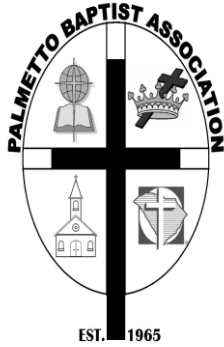


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Contributions from the PBA Churches Year: October 2024 – September 2025 Reporting: April 2025

Churches	Receipts	Year-to-Date
Beaverdam	310.59	1,727.82
Big Creek	-	2,792.83
Calvary	382.63	2,704.92
Cedar Falls	-	1,500.00
Cedar Grove	-	1,500.00
Columbia	166.67	1,153.90
Friendship	224.25	1,517.10
Hillcrest	709.59	5,267.77
Macedonia	-	2,317.00
New Hope	499.75	3,909.75
Open Door	165.25	794.32
Piedmont Heights	208.74	1,247.79
Pelzer First	-	499.98
Revive Church	-	-
Riverside	872.00	3,544.00
Tabernacle	233.33	2,084.31
Washington	600.00	4,200.00
Waycross	250.00	500.00
West Pelzer	258.24	1,409.48
White Plains	590.44	4,129.82
Whitefield	436.31	2,710.60
Williamston First	-	1,765.00
Fuente de Vida PBA Hispanic Church	100.00	700.00
Total Received	6,007.79	47,976.39

Balance Brought Forward Total All Accounts April 1, 2025	\$ 68,615.93
Total Receipts from Churches	\$ 6,007.79
Deposit- Designated Account: Hispanic Church Mission	\$ 300.00
Deposit- Designated Account: Operation Care Ministry	\$ 2,496.07
PBA Total Disbursements: Designated & General Fund for 4/30/2025	\$ (8,244.02)
Total all accounts: Designated & PBA Operations 4/30/2025	\$ 69,175.77

***DESIGNATED FUNDS ACCOUNT BALANCE:**

Hispanic Church Mission	\$ 23,375.87
ESL Mission	\$ 2,508.60
WMU	\$ 525.90
Operation Care Ministry	\$ 19,946.46
Total Designated Accounts April 2025	\$ 46,356.83

**** PBA Operations General Fund April 2025**

*Designated Funds Total	46,356.83
**PBA Operations General Fund	22,818.94
Total PBA Funds for April 2025	69,175.77

Birthday – Anniversary – Wedding

10 Rev. Barry Garrett, Pastor of Pelzer First
16 Mrs. Ashley Steed, wife of Riverside Pastor
26 Rev. Mike Baker, DOM Palmetto Baptist Assoc.

June Wedding Anniversaries

10 Rev. & Mrs. Terry Greer, Pastor of Macedonia
24 Rev. & Mrs. Ken Wright, Pastoral Care Whitefield
24 Rev. & Mrs. Stan Candler, Pastor of Washington
28 Rev. & Mrs. Joel Lopez, Minister of Youth and Children, Williamston First
30 Rev. & Mrs. Ryan Steed, Pastor of Riverside

June Pastoral Anniversaries

6 Rev. Jamie Crawford, Pastor of Tabernacle- 4 years
13 Rev. Barry Garrett, Pastor of Pelzer First-15 years

July Birthdays

6 Rev. Dwain Simmons, Assoc Pastor & Minister of Students Hillcrest

July Wedding Anniversaries

1 Rev. & Mrs. Larry Clayton, Pastor of Piedmont Heights
21 Rev. & Mrs. Larry Baldwin, Pastor of Hillcrest
24 Rev. & Mrs. Chad Moore, Pastor of Cedar Grove

July Pastoral Anniversaries

5 Rev. Joel Lopez, Minister of Youth/Children, Williamston First Baptist- 21 years
24 Rev. Chad Moore, Pastor of Cedar Grove- 2 years

Senior Adult Luncheon ~ June 10, 2025

Big Creek Baptist Church
820 Big Creek Road
Williamston, SC 29697



The program will start at 10am with lunch to follow. Join us for a great time of fellowship, food, and fun! The host church is catering our luncheon and we need you to call the PBA office with your attending number by June 5th. Churches are asked to bring 2 gifts for door prizes. Questions- call the PBA office 864-847-7348.

**PBA & OC closed for the
July 4th Holiday
June 30 - July 3, 2025**

From the Desk of our Director of Missions

Dr. Ron Fousek turned 80 years old one week and retired again the next week! What a blessing he has been to this association as he has pastored two churches here over the years. We say goodbye and hello because he will stay in his home and keep his phone number so we can still use him when needed. Having said that, we also welcome Rev. Mike Bearden to the PBA, again! He began on Mother's Day as interim at Big Creek. We look forward to fellowship with Mike and his wife, Iris, in coming days as we lift up the folks at Big Creek Baptist through his interim period.

UPCOMING! Seniors, don't miss the PBA Senior Citizen's luncheon to be held at Big Creek Baptist on June 10th. Honestly, we always have a fun time together in fellowship, fun, and games with a message from the host pastor. Then, a unique program - that is always a delight - followed by a great meal together! Be sure you sign up and don't miss it! JUNE 10th at 10! Call PBA office to register. 864-847-7348.

JULY 12th Calling all children and children's workers! THE CRITTER KEEPER IS CREEPING INTO TOWN. First Baptist Williamston will host the event for our Palmetto Association kids. Animals, birds, snakes...yes, Missy, snakes! Plan to get your kids and friends to this BIG event! July 12th. The time is 10am-12noon. Call Dianna Murphy at 864-934-5895 or our office for further info. Fun for kids! The Gospel will be shared.

July 27th TNT! All youth groups will gather for our yearly youth block buster event at Hillcrest Baptist. This year there will be competition games, bouncing balloons, great praise music and dynamic speaker aimed at bringing our youth closer to Christ just before returning to school. Please, if you work with youth, GET THEM TO THIS ONE! 6 pm for pizza and kick off at 6:30!

September 6, 2025 Sunday School Clinic Rev. Ryan Steed is an artist at presenting ideas for Sunday School classes. Our Associational Sunday School Clinic will be held at Tabernacle Baptist Church from 9:00am-12 noon. "Magnify Increasing the Ministry of Sunday School." More info to come.

Thanks to individuals and churches that helped make our Evangelism event at the Spring Water Festival May 2-3 a success! Churches involved included: Riverside; Big Creek; Cedar Grove; and White Plains.

Everyone, pray for your association as we reach out in many ways to our community to carry out our mission from the Lord Jesus!

Blessings, Rev. Mike Baker, DOM

Associational Event for ALL Teens and Twenties!



Host Church- Hillcrest Baptist

Sunday, July 27, 2025

Pizza at 6, event starts at 6:30

Praise music, speaker, games!!

Bring a friend!

Associational Kids Event



Saturday, July 12, 2025

Williamston First Baptist

10:00am-Noon. Bring a friend!

PBA Missions for June & July

Operation Care: Kid Friendly Food Items for the Summer.

Macaroni & cheese, grits, soup, crackers, Jell-O cups, pudding cups, Kool-Aid, tea, sugar, jelly, peanut butter, cereals, cereal bars, canned meats, canned vegetables, canned fruits, snacks, etc. Pop-top lids are great for the kids.

Refrigerated and freezer foods are welcome too, and don't forget the summer garden veggies! Baby foods and all baby products are needed. Items such as toothpaste, shampoo, soap, tissue paper, paper towels, and cleaning products can be donated as well. Operation Care is grateful for all donations.

School Supplies: Yes, school is out for the summer and it's never too early to start collecting for the new year. Make this a VBS challenge "mission" for your kids.

Elementary School items: crayons (16 per box), glue sticks, loose-leaf notebook paper (wide rule), composition notebooks (single & 3 subjects), folders with three prongs and pockets, children's scissors, pencils, pencil boxes, markers, Kleenex tissue, hand sanitizer, and Book-bags.

High & Middle School: loose-leaf notebook paper (college rule), subject dividers, pencils, pencil pouches, pens, highlighters, folders with prongs, Kleenex, and hand sanitizer. Book-bags and lunch boxes are needed for both schools.

Care Bag Items: consists of soap, shampoo, hair conditioner, toothpaste, tooth brush, deodorant, etc. Unopened hotel soaps, shampoos, and lotions can be saved for the Care Bag Ministry. Items are used at local schools for children in need.

Please bring School Supplies & Care Bag Items (sorted out) to the associational office by: July 25th. Thank you!