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**Purpose Statement:** To Equip and Assist our member churches to accomplish their ministries.

**Heralds from Harold**

A year ago in May, I was asked to take on the responsibility of serving you as an interim Director of Missions (DOM). The first day I came to the office, I sat down and asked the question: Why do we have associations? The logical thing to do was to search the bible for the answers.

I started in the New Testament and began studying to see if the bible had anything to say about associations. The concepts that surfaced immediately were: The Church, the body of Christ, the great commission, connectivity, concern, synergy, family, and strength together. This is just a partial list of the findings. I have been in many of our churches explaining these principles as they relate to our association. Beyond the “why” question there had to be the “how” question. To see these “why” principles flourish in our churches brings a new challenge.

A couple of months ago, the North American Mission Board (NAMB), offered an invitation to all the DOMs in the convention to attend a conference on church revitalization. When I looked at the general decline among our churches and many churches in our convention, it spoke to my heart about the need to do something. 80% of our churches are in decline. 10% are at risk of closing their doors. Each year over 900 churches close their doors.

When I heard the famous author, Mark Clifton, say, “What is there about a dying church that brings glory to God?” I was stunned at that truth. I see many churches struggling and truly believe there have to be godly strategies to regain church health across our association. I do not have all the answers, but I come on board as your DOM to seek to help you in your church be the best God would have you to be.

Thank you for the privilege of being called to serve you.

In Christ,

*Bro. Harold*

**Happy Father's Day**

**BUDGET RECEIPTS  
April 2018**

Athena	880.00
Blue Creek	200.00
Calvary	683.87
Cornerstone	-0-
Crosspoint	501.34
Fellowship	-0-
First Baptist	416.67
Lakeside	509.36
Midway	332.55
Mt. Gilead	524.40
New Home	500.00
Oakland	-0-
Pisgah	111.33
Pleasant Grove	200.00
Salem	425.46
San Pedro	75.00
Shady Grove	250.44
Southside	472.30
Temple of God	-0-
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$6,082.72</b>

**Thank you for your support!**

Monthly Budget Needs = \$5,000.08

Monthly Average Received to Date= \$5,058.56

## Welcome...

We are pleased to announce that Rev. Harold Reams has agreed to serve as our Director. He has been doing a good job as our Interim Director and we look forward to moving ahead with his leadership. We also welcome Rev. Mark Prevatt as the new pastor of San Pedro Baptist. They are excited to have him as their new leader.

## So Long...

Rev. Gil Williams has resigned as Pastor of Mt. Gilead Baptist and will be moving to Ormond Beach near his son. We are sad to see him go and wish him and his wife Julie the best that God has for them.

## Disaster Relief ...

We are excited!!! There were 175 people at the recent training at New Home Baptist and 90 of those were first time volunteers! If you wanted to attend the recent training but were unable to do so, there is one other training scheduled this year, June 2 at Stetson Baptist Church in Deland. Get trained, go serve.

## Pianist needed...

Lakeside Baptist Church is seeking a pianist for Sunday Services. This is a paid position. If you can help by serving in this capacity or know someone who can, please call the church office (850) 584-5688.

## Vacation Bible School...

Salem, June 3-8

Athena, June 10-14

Calvary Baptist, June 24-28

First Baptist, June 24-28

New Home Baptist, June 24-28

Midway & Southside, July 18, in the park

## CALENDAR

### June 2018

2 – Disaster Relief Training, Stetson Bapt.  
3-8 – VBS, Salem Baptist  
10-14 – VBS, Athena  
10- Homecoming, Pleasant Grove  
12-13 – Southern Baptist Convention, Dallas  
17 – **Father's Day**  
24- 28 - VBS, Calvary  
24-28 – VBS, First Baptist  
24-28 – VBS, New Home

### July 2018

4 – **Independence Day**, Office Closed  
8 – World Hunger Relief Day  
23 – Executive Board meets  
28 – VBS, Midway & Southside, in the park

### August 2018

6 – Stewardship Committee meets for Budget Planning, 11:00 a.m.  
20 – Planning Committee meets re Annual Session  
25 – Sunday School Training Conference, Thomasville Road Baptist, Tallahassee

## June Birthdays...

2 – Nancy French, Southside  
5 – Gail French, Temple of God  
6 – Jeremy Tatom, Fellowship, Steinhatchee

## Prayer focus...

- Lakeside Baptist, Pastor Search
- Midway Baptist, Pastor Search
- Mt. Gilead Baptist, Pastor Search
- Salem Baptist, Pastor Search

## Food for Thought...

Forgiveness from others is charity;  
from God, grace;  
from oneself, wisdom.

*Working together, doing more.*