, and young adults ask, “What mean these stones?” You’ll be able to answer. “These represent the times our tribes worked together to help claim, hold, and evangelize the land (our possession) the Lord God gave us in which to serve Him!” Pastors, leaders, deacons, youth and children workers, scan the dates below. Pastors, leaders, if you are unable to attend, (we all understand a pastor’s schedule is often challenged) SEND a representative from your tribe! I personally have been asked, “What does the association do for us, our church?” Good question! Come and SEE! Thanks to all who make this “possession” possible by giving your time to the WHOLE association of Palmetto Baptist churches. **Our spring meeting is APRIL 24 at 6:45 pm at the PBA conference room located at 3 Middleton Blvd. Williamston, SC.** We are planning to have music, preaching, fellowship and maybe, maybe... cake and coffee! (decaf) Hmmm...

Upcoming dates for PBA Administration & Executive Meetings: July 17, 2023, October 2, 2023, & PBA Fall Celebration-October 15, 2023.

Rev. Mike Baker, Happy to be DOM

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