

For example; the BF&M 2000 article on Last Things says, “God, in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end. According to His promise, Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in glory to the earth; the dead will be raised; and Christ will judge all men in righteousness. The unrighteous will be consigned to Hell, the place of everlasting punishment. The righteous in their resurrected and glorified bodies will receive their reward and will dwell forever in Heaven with the Lord.” This is a great statement of the essentials that leaves room for discussion. So, enjoy your lively discussions, love your neighbors, and worship the Lord who is coming again for His Church as we keep making disciple-making disciples and see South Mississippi become most known for the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Bro. T

**WOMEN’S MINISTRY: Gretta Holloway**

On Saturday, November 4, twenty-five women’s ministry leaders from sixteen churches gathered at Lee Conference Center for a Women’s Leadership Summit. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and sharing. I was pleased to share the vision and mission of Pearl River Baptist Women’s Ministry and get feedback from leaders on how we can partner together to minister to women in our churches and in our communities. A clear vision was set forth among the churches to begin to work together more closely, to encourage one another, and to share ideas and resources because we are better together! Now, I am excited to share the goals of our Associational Women’s Ministry with all of you!

Pearl River Baptist Association Women’s Ministry exists to...

- Facilitate the building of community among the women of our churches for mutual inspiration and encouragement
- Provide support, equipping and resources to women’s leaders and groups as they minister to women in their churches and communities
- Motivate, equip, and mobilize our women for the work of ministry and missions in Pearl River County and beyond

Realizing that there are hurting women all around us, together, we will share the message of Hope in Jesus as we go about our daily lives. To affirm our commitment to working together to share the message of Hope throughout our county, we have adopted a new name. We - the women of Pearl River County Baptist churches- will be known as “Women of Hope”. God has placed people in your life and in mine that need to know that hope, joy, and peace are available for those who will put their trust in God. Who can you share hope with this week?

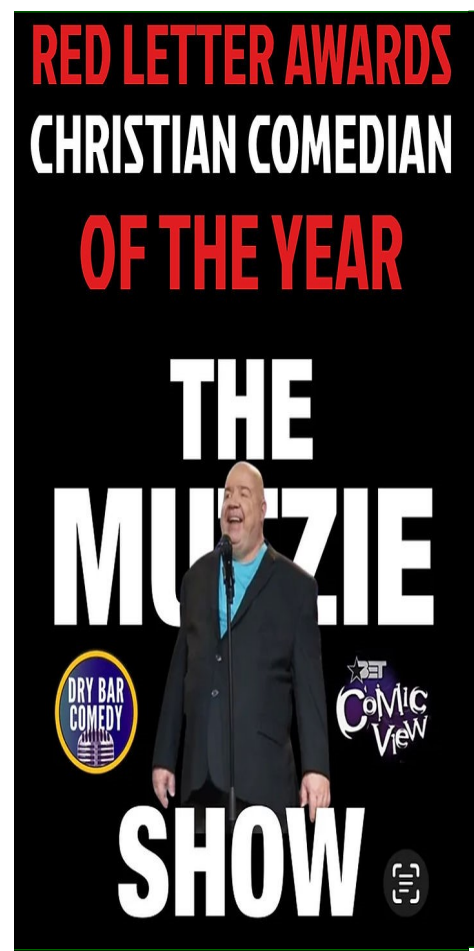


May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. ~Romans 15:13



*Merry Christmas from the PRBA Staff-  
Bro. Tony, Donna, Linda, Shanna, and Jonathan*

The Association Offices will be closed beginning Thursday, December 21. We will re-open on Tues., January 2, 2024. Have a blessed and safe Christmas and New Year!



**FORGE**  
**Men's Ministry**  
**Event**  
**December 5, 2023**  
**Mill Creek Baptist Church**  
**6:30 PM**

Bring your men's group for an night of rolling on the floor with laughter.

Mutzie is a multiple award winning laugh riot from the minute he walks on stage until his show stopping close with improv skills that are second to none. You've seen him on Six Seasons of BET'S Comic View and he was named \* New Orleans Entertainer of The Year TWICE. Watching Mutzie on stage is like watching a very likable class clown, you don't know whats coming next, but you know it's coming. Mutzie is one of the Funniest clean comedians working today.

**Prison Ministry Training Meeting**

The Pearl River County Prison Ministry will hold its annual training on January 13, 2024. It will be held at the LCC at 8:30 a.m. Anyone who wishes to work in this amazing, much-needed ministry, please attend! Thank you!

**Association Christmas Dinner**

The annual Christmas dinner will be Thursday, December 7, 6:30 p.m. at the LCC. All church pastors, ministers, and their spouses are invited to attend. Please contact the office by Thursday, November 30, 4:00 p.m., if you are planning to attend. We look forward to serving you!!



The Jackie Stewart “Women On Mission” group at Picayune First Baptist Church, will be hosting the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Cider Circle Café 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!

Picayune First Baptist Church; Front of the LINK  
401 Goodyear Blvd, Picayune

**Youth Evangelism Challenge (YEC)**  
Dec, 27-28  
MS College, Clinton

Begins at 1:30 p.m. on the 27th, and ends at 12:30 p.m. on the 28th! Mark your calendars!



**Thank You!!!**

Thank you, Association churches, for your generous giving this past year. It is so greatly appreciated!

A special thank you goes out to the following churches for either mowing, or being willing to be on the schedule to mow: **Bethel, Corinth, Crane Creek, FBC Picayune, FBC Poplarville, Juniper Grove, Rolling Hills, Springhill, Union, and West Union.**

If you, or any of your church members, would like to help in any way, please contact the Association office. 601.798.2372



**Anniversaries**

**Birthdays:**

- |       |                              |       |                      |
|-------|------------------------------|-------|----------------------|
| 12/02 | Rev. Bruce & Brenda McKenzie | 12/06 | Rev. Hunter Williams |
| 12/02 | Rev. Bud & Tracie Putnam     | 12/09 | Patti Argueta        |
| 12/12 | Rev. Kyle & Lisa Jones       | 12/09 | Annette Davis        |
| 12/13 | Dr. Tony & Denita Inmon      | 12/09 | Rev. Jeff Easterling |
| 12/15 | Brandon & Cassie Garrett     | 12/11 | Jonathan Ray         |
| 12/16 | Dr. Shannon & Lisa Marshall  | 12/13 | Donna Wise           |
| 12/19 | Rev. Ken & Elaine Rhodes     | 12/26 | Allison Moseley      |
| 12/31 | Anthony & Judy Turner        |       |                      |

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

Beginning Balance \$206,114.11 10/01/2023

**Church Contributions:**

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>		<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Bethel	1,207.96	1,207.96	New Life BC	129.05	129.15
Carriere FBC	0.00	0.00	New Palestine	1,314.74	1,314.74
Central	577.20	577.20	Nicholson FBC	250.00	250.00
Corinth	297.45	297.45	Oak Hill	782.70	782.70
Cornerstone	0.00	0.00	Olive	683.00	683.00
Crane Creek	673.93	673.93	Ozona FBC	0.00	0.00
Derby	186.51	186.51	Picayune FBC	1,996.28	1,996.28
Emmanuel	0.00	0.00	Pine Grove	1,107.24	1,107.24
Faith Memorial	65.00	65.00	Poplarville FBC	0.00	0.00
Flattop Unity	0.00	0.00	Rolling Hills	1,305.62	1,305.62
Fords Creek	0.00	0.00	Roseland Park	1,460.82	1,460.82
Goodyear	544.39	544.39	Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Gumpond	0.00	0.00	Springhill	0.00	0.00
Harmony	239.73	239.73	Steep Hollow	500.00	500.00
Hickory Grove	0.00	0.00	The Beginnings	0.00	800.00
Hillcrest	0.00	0.00	Union	1,613.29	1,613.29
Journey Fellowship	0.00	0.00	Unity	25.00	25.00
Juniper Grove	1,157.92	1,157.92	West Poplarville	0.00	0.00
Mill Creek	699.64	699.64	West Union	0.00	0.00
New Henlevfield	332.69	332.69	White Sand	0.00	0.00

Total Church Contributions \$ 17,150.16 17,150.16  
 Subsidy from MB Baptist Convention Board \$ 125.00  
 Total Monthly Receipts \$ 17,275.16

**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	0.00	24-Grounds/Building/Maint.	1,639.48
04-PRC BSU	0.00	25-Disaster Relief	0.00
05-Ministry to Children	0.00	26-Office Copier Lease	274.69
06-Mission Groups (Hosted by PRBA)	0.00	27-Community Events	0.00
07-Ministry to Singles	0.00	28-Office Supplies	210.50
08-Ministry to Senior Adults	34.76	29-Postage	359.52
09-Ministry to Youth	0.00	30-Utilities	792.80
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	0.00
14-Women's Conference	0.00	41-Convention Ministry Assistants	0.00
15-Missionary in Residence	0.00	43-FICA	236.70
17-Partnership Missions	0.00	45-Christmas Bonuses	0.00
18-WMU/Women's Ministry	903.38	46-Maintenance/Custodian Wages	1,113.00
19-Prison Ministry	0.00	47-Family Counselor	0.00
20-RA's Events	0.00	50-Annuity	810.00
21-Annual Meetings	150.00	51-Expense & Mileage Reimburse	708.54

Total Disbursement — \$ 15,583.51  
 Ending Balance — 10/31/2023 \$207,805.76

**DESIGNATED FUND BALANCE**

Christian Women Job Corp	3,527.60	Mission Scholarships	23,372.64
Christmas Donations	1,987.50	Mission Trip	11,953.39
Church Planting	61,584.74	Chaplain	1,000.00
Counseling Fees	160.00	Prison Ministry	3,696.45
Disaster Relief	12,898.05	Property Development	68,775.10
Emergency Fund	25,000.00	Special Events	7,565.60
Evangelism	10,183.83	Women's Conference	1,437.45
Lodge/LCC Rental/ Deposits	31,014.93	Youth Fund	3,000.00

Total Designated Fund Balance \$ 267,157.28

Property Development Funds Received this Month: \$118.98 Corinth

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**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.; <u>Mill Creek</u>
7	Ministers' & Spouse Christmas Dinner; 6:30 p.m.; <u>LCC</u>
21- Jan. 1	Christmas Holiday; <b>OFFICES CLOSED</b>
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; <b>CLOSED</b>
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; 6:30-8:30 p.m.; <u>LCC</u>
21	Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
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>
10	Children's Ministry Day (WMU Emphasis)
10	Disaster Relief Area 5 Training; 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Carterville BC, Petal



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**Dec 2023**

Because of recent events in Israel, there has been much discussion of last things. With this discussion there are often disagreements over minor details that can cause major rifts. I just wanted to remind us all that the Baptist Faith and Message 2000 allows for what I like to call “unity with room to discuss.” As a denomination of autonomous churches, we Southern Baptist are a very unique animal. One of the unique and good things about our Baptist confession is room to maintain unity with diversity of thoughts on matters that are not nailed down in scripture. We must exercise wisdom when discussing scripture. This is a very important topic today as progressive-liberal-theologians (aka heretics), are always pushing the boundaries of doctrine. There are many non-negotiables in our discussions on doctrine, but there are also many things in scripture where Bible-believing scholars differ. On these things it is important to maintain unity in love and ask God for grace to understand His revealed Word as best as we can. When we find some of those things where we interpret non-essential differences, we can maintain unity while we discuss them.

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