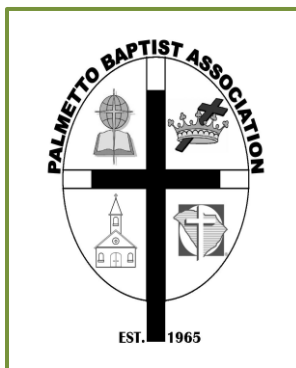


# Palmetto Baptist Association

*“A Body of Churches Being His Hands and Feet”*



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## *“Beautiful Feet”*



### New Mission for the Churches of the Palmetto Baptist Association

This year, the PBA will collect new shoes and new socks for the children in our local schools for their clothes closets. Schools that we will be helping are: Spearman Elementary, West Pelzer Elementary, Palmetto Elementary, Cedar Grove Elementary, Palmetto Middle, and Palmetto High. All sizes are needed. We will collect for children in k5-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Collection runs June-July; deadline is July 30<sup>th</sup>. We will deliver to the schools on August 11, 2026. Volunteers are needed to sort and deliver to the schools. Items can be dropped off at the PBA Monday-Thursday, 9am-12pm. Please have your shoes sorted by girls/boys. Tennis shoes and Crocks are a great choice for all ages. No flip-flops.

*“And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!’” Romans 10:15*

Please note: This mission is taking the place of “School Supplies.” If you have any questions, call the PBA. Thank you for supporting PBA Missions!



### From the Desk of our Director of Missions

The Lord Jesus Christ set the stage for us to be successful! He saved us by the shedding of His own precious blood! Then defeated death, hell, and the grave by rising from the dead! Now in Him “we are more than conquerors.” But wait! We have to get to work! In the power of the Holy Spirit, we show up and serve. I saw something recently that we should all consider. You should share this with your youth too. A simple 3 step formula for success in anything you find worth doing.

1. How to get to B? By doing A!
2. Learn the value of finishing a job!
3. Learn the power of giving!

A gold medal Olympian said once, “you don’t have to be great to start, but you have to start, to be great!” At PBA, we are so blessed to have so many starters. Volunteers who get it! Thank you all for employing the power of giving!

Upcoming Events to Participate & Pray:

June 6, The Panama four leave on mission for Panama vision trip. You can still give! Call PBA for information 864-847-7348. July 26, TNT Event. Fantastic youth event! August 29, PBA Sunday School Revival & Training at Tabernacle Baptist Church. Best ever Sunday School Expo you’ll ever experience! More info to come.

Blessings,  
Rev. Mike Baker, PBA Director of Missions

**Contributions from the PBA Churches  
Year: October 2025 – September 2026  
Reporting:  
Thank you for supporting PBA**

Churches	Receipts	Year-to-Date
Beaverdam	247.49	1,519.34
Big Creek	726.80	3,118.57
Calvary	467.09	2,119.79
Cedar Falls	-	500.00
Cedar Grove	-	500.00
Columbia	166.67	1,166.69
Friendship	204.20	1,208.23
Hillcrest	1,302.18	6,409.53
Macedonia	-	701.24
New Hope	-	4,316.88
Open Door	223.67	962.16
Piedmont Heights	-	849.96
Pelzer First	83.33	583.31
Revive Church	-	-
Riverside	857.00	2,548.00
Tabernacle	233.33	1,633.31
Washington	600.00	4,200.00
Waycross	-	-
West Pelzer	197.80	1,356.52
White Plains	719.24	4,034.33
Whitefield	421.33	3,162.40
Williamston First	-	2,664.00
Fuente de Vida PBA Hispanic Church	-	400.00
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>6,450.13</b>	<b>43,954.26</b>
Balance Brought Forward <u>Total All Accounts</u> April 1, 2026		\$ 63,591.62
Total Receipts from Churches		\$ 6,450.13
Deposit- Designated Account: Hispanic Church Mission		\$ -
Deposit- Designated Account: Operation Care Ministry		\$ 2,708.30
Deposit- Designated Account: PBA Panama Mission Trip		\$ 1,000.00
Deposit- Programs: Miscellaneous		\$ 33.06
PBA Total Disbursements: Designated & General Fund for 4/30/2026		\$ (11,969.07)
<b>Total all accounts: Designated &amp; PBA Operations 4/30/2026</b>		<b>\$ 61,814.04</b>
<b>*DESIGNATED FUNDS ACCOUNT BALANCE:</b>		
Hispanic Church Mission		\$ 23,837.19
ESL Mission		\$ -
WMU		\$ 703.90
PBA Panama Mission Trip		\$ -
Operation Care Ministry		\$ 21,458.78
<b>Total Designated Accounts April 2026</b>		<b>\$ 45,999.87</b>
** PBA Operations General Fund April 2026		\$ 15,814.17
*Designated Funds Total		\$ 45,999.87
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<b>Total PBA Funds for April 2026</b>		<b>\$ 61,814.04</b>

**PBA Senior Adult Luncheon**

Our luncheon will be at Tabernacle Baptist Church on June 9, 2026. Program starts at 10am and lunch will follow. Churches are asked to bring 2 door prizes. Host church will furnish the luncheon. Please call Tabernacle Baptist at 864-947-6464 and leave a message with your attending number by June 3, 2026. If you haven't been to one of our PBA Senior Adult Luncheons you have missed a great time of fellowship for all! Invite a friend to join you.

let's do  
**lunch**

**Birthdays – Anniversary - Wedding**

**June Birthdays**

- 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- 22 years
- 24 Rev. Chad Moore, Pastor of Cedar Grove- 3 years

**PBA Upcoming Meetings**

July 13- Administrative & Executive Committee mtg. 6:45pm, PBA Office.

July 14- PBA Nomination Committee mtg. 10:00am, PBA Office

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July

PBA Office will be closed  
June 29-July 2, 2026

**Associational TnT Event**

This event is for "Teens & Twenties"

Time: 6:00 pm

New Location

Cedar Grove Baptist Church

13024 Hwy. 20

Belton, SC 29627

Speaker: TBA



This event is for all PBA churches! Please bring your youth and young adults! Your group will enjoy being in Christian fellowship with church members, friends, and fellow classmates! Invite a friend to come with you. We will have a great speaker, outside games, pizza, drinks, and to top the night off a firework display! Please come and experience this event. If you have questions- contact the PBA or Rev. Joel Lopez, PBA Youth Ministries at 864-940-7331.