

**Pearl River Baptist Association  
October 2024 Financial Report**

Beginning Balance \$159,167.91 10/1/2024

<u>Church Contributions:</u>				
	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Bethel	1,551.64	1,551.64	New Life BC	162.80
Carriere FBC	0.00	0.00	New Palestine	3,353.43
Central	1,010.55	1,010.55	Nicholson FBC	250.00
Corinth	312.92	312.92	Oak Hill	1,392.85
Comerstone	0.00	0.00	Olive	880.00
Crane Creek	775.88	775.88	Ozona FBC	0.00
Derby	484.20	484.20	Picayune FBC	2,287.67
Emmanuel Baptist	50.00	50.00	Pine Grove	1,107.16
Faith Memorial	65.00	65.00	Poplarville FBC	1,000.00
Flattop Unity	87.00	87.00	Rolling Hills	991.82
Fords Creek	0.00	0.00	Roseland Park	4,121.28
Goodyear	626.16	626.16	Shiloh	0.00
Gumpond	384.33	384.33	Springhill	710.75
Harmony	50.00	50.00	Steep Hollow	500.00
Hickory Grove	0.00	0.00	The Beginnings	100.00
Hillcrest	345.60	345.60	Union	1,558.51
Journey	0.00	0.00	Unity	25.00
Juniper Grove	0.00	0.00	West Poplarville	0.00
Mill Creek	654.44	654.44	West Union	2,130.01
New Henleyfield	415.47	415.47	White Sand	0.00
<b>Total Church Contributions</b>				<b>\$ 27,820.97</b>
Subsidy from MB Baptist Convention Board				\$ 125.00
<b>Total Monthly Receipts</b>				<b>\$ 27,945.97</b>

<u>Disbursements:</u>			
01-Leader Labs	169.31	22-Evangelism/Promotions	0.00
02-Media	0.00	23-Church Planting/Revitalization	57.81
03-Ministry to Church Staff	255.72	24-Grounds/Building/Maint.	69.02
04-PRC BSU	0.00	25-Disaster Relief	0.00
05-Ministry to Children	0.00	26-Office Copier Lease	548.05
06-Mission Groups (Hosted by PRBA)	0.00	27-Community Events	0.00
07-Ministry to Singles	0.00	28-Office Supplies	320.36
08-Ministry to Senior Adults	0.00	29-Postage	0.00
09-Ministry to Youth	0.00	30-Utilities	667.52
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	6,712.14
13-Discipleship	0.00	39-Conventions & Conferences	25.00
14-Women's Conference	0.00	41-Convention Ministry Assistants	0.00
16-Mission Support Projects	0.00	43-FICA	111.38
17-Partnership Missions	0.00	45-Christmas Bonuses	0.00
18-WMU/Women's Ministry	0.00	46-Maintenance/Custodian Wages	409.50
19-Prison Ministry	0.00	47-Family Counselor	0.00
20-RA's Events	0.00	50-Annuity	705.00
21-Annual Meetings	0.00	51-Expense & Mileage Reimburse	21.98
		<b>Total Disbursement</b>	<b>\$ 9900.14</b>
		<b>Ending Balance — 10/31/2024</b>	<b>\$177,213.74</b>

<u>DESIGNATED FUND BALANCE</u>			
Christmas Donations	1,975.64	Mission Trip	10,398.70
Church Planting	61,584.74	Chaplain	1,000.00
Counseling Fees	160.00	Prison Ministry	4,943.85
Disaster Relief	14,770.24	Property Development	62,234.50
Emergency Fund	25,000.00	Special Events	7,686.36
Evangelism	10,183.83	WMU/Women's Ministry	3,310.52
Lodge/LCC Rental/ Deposits	22,854.65	Women's Conference	2,186.99
Mission Scholarships	29,202.64	Youth Fund	2,000.00
<b>Total Designated Fund Balance</b>			<b>\$ 259,492.66</b>

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**Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m.. - 4:30 p.m.**  
**\*\*Closed Fridays\*\***

**December 2024 - Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**

- 1-8 Week of prayer for international missions
- 5 Men's Ministry Meeting; 6:30 p.m.; Union BC
- 12 Ministers & Spouses Christmas Dinner, 6:00 pm, LCC
- 23-Jan. 1 Christmas Holiday; Office Closed
- 25 CHRISTMAS
- 31 New Year's Eve

**January 2025**

- 1 New Year's Day, Office Closed
- 6 Ministers' Fellowship; 10:30 a.m.; Roseland Park
- 16 Pastor & Wives/Deacons & Wives Supper; 6:00 pm, LCC
- 26-27 State Evangelism Conference, Brandon BC, Brandon

# The Pearl



**December, 2024**  
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*Christmas is coming... You can see it around every corner in every store. It is big money for merchants. Homes will be decorated and filled with family and food. It is a nostalgic and enchanting season to drive down streets lined with sparkling lights. But, amid all the beauty of the season, even Christians become distracted and forget to keep Christ at the center. Most of the time it is entirely unintentional, but the business of the season soon outweighs the "real" beauty of the season. For my personality type it can quickly turn me into a Grinch that distances himself from Christmas because Christmas has been stolen. So, I have to remind myself every year to prepare my heart to worship my King by reflecting on the miracle of his incarnation. If you are like me, you may need to do something intentional to set your affections on Jesus before the tinsel takes your attention away from the King. It may be a wise choice for you and your family to go through an advent devotional this year. It may sound a little foreign if you have never done it, but what could be wrong with a daily look at what scripture has to say about the coming of Jesus? Advent is a time of waiting and hope-filled expectation. You put yourself in the shoes of those who were waiting on the arrival of the Messiah; you watch the calendar each day until Christmas day. You are reminded as you interact with the scriptures that you too are awaiting the day when Jesus will come – when He will come again. If you need any help finding resources, don't hesitate to contact me.*

In March I wrote about the grief people face when they have lost a loved one. And as we approach the holidays it is especially hard. I wanted to highlight a great resource available to churches in the need of a specific ministry to members who have lost a loved one. Mrs. Ann Macdonald is a member at New Palestine Baptist and she has been offering a Grief Share class for some time as a ministry to the bereaved. The class is taught on Tuesday nights at New Palestine Baptist Church from 4:00 - 6:00 PM, (2336 Palestine Rd, Picayune). You may have some church members who could benefit or you may want to explore hosting a grief share group at your church location. Grief Share is a much-needed ministry and if you are interested in checking out the class, you can do that at [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org) or you could attend and observe a class at New Palestine.

So, join me this year and prepare your heart to focus on what matters most this season: adoring our Savior, as we keep making disciple-making disciples so that South Mississippi becomes known for the name of Jesus Christ, Bro. T



Congratulations to First Baptist Carriere's BBQ team, "Holy Smokers," for winning our PRBA BBQ competition for the second consecutive year! We all enjoyed the amazing fellowship!

The association office will be closed for the Christmas season from **December 23** through **January 1**. We pray everyone has a wonderful Christmas celebrating the birth of our Savior!

Bro. Tony, Denita, Vanessa, Jonathan, and Shanna



*Merry Christmas*

**Cider Circle Cafe**  
**First Baptist Picayune 401 Goodyear Blvd, Picayune**  
**In front of the LINK**

The Jackie Stewart "Women on Mission" (WMU) of Picayune's First Baptist Church, will be hosting the 10th annual event in conjunction with Picayune's Christmas parade on **Monday, Dec. 2**, starting at 4pm. We will be serving pizza, sandwiches, and steaming bowls of red beans and rice and jambalaya, topped off with delectable homemade sweets! All proceeds will be donated to the "United Missions Offering," a combined offering for all the SBC special offerings for the year. Come join us for dinner!

Our annual **Ministers and Spouses Christmas Dinner** will be on **Thursday, December 12 at 6:00 pm** in the LCC. Please let us know if you plan to attend. You can either call the office at 601-798-2372 or email [prbapta@gmail.com](mailto:prbapta@gmail.com)

**Women's Ministry**  
**Gretta Holloway - 559-593-0379**

*Coming Soon*

2025 PRBA Ladies Spring Tea & Marketplace

Saturday, March 1  
 @ The Link in Picayune

Pre-Registration Packets will go out to PRBA churches in January!

The **Men's Ministry Meeting** will be at **Union Baptist Church** on **December 5 at 6:30**. Dr. Blake Newsom will be our guest speaker.



**Contact Tara Poolson to book.**  
**[tarapoolson@gmail.com](mailto:tarapoolson@gmail.com)**  
**601-347-4850**

**Church Staff Openings**

**Call the association office for more info**

**Union Baptist Church** is seeking a **part time audiovisual lead & primary website administrator**. Applicants can email resumes to [lisa.goss@ubcnet.org](mailto:lisa.goss@ubcnet.org).

**Gumpond BC** is looking for a volunteer music leader.

**Springhill BC** is looking for a part-time youth minister.

**New Henleyfield** is looking for a part-time youth minister.

**Pearl Submissions**

If you would like to submit an article for the Pearl, please submit it to [prbapta@gmail.com](mailto:prbapta@gmail.com) by the **12th** to be put in the next edition. If I don't receive it by that date, I can't promise that I'll be able to fit it in. Also, if you notice any corrections that need to be made in the Pearl or if there is address correction, please let me know. **Want to save paper and postage?** Sign up to receive the Pearl by email! Just send me your name and email address and I'll add you to the list. Also, let me know if you'd be okay with me taking you off of the snail mail list. Send all this to [prbapta@gmail.com](mailto:prbapta@gmail.com).

**December**

**Birthdays:**

- 6 Hunter Williams
- 9 Patti Argueta
- 9 Annette Davis
- 11 Jonathan Ray
- 13 Donna Wise

**Anniversaries:**

- 2 Bruce & Brenda McKenzie
- 2 Bud & Tracie Putnam
- 12 Kyle & Lisa Jones
- 13 Tony & Denita Inmon
- 15 Brandon & Cassie Garrett
- 16 Shannon & Lisa Marshall
- 19 Ken & Elaine Rhodes
- 31 Anthony & Judy Turner