

Today they have been in Clearwater, Florida for about three months, settling into their new sponsoring church, Calvary Church, and working through approval to proceed as a church planter with NAMB. They are excited to report that their daughter has settled in well. They are in the PRAY and EXPLORE phases, and they request that we pray for them most importantly that they will discover the community in the Tampa area where God would have them start a new church. The Tampa area has about 2.6 million people who are lost and unaffiliated with a gospel-preaching church. They are also praying for people who will join their core team when they do find the community God wants to plant them. If you would be interested in joining their prayer team you can sign up by going to the PRBA website – pearlriverbaptists.org/mission-projects

Association Spring Work Day Saturday, April 6

Looking for a service project that your church can do? We would appreciate any groups that would like to work here at the association property on **April 6 at 9:30 AM**. It would be a great time for churches to send out a crew and join us in getting a few things done with our renovations. There are a variety of renovation tasks that could be done by youth and adults, male and female.

A big thanks goes to Roseland Park BC and their men's group who came out to the property to do a painting project.

Youth groups: Remember as you are planning your summer activities to work in a weekend retreat to the Association property. You can stay for FREE if your group will work on a renovation project!

Young at Heart Central Baptist Church

The Young at Heart group, comprised of senior citizens from around the county, invites you to join them on the **first Tuesday of each month at noon** in the fellowship hall of **Central Baptist Church in McNeill, MS**. While the group meets at Central Baptist, seniors from other churches and the community are welcome. Attendees are encouraged to bring along a dish for the potluck lunch. A short program usually follows the meal. Past programs have included a variety

Ministers Fellowship

The April ministers fellowship will be held at Roseland Park on April 8 beginning at 10:30 a.m. Our special guest speaker will be Drew Esslinger. All ministers, please join us for a time of encouragement and fellowship.



SPRING PRAYER MEETING Shiloh Baptist Church April 18, 6:30PM

God wants to bless our lives in ways that we cannot imagine. And yet, many times we miss God's voice because we are not "tuned in" through prayer. God also wants to bless our churches as we seek to bring Him the glory due His name. Therefore, we should make time to corporately call on Him to move in and through our churches in a powerful way. This year our spring meeting will focus our priority on a corporate time of prayer where we come together to seek God for a spiritual awakening in Pearl River County and anticipate another great har-

Bible Drills

Associational 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 from 1:30-5:30 with drills beginning at 2:00. For more information, contact co-leaders, Lavonne Henley through the association, or Bro. Kyle Jones at Central BC-601-799-2043.

Sentinel Security Training Bethel Baptist Church April 20, 8am-1pm

Bethel Baptist Church will be hosting a Sentinel security training on **Saturday, April 20, from 8 am—1 pm**. Please contact Pastor Billy Kent Smith at 601-772-9411 for more information and to register.

Security team training overview meeting, Sunday, April 28, 2-4 pm, LCC

If you are a part of your church's security team or are interested in starting a security team, this is a great opportunity to learn more about it. For more information, contact Larry Cagle at 601-916-2557.

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

My heart is full after a wonderful afternoon spent with our area ladies at the Pearl River County Spring Tea & Marketplace. There was excitement in the air as women arrived and bustled through the marketplace. The garden photo op area was a big hit for friends gathering to mark the occasion with a photo. Ladies got to know each other better over tea sandwiches and butter crunch. But my favorite part of the afternoon was the worship. Do you know how beautiful is the sound of over 200 women singing praises to the Lord?!

Long after you have forgotten how delicious those cherry pecan sandwiches were or the thrill of discovering the perfect find at the market, I hope you will remember the theme of our event, *Infinitely Greater*. Hold tightly to this truth and share it freely... No matter who you are, where you have been, what you have done, or what struggle you are currently walking through – GOD IS INFINITELY GREATER!

I encourage you to spend some time this month meditating on the power and majesty of God. If there is something in your life that seems so big – so frightening – so overwhelming, turn your eyes to the Father and trust the one who is infinitely greater.

~Gretta



Thursday,
April 25, 2022,
11:00 am, LCC



All church ministry assistants (secretaries) are invited to attend this luncheon. Please let us know ASAP if you can attend. Our guest speaker will be Elizabeth Lindigrin, ministry assistant from the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Contact us by Monday, April 22, by 3:00 p.m. if you will be attending!

Union Baptist Kindergarten and Academy and Church News

Open enrollment for PreK3-kindergarten and 1st-12th grade students. Call 601-798-8999 or email ubk_director@ubcnet.org for more information.

Also, Union Baptist Academy is hiring! They currently have open positions for 4th and 5th grade teachers. Email your resume to ubk_director@ubcnet.org.

5K 4 Annie - Join us Saturday, April 13, for our annual 5K 4 Annie. This supports Annie Armstrong Home Missions. Cost is \$35 which includes a t-shirt! Register at ubcnet.org, click on 5K for Annie and fill out the form. You may pay online. This year we will have a 10K Challenge Run. If interested contact Judy Turner or the Union Baptist Church office at 601-798-6470.



Mowing/Weed Eating Groups Needed!

The following dates are still available:

April 13-14; 26-27
May 26-25
June 7-8
July 5-6; 19-20

August 2-3; 16-17; 30-31
September 13-14; 27-28
October 11-12; 25-26

Gas provided or refueled.
Call us to participate!!

Lost and Found

Anything left on the association property after events will be held in the office for 60 days, and any items not claimed will be either thrown away or donated.



Birthdays:

4/3 Yancy Wise
4/6 Dale Kuhn
4/6 Bro. Vernon Robinson
4/8 Linda Penton
4/12 Bro. Billy Kent Smith
4/18 Lori Replogle
4/21 Nell Grice
4/23 Kim Stuart
4/27 Dr. Shane Moore

Anniversaries:

4/6 Bro. Brad & Lori Replogle
4/22 Dr. Shane & Ashley Moore

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

Beginning Balance \$217,512.31

2/1/2024

Church Contributions:

	Month	Year-to-Date		Month	Year-to-Date
Bethel	810.00	5,755.18	New Life BC	199.50	526.20
Carriere FBC	0.00	0.00	New Palestine	3,477.89	7,620.66
Central	805.05	3,158.95	Nicholson FBC	250.00	1,250.00
Corinth	164.52	986.73	Oak Hill	439.64	3,510.54
Cornerstone	0.00	0.00	Olive	2,270.00	4,590.00
Crane Creek	590.62	4,062.29	Ozona FBC	0.00	0.00
Derby	186.51	932.55	Picayune FBC	7,793.53	16,634.49
Emmanuel	50.00	200.00	Pine Grove	3,321.48	4,428.72
Faith Memorial	65.00	325.00	Poplarville FBC	1,000.00	4,000.00
Flattop Unity	232.76	494.75	Rolling Hills	0.00	2,761.78
Fords Creek	0.00	641.55	Roseland Park	0.00	9,183.95
Goodyear	376.33	2,975.41	Shiloh	1,800.00	1,800.00
Gumpond	0.00	204.95	Springhill	485.71	2,558.84
Harmony	119.20	937.61	Steep Hollow	500.00	2,500.00
Hickory Grove	0.00	0.00	The Beginnings	0.00	0.00
Hillcrest	554.34	1,489.33	Union	0.00	6,918.65
Journey Fellowship	0.00	0.00	Unity	50.00	125.00
Juniper Grove	1,439.52	4,001.78	West Poplarville	0.00	0.00
Mill Creek	0.00	1,433.76	West Union	0.00	3,137.47
New Henleyfield	346.25	1,117.72	White Sand	0.00	0.00

Total Church Contributions \$ 27,327.85 100,263.86
 Subsidy from MB Baptist Convention Board \$ 125.00
 Total Monthly Receipts \$ 27,452.85

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	220.70	24-Grounds/Building/Maint.	549.25
04-PRC BSU	0.00	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	1,404.06
08-Ministry to Senior Adults	0.00	29-Postage	27.08
09-Ministry to Youth	0.00	30-Utilities	713.09
10-Deacons & Wives	492.68	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	7,053.64
13-Discipleship	0.00	39-Conventions & Conferences	46.36
14-Women's Conference	0.00	41-Convention Ministry Assistants	0.00
15-Missionary in Residence	0.00	43-FICA	137.52
17-Partnership Missions	0.00	45-Christmas Bonuses	0.00
18-WMU/Women's Ministry	0.00	46-Maintenance/Custodian Wages	0.00
19-Prison Ministry	0.00	47-Family Counselor	0.00
20-RA's Events	0.00	50-Annuity	705.00
21-Annual Meetings	0.00	51-Expense & Mileage Reimburse	567.56

Total Disbursement — \$ 12,144.44
 Ending Balance — 2/29/2024 \$232,820.72

DESIGNATED FUND BALANCE

Christian Women Job Corp	3,527.60	Mission Scholarships	23,372.64
Christmas Donations	2,197.53	Mission Trip	2,009.89
Church Planting	61,584.74	Chaplain	1,000.00
Counseling Fees	160.00	Prison Ministry	4,264.70
Disaster Relief	12,737.05	Property Development	34,094.02
Emergency Fund	25,000.00	Special Events	3,565.60
Evangelism	9,683.83	Women's Conference	2,358.15
Lodge/LCC Rental/ Deposits	28,986.31	Youth Fund	6,000.00

Total Designated Fund Balance \$ 220,542.06

Property Development Funds Received this Month: \$65.81 Corinth

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April 2024

- 6 Association spring work day
- 8 Ministers 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 pm Central
- 23 State Bible Drills, Petal-Harvey Baptist Church, Petal 1:30-5:30
- 25 Ministry Assistants Luncheon, 11:00 am, LCC
- 28 Security team training overview meeting, 2-4 pm, LCC

May 2024

- 2 National Day of Prayer
- 2 Facilities/Operations, financial planning, trustees team meeting, 6:30 pm LCC
- 6 Ministers fellowship, 10:30 am, Union
- 14 Mother's Day/Baptist Children's Village Special Day Offering
- 17-18 Church financial leaders training, Camp Garaywa
- 27 Memorial Day; Offices Closed

June 2024

- 4 Men's Ministry Meeting, TBD
- 13-14 SBC, Indianapolis, IN
- 13 Financial Audit, 9 am. Association Office
- 16 Father's Day/Baptist Men's Day
- 25-29 HeartSong Worship Arts Camp, William Carey Univ.

The Pearl



April 1, 2024

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TONY'S TRUTH

Seasons change...and life goes on under the providential hand of God. As we enter my favorite time of year, I cannot help but think of a minister's life being divided into seasons. As ministers of the gospel, people are often called to leave the ministry field they are in and go to another ministry. For six and a half years, Seth and Christina Stanley served at Picayune First and were a part of the PRBA, until their season of ministry changed. It is not an easy experience; the Stanleys had to leave friends and family and the church they had come to love, the church where they were when they adopted their daughter and the church where Seth had such a wonderful experience as a part of the pastoral team with Dr. Tony Lambert. However, a minister cannot ignore his calling, and through seminary and some of his past ministry experiences, Seth began to sense a prompting from the Lord to leave the 99 and go after the 1. Wrestling with this call, the burden to start a church in a neighborhood where there was not one weighed heavily on him as he spoke with friends and sought counsel.

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