

**Upcoming Events
November:**

- 1-2** Mother/Daughter Weekend; Garaywa Camp & Conference Center; Clinton (Option 1)
- 4-6** KidMin Retreat; Hilton Garden Inn, Orange Beach, AL
- 8-9** Mother/Daughter Weekend; Garaywa Camp & Conference Center, Clinton (Option 2)
- 11-14** Student Ministers' Retreat; Hilton Garden Inn, Orange Beach, AL
- 14** Small Church Youth Ministry Workshop; Seminary BC, Seminary, MS
- 27-29** Thanksgiving Holiday– Office Closed
- 28** Thanksgiving Day

PRAY for those impacted by the Hurricanes and floods.



- 1** Lee Fortenberry, Husband/Children's Minister, Bluff Springs BC
- 2** Dan Pardue, Pastor, Progress BC
- 6** Joe Elliott, Music Minister, New Heights BC
- 7** Pepper Whitehead, Wife/Pastor, Bala Chitto BC
- 9** Trent Bilbo, Pastor, Navilla BC
- 24** Rebecca Newman, Children's Minister, FBC McComb

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Bible Verse/Thought for the month



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Missionary Moments by Steve...

ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS 2024:

Thank you to all the churches, pastors, staff and friends in the Pike Baptist Association family for what you do in God's Kingdom work! Associations were formed hundreds of years ago to help unite churches and assist churches in doing Kingdom work. Associations link churches for common purposes to exalt our Savior as we do the work of the Great Commission. We help extend the witness of the church to a broader mission field and expand the church's resources to touch more lives. We can do missions & ministries that God has called us to do better together than one can do alone....

Here are some of the highlights from this past year:

- Classes we offer through New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary/Leavell College at the Association Office/Training Center have been going on for **14 years** now. We have had many to graduate from either the Certificate of Pastoral Ministries or the Certificate of Biblical Teaching courses, and now we are offering the Certificate of Biblical Ministries as part of the Church Training Institute (CTI) at NOBTS/Leavell College. Our instructor is Rev. Jay Avance, a graduate from Mississippi College and NOBTS. He is currently the Pastor at East Fork BC in Kentwood. It has been an encouragement to me as the NOBTS/Leavell College Certificate Center Site Director to see our students following God's will serving God and involved in church work. There are eight (8) courses under the Certificate program that are designed to help anyone in their Discipleship and Christian Growth journey. Classes meet once a week for eight (8) weeks for up to two (2) hours per week. It is a great opportunity for Sunday School teachers, Small Group leaders, Deacons, Church pastors/staff, and any who desire to be better equipped as a follower of Christ and a lifetime learner. We will be teaching through the upcoming JANUARY BIBLE STUDY: The Book of Joshua beginning October 24th.
- National Day of Prayer Gatherings were held on the first Thursday in May. We hosted one again at the Chapel in Percy Quin Park coordinated with Libby Khalaf and Rebecca Brumfield. It is always a pleasure to work alongside people who believe in the power of prayer and try to unite "prayer warriors" together to pray. So much more of that is needed and ALL who love God, the church, our community, our state and America are encouraged to pray. We have received reports of people around America who were saved, the Gospel being spread throughout the world in many ways, and a renewed sense of hope in believers because of churches across America praying. We look forward to hosting a community prayer gathering again next MAY.

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- Our Church Leader Training and Supper was held at New Heights BC in August. We had 55 to eat/fellowship together and others to join us for the Leadership Training giving us a total of 72 to attend. The church staff & volunteers were great hosts! Dr. Ronnie Falvey, Pastor at FBC Canton lead us. Great info was shared to help guide the church through change as we strive to reach all generations for Christ and make disciples. Customized/ personal training is also available to any church by request.
- The Association D-Now Weekend worship rallies were held at FBC Summit. They have been a great host for us and have ample room for up to 1,000 students and student leaders to gather for worship and discipleship. We appreciate our Association Student Ministry Coordinator, Scott Johnson, Student Minister/Pastor at FBC Summit, along with other Youth/Student Ministry leaders for helping and coming with those from the church where you serve. Each year hundreds of Youth/Students, plus leaders from all size churches join together for worship, fellowship, and discipleship. We plan to offer it again next JANUARY.
- The State Bible Drill was held at FBC Brookhaven, and our Association Bible Drill was held at FBC Summit this year. We appreciate those who take the time to help teach Bible truths to children and youth in our churches. They get a chance to share what they have learned in a church drill, possibly advancing to our association drill alongside others in our churches, plus many go to the state drill to join others around the state. Thank you for the work that has been done by volunteers, parents, pastors and others to encourage children and youth to learn more about the Bible. We are blessed to have a team of dedicated workers in our association drills and thankful for the Bible Drill Coordinators, Kristen Prentiss, along with her family, who have served faithfully to help us. Challenging children and youth to learn more about God's Word, to memorize verses/hide them in their heart, plus encouraging more adults who may help teach/serve will be a blessing to a local church. It will have an impact on the children and youth throughout their life. New Heights BC will be hosting the Association Bible Drill in March and we invite anyone interested in getting started to look at the materials/resources we have available at the PCBA Office/Missions Center.

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- Our previous Pastors Conference Coordinator, Rev. Vann Windom, (who passed away during one of our planning times), plus our Evangelism Coordinator, Rev. Glenn Bird, our Music Ministry Director, Joe Elliott, along with other pastors and myself met and prayed together for months (2023-24) to coordinate a County Crusade/ Awakening & Revival (4) four nights, July 7-10, 2024 held at SMCC Fine Arts Bldg./Hurst Auditorium. We had several evangelists, worship leaders, and pastors to preach and help lead the times of worship plus a discipleship challenge to the church each night. We averaged around 400. There were (7) seven decisions for Christ recorded by counselors and we have heard from individuals and pastors about other responses for personal recommitments/decisions afterward. Next year we are praying and planning for an Area-Wide Crusade/Revival in OCTOBER. We appreciate your prayers for it & more info will be shared later. We hope to work with more churches in our area/South Mississippi Region.
- Park Ministry: Weekly worship opportunities are starting up again on Sunday mornings, 9:00-9:30am at the Chapel in Percy Quin Park from March-December (weather permitting). Our churches provide music/hymn singing, Bible devotions and share the Gospel. We invite each church to pray about taking a turn to share in this outreach ministry. You will be blessed and can be a blessing to others.
- Prison Ministry: We have had men/women to help get Bibles, Evangelistic Tracts, and spiritual growth materials in the hands of prisoners along with Chaplains offering time (when able to do it) to minister to our area prison. We also have some to provide treats and minister to the Sheriff's Dept. and Prison Staff. Some do prayer-drives or prayer-walk the area. Pray for our new Sheriff, Wally Jones & staff.
- Our association pastors meet together for prayer & fellowship through the year. All pastors are invited. It is a time to encourage each other, to pray for the church and association, plus build friendships. We will either meet at the Association Office/Training Center, one of our PCBA churches, or a restaurant in our area. Our Pastors Conference Coordinator is Rev. Trent Moak, Pastor at Fernwood BC.

SUMMARY NOTES OF THOSE BEING HELPED:

365 individuals assisted with the ministries we offer
154 families assisted through the food pantry
4 families helped with medicine
\$530.80 spent to help families with medicine
2 families helped with burn-out kits/start-up home supplies
14 families helped with hospice patient needs
\$4,146.61 spent to help with hospice ministry requests
80 turkey/food gift certificates shared with families in need at Thanksgiving or Christmas
23 helped with emergency food needs