

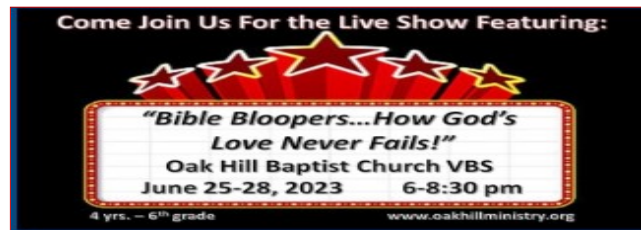
You can be sure that as people are floating along in a world with no reality, we have a firm foundation on which they can stand! Let's keep making disciple-making disciples and see South Mississippi become most known for the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Bro. T



We want to encourage and congratulate Ashely Miller who has served New Palestine Baptist for seven years as both part time and full time preschool and children's minister. While serving she has also been working on a Masters in Christian Education at NOBTS. Most recently she was presented the Disciple Leader's Network Award, by the Disciple Leaders Network. This award is given each year for ministry involvement in the local church, and it is only given to one student at each of the southern Baptist seminaries. **CONGRATULATIONS ASHELY!**



You are invited to bring your children to the following churches for VBS!! Please notice the dates, times, and ages listed. If certain information is not listed, please contact that specific church for more information!



Roseland Park– July 10-14, 9:00 a.m.– 12
4 yrs.-6th grade

POSITION AVAILABLE



Job Posting: Bethel Baptist Church is a Southern Baptist church in Poplarville, MS. We are seeking a bi-vocational / part time Music Minister to come work with our lead pastor in leading the church through Sunday worship and other musical worship opportunities. We usually have a mix of contemporary worship with hymns. The bi-vocational / part time Music Minister would receive a monthly salary. Send resumes and any videos of you leading worship to bbcmusic9411@gmail.com. We will receive resumes until August 11.

Executive Board Meeting

Sunday, July 10th at 2:30 p.m., LCC

An Executive Board Meeting is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, July 9th, at 2:30 p.m. at the Lee Conference Center. The Executive Board consists of the Pastors and one elected representative from each church. Please make an effort to attend so you can take part in the business of your Association.



Prayer Walking

Poplarville School District welcomes all to come to walk and pray at ALL campuses Wednesday, **JULY 19**, 6:00-8:00 p.m. This will be the Wednesday PRIOR to when staff and students will be returning.

Picayune and PRC School Districts encourages all to come to walk and pray ALL campuses on Wednesday, **AUGUST 9**, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Prayer Guides will be sent via e-mail to Association Churches. They are free to make copies for all who plan to attend.



Women's Ministry– Gretta Holloway

Throughout my life, there have been times when God called me to follow Him into a new ministry opportunity. His call usually came at such an unexpected time, and the task to which He called me was so far outside my comfort zone that I found myself asking "Who? Me, Lord?"

Recently, it happened again; the beautifully unexpected call to follow Him through an open door. The thing about an open door is, you can't really see what is on the other side. Initially, my mind was filled with every reason why I should NOT answer the call. BUT GOD... He gently took me to His Word – Exodus 3 to be exact – to the account of another servant who was questioning God's call. As I read the story of Moses at the burning bush, God's promises floated from the page as He spoke them directly to my heart. *I am the Living God. I am with you always. My hand will guide you. My Spirit will empower you.* Being reminded of His faithfulness to me every time I chose to trust Him and follow, I said "Yes!"

So, today I am excited for the new journey ahead as I step into the role of Women's Ministry Director for Pearl River Baptist Association. Ladies, I am honored to serve you and the women of our community. I believe God has great things in store as we come together as a community of sisters in Christ to be encouraged, inspired, and equipped for the work of ministry and missions. I look forward to getting to know you all. Together, let's answer the call to know Christ and to make Him known!

You may reach me at the following number: (559) 593-0379.

For His Glory,



ATTENTION ACP CONTACT PERSON:

ACP is due September 8, 2023!
Contact me if you need help!
sbcworkspace.com



Goodyear BC Upward Soccer
Online registration begins July 1st <https://registration.upward.org/UPW84479>. Follow our Facebook page Goodyear Baptist Church Sports Ministries for updates.



IMPACT Training-August 24, 5:15-8:30 p.m.
(dinner provided if pre-registered)
Roseland Park BC, Picayune

This event is for pastors, and leaders of adults, youth, children, and preschool. The training is for lay leaders and church staff. The focus of the training will be disciple-making with emphasis on both reaching the lost and discipling the saved. **To register** go to MBCB.org; click on events; locate this particular training; click open. Mark the form as needed, then be sure to click on the Roseland Park location.



REGISTRATION Deadline is **July 31, 2023**

\$15 Program Fee, Saturday lunch provided.
\$10 Missions Banquet, Friday (optional).

For more information, visit www.mbc.org/EquippingLeadersWeekend.

Any women's leaders interested in attending the Equipping Leaders Training are asked to contact Gretta for event registration details and information on a PRBA Ladies Breakfast Meetup Saturday morning!



Union Baptist Kindergarten and Academy

The Union Baptist Church School is now taking applications for teaching positions and subs for the 2023-2024 School Year. You may pick up an application at the Union Baptist Church Office.

There is still time to enroll your child between the ages of 3 years and 12th grade for the upcoming year. If you would like more information, please call 601.799.2181.



Mowing/Weed Eating Needed:
DATES WORKERS NEEDED:

July 7-8;
Sept. 15-16;
October 27-28 (Check to see if still needed)

Gas provided or refueled/ Call us to participate!

UPCOMING MOWERS:
June 24-25– Juniper Grove

Springhill BC is searching for a



Contact Bro. Billy Galloway at 601.916.6186 if interested.

- Rev. Cesar Argueta 7/1
- Rev. Bobby Stuart 7/1
- David Alexander 7/2
- U.S.A. 7/4
- Cheryl Johnson 7/4
- Judy Turner 7/6
- Donald Balch 7/7
- Linda Seal 7/17
- Karen Speed 7/17
- Lisa Goss 7/18
- Karen Balch 7/19
- Barbara Jones 7/19
- Dana Kennedy 7/23
- Brad Replogle 7/31
- Nathan Sims 7/31



Billy Kent & Tammy Smith
7/8
Regan & Linda Penton
7/10

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

Beginning Balance \$191,471.73 05/01/2023

Church Contributions:

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>		<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Bethel	1,304.65	8,687.55	New Palestine	0.00	10,662.12
Carriere FBC	0.00	0.00	Nicholson FBC	500.00	2,000.00
Central	987.30	7,010.11	Oak Hill	1,049.67	5,926.49
Corinth	180.75	1,546.66	Olive	1,048.00	9,620.00
Cornerstone	0.00	0.00	Ozona FBC	0.00	0.00
Crane Creek	714.73	6,445.94	Parkview	0.00	578.41
Derby	0.00	1,305.57	Picayune FBC	2,118.37	20,039.24
Emmanuel	0.00	300.00	Pine Grove	854.16	6,833.37
Faith Memorial	65.00	455.00	Poplarville FBC	2,000.00	8,000.00
Flattop Unity	68.88	439.40	Rolling Hills	0.00	4,094.23
Fords Creek	1,171.60	2,481.42	Roseland Park	1,854.50	13,551.75
Goodyear	450.92	4,810.85	Shiloh	0.00	1,400.00
Gumpond	260.62	866.72	Springhill	0.00	2,841.81
Harmony	0.00	1,025.55	Steep Hollow	500.00	4,000.00
Hickory Grove	0.00	0.00	The Beginnings	100.00	700.00
Hillcrest	0.00	1,572.85	Union	1,559.55	12,822.77
Journey Fellowship	0.00	0.00	Unity	25.00	150.00
Juniper Grove	912.04	6,999.38	West Poplarville	0.00	0.00
Mill Creek	551.87	1,836.95	West Union	760.45	5,913.85
New Henleyfield	0.00	1,592.80	White Sand	0.00	0.00
New Life BC	0.00	618.37			
Total Church Contributions				\$ 19,038.06	157,129.16
Subsidy from MB Baptist Convention Board				\$ 125.00	
Total Monthly Receipts				\$ 19,163.06	

Disbursements:	
01-Leader Labs	0.00
02-Media	0.00
03-Ministry to Church Staff	61.40
04-PRC BSU	0.00
05-Ministry to Children	0.00
06-Mission Groups (Hosted by PRBA)	0.00
07-Ministry to Singles	0.00
08-Ministry to Senior Adults	0.00
09-Ministry to Youth	0.00
10-Deacons & Wives	0.00
11-Family Ministry	0.00
12-VBS/Bible Drill	0.00
13-Discipleship	0.00
14-Women's Conference	0.00
15-Missionary in Residence	0.00
17-Partnership Missions	0.00
18-wMu	0.00
19-Prison Ministry	0.00
20-RA's Events	35.38
21-Annual Meetings	0.00
22-Evangelism/Promotions	0.00
23-Church Planting/Revitalization	0.00
24-Grounds/Building/Maint.	1,477.92
25-Disaster Relief	0.00
26-Office Copier Lease	227.50
27-Community Events	0.00
28-Office Supplies	213.35
29-Postage	131.56
30-Utilities	693.49
31-Insurance	0.00
32-Computer Support	0.00
33-Staff Salary & Benefits	8,350.14
39-Conventions & Conferences	11.75
41-Convention Ministry Assistants	0.00
43-FICA	236.70
45-Christmas Bonuses	0.00
46-Maintenance/Custodian Wages	864.50
47-Family Counselor	0.00
50-Annuity	810.00
51-Expense & Mileage Reimburse	837.73
Total Disbursement	\$ 13,951.42
Ending Balance — 05/31/2023	\$196,683.38

DESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	
Christian Women Job Corp	3,527.60
Christmas Donations	2,927.72
Church Planting	61,584.74
Counseling Fees	160.00
Disaster Relief	13,272.82
Evangelism	10,183.83
Lodge/LCC Rental/ Deposits	35,327.36
Mission Scholarships	19,022.64
Mission Trip	14,806.17
Prison Ministry	3,796.04
Chaplain	1,000.00
Property Development	59,407.35
Women's Conference	1,437.45
Youth Fund	3,000.00
Total Designated Fund Balance	\$ 229,453.72

Property Development Funds Received this Month: Corinth \$72.30

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JULY 2023

- 4 Independence Day - OFFICES CLOSED
- 9 Executive Board Meeting; 2:30 p.m.; LCC
- 10-14 Christian Leadership Institute; 3:00 p.m. (10th) – 1:00 p.m. (14th); Blue Mountain College; Blue Mountain
- 11-14 SMACK (Summer Music & Arts Camp for Kids); 1:00 p.m. (11th)-8:00 p.m. (14th); William Carey, Hattiesburg
- **19 PRAYER WALKING POPLARVILLE SCHOOL CAMPUSES; 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- 21 Youth Night; 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.; Brandon Amphitheater, Brandon

AUGUST 2023

- 5 ~~Father/Son Fishing Rodeo~~ 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
- 21 See You at the Pole



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Seeing is believing. But today we are being told that the development of AI can generate videos that are totally fiction but they appear real. The developers of AI are even asking if the average person will be able to understand what is true anymore. There are certainly many things AI will do to improve our lives and there are many things to be concerned over in regards to the future of AI. As followers of Jesus Christ how do we move forward in a culture where the truth has been denied and now narratives can be generated out of "thin AI..r?" (See what I did there, sorry). One thing we must do is hold to the truth we know beyond doubt. We know the Word of God is true so the best thing we can do is daily anchor our lives in the Word. It is in His Word that we remain tethered to the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The author of Hebrews said that people base their validation in something firmer and surer. "For people swear by something greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. 17 So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, 18 so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. 19 We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, 20 where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek. Hebrews 6:16-20 (ESV). Is your soul anchored?

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