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## Palmetto Baptist Association

“A Body of Churches Being His Hands and Feet”

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From Rev. Mike Baker, DOM

Southern Baptists participate in an absolutely terrific program that provides for a response to Jesus Christ in Matthew 28:16-20! I know firsthand! Southern Baptists through the International Mission Board provided all things necessary for Deb and me and thousands of other families to go preach the Gospel where Christ was not known. Having gone through that process, I understand how vital it is that we give cooperatively to support it. Here in a nutshell is what a SBC missionary endures:

1. The call to go.
2. The candidate interview.
3. The background check.
4. Trip to Richmond for probing questions.
5. The appointment to respond to the need.
6. Selling house or eliminating all debt.

Two months of intense training, scratch cooking to cultural transition, and what to do if kidnapped! And much more! These young couples and singles who go to places we cannot imagine deserve our support! Please pray and follow the Holy Spirit's lead about responding to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering this year!

If Debbie and I can come assist you or your church in understanding the IMB process, please call and let us know.

Love you,  
Merry Christmas to all

P.S. Because we were sent, 7 souls came to salvation through Jesus in our Lottie Moon home! PTL!  
And thank you!

November 30 - December 7, 2025

### Why is the Christmas offering named for Lottie?

While living in China, Lottie wrote letters to the Foreign Mission Board (now the International Mission Board) and to Baptist women. She asked for more missionaries and for money to grow her work among the Chinese. Because of Lottie's determination, WMU collected a Christmas Offering to give to the Foreign Mission Board. In 1918, at Annie Armstrong's suggestion, WMU named the offering for Lottie Moon. Today, we still give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in honor of her work and sacrifice to keep our missionaries on the field.

### One hundred percent of the offering goes to the missionaries, none to administration.

A few facts about Lottie: Lottie was born in Virginia on December 12, 1840. Lottie was appointed to China as a missionary at age 33 and served there 39 years, primarily in Tengchow and Pingtu. Lottie wore Chinese clothes and lived like her Chinese neighbors. She baked cookies to win the hearts of the children and families who were frightened of her. [www.scwmu.org](http://www.scwmu.org)

### Lottie's Tea Cake Recipe

Plain Tea Cake (Adapted for today's cooks)

2 cups of flour

1/2 cup butter

1 heaping cup of sugar

1 well beaten egg

1 tablespoon heavy cream

Cream the butter and sugar. Add the egg and mix well. Add the flour and cream. Dust a board with flour. Roll the dough very thin. Cut cookies with a round cookie cutter. Place on a buttered or nonstick cookie sheet. Bake at 475 degrees for about 5 minutes.

*Share the story of Lottie  
and her cookies, too!*

For information and material for the Week of Prayer and Mission Study on Brazil for International Missions, please visit [www.scwmu.org](http://www.scwmu.org) or call 1-800-723-7242 or [info@imb.org](mailto:info@imb.org) or call 1-804-353-0151. No WMU PBA group study this year. We are asking each church to prepare their own study on Brazil. If you have any questions, please contact the PBA.

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

Beaverdam	198.74	198.74
Big Creek	460.21	460.21
Calvary	339.71	339.71
Cedar Falls	-	-
Cedar Grove	250.00	250.00
Columbia	166.67	166.67
Friendship	-	-
Hillcrest	730.12	730.12
Macedonia	-	-
New Hope	-	-
Open Door	280.83	280.83
Piedmont Heights	172.20	172.20
Pelzer First	83.33	83.33
Revive Church	-	-
Riverside	913.00	913.00
Tabernacle	233.33	233.33
Washington	600.00	600.00
Waycross	-	-
West Pelzer	163.78	163.78
White Plains	554.23	554.23
Whitefield	417.00	417.00
Williamston First	999.00	999.00
Fuente de Vida PBA Hispanic Church	100.00	100.00
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>6,662.15</b>	<b>6,662.15</b>
Balance Brought Forward <u>Total All Accounts</u> October 1, 2025		\$ 60,005.59
Total Receipts from Churches		\$ 6,662.15
Deposit- Designated Account: Hispanic Church Mission		\$ 300.00
Deposit- Designated Account: Operation Care Ministry		\$ 2,509.29
Deposit- PBA Love Offering from Masodina for Air Conditioning		\$ 501.00
Deposit- WMU		\$ 126.00
Deposit- PBA Program: Evangelism		\$ 50.00
PBA Total Disbursements: Designated & General Fund for 10/31/2025		\$ (8,868.88)
<b>Total all accounts: Designated &amp; PBA Operations 10/31/2025</b>		<b>\$ 61,285.15</b>
<b>*DESIGNATED FUNDS ACCOUNT BALANCE:</b>		
Hispanic Church Mission		\$ 24,107.18
ESL Mission		\$ 2,508.60
WMU		\$ 679.90
Operation Care Ministry		\$ 20,453.72
<u>Total Designated Accounts October 2025</u>		<u>\$ 47,749.40</u>
** PBA Operations General Fund October 2025		\$ 13,535.75
*Designated Funds Total		47,749.40
**PBA Operations General Fund		13,535.75
<b>Total PBA Funds for October 2025</b>		<b>61,285.15</b>

Thank you for supporting PBA Missions

**Birthday – Anniversary – Wedding**

December 2025 Birthdays

06, Mrs. Martha Greer, wife of Macedonia Pastor  
12, Mrs. Lori Burton, wife of New Hope Pastor  
12, Rev. Zack Terry, Pastor of Cedar Falls  
15, Mrs. Ansley Farrington, wife of Whitefield Pastor  
30, Rev. Joey Farrington, Pastor of Whitefield

December 2025 Wedding Anniversaries

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

December 2025 Pastoral Anniversaries

08, Rev. Dwin Simmons, Assoc Pastor of Hillcrest

January 2026 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  
23, Mrs. Anita Simmons, wife of Asso. Pastor Hillcrest

January 2026 Pastoral Anniversaries

01, Rev. Mark Roberts, Pastor of Calvary- 22 years

January 2026 Wedding Anniversaries

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



**PBA Associational  
Senior Adult Christmas Luncheon  
Tuesday, December 9, 2025**

Cedar Grove Baptist Church  
13024 Highway 20  
Belton, SC 29627

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 4, 2025. Churches are asked to bring 1 or 2 gifts for door prizes.**

Questions: contact the PBA at 684-847-7348



Merry Christmas from the  
Palmetto Baptist Association

*Jesus*

loved us so much  
that He came down at Christmas  
to be with us and to save us.

The PBA Campus will be closed December 22- January 1,  
2026 for the Christmas & New Year Holiday.

**PBA Meetings & Calendar**

1/20/2026 PBA Pastor Seminar. PBA Office at 10:00 AM, more information to come.

1/26/2026 PBA Administrative & Executive Meeting, PBA Office at 6:45 PM.