

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

Beginning Balance \$203,120.43

09/01/2023

**Church Contributions:**

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>		<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Bethel	967.77	13,404.55	New Palestine	1,613.73	16,715.46
Carriere FBC	0.00	0.00	Nicholson FBC	250.00	3,000.00
Central	740.30	10,085.41	Oak Hill	519.29	8,619.93
Corinth	0.00	2,022.95	Olive	1,344.00	12,340.00
Cornerstone	0.00	0.00	Ozona FBC	0.00	0.00
Crane Creek	1,670.00	10,249.89	Parkview	0.00	578.41
Derby	186.51	2,051.61	Picayune FBC	2,384.29	29,093.47
Emmanuel	50.00	400.00	Pine Grove	854.15	10,250.00
Faith Memorial	65.00	715.00	Poplarville FBC	1,000.00	12,000.00
Flattop Unity	171.06	838.13	Rolling Hills	0.00	6,238.31
Fords Creek	1,341.66	4,221.03	Roseland Park	0.00	18,644.13
Goodyear	915.13	6,760.38	Shiloh	0.00	1,400.00
Gumpond	476.26	1,342.98	Springhill	932.17	5,148.16
Harmony	0.00	1,960.12	Steep Hollow	0.00	6,000.00
Hickory Grove	0.00	0.00	The Beginnings	0.00	800.00
Hillcrest	460.80	2,672.07	Union	3,337.05	19,608.71
Journey Fellowship	0.00	0.00	Unity	25.00	250.00
Juniper Grove	0.00	9,156.34	West Poplarville	0.00	0.00
Mill Creek	0.00	2,481.82	West Union	1,863.28	10,557.37
New Henleyfield	222.77	2,342.86	White Sand	0.00	0.00
New Life BC	0.00	1,029.92			
<b>Total Church Contributions</b>				\$ 21,390.22	232,979.01
Subsidy from MB Baptist Convention Board				\$ 125.00	
<b>Total Monthly Receipts</b>				\$ 21,515.22	

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**Disbursements:**

01-Leader Labs	0.00	22-Evangelism/Promotions	0.00
02-Media	0.00	23-Church Planting/Revitalization	0.00
03-Ministry to Church Staff	333.36	24-Grounds/Building/Maint.	1,629.42
04-PRC BSU	750.00	25-Disaster Relief	0.00
05-Ministry to Children	0.00	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	96.37
08-Ministry to Senior Adults	0.00	29-Postage	177.97
09-Ministry to Youth	0.00	30-Utilities	800.52
10-Deacons & Wives	0.00	31-Insurance	5,094.75
11-Family Ministry	0.00	32-Computer Support	0.00
12-Bible Drills/Bible Clubs	0.00	33-Staff Salary & Benefits	8,350.14
13-Discipleship	0.00	39-Conventions & Conferences	-1,560.45
14-Women's Conference	0.00	41-Convention Ministry Assistants	0.00
15-Missionary in Residence	0.00	43-FICA	236.69
17-Partnership Missions	0.00	45-Christmas Bonuses	0.00
18-Women's Ministry	0.00	46-Maintenance/Custodian Wages	689.50
19-Prison Ministry	0.00	47-Family Counselor	0.00
20-RA's Events	0.00	50-Annuity	810.00
21-Annual Meetings	50.00	51-Expense & Mileage Reimburse	835.77

**Total Disbursement** — \$ 18,521.54  
**Ending Balance — 09/30/2023** \$206,114.11

**DESIGNATED FUND BALANCE**

Christian Women Job Corp	3,527.60	Mission Scholarships	23,372.64
Christmas Donations	1,959.50	Mission Trip	13,153.39
Church Planting	61,584.74	Chaplain	1,000.00
Counseling Fees	160.00	Prison Ministry	3,681.31
Disaster Relief	12,954.05	Property Development	68,944.91
Emergency Fund	25,000.00	Special Events	10,200.00
Evangelism	10,183.83	Women's Conference	1,437.45
Lodge/LCC Rental/ Deposits	31,454.28	Youth Fund	3,000.00

**Total Designated Fund Balance** — \$ 271,613.70

**Property Development Funds Received this Month:** N/A

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**Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.; Fri.: 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.**

**NOVEMBER**

2 Facilities & Operations Meeting; 6:30 p.m.; Association Office  
4 Women's Leadership Summit; 9:00 a.m.; LCC  
5 Daylight Savings Time Ends (Fall Back)  
6 Ministers' Fellowship; To NOBTS  
6 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer (In Your Church)  
7 Election Day for MS's four U.S. House of Representatives  
22-24 Thanksgiving; Offices Closed

**DECEMBER—Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions (WMU Emphasis)**

3-10 WMU Emphasis Week for International Missions  
5 Men's Ministry Meeting; 6:30 p.m.; Mill Creek  
7 Ministers' & Spouse Christmas Dinner; 6:30 p.m.; LCC  
21– Jan. 1 Christmas Holiday; **OFFICES CLOSED**  
27-28 Youth Evangelism Challenge (YEC); 1:30 p.m. (27th)-12:30 p.m. (28th); MS College Coliseum; Clinton  
31 New Year's Eve

**JANUARY 2024**

1 NEW YEAR'S DAY; **CLOSED**  
7-14 Deacon Emphasis Week  
8 Ministers' Fellowship; 10:30 a.m.; Central  
18 Pastors'/Deacons'/Wives' Supper; 6:30-8:30 p.m.; LCC  
21 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday  
28-29 State Evangelism Conference; 6 p.m. (28th)-7:30 p.m. (29th); Northcrest BC, Meridian



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**November – 2023**

The month of thanksgiving is upon us. I hope your church celebrated your pastor in October. If you saw last month's article on pastor appreciation, I want you to know there was a lot more I wanted to say about how to care for pastors. Michigan State Professor of Organizational Psychology, Rick DeShon, studied the role of pastors and said the following, "the breadth of tasks performed by local church pastors coupled with the rapid switching between task clusters and roles that appear prevalent in this position is unique. I have never encountered such a fast-paced job with such varied and impactful responsibilities." Any pastor who reads this will agree about the unique difficulties of serving in this role. Thank the Lord we have His strength to carry us through ministry for His glory. However, the reality that so many pastors face is a reluctance to take time away and recharge. Pastors often do not feel they can get away because they will have to work twice as hard to catch up when they get back, or they feel the pressure (real or assumed) that the church expects them to be some sort of superman who never needs to recharge his batteries, after all... "a pastor only works one day a week" so why shouldn't he also go here, do that, fix this, and counsel them.

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Let me stop with sad stories before you feel guilty, that is not the point. The point is for you to see that your pastor and his family are humans who also need to rest and recharge, especially with the added difficulties of serving as a pastor. So, let me leave you with an encouragement to care well for your pastor, and the first step may be for your personnel committee to write in a sabbatical for the pastor in your job description and policies. "What's a sabbatical?" Thanks for asking; it is a specified period of paid leave granted to a pastor to get away from the ministry field in order to have time to rest and refocus. In general, it is a way to bless your pastor every 5-7 years with an extended break from the normal routine of ministry so he can reconnect with his family, spend time on his personal relationship with Christ, and seek spiritual direction for the flock God has called him to serve. If you think this would bless your pastor, I promise it will also be a blessing to your whole church. Please call my office if your church leadership has any questions about how to implement this practice.  
 - Let's keep making disciple-making disciples and see South Mississippi become most known for the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Bro. T



### 2024 Bible Drills and Student/Youth Speaker Tournament

If your church is interested in starting Bible Drill, we would be glad to help you get materials, demonstrate the correct techniques of handling the Bible, and anything else to help you get started. Bro. Kyle Jones (601.799.2043) and Lavonne Henley (601.798.2372), Co-directors of Bible Drill.

Churches are encouraged to seek out leaders to begin planning for the 2024 Bible Drills and Speaker Tournament. Materials are available from the MS Baptist Discipleship Training Department at no charge. Associational Drills will take place at Central Baptist Church on Sunday, April 21, 2024. Children's Bible Drills are for Grades 4-6 and Student/Youth for Grades 7-12. Bible Buddies is an introductory program for younger children Grades 1-3. The purpose of Bible Drills is to help young people increase their knowledge of God's Word through scripture memorization, develop skills in using their Bible, and apply the Bible to their lives. The Association Student/Youth Speaker Tournament will be held on March 22, 2024 at the Associational Office for youth in Grades 10-12.

### Facilities/Operations Meeting

Our next Facilities/Operations Meeting will be held at the Association Office on Thursday evening, November 2nd beginning at 6:30 p.m. If you are a member of this Team, please make arrangements to be in attendance.

### Minister's Fellowship

This month's Minister's Fellowship will be going to the NOBTS. Please contact Bro. Tony for more information.

### Women's Ministry: Gretta Holloway

October 10<sup>th</sup> was **World Mental Health Day**. Mental health struggles touch every life in some way. No one is exempt from experiencing fear and anxiety. *Sometimes* there is need for medication and medical care to manage mental health. However, *all the time*, there is the critical need to strive to set our minds on Jesus so we can experience the peace and perspective that only comes from His presence. Setting our minds on the things of God in the midst of crises, worries, and distractions is an ongoing spiritual battle. But it is a battle that can be won when we arm ourselves with God's Word and stay close to God who is your Shield and the Lifter of your head. (Psalm 3:3)

As the mental health crisis in America grows, the church needs to prepare herself to respond. WMU offers a range of resources to help equip us to minister to women in our churches and communities who face mental health challenges. I invite you to reach out to me if you would like more information.

If you find yourself living in a season of anxiety, worry, or fear, I recommend Max Lucado's 90 Day Devotional Journey "Calm Moments for Anxious Days". You can begin to build a daily habit of leaning on the Word and releasing your fears and anxieties to Christ. I have purchased 5 copies to share with PRBA women who feel God calling them to a journey of letting Him be greater than their fears. Contact me if you are interested in a free copy.

*"You will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You." Isaiah 26:3*



### ACP Follow-Up:

We have had 21 out of 40 churches to complete their ACP. While your church's information may not have made it into the Annual, your church is encouraged to go ahead and fill out your ACP. This information is beneficial to your church in a form of history! If you have any questions, contact the office! We'd be glad to help.

### Operation: Christmas Child

Collection dates are November 14<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>. The locations are Goodyear, FBC Carriere, and FBC Poplarville. The times at each location are as follows:

#### Goodyear

2710 Hwy. 43, South, Picayune

Mon., Nov. 13: 4:30-6:30  
 Tues., Nov. 14: 4:30-6:30  
 Wed., Nov. 15: 4:30-6:30  
 Thurs., Nov. 16: 4:30-6:30  
 Fri., Nov. 17: 4:30-6:30  
 Sat., Nov. 18: 9-11 a.m.  
 Sun., Nov. 19: 2:00-4:00  
 Mon., Nov. 20: 8-10 a.m.

goodyearbc@gmail.com

#### FBC Carriere

7264 Hwy. 11, Carriere

Mon., Nov. 13: 10 a.m.-12  
 Tues., Nov. 14: 10 a.m.-12  
 Wed., Nov. 15: 10 a.m.-12  
 Thurs., Nov. 16: 10 a.m.-12  
 Fri., Nov. 17: 6-8 p.m.  
 Sat., Nov. 18: 2-4 p.m.  
 Sun., Nov. 19: 1-3 p.m.  
 Mon., Nov. 20: 8-10 a.m.

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#### FBC Poplarville

403 S. Main St. (The Net Building), Poplarville

Mon., Nov. 13: 3-5 p.m.  
 Tues., Nov. 14: 3-5 p.m.  
 Wed., Nov. 15: 10 a.m.-12  
 Thurs., Nov. 16: 3-5 p.m.  
 Fri., Nov. 17: 3-5 p.m.  
 Sat., Nov. 18: 9-11 a.m.  
 Sun., Nov. 19: 2-4 p.m.  
 Mon., Nov. 20: 8-10 a.m.

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If anyone aged 13 years and up would like to serve at the Atlanta Processing Center, or if anyone has any questions, please contact Cynthia Fitch at 985.855.2850, or at lowermsocc@gmail.com



The Jackie Stewart "Women On Mission" group at Picayune First Baptist Church, will be hosting the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Cider Circle Cafe during the Picayune Christmas Parade on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 4 p.m. until. Serving jambalaya, pizza, red beans and rice, chicken salad croissants, assorted homemade cookies, hot chocolate and other drinks. All proceeds donated to the "United Missions Offering". Come join us for dinner!

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11/08 Rev. Shad & Dana Kennedy  
 11/17 Carl & Karen Myers

### Anniversaries



### Birthdays

11/01 Janice Young  
 11/03 Tony Inmon  
 11/15 Cassie Garrett  
 11/17 Micah Eastridge  
 11/27 Tammy Smith  
 11/29 Rachael Easterling