

Even if we never say a word to our children about it, they are learning from our actions that church is not a priority in comparison to entertaining activities. This cycle continues and soon one generation has led another generation into spiritual ruin. I would ask parents to consider deeply the direction you want to lead your children. What priorities will best serve them, what activities will most help them in life, and how do you want their priorities to be shaped? We are in dire need of a generation in the church to step up and say “no more,” “not on my watch,” we are going to train the next generation in the truth. So, it is springtime and we must decide now what seeds we are going to sow...

Let’s keep making disciple-making disciples and see South Mississippi become most known for the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Bro. T



## RENOVATION TREE

WHAT IS THIS?

HOW DOES IT WORK?

WHAT’S EXPECTED?

WHAT’S LEFT?

**WHAT IS THIS?** Churches were asked during our BBQ Competition to take an envelope to help with the renovation of the property and facilities here at the Association.

**HOW DOES IT WORK?** Example: **FBC Poplarville** chose the Property Envelope from the tree, and we thank them! This is something that their church, along with the Association, will be working on to fix various things around the property.

**WHAT’S EXPECTED?** A church, or group(s) within the church, take on a project off the list that has been sent to them. Let the Association know, and they can then work on whatever project that has been chosen. This list is also available on the new website.

**WHAT’S LEFT?** Projects available are in Lodge 1, Lodge 2, the Lee Conference Center, and the Office.

Contact **Bro. Tony** to set up the projects your church/group would like to help us complete!



The Blue Mountain Mission Trip is scheduled for May 7-13. If interested in going, contact Bro. Art Bowlin at one of the following numbers: 601.798.6074 or 601.590.0380



Thursday,  
May 4th

## Association All Teams Meeting

If you are a member of the Association's Facilities/Operations, Financial Planning, or Trustees Teams, we ask you to please be in attendance for a meeting on Thursday, May 4, 6:30 p.m. at the LCC.



## Adult Fishing Day

Adult Fishing Day is scheduled beginning at 6:00 a.m., Association out your bis-giving caught. lunch,

**CANCELLED**

Don't forget your ice chest for your fish!! Bring a sack the Association will provide the drinks.

for SATURDAY, May 13 and will go until noon at the Lakes. Come early and stake favorite spot - enjoy a cuit/sausage/ coffee – lake side. We will be out prizes for the largest, smallest, and the most fish caught.

## Association Bible Drills

Congratulations to all our Bible Drill participants! There were six churches that participated this year: Central, Crane Creek, Juniper Grove, Pine Grove, Roseland Park, and Union. We had 17 in the Children’s Bible Drill, and 13 in the Student’s Bible Drill, with a total participation of 30! Due to so many, we are unable to list them all, however, we would like to recognize the following for Perfect Scores:

Childrens:

**Savannah Burge**– Central; **Keith Keough**– Central; and **Ezra Cuevas**– Crane Creek.

In the Students: **Ashlynn Goss**. Congratulations to them on Perfect Scores!

We would also like to recognize **Hannah Mask** for being in Bible Drill 9 years, and **Ashlynn Goss** for being in 10 years!

Thank you to **Lavonne Henley** and **Bro. Kyle Jones** for co-directing our Association Bible Drills. Thanks so very much to the following for giving their time to help: **Matty Jo Fox, Karen Myers, Carl Myers, Selena Kennedy, Hunter Williams, Lisa Goss, Karen Balch, Sandra Burke, Lisa Goss, Ben Poolson, and Tara Poolson**, the ladies who served our delicious snacks, and especially thank you, Central Baptist, for hosting the Bible Drills!



## A day to remember those who lost their lives while in service to this country.

Our offices will be closed Monday, May 29th, in remembrance of those who made the ultimate sacrifice



## Churches!!!

Please e-mail, call, or (those who know my number) text me your upcoming

VBS information!

Church, Dates, Times,

If Transportation Available, Theme, and Ages, please!!!

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**First Cornerstone BC** invites ALL churches, praise team, choirs, etc. to join them Saturday, June 24, 4:00 p.m., for Praise in the Park at the Crosby Commons. This will be an awesome time of music and praise. All are welcome and invited to attend! Don't forget to bring your own chair!



## Open Enrollment

**Union Baptist Academy:** 1st-12th Grades

Mrs. Kerry Cortez, Director: 601-799-2181

**Union Baptist Kindergarten:** 3 Years Old, K-4, and K-5 Classes

Ms. Herman, Director: 601-798-8999

Open Enrollment begins today! Call for an appointment to tour the school!



## Mowing/Weed Eating Needed:

**Dates mowing/grounds care needed:**

April 28-29; June 9-10, 23-24; July 7-8; Aug. 4-5, 18-19; Sept. 15-16; Oct. 27-28

**THANKS TO THOSE WHO'VE COME!!**

Gas provided or refueled. Call us to participate!!

## ATTENTION ACP CONTACT PERSON:

The ACP (Annual Church Profile) is due Friday, September 8, 2023!



If you need help with this in ANY way, do not hesitate to call, text, or e-mail me!! Linda Fay

## Anniversaries

Dr. Jeremy & P.J. Williams 5/21  
Steven & Renee' Howard 5/23  
Kyle & Anna Stringer 5/25  
Rev. Bobby & Kim Stuart 5/26  
Clyde & Robin Sellars 5/28  
Rev. Billy & Ginnie Galloway 5/31



5/13  
5/16  
5/16  
5/25  
5/31

## Birthdays

Tammie Rigney  
Jessie Harriel  
Rev. Gary Killen  
Ashley Gray  
P.J. Williams

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

Beginning Balance \$190,594.97

03/01/2023

**Church Contributions:**

|   | Month  | Year-to-Date |                  | Month        | Year-to-Date |
|---|--------|--------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Bethel  | 838.54 | 6,461.31     | New Palestine    | 0.00         | 7,811.42     |
| Carriere FBC                                    | 0.00   | 0.00         | Nicholson FBC    | 250.00       | 1,500.00     |
| Central   | 676.62 | 5,008.66     | Oak Hill         | 553.90       | 4,275.31     |
| Corinth   | 197.81 | 1,085.30     | Olive            | 0.00         | 6,397.00     |
| Cornerstone                                     | 0.00   | 0.00         | Ozona FBC        | 0.00         | 0.00         |
| Crane Creek                                     | 689.00 | 4,928.30     | Parkview         | 92.64        | 536.69       |
| Derby   | 186.51 | 932.55       | Picayune FBC     | 2,235.82     | 17,920.87    |
| Emmanuel  | 0.00   | 200.00       | Pine Grove       | 854.17       | 5,125.05     |
| Faith Memorial                                  | 65.00  | 325.00       | Poplarville FBC  | 2,000.00     | 6,000.00     |
| Flattop Unity                                   | 0.00   | 370.52       | Rolling Hills    | 0.00         | 2,936.98     |
| Fords Creek                                     | 0.00   | 1,309.82     | Roseland Park    | 1,900.82     | 10,157.61    |
| Goodyear  | 0.00   | 3,532.72     | Shiloh           | 0.00         | 1,400.00     |
| Gumpond   | 0.00   | 606.10       | Springhill       | 410.80       | 2,445.61     |
| Harmony   | 130.08 | 1,025.55     | Steep Hollow     | 500.00       | 3,000.00     |
| Hickory Grove                                   | 0.00   | 0.00         | The Beginnings   | 100.00       | 500.00       |
| Hillcrest                                       | 0.00   | 1,276.08     | Union            | 1,514.88     | 9,702.94     |
| Journey Fellowship                              | 0.00   | 0.00         | Unity            | 25.00        | 100.00       |
| Juniper Grove                                   | 665.09 | 5,500.34     | West Poplarville | 0.00         | 0.00         |
| Mill Creek                                      | 0.00   | 1,285.08     | West Union       | 951.86       | 4,218.78     |
| New Henleyfield                                 | 204.12 | 1,238.11     | White Sand       | 0.00         | 0.00         |
| New Life BC                                     | 0.00   | 618.37       |                  |              |              |
| <b>Total Church Contributions</b>               |        |              |                  | \$ 15,042.66 | \$119,732.07 |
| <b>Subsidy from MB Baptist Convention Board</b> |        |              |                  | \$ 125.00    |              |
| <b>Total Monthly Receipts</b>                   |        |              |                  | \$ 15,167.66 |              |

**Disbursements:**

|                                    |       |                                    |              |
|------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| 01-Leader Labs                     | 0.00  | 22-Evangelism/Promotions           | 500.00       |
| 02-Media                           | 0.00  | 23-Church Planting/Revitalization  | 0.00         |
| 03-Ministry to Church Staff        | 57.02 | 24-Grounds/Building/Maint.         | 238.99       |
| 04-PRC BSU                         | 0.00  | 25-Disaster Relief                 | 51.00        |
| 05-Ministry to Children            | 0.00  | 26-Office Copier Lease             | 431.74       |
| 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                         | 263.43       |
| 09-Ministry to Youth               | 0.00  | 30-Utilities                       | 1,347.58     |
| 10-Deacons & Wives                 | 0.00  | 31-Insurance                       | 4,679.47     |
| 11-Family Ministry                 | 0.00  | 32-Computer Support                | 0.00         |
| 12-VBS/Bible Drill                 | 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                            | 257.79       |
| 17-Partnership Missions            | 0.00  | 45-Christmas Bonuses               | 0.00         |
| 18-wMu                             | 0.00  | 46-Maintenance/Custodian Wages     | 780.50       |
| 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     | 1,192.42     |
|                                    |       | <b>Total Disbursement</b>          | \$ 18,976.13 |
|                                    |       | <b>Ending Balance — 03/31/2023</b> | \$186,786.50 |

**DESIGNATED FUND BALANCE**

|                            |           |                      |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
| Christian Women Job Corp   | 3,527.60  | Mission Scholarships | 21,022.64 |
| Christmas Donations        | 2,177.72  | Mission Trip         | 13,487.17 |
| Church Planting            | 61,584.74 | Prison Ministry      | 3,578.49  |
| Counseling Fees            | 160.00    | Chaplain             | 1,000.00  |
| Disaster Relief            | 13,841.74 | Property Development | 59,419.85 |
| Evangelism                 | 10,183.83 | Women's Conference   | 1,437.45  |
| Lodge/LCC Rental/ Deposits | 34,952.15 | Youth Fund           | 3,000.00  |

**Total Designated Fund Balance** \$ 229,373.38

**Property Development Funds Received this Month:** Corinth \$64.26 BBQ Fundraiser \$3,385

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**MAY 2023 - Edwina Robinson Special Day Offering Emphasis (WMU)**

|      |   |
|------|---|
| 4    | National Day of Prayer  |
| 4    | All Teams Meeting; 6:30 p.m.; <u>LCC</u>  |
| 7-13 | Christian Home Week   |
| 7-13 | Blue Mountain Mission Trip; Contact Art Bowlin (See inside)                           |
| 15   | <del>Adult Fishing Day, 6:00 a.m.- Noon, Association Lakes (SATURDAY) CANCELLED</del> |
| 14   | Mothers' Day/Baptist Children's Village Special Day Offering                          |
| 29   | Memorial Day; <u>Offices Closed</u>   |

**JUNE 2023**

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| 5     | Men's Ministry Meeting; 6:30 p.m.; <u>West Union BC</u>               |
| 13-14 | SBC; New Orleans, LA  |
| 15    | **Financial Audit; 9 a.m.; <u>Association Office (Change of Date)</u> |
| 18    | Father's Day/Baptist Men's Day  |

**JULY 2023**

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| 4     | Independence Day - OFFICES CLOSED   |
| 9     | Executive Board Meeting; 2:30 p.m.; <u>LCC</u>  |
| 10-14 | Christian Leadership Institute; 3:00 p.m. (10 <sup>th</sup> ) - 1:00 p.m. (14 <sup>th</sup> ); Blue Mountain College; Blue Mountain |
| 11-14 | SMACK (Summer Music & Arts Camp for Kids); 1:00 p.m. (11 <sup>th</sup> )-8:00 p.m. (14 <sup>th</sup> ); William Carey, Hattiesburg  |
| 21    | Youth Night; 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.; Brandon Amphitheater, Brandon   |

**AUGUST 2023**

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| TBA   | Prayer Walk Schools/Teacher Appreciation                                     |
| 5     | Son & Father Fishing Rodeo; 6:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; <u>Association Property</u> |
| 7     | Minister's Fellowship; 10:30 a.m.; <u>Pine Grove</u>                         |
| 21-23 | Idaho Mission Trip   |



# The Pearl

**IMPACT**



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Tony's  
*Truth Talk*  
2 Cor. 5:21

It is time to start sowing seeds. The ground is tilled, the cold is gone and the spring showers are here. But, this Spring has revealed a greater priority for our seed sowing. I am talking about sowing the seed of God's Word into the lives of children and students. I was so delighted to attend this year's Association Bible drill. Unfortunately, I was not raised with the blessing of Bible drill. We did a few things in Sunday School, but I do not recall our church participating in Bible drill, and I count it as a detriment. After seeing how well the children did in handling the scripture, I would suggest every church get their children involved in Bible Drill. One of the hardest issues in ministry today is that parents, with the best intentions, are running their children all over the country to keep them active in sports, dance, and arts groups. I honestly believe parents just want to be involved with their children and they want their children to be well rounded in their experiences. However, it may be to our children's eternal harm that they are running from activity to activity. It doesn't take long in our culture for these activities to conflict with church involvement, and it doesn't take much of an excuse to justify in the mind of a parent a reason to miss gathering as a church family.

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