

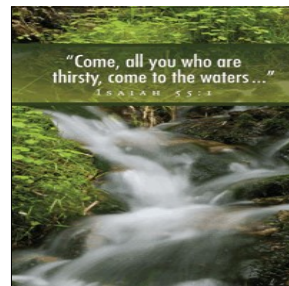
He is the One who ultimately controls all life and death, He is the One who has appointed a time unto every one when His gift of life will cease, He is the One who knit together life in the womb, He is the One who sustains every moment and every breath. He is the One who surrounds you with a church family to support you, He is the One who hears your every prayer, and He is the One who speaks a word that can cut through joints and marrow. What we can say with assurance is that, at the end of this journey, when all is said and done, there is only One Rock on which we can stand. Death is not natural to God's creatures and the sting of its pain reminds us of this fact every time we face it. But all the more then, can we echo the triumphant words of Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:55-57, "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

~Bro. Tony

PRBA Men's Ministry - March 1-2

- ◆ Father/son campout on the evening on March 1.
- ◆ Cooking a whole cow over a fire on a spit for 24 hours.
- ◆ Saturday morning, March 2, starting at 9:00, churches' men's ministries come out and bring their young men (youth and children age).
- ◆ Young men can participate in 7 stations sponsored by different churches to teach a common skill young men should learn.
- ◆ Around noon, when the cow is cooked we will enjoy a hearty meal together (churches please bring side dishes).



ROLLING HILLS THIRSTY THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY:

1286 McNeill-Steepphollow Rd.

10 a.m. every 2nd & 4th Thursday. This is an on-going study. All are welcome, and a light lunch is served following. The focus of this study is "The Acts of the Apostles" by Louie Giglio. Materials are provided. Contact Pastor Barry Lee at 601.273.0962

Ministers Fellowship

The March Ministers Fellowship will be Monday, March 4 10:30 a.m.-Noon, at FBC Poplarville. A meal will be served.

This year's Association Speaker's Tournament will be held at the association office on Friday, March 22 at 4:00 p.m. If you have youth in your church who will be participating, please call the association office to register them. Each speaker is required to submit a draft of their speech to the association office no later than Friday, March 8 for the judges to review.



Association Bible Drills

Bible Drills for children and students are Sunday, April 21 at 2 pm at Central Baptist in McNeill. State Drills will be held at Petal-Harvey BC in Petal on TUESDAY, April 23. Registration begins at 10:00 a.m. For more information, contact co-leaders, Lavonne Henley through the association, or Bro. Kyle Jones at Central BC-601-799-2043.

Women's Ministry: Gretta Holloway
559-593-0379

2024 Ladies Spring

Ladies! Gather your for a fun and uplifting your plans now to at-Pearl River County La-Marketplace for a fun afternoon. You'll hear speakers and enjoy a time of fellowship with women from around the county. You'll also have a chance to win some amazing door prizes and shop from local vendors at the marketplace. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with other women and celebrate the spring season!



Tea & Marketplace

friends and get ready afternoon! Make tend the 2nd Annual dies Spring Tea & and uplifting from encouraging

Date: Saturday, March 9, 2024 **Time:** 2:00 pm
Location: FBC Pop, The Net, 403 S Main Street, Poplarville



Daylight Saving Time begins March 10! Don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed on Saturday.

MINISTRY ASSISTANTS LUNCHEON

Thursday, April 25, 2024, 11:00 a.m. LCC

All church ministry assistants (secretaries) are invited to attend this luncheon. Please let us know ASAP if you can attend. Please contact us by Thursday, April 18 if you will be attending! You can call the office or email.

Please note: The office hours will be different over the next few months. If you call the office and no one answers, please leave a message. Messages are being checked even if no one is in the office. We'll get back to you as soon as we can. You can also email.

PEARL SUBMISSIONS:

Please remember that in order for your church to put information in the Pearl, the following is needed:

- 1) Name of church and what type of event
- 2) Dates, times, location, contact point

In order to get your information out in the next Pearl, it is needed by the Tuesday before the 15th of each month. Please send us your events. We are a family of churches, and we need to be helping each other! We also have a website and a Facebook page. Your events can also be added to those pages! Contact the association by mail (1376 McNeill-Steepphollow Rd., Carriere, MS 39426), e-mail (prbapta@gmail.com), or phone- 601-798-2372!

Volunteer now to mow association grounds, plus weed eat. We provide fuel or replace it. Call 601-798-2372 if your church or men's group would like to volunteer for this awesome mission! By the way, if any of you can't come on the weekend, but want to come during the week instead, that would be fine!



Dates mowing/grounds care needed:
March 1-2, 15-16, 29-30; April 13-14, 26-27;
May 10-11, 24-25; June 7-8, 21 is Juniper Grove;
July 5-6, 19-20; August 16-17, 30-31;
September 13-14, 27-28; **October 11-12, 25-26

**Please be sure to check with the office if October dates are actually needed. We appreciate you all!

Help Us Maintain the Association Grounds

Association Spring Work Day—April 6, 9:30am
Bring the church family to help knock out some of our minor renovations in the lodges on the association property. Contact Bro. Tony for more information.

- 3/4 Melissa Pearson
- 3/11 Renee Howard
- 3/12 Rev. Kipp Smith
- 3/17 Brynia Gilmore
- 3/17 David Gray
- 3/21 Art Bowlin



- 3/8 Justin & Marlie Anderson
- 3/11 Micah & Becky Eastridge

**Pearl River Baptist Association
January 2024 Financial Report**

Beginning Balance \$212,397.32

1/1/2024

Church Contributions:

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>		<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Bethel	1,391.81	4,945.18	New Life BC	0.00	326.70
Carriere FBC	0.00	0.00	New Palestine	0.00	4,142.77
Central	820.00	2,353.90	Nicholson FBC	250.00	1,000.00
Corinth	203.45	822.21	Oak Hill	944.46	3,070.90
Cornerstone	0.00	0.00	Olive	0.00	2,320.00
Crane Creek	1,238.19	3,471.67	Ozona FBC	0.00	0.00
Derby	186.51	746.04	Picayune FBC	2,181.38	8,840.96
Emmanuel	50.00	150.00	Pine Grove	0.00	1,107.24
Faith Memorial	65.00	260.00	Poplarville FBC	0.00	3,000.00
Flattop Unity	62.10	261.99	Rolling Hills	1,456.16	2,761.78
Fords Creek	0.00	641.55	Roseland Park	2,892.63	9,183.95
Goodyear	1,011.37	2,599.08	Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Gumpond	0.00	204.95	Springhill	1,136.50	2,073.13
Harmony	244.00	818.41	Steep Hollow	500.00	2,000.00
Hickory Grove	0.00	0.00	The Beginnings	0.00	0.00
Hillcrest	0.00	934.99	Union	1,758.39	6,918.65
Journey Fellowship	0.00	0.00	Unity	0.00	75.00
Juniper Grove	0.00	2,562.26	West Poplarville	0.00	0.00
Mill Creek	734.12	1,433.76	West Union	765.90	3,137.47
New Henleyfield	230.01	771.47	White Sand	0.00	0.00

Total Church Contributions	\$ 18,121.98	72,936.01
Subsidy from MB Baptist Convention Board	\$ 125.00	
Total Monthly Receipts	\$ 18,246.98	

Disbursements:			
01-Leader Labs	0.00	22-Evangelism/Promotions	38.31
02-Media	0.00	23-Church Planting/Revitalization	0.00
03-Ministry to Church Staff	277.77	24-Grounds/Building/Maint.	640.07
04-PRC BSU	0.00	25-Disaster Relief	0.00
05-Ministry to Children	250.00	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	240.65
08-Ministry to Senior Adults	0.00	29-Postage	209.02
09-Ministry to Youth	0.00	30-Utilities	717.09
10-Deacons & Wives	0.00	31-Insurance	0.00
11-Family Ministry	0.00	32-Computer Support	0.00
12-Bible Drills/Bible Clubs	0.00	33-Staff Salary & Benefits	7,664.14
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	184.22
17-Partnership Missions	0.00	45-Christmas Bonuses	0.00
18-WMU/Women's Ministry	0.00	46-Maintenance/Custodian Wages	1,554.00
19-Prison Ministry	0.00	47-Family Counselor	0.00
20-RA's Events	0.00	50-Annuity	757.50
21-Annual Meetings	0.00	51-Expense & Mileage Reimburse	371.72

Total Disbursement	\$ 13,131.99
Ending Balance — 1/31/2023	\$217,512.31

DESIGNATED FUND BALANCE

Christian Women Job Corp	3,527.60	Mission Scholarships	23,372.64
Christmas Donations	2,172.53	Mission Trip	13,433.39
Church Planting	61,584.74	Chaplain	1,000.00
Counseling Fees	160.00	Prison Ministry	4,343.30
Disaster Relief	12,792.05	Property Development	34,078.35
Emergency Fund	25,000.00	Special Events	3,565.60
Evangelism	10,183.83	Women's Conference	1,823.15
Lodge/LCC Rental/ Deposits	30,768.31	Youth Fund	4,900.00

Total Designated Fund Balance \$ 232,705.49

Property Development Funds Received this Month: \$81.38 Corinth

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March 10

March 2024-Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

- 1-2 Father/son overnight, 6:00 pm
- 2 Men's ministry meeting 9:30 am
- 3-10 North American Mission Board Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Emphasis
- 4 Ministers' fellowship, 10:30 am, First Poplarville
- 8-9 KidMin Toolbin (VBS Kick-off) 7-9 pm (8th)- 9 am-Noon (5th); Camp Garaywa
- 10 Daylight Savings Time Begins (Spring Forward)
- 18-19 Ministry Assistants Conference & Training, 8a.m. (18th) -11 a.m. (21st), Camp Garaywa
- 22 Association Speakers Tournament, 4:00 p.m., Association Office
- 29 Good Friday, Office closed
- 31 Easter Sunday

April 2023

- 6 Association spring work day
- 8 Minister's Fellowship, 10:30 a.m., Roseland Park
- 13 State Speakers Tournament; 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; Parkway BC, Clinton
- 18 Association Spring Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Shiloh
- 21 Association Bible Drill, 2:00 p.m., Central
- 23 State Bible Drills, Petal-Harvey Baptist Church, Petal
- 25 Ministry Assistants Luncheon, 11:00 a.m., LCC
- 28 Security team training overview meeting, 2-4 pm, LCC

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Words to someone who has lost a loved one:

How can one presume to speak to you about the loss of your loved one and the pain you are enduring? Often you are surrounded by friends and family, who can only repeat the refrain of, "I can't imagine what you are going through." Words fail us as we hope to express love, encouragement, hope, perseverance, and so much more. At times the best words may be the silence of someone sitting beside you, a loving embrace, or the support of people gathered around you in prayer. Ultimately, the words that comfort in time of need and struggle are what God has revealed in His Word. The Word allows for questions, and, though it may not always extend to you a specific answer in detail, it always gives you an answer of life-founding truth. It reveals a Rock on which you can stand as this storm passes. Finally, at the end of the questions of why, how, what if, why him or her, what now, how come, and at the end of the unanswerable pain stands a Sovereign God with purposes unknown to us in this finite moment.

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