

# IT'S A NEW DAY

A publication of the Floyd County Baptist Association

*“Encouraging and Equipping Pastors and People to do the Great Commandment and the Great Commission.”*

## OUR 9 PRIORITIES:

- 1) PRAYING
- 2) REACHING
- 3) DISCIPLING
- 4) GOING
- 5) CARING
- 6) GROWING
- 7) TRAINING
- 8) GIVING
- 9) NEXT GEN

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## TIM'S TOP 3



The EQUIP Conference and the FCBA Annual Meeting were a great success! Thanks to everyone that worked so hard to make it happen. Here is a quick summary of the day. We had 33 churches represented, with a total attendance of 446. Pleasant Valley South did an awesome job hosting us. The breakout sessions were well attended and EVERYONE asked for more time to attend another topic. The music was GREAT and the preacher was OK during the inspirational rally. In the business session we approved a budget of \$300,382.23 for 2024. That is an increase of \$24,027.84 over the 2023 budget and a monthly requirement of \$25,069.35. Please support the FCBA in your giving from your church. We elected officers Mac McCurry, Pastor at Pleasant Valley North, as Moderator; Eric Whelchel, Pastor at First Baptist - Lindale, as Moderator-Elect; and Jerry Dudley, Pastor at Pisgah, as Clerk. We took up a love offering totaling \$23,498.00 to go toward the Disaster Relief efforts in Floyd County and Lahaina on the Hawaiian Island of Maui. We also heard reports from all the ministry areas and approved the reports from all teams and committees. It was a busy day! We saw our mission statement: ***“encouraging and equipping pastors and people to do the Great Commandment and the Great Commission”*** and our nine priorities are ***“praying, reaching, discipling, going, caring, growing, training, giving and next gen”*** put into practice.

The FCBA 132<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting and Business Session will be held on Monday, September 23, 2024 from 6:00 - 8:30 pm at the FCBA Center in Rome. The FCBA and the Georgia Baptist Mission Board will be partnering together to bring you the SPARK Conference on Sunday, September 22, 2024 at West Rome Baptist Church from 3:30 - 8:30 pm. SPARK will be an event every FCBA church will want to attend plus we will be inviting churches from all over Northwest Georgia to attend. Our keynote speaker will be Thom Rainer, plus over 40 breakout session leaders! And YES you will get two sessions of breakout topics. We have not worked out all of the details, but the schedule will look something like this:

- 3:30 pm - Check In/Doors Open
- 4:00 pm - Inspirational Rally
- 5:15 pm - Dinner
- 6:15 pm - Breakout Session #1
- 7:30 pm - Breakout Session #2
- 8:30 pm - Dismiss

**It is going to be the BEST YET!!!**

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## TIM'S TOP 3 (CONTINUED)

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Here are my TOP 3:

**#1.** We are a PRAYING association and we want every church and every person praying for the Floyd County Baptist Association. Please be involved with the [Week of Prayer for the Floyd County Baptist Association](#), October 15-22. The prayer guide is available to download on our website. Make sure you have joined the FCBA Facebook group because every day we will be posting a list of churches and pastors to pray for. Please take time every day to pray for the churches, the pastors and staff, as well as the ministries of the FCBA.

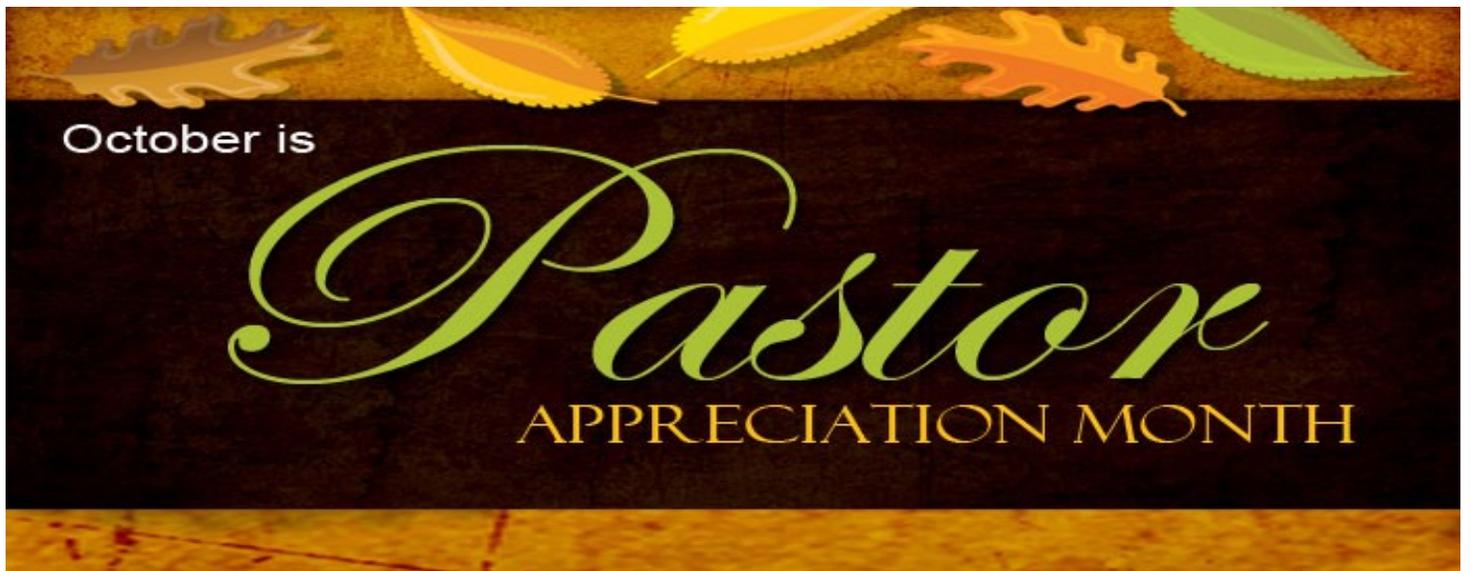
**#2.** The next [Sunday School Summit will be Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm](#). Remember we start with a fellowship meal and then move into the training session. The host church is Fairview Baptist Church and they are located at 2348 Old Cedartown Highway, SE in Lindale, Georgia. Pastor Trey Stephens and the folks at Fairview are excited to be hosting this gathering of Sunday School leaders. They will be providing dinner, so please RSVP so they can prepare adequately.

The topic for the evening will be, "**Outreach through the Sunday School**". Your Sunday School class/group is the best tool your church has to fulfill the Great Commission. In this training you will understand the WHY, but you will also get some very practical ideas on HOW to reach new people through your class/group. This training will greatly benefit every pastor, staff member, and every Sunday School director, teacher, and leader. Fairview will be providing dinner for you and your Sunday School teachers and leaders, so **please RSVP by Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**. You can call the FCBA office at 706-291-0904 or email the FCBA office at [fcbaoffice@gmail.com](mailto:fcbaoffice@gmail.com).

**#3.** October is [Pastor Appreciation Month](#). I hope you and your church are planning on showing your appreciation for your pastor and your ministerial staff. Here are just a few ways you could express your appreciation:

- Schedule an appointment with him and simply pray with him.
- Send him an encouraging text message.
- Mail him a handwritten note or card.
- Take him to breakfast or lunch.
- Give him a gift or a trip with his family.
- Plan a church wide reception honoring your pastor and staff.

If I can be of service to you or your church, please do not hesitate to contact me. I love serving the Lord and I am so blessed to be serving with you in Rome and Floyd County. *Tim*



# A MESSAGE FROM THE MODERATOR

REV. MAC MCCURRY

We have recently enjoyed a wonderful Annual Meeting with great worship, Breakout Sessions, a time of business, and great fellowship among our various churches. I really appreciate everyone working so hard to make it happen, as well as the all the folks who attended. We are already working on next year's Annual Meeting, the EQUIP425 Conference, which will involve two opportunities for great training and fellowship in breakout sessions instead of just one.

As your moderator, I want you to know that I am honored and humbled to serve our association in this way. We have all probably heard that in ministry we need a Paul, a Timothy, and a few Barnabases (is it Barnabases or Barnabi? Ha!). Someone to pour into us, someone we can mentor, and a few encouragers along the way. Which one do you need in this season of ministry? Which one or ones would be of help to your and your church right now? I ask that just to say that your association wants to walk alongside you. Feel free to reach out to Bro. Tim and the association staff or me anytime. Looking forward to a great year serving the Lord together.

*Mac* (pastormac@pvnbc.org)

## GENERAL BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS

(January - September 2023)

FCBA Contributing Churches		
Antioch	Friendship	Pleasant Valley North
Armuchee	Grace Fellowship	Pleasant Valley South
Bush Arbor	Hollywood (HBC)	Providence
Cedar Creek	Hill Crest	Riverside
Community Chapel	Lakeview	Second Avenue
Dykes Creek	Mount Alto	Sherwood Forest
East Rome	New Antioch	Shorter Avenue
Enon	New Armuchee	Spring Creek
Everett Springs	New Canaan	State Line
Fairview	New Prospect	Sunny Hill
Fellowship	Northside	Vanns Valley
First Baptist - Cave Spring	Park Avenue	Wax
First Baptist - Lindale	Parkview	West End
First Baptist - Shannon	Pisgah	West Rome
Flint Hill	Pleasant Hope	Woodlawn
Floyd Springs		

# MINISTERS MONTHLY MEETING

Every month we invite all of our pastors (full-time, part-time, bi-vocational, senior pastor, ministerial staff, or retired pastor/minister) to attend our Monthly Ministers Meeting. Generally, the MMM is on the second Thursday of every month. The MMM is our regular lunch gathering for the purpose of food, fellowship, insight and encouragement. Lunch is provided. The only request is that you make a reservation in order to make adequate preparations for the FREE lunch.

Here is what is coming up!

\* **THURSDAY, October 12<sup>th</sup> @ noon** We will get an ***update on the ministry activities at Restoration Rome.***

Our guest will be Jeff Mauer, the Co-Founder of Restoration Rome. As Chairman and CEO of Global Impact International, and Co-Founder of the Restoration Rome, Jeff has chosen to combine his experience as a successful business owner and heart for community service to initiate and implement creative and scalable solutions to the ever-growing foster care crisis in his hometown of Rome. Jeff serves as a trustee on multiple community and educational boards, and as the community engagement pastor for his church. Jeff brings to Restoration Rome the ability to orchestrate concurrent projects and lead multiple teams to achieve strategic priorities and purposes. Please ***RSVP by noon on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>*** by calling the FCBA Office at 706-291-0904 or by e-mailing [fcbaoffice@gmail.com](mailto:fcbaoffice@gmail.com).



\* **THURSDAY, November 9<sup>th</sup> @ noon** Our guest will be Matthew Carter from CDF Capital and his topic is ***“Raising Money for Capital Campaigns and Church Ministries”***. If your church is like most churches, you need more resources! Matthew is a Georgia native and has been serving the local church for almost 30 years! He has been a church planter, but his expertise as a church consultant began in the areas of stewardship development, church growth and leadership.

This experience brought him into 12 years as a leader in church lending and financial consulting across the southeast. Since 1998, Matthew has worked with more than 1,000 churches. He sees his role at CDF Capital as an opportunity to lock arms with pastors to see their churches flourish. Please ***RSVP by noon on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>*** by calling the FCBA Office at 706-291-0904 or by emailing [fcbaoffice@gmail.com](mailto:fcbaoffice@gmail.com).



\* **THURSDAY, December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm** will be our ***3rd Annual Pastor/Ministerial Staff & Spouse Christmas Dinner*** hosted by Dr. Dowless and the fine folks at Shorter University. The last two years we have packed out the room, so let's do it again this year! We will have a fun time together! We will have a very fine meal, followed by some songs that will get us in the Christmas spirit. We will close out the evening focusing on the reason for the season. If you are a pastor or a ministerial staff member, then you should attend and bring your spouse. This is a business casual gathering that will be a highlight of your Christmas season. Encourage other pastors and ministerial staff to attend, too. Please ***RSVP by noon on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>*** by calling the FCBA Office at 706-291-0904 or by emailing [fcbaoffice@gmail.com](mailto:fcbaoffice@gmail.com). ***It is very important that you RSVP so plans for the meal and the room can be made accordingly.***

\* **THURSDAY, January 11<sup>th</sup> @ noon** It is not too early to be planning for EASTER. Did you know that Easter Sunday is the perfect time to reach new people? For years Scott Smith has been helping churches reach new people during the Easter season. Scott will be our guest and he will be ***“Helping Us Reach New People at Easter”***. Scott is the Marketing Promotions Manager at the Georgia Baptist Mission Board. If you have not heard of Scott, you have probably heard of THE BIG INVITE used by thousands of churches. That's Scott's baby! He will help your church reach more people this Easter! Please ***RSVP by noon on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>*** by calling the FCBA Office at 706-291-0904 or by emailing [fcbaoffice@gmail.com](mailto:fcbaoffice@gmail.com).



# GEORGIA BAPTIST MISSION BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT



The most recent meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of the Georgia Baptist Convention (GBC) was held on September 12, 2023 at Flat Creek Baptist Church in Fayetteville, Georgia.

The EC heard the final report for the financial audit conducted for 2022. The Georgia Baptist Mission Board (GBMB) continues to seek to remain above reproach and handle funds in a way that is pleasing to the Lord.

The Administration Committee (AC) was given the task of updating the organization documents of the EC. The updates were shared with the EC and were approved as presented.

During the annual session of the GBC in 2022 messengers asked President Josh Saefkow to appoint a committee to review the By-Laws of the GBC. This committee was chaired by Frank Cox. The updated By-Laws were approved by the EC and will be presented to the 2023 GBC for approval in November of 2023.

The EC heard an encouraging report of the work of the Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief teams in south Georgia following Hurricane Idalia. Hundreds of job requests were fulfilled and thousands of meals were prepared. Most importantly, the gospel was shared with a number of individuals.

The EC received the YTD financial report. The GBMB continues to operate in the black despite the continued decline of the Cooperative Program giving by Georgia Baptist churches.

An update was given on the status of the sale of the property on Sugarloaf. The property had been under contract with a local Gwinnett County group to purchase it; however, the group adjusted their offer with a significant reduction in their offer. The AC agreed to stay firm on the original offer. The prospective buyer removed their offer and terminated the contract. There continues to be interest expressed from other potential buyers; the broker will re-engage the interested parties. We continue to trust God will provide the right buyer at the right time.

The EC was reminded that while September is the emphasis month for Mission Georgia, we can pray and give to Mission Georgia throughout the year. Georgia is our mission field.

An update on the SPARK events was encouraging. With a SPARK event in each of the six regions of Georgia, there were over 2,000 registrants and almost 300 churches in attendance. This is a total church conference to assist our churches through training and inspiration. The Floyd County Baptist Association will be hosting a regional SPARK conference in 2024.

Pastor Wellness has added 3 part-time ladies to their team to work with ministry wives. Jennifer Williams will be in the southern regions, Lauren Walker will serve in the northern regions, and Suzette Green will serve the central regions.

Thanks for the honor of serving you,

Dr. Philip May, Senior Pastor at Pleasant Valley South, FCBA Representative  
email: [phil.may@pvsbc.org](mailto:phil.may@pvsbc.org)

# 2023 ANNUAL CHURCH REPORT/PROFILE

Back in August, each FCBA church should have received, via USPS mail, a letter from the Georgia Baptist Mission Board that included ACR/P completion instructions, with paper form and an online link to the forms, your church's username, password, and a self-addressed stamped envelope. The letter should contain the ACR/P statistical questions and have all current organization and leadership data prefilled in the provided forms. The deadline for completion is October 15, 2023 but the FCBA is requesting that you have your ACR/P completed by October 1, 2023.



If you are unable to complete the ACR/P online or if you are unable to locate the information from the GBMB, please answer these questions and return your answers to the FCBA office. We will make sure your ACR/P is completed.

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

The 2023 Annual Statistical Report Suggested Time Period September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Total **MEMBERSHIP**. All members including resident, non-resident, active and inactive.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Average weekly in-person **WORSHIP** Sunday morning attendance. Average number attending the weekly (primary) worship service(s) in person for the weeks your congregation met during the current reporting year. This should also include children in nursery, children's church and/or extended care. If records are not kept, use your best estimate.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Average weekly in-person **SMALL GROUP** attendance for Sunday School or other Bible study groups (all ages). Average number attending Bible Study in person each week for the weeks your congregation met during the current reporting year. This may be a Sunday School class, Bible Study, Small Group, Home Groups, Discipleship Groups or similar group. Include all ages from babies to adults but not counting anyone twice. If records are not kept, use your best estimate.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Total **BAPTISMS**. Total number of baptisms that took place during the 12-month reporting year.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ **OTHER ADDITIONS**. Number of people who became members of your congregation during the current reporting year by ways other than baptism including letter of transfer, statement, etc.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Total **VBS ENROLLMENT**. Total number of persons enrolled in this year's VBS program. Include leaders, workers, and attendees.
7. \$\_\_\_\_\_ Total **UNDESIGNATED RECEIPTS**. These are monetary gifts given by individuals in which the congregation decides how the money will be spent by its budget or other means. This includes regular tithes and offerings given in person or online during the current reporting year.

We will send you a "ministry leader contact information sheet" to complete as well. All we need from your church is the name, mailing address, cell phone number and email address for the following leaders. Prayer, Evangelism/Outreach, Sunday School/Discipleship/Groups, Missions, College Ministry, Church & Community Ministries, VBS, Deacons, Finance/Treasurer, Disaster Relief, Kids Ministry, Youth Ministry, Music/Worship Ministry, Sr. Adult Ministry, Singles Ministry, Social Media/Website/Communications, WMU/Women's Ministry, Men's Ministry, Special Needs Ministry, Church Secretary, Church Clerk, and Georgia Baptist Children's Home.

Please submit your 2023 ACR by October 15, 2023. If you have questions please contact Bryan Nowak at the GBMB 770.936.5245 or [bnowak@gabaptist.org](mailto:bnowak@gabaptist.org).

# PASTOR WELLNESS EVENTS

## RETREATS

Opportunities for encouragement, focus, and refreshment are essential to the wellbeing of pastors and their spouses. Georgia Baptist Pastor Wellness Retreats provide the time and space needed to grow in leadership, ministry, and marriage, all while being re-energized to serve at your best.



[gabaptist.org](http://gabaptist.org)

These retreats are always in high demand, so mark your calendars now and be prepared to register fast.

### Ministry Couples Retreats

For pastors, ministry staff, and spouses

- March 1-3, 2024 Jekyll Island Resort
- September 26-28, 2024 Evergreen Resort, Stone Mountain Park

### Minister's Wives Retreat

For ministry wives

- January 18-20, 2024 Evergreen Resort, Stone Mountain Park

### Healthcare Summits

During Pastor Wellness retreats, we offer free medical assessments and testing opportunities to Georgia Baptist ministers and their wives. These services may include blood pressure screening, full panel blood work including blood sugar, cholesterol, and thyroid, free dental hygiene/cleaning, and angio-screening. You can register for these services when registering to attend the retreat. The Healthcare Summits are offered at the Ministry Couples Retreats, Minister's Wives Retreats, and the Georgia Baptist Annual Meeting.

## RENEWAL

Pastors need opportunities to regroup and refocus on God's call on their lives. ReTool and ReCharge events bring us back to the fundamentals of what pastoral ministry requires of us to serve and shepherd well.

### ReTool Events

Encouraging ministry best practices "The Art of Asking: Best Practices of Calling Out the Called and Developing Those Who are Called"

Dr. Steve Parr, Associational Mission Strategist Gwinnett Metro Baptist Network

- February 5, 2024 First Baptist Church, Peachtree City
- February 12, 2024 Sunrise Baptist Church, Lawrenceville

### ReCharge Events

Inspiring personal spiritual renewal "Continuing in the Call: Encouragement to Persevere"

Mel Blackaby, Lead Pastor First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

- April 15, 2024 First Baptist Church, Cartersville
- April 16, 2024 Turning Point Community Church, Macon

## FELLOWSHIP

We all need to have a little fun!

- October 19, 2023 Disc Golf, Shorter University, Rome
- September 3, 2024 Golf Fellowship, Currahee Club, Toccoa

Everything you need regarding Pastor Wellness can be found at [gabaptist.org/ministries/pastor-wellness](http://gabaptist.org/ministries/pastor-wellness)

## NAMB PASTORAL CARE LINE



North American  
Mission Board

**NAMB Pastoral Care Line**  
**1-844-PASTOR1 (1-844-727-8671)**

A free, confidential, dedicated helpline for pastors, ministers  
and their families.

Trained, professional counselors are available every day from  
8am until 10pm (EST)

Confidentiality is ensured and guaranteed by  
Focus on the Family.

## CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT

Christmas is almost here again, can you believe it?

This year's Christmas toy store applications for children birth - 12 years of age will be taken on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm. Upon completion of their application, the applicants will be assigned a date and time to return to shop. The dates for clients to return to shop are on December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

Those applying for assistance **MUST** bring the following when they come to fill out their application:

- Photo Id
- Proof of current address
- Social Security Card for each child in their custody
- Proof of income

If your church would like to help with a monetary gift or send **NEW** toys, please bring it by the FCBA office no later than Wednesday, November 15, 2023.

*Cindy*

## FCBA MINISTRY CENTER NEEDS:



Boxed Cereal - variety  
Canned Corn - 14.5 oz.  
Canned Diced Tomatoes - 14.5 oz.  
Canned Green Beans - 14.5 oz.  
Canned Green Peas - 15 oz.  
Canned Peaches - 15 oz.  
Canned Pinto Beans - 15 oz.  
Canned Pork & Beans - 15 oz.  
Canned Potatoes - 15 oz.  
Canned Ravioli - 15 oz.  
Canned (Ready to Eat) Soup

Canned Spaghetti-O's - 15 oz.  
Canned Spaghetti Sauce - 24 oz.  
Canned Vienna Sausages - 4.6 oz.  
Creamy Peanut Butter - 18 oz.  
Grape Jelly - 32 oz. plastic  
Instant Grits (individual pack box)  
Instant Oatmeal (individual pack box)  
Mac & Cheese - 7.25 oz.  
Pop Tarts - 6-8 count box  
Ramen Noodles - 12 pack box  
Spaghetti (dry pasta) - 16 oz.

### Hygiene Items Needed:

Baby Wipes  
Deodorant

Kid's Toothpaste  
Toilet Paper

Toothbrush  
Toothpaste (not travel size)

## 2023/2024 CHURCH FOOD DRIVE:

**October:** Bush Arbor, First Baptist - Cave Spring, Friendship, Hollywood, Wax, Woodlawn

**November:** First Baptist Lindale, First Baptist Shannon, Lakeview, Primera Iglesia

**December:** None

**January:** Calvary, Dykes Creek, Flint Hill, New Antioch, Vann's Valley

**February:** New Armuchee, New Hope, Pleasant Valley North, Providence, Spring Creek, Victory

**March:** Cedar Creek, Desoto Park, McFall, New Prospect, South Broad, West Rome

# GIVE TO LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

## Giving to send missionaries



## WHAT CAN I DO WITH OLD SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE???

# LOVE PACKAGES

Does your church have a lot of used Sunday School literature, Bible study materials, Bibles, devotionals, and magazines? Are you looking for a way further use them for missions?? Thanks to **LOVE PACKAGES** there is a solution for you!

Floyd County Baptist Association churches are invited to collect used literature and other accepted items, bundle them together, and then contact *Love Packages* to schedule a delivery time.

Visit <https://lovepackages.org> to learn more and to see a list of items you can donate. You will then deliver, or ship, your bundled and boxed materials to: Love Packages 60-D South Mountain Drive Decatur, AL 35603

## JOIN OUR FACEBOOK PAGE



One of the best ways to keep up to date with all that is going on in the Floyd County Baptist Association and in the churches of the Floyd County Baptist Association is to join our Facebook Group. Take a moment to join us and then share it with others and invite them to join too! Thank you!!!

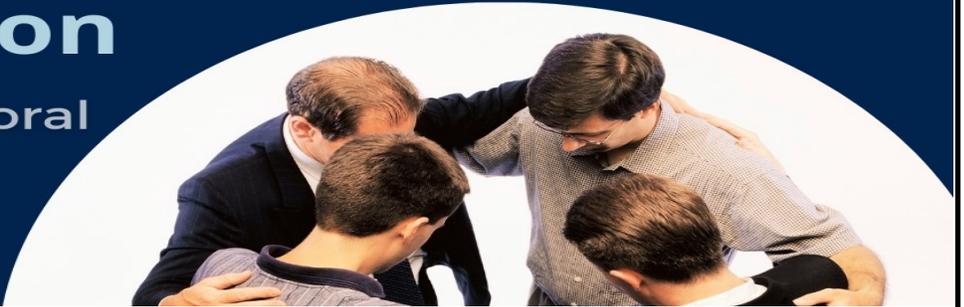
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/floydbaptist.org/>



# Week of Prayer for the Floyd County Baptist Association

Praying for Pastoral  
Wellness

October 15-22, 2023



DAY

1

**Sunday, October 15**

Pray today that the pastors in the FCBA will strengthen and encourage one another.

*"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up as you are already doing" (1 Thessalonians 5:11).*

DAY

2

**Monday, October 16**

Pray today that the pastors in the FCBA can confidently make any difficult but God-honoring decisions that need to be made in their ministry. *"Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will hold on to you with my righteous right hand" (Isaiah 41:10)*

DAY

3

**Tuesday, October 17**

Pray today that the pastors in the FCBA will be unafraid to lead their people into new territory.

*"Haven't I commanded you: be strong and courageous? Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9).*

DAY

4

**Wednesday, October 18**

Pray today that the FCBA pastors who are facing particularly difficult challenges will overcome those challenges and be strengthened by them. *"The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, establish, strengthen, and support you after you have suffered a little while" (1 Peter 5:10).*

DAY

5

**Thursday, October 19**

Pray today that the pastors in the FCBA who may be struggling emotionally will experience renewed vibrancy in their relationship with the Lord, their families, and their people. *"My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart, my portion forever" (Psalm 73:26).*

DAY

6

**Friday, October 20**

Pray today that the pastors in the FCBA will have discernment, that the enemy will remain at bay and that they can walk boldly in the Lord's protection. *"Be alert, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong" (1 Corinthians 16:13).*

DAY

7

**Saturday, October 21**

Pray today that the pastors in our association will be agents of peace in the event of conflict or strife in their churches. *"The Lord gives his people strength; the Lord blesses his people with peace" (Psalm 29:11).*

DAY

8

**Sunday, October 22**

Pray today that the FCBA pastors will preach the Word of God in power and that they will find strength and assurance as the Holy Spirit does His work among their people. *"Because our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, in the Holy Spirit, and with full assurance. You know how we lived among you for your benefit" (1 Thessalonians 1:5).*

## EVANGELISTIC TRAINING & INFORMATION EVENT



This training and information night is for anyone and all who are interested in knowing more about Riding High Encounter to be held December 1<sup>st</sup> at The Rome Forum at 7:00pm.

If you desire to serve in the areas of Greeting, Prayer Team, or want to learn innovative ways to invite the unchurched and lost, and how to follow up with them afterwards, we invite you and your church family to join us for dessert, coffee, and water.

It's free, but we need to know that you are coming. Please RSVP by October 11, 2023. <https://forms.gle/PkuyGyRDBtcRomG47>

For promo items for this event, please visit: <https://www.ridinghighministries.org/events>

## EVANGELISTIC PLANNING EVENT



As we prepare for the Riding High Evangelistic Outreach Night we must cover this gathering and all those involved in PRAYER! On Friday October 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm, all participating churches and those involved in the Riding High Night are invited to come together at the farm of Matt and Lisa Little for a time of food, fellowship, bonfire, and prayer. This will be an awesome time of coming together as different church families for one common purpose. "PRAYER"

We do ask that you please RSVP by October 15, 2023 so we can plan accordingly. <https://forms.gle/pnfSDem7t93ZS7xMA>

See you on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

# Sunday School Summit

## “Outreach Through the Sunday School”

Your Sunday School class/group is the most effective tool your church has to fulfill the Great Commission. Join us for this important session where you will be inspired as well as gain practical ideas to involve your class/group in outreach.

**Thursday, October 19, 2023**

### Fairview Baptist Church

2348 Old Cedartown Highway, SE  
Lindale, Georgia 30147

6:00 pm - Dinner

6:30 pm - Training

8:00 - Dismiss

Please call 706-291-0904 or email [fcbaoffice@gmail.com](mailto:fcbaoffice@gmail.com) to RSVP by 10/16.



## EVANGELISTIC EVENT

# Prophet, Priest & King Men's Conference

WITH EVANGELIST BRADY WELDON

**October 21, 2023**

### Enon Baptist Church

3105 Turkey Mountain Road - Rome, GA 30161

8:00 am Breakfast

9:00 am - 12:00 pm Conference

12:00 pm Fish Fry

For more info or to RSVP, please call:

770-243-3293



BAPTIST WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER



BWA WOMEN

# Baptist Women's Day of Prayer

Monday, November 6, 2023  
10:30 am

FLOYD COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OFFICE  
308 REDMOND ROAD ROME, GEORGIA 30165

GEORGIA BAPTIST CONVENTION ANNUAL MEETING

## Calling Out THE CALLED

NOVEMBER 12-14, 2023  
CHURCH ON MAIN | SNELLVILLE, GA

This year's annual meeting will be like no other. This year the future is on the line, "**Calling Out the Called**". Get ready for inspiration and growth as we maximize what God has called us to do in our state and for the kingdom! For more information or to get registered go to...

<https://gbcannualmeeting.com/>

# DEACON TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

## DEACON TRAINING

WITH BRYAN ALEXANDER

November 16 || 6:30PM-8:45PM

Includes Chick-fil-a meal, and two sessions of valuable training.

## REGISTER TODAY

RESERVE YOUR SPOT

Registration ends 12PM 11/13



Hosted by FCBA & SHERWOOD 



706-291-0904

# PASTOR/MINISTERIAL STAFF & SPOUSE EVENT

JOIN US FOR THE  
3RD ANNUAL

## PASTOR/MINISTERIAL STAFF & SPOUSE CHRISTMAS DINNER

Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 6:30 pm  
at Shorter University



# FLOYD COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

## *Christmas Store*

(for ages birth - 12 years old)

**Dates for Assistance Applications:**

**November 6, 7 & 8**

**9:00 am - 12:00 pm & 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm**

For more information contact the

FCBA Ministry Center at 706-291-0904.

**Shopping Dates for Approved Applicants:**

**December 4 & 5**

**(shopping times will be assigned)**

**Applicants MUST bring:**

- *Photo ID*
- *Proof of current address.*
- *Social Security Card for each child in custody.*
- *Proof of current income.*

*Assistance will only be given to those who are not receiving help from another organization.*

**RIDING HIGH**  
MINISTRIES  
THAT ALL WILL KNOW THE LOVE OF GOD

Churches of  
Rome, Georgia  
Present...

**BORN WILD**

WITH PASTOR & CHAMPION BAREBACK RIDER, TODD PIERCE



**Forum River Center:**  
301 Tribune Street  
Rome, GA 30161

**Friday, December 1, 2023**  
Family Event starts at 7:00P  
Doors Open at 6:00P

**Free Public Event**  
Invite and bring your family  
and friends

Todd Pierce, born and raised in rural Idaho, is the Founder of Riding High Ministries. Following his professional Rodeo career, Todd became the chaplain for the Professional Bull Riding (PBR) tour in 2001. After 17 years of mentoring elite athletes and their families, Todd stepped away from the PBR Tour in 2018 to give full attention to the development of the "Born Wild" horse-training presentations.

Because of his extreme lifestyle experiences, Todd has developed a relevant and practical way of sharing the Gospel and inspiring people to be courageous. Demonstrating the power of God's Love, Todd's passion for evangelism is blended along with the unique talent of communication through a living-illustration of an unbroken horse demonstration. Todd's heart for Family and gift of teaching has taken him to five continents and a dozen different countries carrying the Good News of Jesus and His Kingdom.

Riding High Ministries is currently partnering with Prison Fellowship Ministries, The Billy Graham Association, Samaritan's Purse, Free Burma Rangers, and churches around the nation to conduct outreach events in communities, correctional facilities, and at men's conferences.



## MINISTRY WIVES' RETREAT INFO

"EMBRACE THE CALL - HOLD ON"

# MINISTRY WIVES' RETREAT

Dates: Thursday-Saturday, January 18-20, 2024

Location: Atlanta Evergreen Lakeside Resort at Stone Mountain

Address: 4021 Lakeview Dr, Stone Mountain, GA 30083

This retreat is designed specifically for ministry wives whose husbands serve in a Georgia Baptist Mission Board affiliated church or ministry. It is a time to be renewed and fed spiritually, emotionally, and physically. The theme this year is "Hold On" based on Hebrews 10:23 - Let us hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

Cost is based on occupancy status. Total payment is expected when you complete this registration.

\$49 per person - commuters

\$79 per person - 4 to a room (\$316 total)

\$89 per person - 3 to a room (\$267 total)

\$99 per person - 2 to a room (\$198 total)

\$149 per person - 1 to a room (\$149 total)

Registration ends December 26, 2023.

For more information or to register go to <https://tinyurl.com/4pezjezd>

Please contact Loretta Crow at [lcrow@gabaptist.org](mailto:lcrow@gabaptist.org) or (770) 936-5232 if you have any questions or if the retreat is completely booked and you'd like to be put on a waiting list.

## FCBA OFFICE CLOSURE DATES

The FCBA Office will be closed on the following dates:



**Wednesday & Thursday November 22 & 23**  
(we will reopen on Monday, November 27th at 8:00 am)

**Wednesday, December 20th - Monday, January 1st**  
(we will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd at 8:00 am)

**Monday, January 15th**  
(we will reopen on Tuesday, January 16th at 8:00 am)

# FCBA MEMBER CHURCHES

## NORTH

**Antioch** - Mike Southerland, Interim Pastor  
4526 Big Texas Valley Road, NW • Rome, Georgia 30165

**Armuchee** - David Howard, Transitional Pastor  
6648 Big Texas Valley Road, NW • Rome, Georgia 30165

**Calvary** - Gary Graves, Pastor  
101 Broadus Road, NE • Rome, Georgia 30161

**Everett Springs** - Steve Drake, Pastor  
2167 Everett Springs Road, NE • Armuchee, Georgia 30165

**Floyd Springs** - Billy Carver, Pastor  
1869 Floyd Springs Road, NE • Armuchee, Georgia 30105

**New Armuchee** - Carson Fellows, Pastor  
5385 Martha Berry Highway, NE • Armuchee, Georgia 30105

**New Hope** - Mark Butler, Pastor  
101 Carpenter Road, NE • Calhoun, Georgia 30701

**Northside** - Phil Wade, Pastor  
75 North Floyd Park Road • Rome, Georgia 30165

**Pleasant Valley North** - Mac McCurry, Pastor  
735 Old Summerville Road, SW • Rome, Georgia 30165

**Three Rivers** - Mitch Jolly, Pastor  
2960 New Calhoun Highway, NE • Rome, Georgia 30161

## EAST

**Blue Pond** - Dixon Holtzclaw, Pastor  
1291 Morrison Campground Road • Rome, Georgia 30161

**Dykes Creek** - Tony Cargle, Pastor  
46 Dykes Creek Church Road • Rome, Georgia 30161

**Enon** - Ralph Jenkins, Pastor  
3105 Turkey Mountain Road, NE • Rome, Georgia 30161

**Friendship** - Justin Silver, Pastor  
2293 Calhoun Road, NE • Rome, Georgia 30161

**Hill Crest** - Mark Evans, Pastor  
2202 North Broad Street, NE • Rome, Georgia 30161

**New Antioch** - Jim Reynolds, Pastor  
4553 Calhoun Road, NE • Rome, Georgia 30161

**Riverside** - Randy Lambert, Pastor  
48 Ash Street, NE • Rome, Georgia 30161

**Shannon First** - Louis Byars, Pastor  
400 4th Street • Shannon, Georgia 30172

**Sherwood Forest** - Chris Hayes, Pastor  
1 Goodman Road, NE • Rome, Georgia 30161

**Sunny Hill** - Charles Maxwell, Pastor  
1007 Wayside Road • Rome, Georgia 30161

**Victory** - Paul Vinson, Pastor  
756 Turner Chapel Road, SE • Rome, Georgia 30161

## SOUTHWEST

**Bush Arbor** - Buddy Carter, Pastor  
1914 Fosters Mill Road, SW • Rome, Georgia 30161

**Cave Spring First** - Jarrod Kinsey, Pastor  
4 Cedartown Road • Cave Spring, Georgia 30124

**Cedar Creek** - Chris Lodge, Pastor  
3219 Fosters Mill Road, SW • Cave Spring, Georgia 30124

**Community Chapel** - Robert Boatner, Pastor  
3773 Blacks Bluff Road • Rome, Georgia 30161

**Fairview** - Trey Stephens, Pastor  
2348 Old Cedartown Road • Lindale, Georgia 30147

**Grace Fellowship** - Robert Vines, Interim Pastor  
6635 Blacks Bluff Road • Cave Spring, Georgia 30124

**Live Oak** - Rick Jennings, Pastor  
5506 Fosters Mill Road • Cave Spring, Georgia 30124

**New Prospect** - Aaron Little, Pastor  
1893 Booger Hollow Road • Lindale, Georgia 30147

**State Line** - Chris Hearne, Pastor  
8536 Blacks Bluff Road, SW • Cave Spring, Georgia 30124

**Vann's Valley** - David Nance, Pastor  
28 Vann's Valley Road • Rome, Georgia 30161

## WEST

**Fellowship** - Brady Fortenberry, Pastor  
314 Burnett Ferry Road, SW • Rome, Georgia 30165

**Lakeview** - Steve Glosson, Pastor  
80 Salem Drive, NW • Rome, Georgia 30165

**Mount Alto** - Matthew Bowden, Pastor  
1915 Huffaker Road • Rome, Georgia 30165

**New Canaan** - Corey Wright, Pastor  
3 Excelsior Street, NW • Rome, Georgia 30165

**Parkview** - Greg Hood, Pastor  
4 Wesley Drive, NW • Rome, Georgia 30165

**Pisgah** - Jerry Dudley, Pastor  
5603 Alabama Highway • Rome, Georgia 30165

**Primera Iglesia Bautista** - Hector Navarrete, Pastor  
2200 Redmond Circle, NW • Rome, Georgia 30165

**Providence** - Brent Wells, Pastor  
17 Burnett Ferry Road, SW • Rome, Georgia 30165

**Shorter Avenue** - Jeremy Albright, Pastor  
1410 Shorter Avenue • Rome, Georgia 30165

**West End** - Greg Montgomery, Pastor  
107 Mississippi Drive, NW • Rome, Georgia 30165

**West Rome** - Jarrod Roberts, Pastor  
914 Shorter Avenue • Rome, Georgia 30165

**Wilkerson Road** - Frankie Wright, Pastor  
401 Wilkerson Road • Rome, Georgia 30165

## SOUTHEAST

**Desoto Park** - Scott Lambert, Pastor  
1107 Cave Spring Road, SW • Rome, Georgia 30161

**East Rome** - \_\_\_\_\_, Pastor  
601 Cedar Avenue, SW • Rome, Georgia 30161

**Flint Hill** - Chris Johnson, Pastor  
3578 Was Road, SE • Aragon, Georgia 30104

**HBC-Rome** - David Harper, Pastor  
2 Commerce Court • Rome, Georgia 30161

**Lindale First** - Eric Welchel, Pastor  
9 Park Avenue • Lindale, Georgia 30147

**McFall** - Kent Thomas, Pastor  
3011 Rockmart Road, SE • Rome, Georgia 30161

**Mount Carmel** - Tyler Barron, Pastor  
514 East 20th Street • Rome, Georgia 30161

**Mount Tabor** - Brent Edwards, Pastor  
3068 Old Alabama Road Taylorsville, Georgia 30178

**Park Avenue** - Earl Fowlkes, Pastor  
509 Park Avenue • Lindale, Georgia 30147

**Pleasant Hope** - Adam Elrod, Pastor  
5935 Rockmart Road • Silver Creek, Georgia 30173

**Pleasant Valley South** - Philip May, Pastor  
702 Pleasant Valley Road • Silver Creek, Georgia 30173

**Second Avenue** - Jacob Roberts, Pastor  
823 East Second Avenue, SE • Rome, Georgia 30161

**South Broad** - Ricky Studdard, Pastor  
508 South Broad Street • Rome, Georgia 30161

**Spring Creek** - Jeff Dabbs, Pastor  
2636 Chulio Road, SE • Rome, Georgia 30161

**Wax** - Gary Diggs, Pastor  
1771 Wax Road, SE • Silver Creek, Georgia 30173

**Woodlawn** - Legare Price, Pastor  
1649 Cartersville Highway • Rome, Georgia 30161

# FCBA CALENDAR

## Administration Committee:

- Wednesday, October 18 @ 11:00 am @ FCBA (Orientation Meeting)
- Wednesday, November 15 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA
- **No meeting in December**
- Wednesday, January 17 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA

## Baptist Women's Day of Prayer:

- Monday, November 6 @ 10:30 am @ FCBA

## College Ministry & BCM Team Meeting:

- Tuesday, October 31 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA

## CCM Center Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast:

- Tuesday, November 21 @ 9:00 am @ TBD

## Christmas Store:

- Applications Taken: November 6 - 8
- Cindy's Elves Shopping Day & Breakfast: November 20 @ 9:00 am
- Store OPEN: December 4 - 5

## Deacon Dinner & Training:

- Thursday, November 16 @ 6:30 pm @ Sherwood Baptist Church

## Executive Committee:

- Monday, January 22 @ 7:00 pm @ FCBA

## FCBA Office Closed:

- November 22 - 23 for Thanksgiving
- December 20 - 31 for Christmas
- January 1 for New Year's Day
- January 15 for MLKJ Day

## Ministers Monthly Meeting:

- Thursday, October 12 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA **RSVP by 10/10 for lunch**
- Thursday, November 9 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA **RSVP by 11/7 for lunch**
- Thursday, January 11 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA **RSVP by 1/9 for lunch**

## Pastor/Ministerial Staff & Spouse Christmas Dinner:

- Thursday, December 14 @ 6:30 pm @ Shorter University

## Prayer Team:

- Thursday, October 19 @ 1:00 pm @ FCBA

## Sunday School/Small Group Directors Summit:

- Thursday, October 19 @ 6:00 pm @ Fairview Baptist Church **RSVP by 10/16**
- Thursday, January 18 @ 6:00 pm @ TBD **RSVP by 1/11**
- Thursday, April 18 @ 6:00 pm @ Pleasant Valley North Baptist **RSVP by 4/15**
- Thursday, July 18 @ 6:00 pm @ TBC **RSVP by 7/15**

## Week of Prayer for the Floyd County Baptist Association:

- October 15 - 22

## Youth Pastors & Student Ministry Leaders:

- Tuesday, October 17 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA **RSVP by 10/16 for lunch**
- Tuesday, November 7 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA **RSVP by 11/6 for lunch**
- Tuesday, January 16 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA **RSVP by 1/11 for lunch**

## **Mailing Address:**

Floyd County Baptist Association  
P.O. Box 729  
Rome, Georgia 30162

## **Physical Address:**

308 Redmond Road  
Rome, Georgia 30165

## **Phone:**

706-291-0904

## **Fax:**

706-291-7839

## **Website:**

[www.floydbaptist.org](http://www.floydbaptist.org)

## **Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

## **Association Staff:**

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## **2022-2023 Association Officers:**

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[pastormac@pvnbc.org](mailto:pastormac@pvnbc.org)

Rev. Eric Whelchel - Moderator-Elect  
First Baptist Church - Lindale  
[bige@fbclindale.org](mailto:bige@fbclindale.org)

Rev. Jerry Dudley - Clerk  
Pisgah Baptist Church  
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