

Knowing this, we cannot afford to be ignorant of the situation. Christ-followers must bear the Light that will drive back the darkness and give Hope to those in captivity & survivors alike. To help us be equipped and informed, the Pearl River Baptist Association is hosting a **Human Trafficking Awareness Seminar** led by Advocates for Freedom. Come gain insights into the current status in our area, learn how to recognize “red flags” and how to respond, and get information on how to you can make a difference. The event is free and open to the public.
 - Gretta Holloway, Women’s Ministry Direct



Ever seen the Flintstones rotisserie cook a dinosaur? While we don’t have any T-Rex T-bones, FORGE, your associational men’s ministry is set to cook a WHOLE COW on March 1-2 at the Association property. This will be an event you will not want to miss, so start planning now. The goal of FORGE is to equip and encourage the next generation of men in their service to God. To accomplish this in our county, we hope you will bring a good group of boys, young men, and men from your church family to participate. For those who would like to have a father/son camp out on Friday, March 1, you are welcome to come out and help the cooking process as we have to start cooking the cow around noon on Friday so that it will be ready by noon on Saturday, March 2. While eating is enough of an excuse to gather for Baptists, we plan to have a lot more. We are planning for seven stations for men to lead the boys and youth to rotate through starting at 9:30 AM on Saturday, March 2 and going through lunch. Each station will be sponsored by a church men’s group and will teach a common skill that is useful and fun for men to know. When the cow is finished cooking, we will all gather for a meal you will not forget. We do ask each participating church to bring a side or dessert to share and as there is no entry cost, we will take donations at the gate to support men’s ministry since this will be our quarterly meeting. Contact Nicky Lee (601-347-5957) if your church men’s group would like to sponsor a station. See you at the Men's Bonanza. If we have strong and healthy men’s ministries where men are growing in Christ, then we will have strong families and strong churches. Let’s keep making disciple-making disciples and see South Mississippi become most known for the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Bro. T

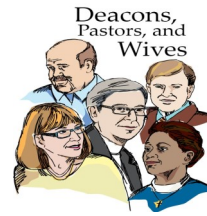
**The Association Offices re-open Tuesday, January 2, 2024!
 Enjoy your holidays!**



Ministers’ Fellowship

The January Ministers’ Fellowship will be held on Monday, January 8, at Central BC. It will begin at 10:30 a.m., and end with a meal. All ministers are invited to attend!

Deacons Emphasis Week, January 7-14



Pastors’, Deacons’ and Wives’ Supper

January 18, 2024

CHANGED to FEBRUARY 8, 6:30 p.m.



THANK YOU MRS LINDA!!!

The end of January will mark 7 years and 7 months that Linda Fay Seal has served your churches. She is set to retire on January 31 and spend some well-deserved time with Richard and their grandkids. On behalf of all of the Churches of the PRBA and our Association staff, we want to tell her thank you for the time and dedication she has put into something she recognized was not just a job. It was a ministry to the churches that she fully embraced as she sought to help you with any things we needed. Reach out and let her know she is appreciated. Bro. T.



Pastors, the Picayune Gideon Camp is hosting our **Annual Pastors Appreciation Banquet** Thursday, February 1, 2024 at FBC Picayune at 8:00 a.m. in the church fellowship hall. ALL PASTORS and or CHURCH Representatives **ARE WELCOME**. Steak and eggs with all the trimmings. Come hungry. Leave happy. Please confirm (call or TEXT to Timothy Putnam, Camp Vice President, at the following number: 843-902-1434).



It would take one person about 2-3 days to completely take care of the property here, and that is why we so appreciate the churches that volunteered last year to help mow and weed eat here at the Association! If you would like to help, but the weekend is hard for you to do, you are more than welcome to come here during the week! Just please let us know! The schedule for 2024 is listed below, and if your church would care to volunteer, you can contact the Association office at this number:

601.798.2372 Thanks again!!!

**March 1-2, 15-16, 29-30 (29 is Good Friday);
 April 12-13, 26-27; May 10-11, 25-26; June 7-8, 21-22;
 July 5-6, 19-20; August 2-3, 16-17, 30-31;
 September 13-14, 27-28;**

October 11-12, 25-26 (please contact the office to see if these dates are needed!)



1/01	Tommy Strahan
1/02	John Ladner
1/08	Anthony Turner
1/15	Robert Alexander
1/19	Danny Johnson
1/25	Rev. Rusty Kuhn
1/26	Carl Myers
1/28	Margaret Beach
1/30	Bobbie Smith
1/31	Robin Sellers



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

Beginning Balance \$207,805.76

11/01/2023

Church Contributions:

	Month	Year-to-Date		Month	Year-to-Date
Bethel	1,279.41	2,487.37	New Life BC	114.40	243.45
Carriere FBC	0.00	0.00	New Palestine	1,195.95	2,510.69
Central	0.00	577.20	Nicholson FBC	250.00	500.00
Corinth	175.36	472.81	Oak Hill	718.93	1,501.63
Cornerstone	0.00	0.00	Olive	1,097.00	1,780.00
Crane Creek	847.90	1,521.83	Ozona FBC	0.00	0.00
Derby	186.51	373.02	Picayune FBC	4,663.30	6,659.58
Emmanuel	50.00	50.00	Pine Grove	0.00	1,107.24
Faith Memorial	65.00	130.00	Poplarville FBC	2,000.00	2,000.00
Flattop Unity	98.76	98.76	Rolling Hills	0.00	1,305.62
Fords Creek	641.55	641.55	Roseland Park	1,606.75	3,067.57
Goodyear	566.28	1,110.67	Shiloh	936.63	936.63
Gumpond	0.00	0.00	Springhill	0.00	0.00
Harmony	208.68	448.41	Steep Hollow	500.00	1,000.00
Hickory Grove	0.00	0.00	The Beginnings	0.00	0.00
Hillcrest	559.49	559.49	Union	0.00	1,613.29
Journey Fellowship	0.00	0.00	Unity	50.00	75.00
Juniper Grove	0.00	1,157.92	West Poplarville	0.00	0.00
Mill Creek	0.00	699.64	West Union	794.99	794.99
New Henleyfield	0.00	332.69	White Sand	0.00	0.00

Total Church Contributions	\$ 18,606.89	35,757.05
Subsidy from MB Baptist Convention Board	\$ 125.00	
Total Monthly Receipts	\$ 18,731.89	

Disbursements:

01-Leader Labs	585.51	22-Evangelism/Promotions	0.00
02-Media	0.00	23-Church Planting/Revitalization	0.00
03-Ministry to Church Staff	60.49	24-Grounds/Building/Maint.	1,649.02
04-PRC BSU	0.00	25-Disaster Relief	0.00
05-Ministry to Children	0.00	26-Office Copier Lease	0.00
06-Mission Groups (Hosted by PRBA)	0.00	27-Community Events	0.00
07-Ministry to Singles	0.00	28-Office Supplies	16.05
08-Ministry to Senior Adults	0.00	29-Postage	0.00
09-Ministry to Youth	0.00	30-Utilities	690.41
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	8,350.14
13-Discipleship	0.00	39-Conventions & Conferences	335.89
14-Women's Conference	0.00	41-Convention Ministry Assistants	0.00
15-Missionary in Residence	0.00	43-FICA	236.68
17-Partnership Missions	0.00	45-Christmas Bonuses	900.00
18-WMU/Women's Ministry	245.37	46-Maintenance/Custodian Wages	0.00
19-Prison Ministry	0.00	47-Family Counselor	0.00
20-RA's Events	0.00	50-Annuity	810.00
21-Annual Meetings	0.00	51-Expense & Mileage Reimburse	60.35

Total Disbursement — \$ 13,939.91
Ending Balance — 11/30/2023 \$212,597.74

DESIGNATED FUND BALANCE

Christian Women Job Corp	3,527.60	Mission Scholarships	23,372.64
Christmas Donations	1,946.01	Mission Trip	11,353.39
Church Planting	61,584.74	Chaplain	1,000.00
Counseling Fees	160.00	Prison Ministry	4,264.26
Disaster Relief	12,844.05	Property Development	63,370.72
Emergency Fund	25,000.00	Special Events	7,565.60
Evangelism	10,183.83	Women's Conference	1,437.45
Lodge/LCC Rental/ Deposits	31,970.93	Youth Fund	3,000.00

Total Designated Fund Balance — \$ 262,581.22

Property Development Funds Received this Month: \$70.14 Corinth

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Pray For Our Missionaries & Military.

JANUARY 2024

1	NEW YEAR'S DAY; CLOSED
7-14	Deacon Emphasis Week
8	Ministers' Fellowship; 10:30 a.m.; <u>Central</u>
13	Prison Ministry Training Event; 8:30 a.m.; <u>LCC</u>
18	Pastors'/Deacons'/Wives' Supper; POSTPONED (see Feb. 8)
21	Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
28	Human Trafficking Seminar; 6:00 p.m.; <u>Central</u>
28-29	State Evangelism Conference; 6 p.m. (28th)-7:30 p.m. (29th); Northcrest BC, Meridian

February 2024 - True Love Waits

4-10	Focus on Missions through WMU
5	Minister's Fellowship; 10:30 a.m.-Noon, Lunch; <u>TBD</u>
**8	Pastors'/Deacons'/Wives Supper; 6:30 p.m.; <u>LCC</u>
10	Children's Ministry Day (WMU Emphasis)
10	Disaster Relief Area 5 Training; 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Carterville BC, Petal



The Pearl

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.
1 Peter 4:10 (ESV)

IMPACT



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It was a sweltering July afternoon in Pensacola. My daughter and I were enjoying the first of (what I hope is) many mother/daughter weekends to come. We were headed to the theatre to see "Sound of Freedom". I had a vague idea of what the movie was about; mostly, I was going to enjoy time with my daughter and to support Christian film. I had no idea how God would open my eyes and pierce my heart with the truth of modern-day slavery which is a reality right here in our "sweet land of liberty". I had heard of human trafficking, but naively, I thought that was something that happened in faraway places – surely not here in America – certainly not in Mississippi. I left the theatre that day in shock, angry, burdened. I needed to know two things: Is human trafficking happening right here where I live? and if so, What can I do to make a difference?

If you have seen "Sound of Freedom", I have no doubt that you are asking the same questions. In the months since I first saw the movie, I have learned that sex and labor trafficking is indeed a crisis right here in our own backyard.

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