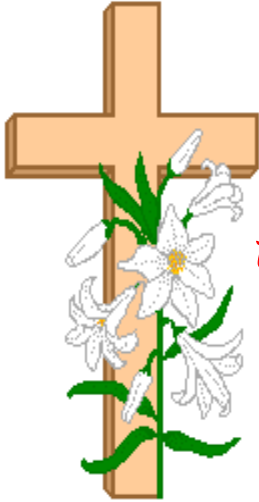


Pickens Twelve Mile Baptist Association News



We Serve A Risen Savior

*Jesus said, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:
John 11:25*

In celebration of Easter the office will be closed Good Friday, April 6

Prayer Guide for April 2012

Happy Birthday

- 1 Jeff Stewart, Associate Pastor, Keowee
- 2 Stuart Houston, Pastor, Blue Ridge View
- 3 Mark Krieger, Pastor, Northside
- 28 Jennifer Hendrix, Preschool Director, Pickens First

Wedding Anniversary

- 8 Norman and Carol Holliday, Minister of Music, Mountain View
- 9 Billy Ray and Terreca Merck, Pastor, Fairview

Staff Anniversary

- Connie Porter, Administrative Assistant, PTMBA, 36 years
Jason Moss, Pastor, Praters Creek, 6 years
Patrick Stalnaker, Associate Pastor: Student and Family Ministries, Pickens First, 2 years
David Bennett, Minister to Students, Mountain View, 1 year

Churches seeking a pastor

Midway

Crescent Hill calls Rev. Ross Estep as Pastor

Ross and Kayla began serving at Crescent Hill on Sunday, February 26. He is a Dacusville native and attended North Greenville University. Rev. Estep was ordained on March 4 at Blue Ridge View Baptist Church, his home church. Welcome and we look forward to working with you.

*Pastors and Staff ~ Reminder of lunch/fellowship
Gatehouse Restaurant, March 20, Noon
We can't have an association if we don't associate.*

Upcoming Events:

- **Executive Committee** will meet **Tuesday, April 3, 5:00 P.M.**
- **Ethnic Ministries Summit** will be held at Evangel Cathedral, Spartanburg, SC on April 19-21. "All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You O Lord, and shall bring honor to Your Name" Psalm 86:9. Call 864 582 2564 for more details.
- **SonShine Trailer Training**, Saturday, May 19, 1:00 – 4:00 P.M., Mount Tabor Baptist Church
- **Associational Kentucky Partnership – June 16-23**
- **Upstate Sunday School Training** will be held at Spartanburg First, August 25, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

From the DoM

Easter, what a great time of year! Spring is not just about pollen and allergies. Buds on the plants and the greening of the lawn reminds us of new life. We Christians celebrate the resurrection of the Christ who was slain, resurrected, and lives forever! Easter is a great reminder that even before the earth was formed this was **the** plan of our Creator. We have so much to celebrate and share with our community! Blessings on you as the Christian family celebrates Easter!

Campground Ministry at Table Rock State Park – (May-August)

Our association has been invited to participate in service at Table Rock State Park offering evangelistic outreach and chaplain services to campers and camp visitors. Several types of mission outreach opportunities are available. While these opportunities are primarily for weekend programs, special events can be scheduled on weekdays to allow churches that might not have a time on the weekend to serve. This is an excellent opportunity for all of our churches to get outside our church walls and participate in missions close to home. What better place to spread Christ's Good News than in these beautiful mountain surroundings. You can touch the lives of thousands of visitors to help their spiritual walk and theirs. If you ever wanted to get the mission experience, but didn't have the time or resources to participate, this is your chance to take a weekend mission trip. Contact Terry Parrish at 864-354-0031 or tppickens@aol.com for details or to sign up for a date.

Associational Spring Youth Music Festival at Peters Creek Baptist Church Softball Field

April 28th from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Youth groups from PTMBA are invited to come and enjoy food, music and fellowship. TBD will be there. Bring your music and instruments and participate on the covered stage or bring your lounge chair and enjoy being with your friends. Our youth need to know that they are not the only Christians at their school.

Pickens County Rape Crisis has a really good presentation that can be made at your church to raise awareness. They also recommended www.familywatchdog.us as a good website for looking up sex offenders in your area. Call 864 898 5575 for more information or for a speaker.

Feed a Hungry Child needs your help. There are 750 students in Pickens County considered "food insecure". FHC is serving over 350 in K4-Grade 5 by loading their backpacks with food for the weekend. \$160 will feed a child for one school year. We are hoping to feed middle and high school students as funds are provided. For more information or a speaker, please call 864 897 9890 or go to www.PickensChildren.com

www.carpentersforchrist.org is a great place to look for information on missions opportunities in SC and the world. Mike Ravan at 864 621 0916 can tell you about helping do renovations at Connie Maxwell Children's Home to doing evangelism and construction in Guatemala. Pray for group from PFB as they travel this month to Guatemala.

Missions Project Request: Mike Watson, a DOM in W. Virginia, has requested help on a building project. If your church is interested, please call 304 845 3680 or email uovba@cisinternet.net Sounds like a great project.

Invitation to Pastors and Church Leaders from Berea First Baptist Church to hear

Dr. Richard Blackaby, President, Blackaby Ministries International
Monday, April 16, 2012
Berea First Baptist Church
529 Farr's Bridge Road
Cost: \$5.00 (lunch)

Youth Leaders of PTMBA churches are invited to a meeting:

Pickens First Baptist Church
X-Change Building
March 27, 2012
7:00 P.M.

Flea Market Ministry ~ call 878-2456 to reserve the date to minister at the flea market this summer ~ give a cup of cold water, in Jesus Name.

Health Kits

The standard health kit should include the following:

- One Toothbrush*
- One Soap (4.5 oz. bath size)*
- One Bath Towel*
- One Toothpaste (6 oz.)*
- One Washcloth*
- One Comb*

Items should be placed in a two gallon zip lock type bag.

Bring the kits to the associational office by Thursday, April 12.



**Cooperative
Program
Sunday**

April 22, 2012



For more information go to scbaptist.org/cooperativeprogram