

Many of them rarely take vacations because they can't afford it, and they can't stop thinking about you and the church while they are gone. This is not meant to make you feel sorry for the man God has charged with your spiritual well being. Most of these shepherds would, and do, gladly lay down their lives for your good because they are servants of the Lord. What I would like for you to consider this month, as the church year rolls to an end, is how you can bless them and guard their well-being. Paul reminds the Ephesians under Timothy's leadership of this in 1 Timothy 5:17 – "Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching." Yes, I am talking about salary. Many of these men would never ask for a raise, but at the same time, you would never work at a job for 70 hours a week where they paid you what some of these men survive on. So, please consider how you are showing honor to these servant shepherds. Hebrews 13:17 "Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you." I hope you will make ministry a joy for your pastor!

CALLING ALL MEN...PLEASE JOIN US

Sunday October 1ST



6pm Dinner
7pm worship service

Unity Baptist Church

Featured Speakers:

Picayune Police Chief Joe Quave



Brother Nicky Lee



Dinner Sponsored By:



Mississippi Baptist Convention

First Baptist Church - Jackson, MS
October 24-25, 2023



Association Fall Meeting

The Association Fall Meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 9, at West Union Baptist Church, 560 West Union Rd., Carriere. Guest Speaker will be Dr. Tony Lambert, Pastor of FBC of Picayune. Music will be led by Regan Penton, Music Leader of the West Union Church.

Each church is entitled to four messengers for the first 50 members, and one additional messenger for each 50 members. Example: A church having 125 members is eligible for four (the first 50 members) + two (one for the additional 50 members and one for the 25 members) = six messengers. You may also bring members as guests who would not be eligible to vote in the business session. Please enlist your full slate of messengers and more to experience the Mission reports and great worship service.

Women's Ministry: Gretta Holloway

A Messenger of Hope

She is broken-hearted and dejected. This woman has experienced more than her fair share of grief, disappointment, loneliness, and deep need. She longs to live a life worthy of respect, but that just doesn't seem possible. Every day is a struggle just trying to survive. You have met her, and so have I. She may be the woman who lives next door... the young lady who checks you out at the grocery store... the single mother who recently visited your church. She may even be the woman who always puts on a smile and pretends that all is well while she secretly battles the darkness of depression and despair. There are women all around us that are living in a state of deep need – physical need, emotional need, and spiritual need. We meet her in the pages of scripture as well. Consider Ruth. Widowed, homeless, and hungry until her life was changed by a divine encounter with a follower of JEHOVAH GO'EL, *The Lord My Redeemer*. Through Boaz' kind words and actions, he showed her the extravagant love of God. Like Boaz, I want to be a messenger of Hope to the hurting. Join me in the studying Boaz' example in Ruth 2:1-16. As we go about our daily lives, may we learn to be **Watchful** and attentive to divine encounters God has ordained for us **Willing** to meet the needs of the hurting joyfully and abundantly as a true reflection of God's extravagant love **Faithful Witnesses** of Jesus Christ, who alone is our Hope and our Redeemer

If this challenge is a bit intimidating for you, let's start here. Commit to pray for God to open your eyes to one woman that you come in contact with that needs a message of hope. Then, keep your eyes open! He will surely have a divine appointment for you!



DISCERN THE CALL
EXPLORE AND CELEBRATE GOD'S CALL

October 20-21, 2023
Picayune First Baptist Church, LINK Building
401 Goodyear Blvd. Picayune, MS 39466
Cost: \$20

God is calling men, young and old, to preach the gospel and to serve as pastors. This weekend is designed to encourage and support those who are presently considering or have made a recent commitment to pastoral ministry. Aspiring pastors, their wives (if married), and their ministry mentors will receive helpful resources and spend quality time with seasoned practitioners of ministry.

Friday Schedule

6:00 pm Dinner with Dr. Ben Skipper, Lead Pastor
Cartersville Baptist Church
7:00 pm Breakout Session I
8:00 pm Breakout Session II

Saturday Schedule

8:30 am Breakfast with Dr. Tony Lambert, Senior Pastor
Picayune First Baptist Church
9:30 am Breakout Session III
10:30 am Breakout Session IV
11:30 am Lunch with Dr. Brad Arnett, Professor
Luther Rice College and Seminary

For more information and to register, scan the QR code.



Operation Christmas Child

Contact Cynthia Fitch about the upcoming OCC events, and collection week: at 985-855-2850!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Wednesday, October 11,
7:00 p.m., at Dobie Holden Stadium
At PRCC in Poplarville.

Fields of Faith is a peer-to-peer movement where students from across the nation and world gather at their schools' athletic field to share faith stories and challenge each other to apply the Bible as their

"Game Plan for Life".

Bring one canned good for entry.
ONE DAY- ONE MESSAGE- ONE STAND

B I R T H D A Y S	10/01	Angela Skinner	Scott Kimball	10/25
	10/06	Bro. Ken Rhodes	Nan Davis	10/26
	10/07	Casey Ishee	Richard Seal	10/29
	10/10	Jason Skinner	Greg Cason	10/30
	10/20	Clyde Sellars	Steven Howard	10/30
	10/21	Bro. Dan Young	Rev. Joe Beach	10/31
	10/24	Rita Bilbo		
	10/25	Alicia		



Anniversary Nathan & Cali Sims 10/11



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

Beginning Balance \$193,764.97 08/01/2023

Church Contributions:

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>		<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Bethel	2,835.54	12,436.78	New Palestine	1,557.69	15,101.73
Carriere FBC	0.00	0.00	Nicholson FBC	250.00	2,750.00
Central	968.85	9,345.11	Oak Hill	1,016.80	8,100.64
Corinth	177.80	2,022.95	Olive	774.00	10,996.00
Cornerstone	0.00	0.00	Ozona FBC	0.00	0.00
Crane Creek	1,024.27	8,579.89	Parkview	0.00	578.41
Derby	186.51	1,865.10	Picayune FBC	2,260.24	26,709.18
Emmanuel	0.00	350.00	Pine Grove	854.16	9,395.85
Faith Memorial	65.00	650.00	Poplarville FBC	2,000.00	11,000.00
Flattop Unity	95.64	667.07	Rolling Hills	1,698.48	6,238.31
Fords Creek	0.00	2,879.37	Roseland Park	1,855.00	18,644.13
Goodyear	0.00	5,845.25	Shiloh	0.00	1,400.00
Gumpond	0.00	866.72	Springhill	409.70	4,215.99
Harmony	258.33	1,960.12	Steep Hollow	1,000.00	6,000.00
Hickory Grove	0.00	0.00	The Beginnings	0.00	800.00
Hillcrest	241.98	2,211.27	Union	1,682.34	16,271.66
Journey Fellowship	0.00	0.00	Unity	0.00	225.00
Juniper Grove	1,564.32	9,156.34	West Poplarville	0.00	0.00
Mill Creek	0.00	2,481.82	West Union	835.12	8,694.09
New Henleyfield	174.37	2,120.09	White Sand	0.00	0.00
New Life BC	193.75	1,029.92			
Total Church Contributions				\$ 23,979.89	211,588.79
Subsidy from MB Baptist Convention Board				\$ 125.00	
Total Monthly Receipts				\$ 24,104.89	

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	8.97	24-Grounds/Building/Maint.	375.71
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	1,102.35
08-Ministry to Senior Adults	189.05	29-Postage	131.29
09-Ministry to Youth	0.00	30-Utilities	980.27
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	1,531.55
14-Women's Conference	0.00	41-Convention Ministry Assistants	0.00
15-Missionary in Residence	0.00	43-FICA	236.69
17-Partnership Missions	0.00	45-Christmas Bonuses	0.00
18-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	810.00
21-Annual Meetings	0.00	51-Expense & Mileage Reimburse	805.91

Total Disbursement — \$ 14,749.43
Ending Balance — 08/31/2023 \$203,120.43

DESIGNATED FUND BALANCE

Christian Women Job Corp	3,527.60	Mission Trip	13,171.07
Christmas Donations	2,078.10	Prison Ministry	3,596.44
Church Planting	61,584.74	Chaplain	1,000.00
Counseling Fees	160.00	Property Development	59,597.87
Disaster Relief	13,067.45	Special Events	10,000.00
Evangelism	10,183.83	Women's Conference	1,437.45
Lodge/LCC Rental/ Deposits	30,909.28	Youth Fund	3,000.00
Mission Scholarships	18,372.64		

Total Designated Fund Balance — \$ 231,686.47

Property Development Funds Received this Month: \$ 71.12 Corinth

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OCTOBER

- 1 Man Church; 6:00 p.m. Dinner; 7:00 p.m. Worship; Unity BC
- 8 World Hunger Day
- 9 Association Fall Meeting; 6:30 p.m.; West Union
- 20-21** Called Forum; 6:00 p.m. (20th)-1:00 p.m. (21st); FBC Picayune (See inside)
- 23 African American Fellowship; (TBD); FBC Jackson
- 24 MBCB Bivocational Breakfast; 7:00-8:00 a.m.; Baptist Building- Sky Room- 5th Floor FBC, Jackson
- 24 MS WMU Annual Meeting Day w/Convention; TBD; Old Capital Inn, Jackson
- 24-25 MS Baptist Convention; 8:30 a.m. (24th)-11:35 a.m. (25th); Jackson
- 31 Ministry Wives Conference; 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.; 5th Floor of FBC Jackson

NOVEMBER

- 2 Facilities & Operations Meeting; 6:30 p.m.; Association Office
- 4 Women's Leadership Summit; 9:00 a.m.; LCC
- 5 Daylight Savings Time Ends (Fall Back)
- 6 Ministers' Fellowship; To NOBTS
- 6 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer (In Your Church)
- 7 Election Day for MS's four U.S. House of Representatives
- 22-24 Thanksgiving; Offices Closed



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)

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OCTOBER 2023

October is finally here with a needed drop in temperature!!! I am always happy to see this month for various reasons. One important reason is that it is generally celebrated as "Pastor Appreciation Month." Though I like to say, I hope you always appreciate your pastors. Having been one on various occasions of my ministry, I want to let you in on some of the behind-the-scenes stuff. Many of your pastors don't sleep well. There are many reasons, but for the most part, it is because they are concerned for you. When issues arise in the church, when you are struggling spiritually or physically, these men often go without sleep as they pray and struggle with you. Your shepherd empathizes and sympathizes with all of the things you are going through. They strive for, long for, and pray for your growth in Christ so that you will be able to handle the issues you face. They exhaust themselves in study to be able to bring the Word of God before your ears every chance they get. They feel the pressure of protecting the flock from drifting away from the Lord and from all of the influences seeking to destroy you. Yes, they are human; they make mistakes; they also have their own families to lead and care for, and they still burn the candle at both ends as they seek to minister to you and your families.

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