

Pearl River Baptist Association
November 2024 Financial Report

Beginning Balance \$177,213.74

11/1/2024

Church Contributions:

| | Month | Year-to-Date | | Month | Year-to-Date |
|--|----------|--------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Bethel | 1,049.39 | 2,601.03 | New Life BC | 75.60 | 238.40 |
| Carriere FBC | 0.00 | 0.00 | New Palestine | 0.00 | 3,353.43 |
| Central | 723.25 | 1,733.80 | Nicholson FBC | 250.00 | 500.00 |
| Corinth | 129.10 | 442.02 | Oak Hill | 645.23 | 2,038.08 |
| Comerstone | 0.00 | 0.00 | Olive | 817.00 | 1,697.00 |
| Crane Creek | 0.00 | 775.88 | Ozona FBC | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Derby | 230.00 | 714.20 | Picayune FBC | 5,108.48 | 7,396.15 |
| Emmanuel Baptist | 0.00 | 50.00 | Pine Grove | 1,419.00 | 2,526.16 |
| Faith Memorial | 65.00 | 130.00 | Poplarville FBC | 1,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Flattop Unity | 107.95 | 194.95 | Rolling Hills | 1,107.08 | 2,098.90 |
| Fords Creek | 528.00 | 964.50 | Roseland Park | 0.00 | 4,121.28 |
| Goodyear | 563.60 | 1,189.76 | Shiloh | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Gumpond | 0.00 | 384.33 | Springhill | 0.00 | 710.75 |
| Harmony | 25.00 | 75.00 | Steep Hollow | 1,025.00 | 1,525.00 |
| Hickory Grove | 0.00 | 0.00 | The Beginnings | 0.00 | 100.00 |
| Hillcrest | 106.70 | 452.30 | Union | 3,302.77 | 4,861.28 |
| Journey | 0.00 | 0.00 | Unity | 25.00 | 50.00 |
| Juniper Grove | 1,326.79 | 1,326.79 | West Poplarville | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Mill Creek | 0.00 | 654.44 | West Union | 0.00 | 2,130.01 |
| New Henleyfield | 0.00 | 415.47 | White Sand | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total Church Contributions | | | | \$ 19,629.94 | \$47,450.91 |
| Subsidy from MB Baptist Convention Board | | | | \$ 125.00 | |
| Total Monthly Receipts | | | | \$ 19,754.94 | |

Disbursements:

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|------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| 01-Leader Labs | 0.00 | 22-Evangelism/Promotions | 0.00 |
| 02-Media | 246.17 | 23-Church Planting/Revitalization | 14.48 |
| 03-Ministry to Church Staff | 126.34 | 24-Grounds/Building/Maint. | 364.52 |
| 04-PRC BSU | 0.00 | 25-Disaster Relief | 0.00 |
| 05-Ministry to Children | 0.00 | 26-Office Copier Lease | 0.00 |
| 06-Mission Groups (Hosted by PRBA) | 0.00 | 27-Community Events | 0.00 |
| 07-Ministry to Singles | 0.00 | 28-Office Supplies | 19.26 |
| 08-Ministry to Senior Adults | 0.00 | 29-Postage | 256.49 |
| 09-Ministry to Youth | 10.97 | 30-Utilities | 635.52 |
| 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 | 7,925.49 |
| 13-Discipleship | 0.00 | 39-Conventions & Conferences | 1,557.60 |
| 14-Women's Conference | 0.00 | 41-Convention Ministry Assistants | 0.00 |
| 16-Mission Support Projects | 0.00 | 43-FICA | 204.22 |
| 17-Partnership Missions | 0.00 | 45-Christmas Bonuses | 1,050.00 |
| 18-WMU/Women's Ministry | 0.00 | 46-Maintenance/Custodian Wages | 847.00 |
| 19-Prison Ministry | 184.04 | 47-Family Counselor | 0.00 |
| 20-RA's Events | 0.00 | 50-Annuity | 755.00 |
| 21-Annual Meetings | 85.09 | 51-Expense & Mileage Reimburse | 1,208.01 |

Total Disbursement — \$ 14,088.22
Ending Balance — 11/31/2024 \$182,880.46

DESIGNATED FUND BALANCE

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|----------------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
| Christmas Donations | 1,975.64 | Mission Trip | 11,638.58 |
| Church Planting | 61,584.74 | Chaplain | 1,000.00 |
| Counseling Fees | 160.00 | Prison Ministry | 4,493.85 |
| Disaster Relief | 14,490.58 | Property Development | 62,334.50 |
| 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 | 15,535.46 | Women's Conference | 2,186.99 |
| Mission Scholarships | 29,202.64 | Youth Fund | 2,000.00 |
| | | Designated-Other | 1848.68 |

Total Designated Fund Balance — \$ 261,705.08

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Closed Fridays

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

February 2025

- 3 Ministers Fellowship; 10:30 a.m, Lunch; Crane Creek BC
- 8 Disaster Relief Area 5 Training; 7:30 a.m.-4:00 pm
- 8 Transitional Pastor Training, 9:00, LCC

March 2025 – Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

- 1 Ladies Tea and Marketplace, FBC Picayune
- TBD Men's Ministry Meeting; Association property
- 2-9 Week of prayer for North American missions
- 3 Ministers Fellowship; 10:30 a.m.-Noon, Lunch; Bethel BC
- 9 Daylight Saving Time Begins (Spring Forward)
- 17-18 Ministry Assistants Conference and Training; Camp Garaywa
- 30 Associational Bible Drill; 2:00 p.m.; Central

The Pearl



January, 2025

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Where can you Worship God?

"How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. - Ps 84:1-2
Psalm 84 is a song written by the worship leaders of Israel about how wonderful it is to gather with God's people in order to worship Him in His house. As we start this new year, our longing should be to gather weekly with fellow believers to worship the Lord.
Can you worship God in the woods, on the lake, at a park, in your house, or watching a service on live stream? Yes, it is possible to worship God as an individual in some of these situations, but it is not sustainable to worship God individually for the long run. Most people who use this excuse to skip church and go fishing or stay home might give a nod to God for a moment, they may be grateful for His creation and the bounty of his provisions, but it will not take long to get distracted by other things entertaining your thoughts and time. We are meant to live and worship in community with other believers. The presence of other believers helps to focus our thoughts on the purpose for which we are gathered. We are mutually encouraged as we sing songs to the Lord together, as we testify to one another, as we hear someone reading scripture, as we pray for one another, and as we hear the Word of the Lord expounded in a way that challenges, corrects, and encourages our lives. Only then are we fit to hold one another accountable for the same truth we have heard together.

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The mass exodus from church attendance after COVID was in large part due to people who just do not love the Lord more than their free time and their recreation. Our kids will learn the importance (or lack thereof) of church attendance by watching us. If they see that our attitude is "get up, we have to go to church... and then we will go to the beach" they will quickly line up the priorities in life. If they see you justify skipping church so they can play on a travel team every weekend, then it will not be long until church and God are just a secondary part of life that we attend if we have the time.

If there is any habit you are wanting to start this year, I urge you to make weekly church attendance in a Bible-believing church that habit. I promise you and your family will not miss travel ball, RV camping, or the beach. Those activities absolutely cannot shape your family's lives for eternity the way gathering with the Church to worship the Lord will. We should be so excited to get to church that it becomes the highlight of our week to gather with others and worship the Living God together.

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



**Saturday, February 8, 2025
9:00 am, LCC**

The PRBA is hosting a regional training for men interested in learning and being certified to serve churches as intentional interim pastor. The cost is \$10 at the door, which includes lunch. Scan the QR code to register.

The association office will be closed for the Christmas season from **December 23** through **January 1**. Happy New Year!

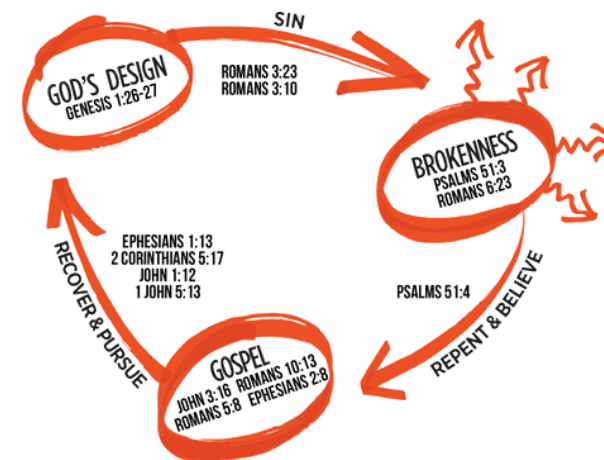
**Women's Ministry
Gretta Holloway - 559-593-0379**

PRBA Women's Ministry is excited to host our 3rd Annual Pearl River County Ladies Spring Tea & Marketplace on Saturday, March 1 at 2pm at FBC Picayune in The Link. The Tea always provides an encouraging and fun afternoon for ladies to share with their family, friends, and church group. Delicious food, inspiring speakers, abundant door prizes, and a bustling marketplace are sure to please the women that attend.

Our prayer is that you will take this opportunity to invite unchurched women in your life to attend the Tea with you. This event provides a perfect atmosphere in which women can hear a message of hope and redemption that is only found in Jesus. Join us in praying that God will use this event to draw women to Himself. This year's theme focuses on the power of Jesus to save and transform lives. Our keynote speaker will share her personal testimony of how God rescued her from captivity to a lifestyle of drugs and alcohol. Today, she serves God as a Mental Health Counselor and takes joy in sharing with others how she is learning to live every day in surrender and awe of her Savior.

Group Pre-Registration packets will be mailed in early January. If you wish to add your church to the distribution list for group registration packets OR if you are interested in vendor registration information, please contact Gretta.

Looking for an easy way to present the Gospel? Try this 3 Circles diagram. For more information, visit namb.net/evangelism/3circles or scan the QR code below.



**Church Staff Openings
Call the association office for more info**

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 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.

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January Birthdays:

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Tommy Strahan 1/01 | Danny Johnson 1/19 |
| John Ladner 1/02 | Rusty Kuhn 1/25 |
| Louis Holloway 1/08 | Carl Myers 1/26 |
| Anthony Turner 1/08 | Margaret Beach 1/28 |
| Brenda McKenzie 1/13 | Bobbie Smith 1/30 |
| Robert Alexander 1/15 | Robin Sellers 1/31 |