

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

Beginning Balance \$209,599.44 9/1/2024

**Church Contributions:**

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>		<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Bethel	1,333.49	14,697.51	New Life BC	71.35	1,264.56
Carriere FBC	0.00	200.00	New Palestine	1,391.23	16,560.50
Central	871.40	9,512.31	Nicholson FBC	250.00	3,000.00
Corinth	179.36	2,009.10	Oak Hill	0.00	7,657.27
Comerstone	0.00	0.00	Olive	581.00	9,011.00
Crane Creek	960.16	9,542.71	Ozona FBC	0.00	0.00
Derby	654.03	2,461.77	Picayune FBC	0.00	31,077.08
Emmanuel Baptist	0.00	450.00	Pine Grove	1,107.16	12,178.84
Faith Memorial	65.00	780.00	Poplarville FBC	0.00	11,000.00
Flattop Unity	0.00	1,027.00	Rolling Hills	0.00	7,483.15
Fords Creek	0.00	5,048.92	Roseland Park	1400.65	22,292.37
Goodyear	487.08	6,604.16	Shiloh	0.00	2,700.00
Gumpond	0.00	902.62	Springhill	595.35	6,611.24
Harmony	0.00	1,469.54	Steep Hollow	0.00	6,000.00
Hickory Grove	0.00	0.00	The Beginnings	0.00	0.00
Hillcrest	0.00	2,958.54	Union	1,743.33	18,309.51
Journey	0.00	0.00	Unity	25.00	300.00
Juniper Grove	577.14	8,727.25	West Poplarville	0.00	0.00
Mill Creek	0.00	2,791.35	West Union	2,218.90	13,029.65
New Henleyfield	0.00	2,319.10	White Sand	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Church Contributions</b>				\$ 14,511.63	239,977.05
<b>Subsidy from MB Baptist Convention Board</b>				\$ 125.00	
<b>Total Monthly Receipts</b>				\$ 14,636.63	

**Disbursements:**

01-Leader Labs	500.00	22-Evangelism/Promotions	0.00
02-Media	0.00	23-Church Planting/Revitalization	0.00
03-Ministry to Church Staff	42.15	24-Grounds/Building/Maint.	1,331.06
04-PRC BSU	2,250.00	25-Disaster Relief	643.21
05-Ministry to Children	235.38	26-Office Copier Lease	241.23
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	235.39	29-Postage	131.81
09-Ministry to Youth	235.39	30-Utilities	813.52
10-Deacons & Wives	0.00	31-Insurance	5,635.70
11-Family Ministry	0.00	32-Computer Support	0.00
12-Bible Drills/Bible Clubs	0.00	33-Staff Salary & Benefits	7,682.80
13-Discipleship	0.00	39-Conventions & Conferences	0.00
14-Women's Conference	265.73	41-Convention Ministry Assistants	0.00
16-Mission Support Projects	445.98	43-FICA	185.63
17-Partnership Missions	1,000.00	45-Christmas Bonuses	0.00
18-WMU/Women's Ministry	0.00	46-Maintenance/Custodian Wages	472.50
19-Prison Ministry	0.00	47-Family Counselor	0.00
20-RA's Events	0.00	50-Annuity	810.00
21-Annual Meetings	200.00	51-Expense & Mileage Reimburse	1,390.32

Transfer from Budget to Designated Accounts		Total Disbursement	\$ 25,068.16
			\$ 40,000.00
		Ending Balance — 9/30/2024	\$159,167.91

**DESIGNATED FUND BALANCE**

Christmas Donations	1,975.64	Mission Trip	10,253.70
Church Planting	61,584.74	Chaplain	1,000.00
Counseling Fees	160.00	Prison Ministry	5,166.77
Disaster Relief	11861.49	Property Development	62,134.50
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	22,591.09	Women's Conference	2,186.99
Mission Scholarships	29,202.64	Youth Fund	2,000.00

Total Designated Fund Balance \$ 256,298.27

Property Development Funds Received this Month: \$ 71.74 Corinth

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**\*\*Closed Fridays\*\***

**November 2024**

- 3 Daylight Saving Time ends (fall back)
- 7 Ministers meeting, travel time - TBD, NOBTS Chapel
- 7 Facilities and Operations meeting, 6:30 pm, Association office
- 16 BBQ Festival and Competition, Association property (see separate announcement for details)
- 27-29 Thanksgiving break, **office closed**

**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 Fellowship, 6:00 p.m., LCC
- 23-Jan. 1 Christmas Holiday; Offices Closed
- 25 CHRISTMAS
- 31 New Year's Eve

# The Pearl



**November, 2024**

**Pearl River Baptist Association**  
**1376 McNeill Steephollow Rd.**

**Carriere, MS 39426**

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***What is a Solemn Assembly?** At our annual meeting this fall we used the words Solemn Assembly several times to announce/promote those churches who have called for their congregations to have a time of intentional prayer for God's favor to fall on His churches in our area. Many people might not be aware of what this term entails, so I thought I would share a little background. The solemn assembly comes from the practice of Israel in the Old Testament. It was a time when the whole community gathered for a special worship occasion; often they were called during a time of crisis or a critical moment in the life of the people. Joel 2 presents a clear example of a solemn assembly called for the purpose of seeking God's help.*

*"Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep and say, "Spare your people, O LORD, and make not your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, "Where is their God?""*

*Joel 2:12-17*

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The solemn assembly is called when we, the church, become aware of our dire need and that without God's mercy we will perish. When we find that we have been going through the motions of worship and the culture around us is crumbling, partly because we have failed to be a light in the darkness, that is when we need to cry out to God and rend our hearts, not just tear our garments. The people of God set aside their ordinary schedules in order to have an intentional time of extraordinary prayer and submission to the Word of God. Everyone in the church is called to an inter-generational assembly. The time is set aside as sanctified unto the Lord.

Now you know. Maybe the Lord will call you to declare a solemn assembly where you are as we seek to keep making disciple-making disciples and see South Mississippi become known for the name of Jesus Christ, Bro. T

### 2nd Annual PRBA BBQ festival & competition Saturday, Nov. 16, PRBA LCC

We will have the three categories of smoked meats (Beef Brisket, Pork Ribs, & Chicken). Every church is invited to participate. This is a gathering for your church to come out and enjoy your Association property. Bring a fishing pole, bring some lawn chairs, if your church has a praise team that would like to play music, then email me to sign up for a slot. We will sell tickets for \$10 BBQ plates to continue helping our renovation projects on the property. Email [prbabbq@gmail.com](mailto:prbabbq@gmail.com) for more information, entrance fees, and contest rules. Click the QR code to register.



#### ACP Follow-Up:

We have had 27 out of 39 churches to complete their ACP. While your church's information may not have made it into the book of reports, your church is still encouraged to fill out your ACP. This information is beneficial to your church in a form of history! If you have any questions, contact the office! We'd be glad to help.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK November 18-25

#### Drop-off Locations

**Goodyear Baptist**  
2710 Hwy 43 Picayune

Mon, Nov 18, 4:30 - 6:30 pm  
Tues, Nov 19, 4:30 - 6:30 pm  
Wed, Nov 20, 4:30 - 6:30 pm  
Thurs, Nov 21, 4:30 - 6:30 pm  
Fri, Nov 22, 4:30 - 6:30 pm  
Sat, Nov 23, 9 - 11 am  
Sun, Nov 24, 2 - 4 pm  
Mon, Nov 25, 8-10 am

**First Baptist of Carriere**  
171 Smith St Carriere

Mon, Nov 18, 10 am - 12 pm  
Tues, Nov 19, 10 am - 12 pm  
Wed, Nov 20, 6 - 8 pm  
Thurs, Nov 21, 10 am - 12 pm  
Fri, Nov 22, 6 - 8 pm  
Sat, Nov 23, 2 - 4 pm  
Sun, Nov 24, 1 - 3 pm  
Mon, Nov 25, 8-10 am

**First Baptist of Poplarville The Net**  
403 S. Main St. Poplarville

Mon, Nov 18, 3 - 5 pm  
Tues, Nov 19, 3 - 5 pm  
Wed, Nov 20, 10 am - 12 pm  
Thurs, Nov 21, 3 - 5 pm  
Fri, Nov 22, 10 am - 12 pm  
Sat, Nov 23, 3 - 5 pm  
Sun, Nov 24, 2 - 4 pm  
Mon, Nov 25, 8-10 am

**White Sand Baptist**  
207 Hwy 26 E Poplarville

Mon, Nov 18, 2 - 4 pm  
Tues, Nov 19, 2 - 4 pm  
Wed, Nov 20, 2 - 4 pm  
Thurs, Nov 21, 2 - 4 pm  
Fri, Nov 22, 2 - 4 pm  
Sat, Nov 23, 2 - 4 pm  
Sun, Nov 24, 2 - 4 pm  
Mon, Nov 25, 8-10 am



#### Women's Ministry

**Gretta Holloway - 559-593-0379**

Will the Real Disciples of Jesus Please Stand Up! For several weeks, I have been meditating on the question – What is authentic discipleship? I am convinced that many who call themselves disciples or followers of Christ have become content splashing their feet in the water when it comes to knowing Jesus intimately. I, too, allow myself to become distracted from the most important relationship in my life. As we play in the shallows, Jesus is longing for us to plunge into the depths in full abandon to know and love Him in a way we didn't even know was possible. What would it be like to hear His voice, to feel His heart, and witness His power at work in and around you Every.Single.Day? It is not impossible; it is the relationship that God has intended for you all along. Discipleship is not a checklist of tasks to be completed, but a relationship to be pursued with passion. It is time for authentic disciples to demonstrate lives marked by single-minded devotion, complete trust and surrender, and faithful obedience. Let's renew our commitment to dive into the depths of knowing Jesus, to devote ourselves to the Word and allow it to transform our hearts and minds, and to be obedient no matter the cost. As goes the famous line from the TV show, To Tell the Truth... Will the real disciples of Jesus please STAND UP!  
"Be careful to obey all these commands I am giving you. Show love to the Lord your God by walking in his ways and holding tightly to him." Deut. 11:22

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. Note that this is a date change from the printed Pearl.



Contact Tara Poolson to book.  
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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.

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## November

**Anniversaries:**  
11/08 Shad & Dana Kennedy  
11/17 Carl & Karen Myers

## Birthdays:

11/01 Janice Young  
11/03 Tony Inmon  
11/12 Breaux Tageant  
11/15 Cassie Garrett  
11/27 Tammy Smith  
11/29 Rachael Easterling