

- Has the very concept of having a voice become the ultimate goal no matter the content of the voice?
- Have those few moments of “digital fame” become what dictates the value of a person as well as the values of the person?
- Have we allowed the voice of objective Truth to be drowned out by sheer volume of subjective opinions being shouted louder and louder?

Don't get me wrong, I am not suggesting we stick our heads in the sand and totally ignore the social-political climate of the world, but we should at least slow down long enough to consider our local context. I am not suggesting we do away with all technology, but that we slow down long enough to consider how we use it and how much we allow it to dominate our lives. In a culture where the voice of truth is no longer recognized, we should anchor our lives to the Word of God. Consider those who gather around them voices that scratch their ears (2 Tim. 4:3-4).

Last question to consider: do you spend more time consuming the Word or consuming the digital media the world is thrusting at you?

Let's keep making disciple-making disciples and see South Mississippi become most known for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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**August 24: Roseland Park Baptist Church, Picayune**

2130 Hwy 11 N, Picayune, MS 39466  
Time: 5:15-8:30

Impact will provide training for pastors, church staff, and volunteer leaders of adults, youth, children, and preschool. The focus of this training is to equip all leaders and volunteers to serve.

**SCHEDULE**

- 5:15 Dinner
- 6:00 Worship
- 6:10 Keynote Speaker
- 7:00 Breakouts
- 8:30 Dismissal



**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Dr. Jamie Dew, President of NOBTS

**BREAKOUT FOCUS**

Called to Serve: Living and Leading with a Mission

- Invest in Yourself
- Invest in Other Leaders
- Invest in Tomorrows Leaders

**BREAKOUT LEADERS**

**Pastors** Dr. Jamie Dew, President of NOBTS

**Adults** Jay Gordon, Adult & Small Groups Minister, The Church at Brook Hills, Birmingham

**Youth** Neil Tullos, Pastor FBC Wiggins

**Children / Preschool** Dr. Donna Peavey, NOBTS Professor

**Bonus Breakout** "When God Calls: A Panel Discussion with Q&A" (For teenagers and young adults interested in knowing more about a call to ministry)

**REGISTER AT MBCB.ORG/EVENTS**



All Locations: Aug. 3 Grenada / Aug. 8 Pontotoc / Aug. 10 Brookhaven  
Aug. 17 Meridian / Aug. 24 Picayune

**Ministers' Fellowship**

The Ministers' Fellowship will be held on Mon., Aug. 10, 10:30 a.m. at Pine Grove. A meal will be served. If you are a minister, you are invited to attend!

**Women's Ministry: Gretta Holloway**

**Attention Women's Leaders!!**

Do you need fresh vision for women's ministry in your church? Could you use a little encouragement and guidance to get your women's ministry energized and refocused? Then, come join me at **Equipping Leaders Training 2023!** You will have the opportunity to attend up to 6 conference sessions of your choice from topics related to women's leadership, WMU leadership, missions & ministry, and personal spiritual development. To view the full brochure and register, visit [www.mbc.org/EquippingLeadersWeekend](http://www.mbc.org/EquippingLeadersWeekend). REGISTRATION Deadline is July 31.

Additionally, if you will be attending the Equipping Leaders Conference, you are invited to a **Pearl River Baptist Women's Breakfast Meet-up** at Primo's Café on Saturday morning before the conference. I'll need a headcount to get a table so please RSVP to attend the breakfast meet-up to 559-593-0379.



PS – There are conference sessions for Men's ministry leaders, too! Spread the word! *"Now may the God of peace... equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."* Hebrews 13:20-21

In His Service,

*Gretta*



All churches within the Association, and outside as well, are invited to Prayer Walk the following public schools-Picayune, and PRC– Wednesday, **August 9**, from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Guides are provided to help with the prayers for everyone involved with school.



**ATTENTION ACP CONTACT PERSON:**

ACP is due September 8, 2023!

[www.sbcworkspace.com](http://www.sbcworkspace.com)

Contact Linda Fay at 601.798.2372, Tuesday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., and Friday 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m., if you need help!

Donna Wise, Financial Ministry Assistant, is offering help to those who would like help in setting up a type of spreadsheet to make your ACP experience easier! Contact her, 601.798.2372, on Mondays 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., or Wednesdays 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. She is willing to meet with you here, or talk with you to help!

**EVERYMAN CONFERENCE 2023**

“Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters...”

We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ. Colossians 1:28

Sessions: A Man & His God / A Man & His Wife / A Man & His Kids / A Man and His World

Date: Saturday, September 16, 2023  
Location: First Baptist Church, Mandeville  
9am - 4pm

\$25 until September 1  
\$35 after September 1

“Man Lunch” and snacks provided

To Register: [www.fbcmandeville.org/events](http://www.fbcmandeville.org/events)



**First day for the following schools:**

HANCOCK:	July 31
HERITAGE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY:	August 3
PRC (Pearl River Central):	August 4
PICAYUNE:	August 4
	(Kindergarten) August 11
POPLARVILLE:	July 31
UNION BAPTIST ACADEMY: (Elementary)	August 9

**Please keep all staff and students in your prayers!**



**Mowing/Weed Eating Needed:**

DATES WORKERS NEEDED:

August 4-5; Sept. 15-16; Oct. 27-28(check with us)

Gas provided or refueled/ Call us to participate!

**UPCOMING MOWERS:**

Aug. 18-19: Bethel  
Sept. 1-2: West Union

THANKS SO MUCH TO THE CHURCHES WHO HAVE HELPED!



8/8 Jeff & Rachael Easterling	8/4 Rev. Billy Galloway	8/27 Caitlyn Shows
8/13 Donald & Karen Balch	8/4 Lisa Jones	8/28 Ronald Jones
8/19 Harry & Annette Davis	8/4 Tracie Putnam	8/29 Jamie Strahan
8/25 Richard & Linda Seal	8/16 Denita Inmon	8/30 Lisa Marshall
8/26 Jason & Angela Skinner	8/17 Becky Eastridge	8/31 Jan Suggs
	8/18 Ginnie Galloway	

**Pearl River Baptist Association  
June 2023 Financial Report**

Beginning Balance \$196,683.38 06/01/2023

**Church Contributions:**

	Month	Year-to-Date		Month	Year-to-Date
Bethel	913.69	9,601.24	New Palestine	2,881.92	13,544.04
Carriere FBC	0.00	0.00	Nicholson FBC	250.00	2,250.00
Central	644.55	7,654.66	Oak Hill	569.41	6,495.90
Corinth	165.54	1,712.20	Olive	0.00	9,620.00
Cornerstone	0.00	0.00	Ozona FBC	0.00	0.00
Crane Creek	613.36	7,059.30	Parkview	0.00	578.41
Derby	186.51	1,492.08	Picayune FBC	2,285.48	22,324.72
Emmanuel	0.00	300.00	Pine Grove	854.16	7,687.53
Faith Memorial	65.00	520.00	Poplarville FBC	1,000.00	9,000.00
Flattop Unity	81.21	520.61	Rolling Hills	445.60	4,539.83
Fords Creek	397.95	2,879.37	Roseland Park	1,365.59	14,917.34
Goodyear	773.60	5,584.45	Shiloh	0.00	1,400.00
Gumpond	0.00	866.72	Springhill	964.48	3,806.29
Harmony	518.44	1,543.99	Steep Hollow	1,000.00	5,000.00
Hickory Grove	0.00	0.00	The Beginnings	100.00	800.00
Hillcrest	178.20	1,751.05	Union	1,766.55	14,589.32
Journey Fellowship	0.00	0.00	Unity	25.00	175.00
Juniper Grove	592.64	7,592.02	West Poplarville	0.00	0.00
Mill Creek	0.00	1,836.95	West Union	1,119.95	7,033.80
New Henleyfield	178.71	1,771.51	White Sand	0.00	0.00
New Life BC	217.80	836.17			
<b>Total Church Contributions</b>				\$ 20,155.34	177,284.50
<b>Subsidy from MB Baptist Convention Board</b>				\$ 125.00	
<b>Total Monthly Receipts</b>				\$ 20,280.34	

**Disbursements:**

01-Leader Labs	0.00	22-Evangelism/Promotions	0.00
02-Media	0.00	23-Church Planting/Revitalization	12.22
03-Ministry to Church Staff	302.14	24-Grounds/Building/Maint.	271.94
04-PRC BSU	0.00	25-Disaster Relief	0.00
05-Ministry to Children	200.00	26-Office Copier Lease	227.50
06-Mission Groups (Hosted by PRBA)	0.00	27-Community Events	0.00
07-Ministry to Singles	0.00	28-Office Supplies	378.92
08-Ministry to Senior Adults	0.00	29-Postage	257.25
09-Ministry to Youth	68.67	30-Utilities	697.49
10-Deacons & Wives	0.00	31-Insurance	5,462.75
11-Family Ministry	0.00	32-Computer Support	0.00
12-Bible Drills/Bible Clubs	56.81	33-Staff Salary & Benefits	7,527.14
13-Discipleship	0.00	39-Conventions & Conferences	0.00
14-Women's Conference	0.00	41-Convention Ministry Assistants	0.00
15-Missionary in Residence	0.00	43-FICA	173.72
17-Partnership Missions	0.00	45-Christmas Bonuses	0.00
18-Women's Ministry	0.00	46-Maintenance/Custodian Wages	420.00
19-Prison Ministry	0.00	47-Family Counselor	0.00
20-RA's Events	0.00	50-Annuity	862.50
21-Annual Meetings	0.00	51-Expense & Mileage Reimburse	739.66

Total Disbursement — \$ 17,658.71  
Ending Balance — 06/30/2023 \$ 199,305.01

**DESIGNATED FUND BALANCE**

Christian Women Job Corp	3,527.60	Mission Trip	12,781.07
Christmas Donations	2,895.75	Prison Ministry	3,921.04
Church Planting	61,584.74	Chaplain	1,000.00
Counseling Fees	160.00	Property Development	59,407.35
Disaster Relief	13,200.06	Special Events	2,500.00
Evangelism	10,183.83	Women's Conference	1,437.45
Lodge/LCC Rental/ Deposits	34,337.86	Youth Fund	3,000.00
Mission Scholarships	19,022.64		

Total Designated Fund Balance \$ 228,959.39

Property Development Funds Received this Month: \$0.00

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**Friday 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.**

**AUGUST 2023**

- 5 ~~Father/Son Fishing Kedeo~~ CANCELLED
- 7 Minister's Fellowship; 10:30 a.m.; Pine Grove
- 9\*\* Prayer Walk Picayune & PRC Schools; 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- 22-30 Idaho Mission Trip
- 24\*\* IMPACT Training; 5:15 (if registered for dinner)-8:30 p.m.; Roseland Park

**SEPTEMBER 2023-Margaret Lackey State Missions Offering Emphasis**

- 4 Labor Day; Offices Closed
- 5 Men's Ministry Meeting; 6:30 p.m.; Pine Grove
- 11 Minister's Fellowship; 10:30 a.m.; Mill Creek
- 14 ~~Senior Adult Choir Festival; 10:30 - Noon; LCC~~ CANCELLED
- 16 Every Man Conference; 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; FBC Mandeville (See inside)
- 27 See You at the Pole

**OCTOBER**

- 8 World Hunger Day
- 9 Association Fall Meeting; 6:30 p.m.; West Union
- 14 ~~Adult Fishing Day~~ CANCELLED
- 20-21\*\* Called Forum; 6:00 p.m. (20th)-1:00 p.m. (21st); FBC Picayune
- 23 African American Fellowship; (TBD); FBC Jackson
- 24 MBCB Bivocational Breakfast; 7:00-8:00 a.m.; Baptist Building- Sky Room- 5th Floor FBC, Jackson
- 24 MS WMU Annual Meeting Day w/Convention; TBD; Old Capital Inn, Jackson
- 24-25 MS Baptist Convention; 8:30 a.m. (24th)-11:35 a.m. (25th); Jackson

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Following up on last month's article, it seems like our world is trying to progress information at lightning speed today. We have artificial intelligence that already rivals many sci-fi movies, and we have not yet fully comprehended the impact of the smart phone on our daily lives. When technology develops, we must always remember manmade things can be tools for good and tools for bad. However, we might also need to remember to ask some important philosophical questions about the use of technology. As Christ followers we must seek to steward technology wisely. Therefore, I am asking you to put on your thinking caps today and consider some overarching perspectives as we maneuver through this new digital world. Consider some of the following:

At no time in human history have we had such...

1. Availability of vast amounts of information.
2. Exposure to knowledge of global or even national news.
3. An individual voice of influence to a multitude of people.
4. Dependence on non-physical technology.

Now let me ask some questions to guide our thoughts:

- How has the use of these technologies affected us?
- While information can bring knowledge, are human beings equipped to handle and process such a massive amount of information every day?
- How has this on-demand knowledge changed the way we interact with the individuals around us?
- How have our conversations and relationships been changed to focus on the matters of global impact that have little to no impact on the relationship with the person right in front of us?
- Why have we allowed people whose opinions we would never have noticed if we passed them on the street to have catapulted to the title and job of "social influencer?"

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