Palmetto Baptist Association

"A Body of Churches Being His Hands and Feet"

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From the Desk of our Director of Missions

As we prepare for the Thanksgiving and Christmas season, we are also aware that these events signal the end of the year. Hasn't God in Heaven blessed us this year?

For Deb and me, it has been a year of serious surgeries and recoveries. Periods, we thought, would be lost time for service. However, as we reflected recently, we remembered how God opened the doors for the Gospel to go forth; for opportunities in a hospital room to encourage the downtrodden workers, nurse, doctor, and custodians. We remembered the Ukrainian woman just here from war and disaster in her home country. I had been twice to her home town in past years! We connected! She found joy! We remembered the Asians we met and offered hope in Christ. There were many attendants we prayed with who found answers to deep spiritual conflict. The male nurse who was with me through my awful back surgery, finally opened up to tell me something he had not shared before. He was one of the survivors of the Aurora, Colorado theater shooting where 12 souls were killed around him and 70 others were seriously wounded. He had an intense fear of guns and dark places. Understandably! As a teen he had crawled out of the dark over dead bodies and wounded screaming people! He needed to talk. I listened and prayed.

All through the year, God placed us on our backs and feet where someone else needed Him. I remember with joy the eight professions of faith at Operation Care on our PBA campus. I remember the PBA workers who voluntarily packed food day after day for the hungry while praying with them, encouraging them and sharing how they can be saved!

Thanksgiving abounds when I remember the tables of shoes and socks and the careful organization carried out by Missy Gardo, Annette Drake, and Ashley Steed to ready the loads for delivery. Amazingly, the response was so great, they're doing it again for Christmas this year! Kids and teens will rejoice to have new shoes!

I rejoice when I remember how four of our pastors accepted the challenge to go to Panama to stand with our IMB missionary with the result of seeing 15 amazing salvations!

Finally, I rejoice when I think of our ladies' backpack group (and Men) who buy, pack, and deliver food for 200+ Children in five schools so they will have food and nourishment on weekends!

I'm running out of rejoicing room, but follow all that with the opportunity to celebrate worldwide the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ! The O*ne Who* gives the gift of life to all who believe! Born Holy, lived perfectly, died sacrificially, and rose victoriously! Think! Remember! Be thankful! Go tell what you have seen and heard!

Mike Baker, DOM

P.S. Give with grateful hearts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering! 196,497 souls saved world-wide this year by our missionaries! The national goal for Southern Baptist this year is $215,000,000. Every cent goes to the fields of harvest!

Contributions from the PBA Churches

Year: October 2026 – September 2027
Reporting October 2026
Thank you for supporting PBA

Churches	Receipts	Year-to-Date
Beaverdam	319.10	319.10
Big Creek	1,199.51	1,199.51
Calvary	278.95	278.95
Cedar Falls	-	-
Cedar Grove	-	-
Columbia	166.67	166.67
Friendship	-	-
Hillcrest	-	-
Macedonia	-	-
New Hope	855.01	855.01
Open Door	171.94	171.94
Piedmont Heights	-	-
Pelzer First	83.33	83.33
Revive Church	-	-
Riverside	781.00	781.00
Tabernacle	298.33	298.33
Washington	600.00	600.00
West Pelzer	490.04	490.04
White Plains	509.55	509.55
Whitefield	341.88	341.88
Williamston First	666.00	666.00
Fuente de Vida PBA Hispanic Church		
Total Received	**6,761.31**	**6,761.31**
Balance Brought Forward Total All Accounts October 1, 2026		$ 58,392.65
Total Receipts from Churches		$ 6,761.31
Deposit- Designated Account: Hispanic Church Mission		$ 73.00
Deposit- Designated Account: Operation Care Ministry		$ 3,139.78
Deposit- WMU		$ 216.00
Voided ck#10166 J. Mize reissued on ck#10109		$ 50.00
Love Offering		$ 768.00
PBA Total Disbursements: Designated & General Fund for 10/31/2026		$ (11,538.78)
Total all accounts: Designated & PBA Operations 10/31/2026		**$ 57,861.96**
***DESIGNATED FUNDS ACCOUNT BALANCE:**		
Hispanic Church Mission		$ 24,919.21
WMU		$ 919.90
Operation Care Ministry		$ 18,593.89
Total Designated Accounts October 2026		$ 44,433.00
** PBA Operations General Fund October 2026		$ 13,428.96
*Designated Funds Total		$ 44,433.00
Total PBA Funds for October 2026		**$ 57,861.96**

Christmas Prisoner Packets 2026

Packets are due in the PBA December 3, 2026
Delivery to Columbia, SC December 8, 2026

PBA Christmas Missions – Beautiful Feet

The PBA WMU has made this our New Christmas Mission Project for 2026! We will collect items in November the deadline is November 30. We will be delivering to schools December 7th. Please bring your church donations to the PBA office between 9am-12noon. Volunteers are needed to sort and deliver. Questions; call the PBA office at 864-847-7348.

PBA Associational
Senior Adult Christmas Luncheon
Tuesday, December 8, 2026

Hillcrest Baptist Church
1300 Anderson Drive
Williamston, SC 29697
Please come and join us for a great time of fellowship, fun, and a delicious meal.
Our host church will provide our luncheon.
Please call the PBA with your attending number by December 2, 2026. Churches are asked to bring 1 or 2 gifts for door prizes. Question: contact PBA at 864-847-7348.



Birthdays – Anniversary - Wedding

December 2026 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 2026 Wedding Anniversaries

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

January 2027 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

January 2027 Pastoral Anniversaries

01, Rev. Mark Roberts, Pastor of Calvary- 24 years

January 2027 Wedding Anniversaries

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

PBA Meetings & Calendar

1/19/2027 PBA Pastor Seminar
PBA Office 10:00 am
Guest Speaker: Rev. Jim Osteen
Lunch will be provided. More information to come.
1/25/2027 PBA Administrative & Executive Meeting,
PBA Office at 6:45 pm

Annual Church Profile (ACP)

ACPs date has been extended until December 7, 2026. Deadline for SCBC is January 31, 2026 The Church Leadership is open all year on the website www.sbcworkspace.com and can be updated when needed. If you need help, please call the PBA Office at 864-847-7348.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
November 29 - December 6, 2026
$215 Million

It's an offering for international missions. Churches — big and small — pool their resources to send and sustain missionaries who find and engage the lost. Together, we take Jesus' gospel to every corner of the world. This legacy goes all the way back to the 1880s when Lottie Moon, a missionary to China, urged churches to work together to send more missionaries. That call still moves us today. Every year, Southern Baptists collect the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® where 100% of your gift goes to international missions, not overhead. Every dollar you give helps the hurting, shares the gospel, and plants healthy churches that multiply. For more information: www.imb.org or call 1-804-353-0151.