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## Palmetto Baptist Association

“A Body of Churches Being His Hands and Feet”

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### Contributions from the PBA Churches Year: October 2024 – September 2025 Reporting: October 2024

Churches	Receipts	Year-to-Date
Beaverdam	274.51	274.51
Big Creek	510.00	510.00
Calvary	292.23	292.23
Cedar Falls	-	-
Cedar Grove	500.00	500.00
Columbia	153.88	153.88
Friendship	322.25	322.25
Hillcrest	821.16	821.16
Macedonia	-	-
New Hope	906.77	906.77
Open Door	183.89	183.89
Piedmont Heights	173.22	173.22
Pelzer First	83.33	83.33
Revive Church	-	-
Riverside	1,722.00	1,722.00
Tabernacle	233.33	233.33
Washington	600.00	600.00
Waycross	-	-
West Pelzer	189.86	189.86
White Plains	420.92	420.92
Whitefield	336.00	336.00
Williamston First	333.00	333.00
Fuente de Vida PBA Hispanic Church	100.00	100.00
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>8,156.35</b>	<b>8,156.35</b>

Balance Brought Forward <u>Total All Accounts</u> October 1, 2024	\$ 48,760.96
Total Receipts from Churches	\$ 8,156.35
Deposit- Designated Account: Hispanic Church Mission	\$ 300.00
Deposit- Designated Account: Operation Care Ministry	\$ 4,689.37
Deposit- PBA Love Offering	\$ 580.00
Interest on Checking October 2024	\$ 1.30
PBA Total Disbursements: Designated & General Fund for 10/31/2024	\$ (8,733.78)
<b>Total all accounts: Designated &amp; PBA Operations 10/31/2024</b>	<b>\$ 53,754.20</b>

**\*DESIGNATED FUNDS ACCOUNT BALANCE:**

Hispanic Church Mission	\$ 21,939.89
ESL Mission	\$ 2,508.60
Operation Care Ministry	\$ 9,623.66
<b>Total Designated Accounts October 2024</b>	<b>\$ 34,072.15</b>

\*\* PBA Operations General Fund October 2024 \$ 19,682.05

*Designated Funds Total	34,072.15
**PBA Operations General Fund	19,682.05
<b>Total PBA Funds for October 2024</b>	<b>53,754.20</b>

### Birthday – Anniversary – Wedding

#### December 2024 Birthdays

06, Mrs. Martha Greer, wife of Macedonia Pastor  
12, Rev. Zack Terry, Pastor of Cedar Falls

#### December 2024 Wedding Anniversaries

05, Rev. & Mrs. Brandon Couch, Pastor of Beaverdam

#### January 2025 Birthdays

12, Mrs. Lori Burton, wife of New Hope Pastor  
12, Rev. Mark Roberts, Pastor of Calvary  
16, Mrs. Melanie Roberts, wife of Calvary Pastor  
24, Mrs. Sheila Wright, Wife of Rev. Ken Wright Pastoral  
Care, Whitefield Baptist  
26, Rev. Ken Wright, Pastoral Care, Whitefield

#### January 2025 Pastoral Anniversaries

01, Rev. Mark Roberts, Pastor of Calvary- 21 years  
01, Rev. Ken Wright, Pastoral Care Whitefield- 1 year

#### January 2025 Wedding Anniversaries

09, Rev. & Mrs. Mike Baker, Director of Missions



### PBA Associational Senior Adult Christmas Luncheon

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Columbia Baptist Church

11312 Augusta Road, Honea Path, SC 29654

Mark your calendar! Please come and join us for a great time of fellowship, fun, and a delicious meal.

Our host church will furnish our luncheon. Please call the PBA with your attending number by

December 5, 2024. Churches are asked to bring 1 or 2 gifts for door prizes.

Questions- contact the PBA at 684-847-7348



## From the Desk of our Director of Missions

Thomas Jefferson refused to celebrate Thanksgiving! He thought it was an enjoining of church and state, but my take on it is that he probably didn't give thanks to the Lord for anything. God of heaven and earth would rather be praised and offered the sacrifice of thanksgiving than the blood and meat of bulls and goats! (Psalm 50) Regardless of what Jefferson thought of it, since 1789, America, led by Christian thinking and beliefs. President George Washington felt there should be a national day to thank and praise almighty God for the blessings He bestowed on this great fledgling nation. By acknowledging God as Lord of all, prosperity has come to us through these 235 years. As we gather to celebrate the freedoms and blessings God has given, let's remember first to have a time of sacrifice of praise to God before we fill our plates with turkey and dressing! "Count your blessings name them one by one!"

I'm also thankful this year for the great work of the Palmetto Baptist Association! If you are not closely involved you might miss the dozens of volunteers who make the many ministries work smoothly. From Operation Care feeding 100s of people per month to the ladies back packers feeding nearly 300 kids per week, to those from churches who go out and share the Lord at evangelism events in the park to reaching out to local kids at Christmas. This organization is busy about the Lord's work. We are a part of thousands of Baptists doing at home what is being done for the kingdom around our country and abroad. PBA is Southern Baptist. Southern Baptists are cooperating Christians who serve at home, nationally and across the world. Our missionaries are called and supported by the International Mission Board agency we support through the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Then we send them to nations and places where Christ is not known. It is absolutely amazing what we support TOGETHER! The past 4 years, three of our partner PBA churches have chosen to go "Independent." I cannot see the benefit of independence from such a terrific sending organization! While we are not perfect, our goals are constantly set towards fulfilling the Great Commission to reach and baptize the lost. We are better together and can accomplish much more together than apart. This Christmas, let's reach our goals for Lottie Moon; understanding that every penny goes to the field to keep our missionaries focused on reaching the 6 ½ billion lost around them.

If during this Christmas season Debbie or I can help share with your folks how this works or share stories from the field, we are happy to do so. Just call!

Merry Christmas and wishing you all a Blessed and Happy New Year!

Rev. Mike Baker, PBA Director of Missions



2024 Week of Prayer and Mission Study for  
International Missions

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

December 1-8, 2024

International Mission Study: Central Asia

Pray for our missionaries as they share the Gospel  
reaching the unchurched peoples.

To purchase material and resources visit  
[wmustore.com](http://wmustore.com) or call 1-800-968-7301

Thursday, December 5, 2024- Prisoner Packets due in the PBA Office. Monday, January 13, 2025- PBA Administrative & Executive Committee Meeting. PBA Office at 6:45PM  
This is our first meeting for 2025. Church representative's and all ministers are encouraged to attend.

### New Christmas Mission for Children Blessing Bags- replacing the Clothing for Kids

Due to the increase of children in our Food Back Pack Ministry, we are helping to feed 275 children over the weekends. This mission will help our children not only at Christmas, but throughout the year. Bags that are not used at Christmas will be disbursed through Operation Care to children with Birthdays.

Each bag will include: color pencils, coloring book, bible, and gift care. For details on each item please contact the PBA at 864-847-8348. Thank you for sharing the Word of God and His love to children in our community.



*Merry Christmas from the Palmetto Baptist Association and Operation Care. The campus will be closed December 23-31, 2024 for the Christmas and New Year Holidays.*