



## Pickens Twelve Mile Baptist Association

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### Prayer Guide for January

#### Happy Birthday

1 Kay Rice, Wife of Minister of Music and Missions, Six Mile  
6 Stephen Owens, Pastor, Nine Forks  
25 Shana Stewart, Wife of Associate Pastor, Keowee  
28 Freida Robinson, Wife of Pastor, Oolenoy

#### Staff Anniversaries

Kathy Maxie, Administrative Assistant, Pickens First, 37 Years  
Stuart Houston, Pastor, Blue Ridge View, 15 years  
Derrell Robinson, Pastor, Oolenoy, 8 years  
Billy Looper, Pastor, Saluda Hill, 7 years  
Mark Bernshausen, Pastor, Griffin, 6 years  
Terry Parrish, Pastor, Midway, 1 year

**Pickens First Baptist** has called Mike Sterlachini as Student & Family Pastor. He and his wife, Karen, are the parents of daughter, Ava (age 5), and son, Michael (age 3). Mike, a native of Virginia, comes to Pickens from the Raleigh-Durham, NC, area where he has served in two churches over the past eight years in student and family ministries. He earned a Master of Divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC.

**Mount Tabor is seeking a part-time Youth Minister.** Please send resume' to Mount Tabor Baptist Church  
Attention: Youth Minister Search Committee  
4174 Dacusville Hwy.  
Easley, SC 29640

### Dominican Republic Mission Trip

**Dates: March 26-April 2, 2015**  
**Cost: \$1,300.00 per person**  
**•\$650.00 airline ticket due by Dec. 15 (non-refundable)**  
**•Remaining \$650.00 due by March 1**  
**For more information contact**  
**Dr. Boyce Whitman @ 868-9850**  
**Feel free to contact your associational office @878-2456 for more information.**

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING January 13, 2015 ~ 5:00 p.m.

The report from our Credentials Committee study will be presented for consideration and approval.

Jesus knew the value of getting away for renewal. Now it's time for you and your wife to do the same.



February 20-22, 2015 North Myrtle Beach Hilton

Realizing that ministry can be exhausting is why this weekend is being offered. The cost is \$250.00 (all inclusive)

You'll not only have important time away together, but you'll be led by noted pastor and psychologist, Dr. Charles Lowery.

Every pastor and pastor's wife in South Carolina needs time for refreshment and renewal, but space is limited.  
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICE.

### SCBC YEAR END ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES

The South Carolina Baptist Convention will close its 2014 financial records on Wednesday, January 7. The following will be counted as 2014 contributions:

- Hand delivered contributions received by the close of business on December 31.
  - Electronic contributions with a transaction date on or before December 31.
  - Mailed contributions postmarked on or before December 31 and received by January 7.
- SAME WILL APPLY TO THE ASSOCIATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS.**

## FROM THE DOM

### MINISTRY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY REPORT

On December 13, Shady Grove, Six Mile, and Mountain View took part in a new ministry in the upstate at a Greenville motel. This was a ministry to families and individuals who live in the motel. The event included games, crafts, singing, lunch and a time of sharing. The intent is that this ministry will continue within this community and continue to share God's love with the people who live there. Approximately 60-70 residents attended.

On November 23 Cross Roads hosted an area Thanksgiving service. The churches who participated in this service were Blue Ridge View, Nine Forks, Peters Creek, Mount Carmel and Jesus is Lord Ministries. A 75 voice choir led the 400 attendees in worship and thanks.

Another exciting example of churches working together was Oolenoy, Pleasant Grove, Saluda Hill and Soapstone joining together for revival services. The congregations coming together to honor their Savior, Jesus Christ and to share the Gospel through evangelistic preaching and singing was truly an inspiring and God ordained time. It was a joy to share with them in the services.

I want to thank everyone who helped in these ministries and encouraged everyone with the love of Christ in their service. I know that a difference was made in the lives of many. I am very excited by our churches working together in area revivals, joint seasonal services, and missional events. May God continue to bless in our efforts to reach our communities for Christ. Thank you all, for all you do.

Rick

#### Financial Update ~ as of November 30

2014 Budget	137,039.70
Monthly Needs	11,419.98
Budget Receipts	106,923.46
Difference	-18,696.32

## FOCUS ON WMU

MONDAY, February 9 – SUNDAY, February 15

ALL FOR YOU  
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### Joint Thanksgiving Worship Service

Submitted by Rev. Phil Henry

On Sunday, November 23rd, members from **Cross Roads, Blue Ridge View, Nine Forks, Mt. Carmel, Jesus is Lord Ministries** and **Peter's Creek** churches gathered at Cross Roads Church for a community Thanksgiving service. A seventy-five voice choir and the worship band from Blue Ridge View led nearly 400 worshipers to begin the week of Thanksgiving. The message was preached by David Lyles, Lead Pastor of Connection Fellowship Church in Powdersville. The churches also gave over \$600 in an offering which was given to The Crossing, a food and clothing ministry located on Highway 183. Following the service, a dessert fellowship was held in the Family Life Center.

Phil Henry, Pastor of Cross Roads Church and Stephen Owens, Pastor of Nine Forks organized the event to bring churches of the area together to celebrate our unity in the gospel and to be an open witness to the community that our churches are united in one purpose and one vision. Plans are already underway for next year's event.

*Thank you*

### THANKS TO EVERYONE PARTICIPATING CHRISTMAS PACKETS FOR INMATES WAS SUCCESSFUL AGAIN THIS YEAR

We are proud to report that we exceeded our goal! Thanks to the sixteen churches for sharing the love of Jesus by preparing 445 packets. We were allowed to furnish packets requested by the Pickens County Law Enforcement and the Pickens County Stockade. Rick delivered the packets to Columbia on December 8. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry. Keep in mind this just may be the only expression of love to an inmate during this Christmas season. If one person accepts Jesus it will be worth every effort. Thanks again!

