

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 THREE



The SPARK Conference was incredible! A BIG THANKS to pastor Jarrod Roberts, executive pastor Topher Stockton and all the people at West Rome Baptist Church. When everything wrapped up, there was a total registered attendance of 808 from 96 churches. There were people from all over Georgia in attendance. This was a partnership between us and several of our neighboring associations and the Georgia Baptist Mission Board.

Again, I would like to thank the team that worked so hard to make this a great event for pastors, leaders, and churches.

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We had the FCBA Annual Meeting on Monday night following the SPARK Conference. WE originally planned to have it at the FCBA Center, but the crowd grew to be too large, so we moved to Shorter Avenue Baptist Church. Thanks to pastor Jeremy Albright and the fine folks of Shorter Avenue for hosting us. Here is a quick summary of the day. We had 23 churches represented with a total attendance of 91. In the business session we made some significant changes to our constitution and bylaws and approved a budget of \$309,824 for 2025. That is an increase of \$8,992.02 over the 2024 budget and a monthly requirement of \$25,818.69. Plus, we elected new officers: Eric Whelchel, Pastor, First Baptist Church - Lindale, as Moderator; Jarrod Kinsey, Pastor, First Baptist Church - Cave Spring, as Moderator-Elect; Jean Stanley, member of Spring Creek Baptist Church, as Assistant Treasurer; and Sheri Cordle, member of Antioch Baptist Church, as the FCBA Clerk.

At the Annual Meeting we also heard reports from many of our ministry areas and approved the reports from all teams and committees. It was a busy night! We saw our mission statement...***"encouraging and equipping pastors and people to do the Great Commandment and the Great Commission"*** and our nine priorities... ***"praying, reaching, discipling, going, caring,*** (continued on pg. 2)

TIM'S TOP THREE (CONTINUED)

(continued from page 1) **growing, training, giving and next gen"** put into practice.

Next year we will return to our EQUIP Conference but we will keep the FCBA Annual Meeting following the conference. The EQUIP Conference will be Sunday, September 21st at Pleasant Valley North Baptist Church. The schedule of the EQUIP Conference will be very similar to what we just experienced at the SPARK Conference. We are planning on doing the 133rd Annual Meeting of the FCBA on Monday, September 22nd and the host church has yet to be determined. There is a possibility that we may move the Annual Meeting back one week after further evaluations and discussions. As soon as these decisions are made we will let you know.

Tim's 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 13-20. The prayer guide is available to download on our website. Make sure you have joined the FCBA Facebook group because everyday 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. We are a **GOING** association and we want every church to be engaged in missions. Our Global Impact/World Missions Conference is October 18-20 and it is being hosted by Woodlawn Baptist Church. David Ogden and our missions team have been working on this for several months and pastor Legare Price and the folks at Woodlawn are excited to be hosting this very important event. For more information on this event, see the detailed schedule on page 3 of this newsletter, which includes the breakout session listing.

Friday October 18th - GLOBAL MISSIONS BANQUET

featured speaker is Buck Burch - GA Baptist Missions Catalyst & Former IMB Missionary to Russia

5:00pm-6:00pm Display Area Open w/ Missionaries and Mission Opportunities

6:00pm-7:30pm Global Impact Dinner Woodlawn Baptist Church Sanctuary

Saturday October 19th

9:00am-10:30am Missions Prayer Breakfast Woodlawn Baptist Church Sanctuary

10:30am -12:00pm Breakout Session 1 (choose one)

12:00pm-1:00pm Lunch Woodlawn Baptist Church Sanctuary

1:00pm-2:30pm Breakout Session 2 (choose one)

Sunday October 20th - GLOBAL IMPACT/MISSIONS DAY IN YOUR FCBA CHURCH

Missionaries are available to come to your church but it is on a first come first serve basis. If you want a missionary to speak in your church on Sunday October 20th, get in touch with David Ogden ASAP!

#3. We are a **CARING** association and we love our pastors and ministerial staff members. 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:

- ♦ **Praying:** You can pray for your pastor daily, asking that God protect him and his family, and that he delivers sermons that inspire the church. You can let you pastor know you are praying for him.
- ♦ **Giving gifts:** You can give your pastor a gift, such as a gift card to their favorite store or a bag of candy.
- ♦ **Writing a note:** You can write your pastor a note to thank them for something they have done such as leadership during a difficult time, a hospital visit, or an inspiring sermon.
- ♦ **Getting to know them:** You can learn more about your pastor, including their hobbies, interests, and family.
- ♦ **Volunteering:** You can volunteer to serve the church.
- ♦ **Supporting the church:** You can take an active part in the life of your church.
- ♦ **Protecting their time:** You can protect your pastor's weekly time off.
- ♦ **Teaching your children:** You can teach your children to respect their pastor.

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

GLOBAL IMPACT CONFERENCE



This will be a great opportunity for you and your church to discover ways to be involved in taking the Good News of Jesus locally and globally!

Schedule of Events:

Friday, October 18th

5:00 - 6:00 pm - Missions & Missionary Exhibit Area Open

6:00 - 7:00 pm - Global Impact/Missions Dinner with Buck Burch (former IMB Missionary to Russia) speaking

7:00 - 8:00 pm - Missions & Missionary Exhibit Area Open

Saturday, October 19th

8:00 - 9:30 am - Global Impact/Missions Prayer Breakfast

9:30 - 10:00 am - Missions & Missionary Exhibit Area Open

10:00 - 11:30 am - Breakout Session #1 sessions include:

Raising Up Missions Leaders

Disaster Relief Teams

Fighting Human Trafficking

Women in Missions

Missions Prayer Gathering #1

Starting a Missions Program

Reaching the Nations Now

The Journeyman Process

Mobilizing Youth

11:30 am - 12:30 pm - Lunch

12:30 - 1:00 pm - Missions & Missionary Exhibit Area Open

1:00 - 2:30 pm - Breakout Session #2 sessions include:

Raising Up Missions Leaders

Disaster Relief Teams

Fighting Human Trafficking

Cross Cultural Missions

Missions Prayer Gathering #2

Starting a Missions Program

Tools for Reaching the Nations

The Journeyman Process

Mobilizing Youth

Sunday, October 20th

SENDING SUNDAY!! Commissioning ALL of our members in FCBA churches to live on Mission for God!

2024 Global Impact Conference

PRESENTED BY THE FLOYD COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE GEORGIA BAPTIST MISSION BOARD AND HOSTED BY:

WOODLAWN BAPTIST CHURCH
1649 CARTERSVILLE HWY SE, ROME GA.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18TH



GLOBAL MISSIONS BANQUET
FEATURING: **BUCK BURCH**
(MISSIONS CATALYST & FORMER
MISSIONARY TO RUSSIA)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

PRAYER BREAKFAST & BREAKOUT SESSIONS
FEATURING SPEAKERS FROM:

MISSION GEORGIA
THE INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD
SEND DISASTER RELIEF
GEORGIA BAPTIST MISSION BOARD
FREEDOM AVIATION NETWORK
SHEPHERDS STAFF & MORE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

MISSIONS SENDING SUNDAY

VISIT WWW.FLOYDBAPTIST.ORG FOR MORE
INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER YOUR CHURCH TODAY!

2024 Global Impact Conference

October 18-19

Woodlawn Baptist Church
1649 Cartersville Hwy
Rome, Georgia

FEATURING



BUCK BURCH
MISSIONS CATALYST
GBMB



LORNA BIUS
MISSION GEORGIA



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IMB MISSIONARY



KEITH IVEY
MISSIONS CONSULTANT
GBMB



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FREEDOM AVIATION



BONNIE JOHNSON
SHEPHERD'S STAFF



BILL & ANNA
CAMPBELL
S.E.N.D. RELIEF



ERIC GARGUS
STUDENT MISSIONS

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- RAISING UP MISSIONS LEADERS
- REACHING THE NATIONS NOW
- DISASTER RELIEF TEAMS
- CROSS CULTURAL MISSIONS
- FIGHTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING
- THE JOURNEYMAN PROCESS
- STARTING A MISSIONS PROGRAM
- WOMEN IN MISSIONS
- MOBILIZING STUDENTS
- TOOLS FOR OUTREACH

REGISTER NOW



706-291-0904



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MINISTERS' MONTHLY MEETING

All pastors and ministerial staff members (full-time, part-time, bi-vocational, or retired) are invited to attend our regular Ministers' Meetings. Here is what's coming up!

* **THURSDAY, October 10th** at noon at the FCBA Ministry Center. It is not true of your church, but some churches have difficult people. The truth is that conflict is a normal part of life. Most relationships are too important to just walk away from them and the work/ministry we have been called to are much too important to ignore difficult people or situations. In this Minister' Meeting you will discover God's way of resolving conflict. It can be an opportunity to make relationships closer, find solutions that are fair to everyone and in the end strengthen your church. Our guest will be Marty Youngblood. He is the Georgia Baptist Pastor Wellness Catalyst in Southeast Georgia. He has worked with hundreds of churches in dealing with difficult situations. If you have them, then join us for this important gathering. He will be speaking on the topic of ***"Dealing with Difficult People"***. A FREE lunch will be provided, so please **RSVP by noon on Tuesday, October 8th** by calling the FCBA Office at 706-291-0904 or by e-mailing fcbaoffice@gmail.com.



* **THURSDAY, November 14th** at noon at the FCBA Ministry Center. Our guest will be Dr. David Smith, the ambassador for the professional doctoral program at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. The DMin and DEdMin at NOBTS are professional degrees designed to produce excellence in the practice of ministry. Seminars are application-oriented and offered in block formats that allow students to remain in their ministry settings. There are specializations Apologetics, Biblical Studies, Church Health, Church Planting, Church Revitalization, Discipleship and Spiritual Formation, Educational Ministry Leadership, Evangelistic Church Growth, Executive Administration, Expository Preaching, Intercultural Studies, Ministry to Women, Next Generation



Ministries, Pastoral Counseling, Pastoral Ministry, Strategic Leadership, and Worship Leadership. David will be available to answer any questions about furthering your education. Because we are providing a FREE lunch, all we ask is that you please **RSVP by noon on Monday, November 11th** by calling the FCBA Office at 706-291-0904 or by e-mailing fcbaoffice@gmail.com.

* **THURSDAY, December 12th** will be our 4th annual Pastor/Ministerial Staff & Spouse Christmas Dinner hosted by Dr. Dowless and the fine folks at Shorter University. The last three years we have packed out the room, so let's do it again this year!! We will have a fun time together, a very fine meal followed by a mini-concert from ***By His Grace***, a gospel duo composed of Angela Carter and Melissa Hood. Melissa is the wife of Greg Hood, the pastor at Parkview Baptist Church. 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 and we promise it will be a highlight of your Christmas season. Encourage other pastors and ministerial staff to attend too Please **RSVP by noon on Monday, November 11th** by calling the FCBA Office at 706-291-0904 or by e-mailing fcbaoffice@gmail.com.

Beginning in January we will make some changes to the Ministers' Meetings. Our start time will be 10:30 am and we will be meeting at one of our churches. Following the Minister's Meeting, we will announce which area restaurant we will be going to for lunch. This will be a "Dutch treat" outing unless otherwise announced. Here are the dates for the 2025 Ministers' Meetings: ***January 16, February 13, March 13, April 17, August 21, September 18, October 9, and November 20.***

We have sent out a request for churches to host the Ministers' Meetings and as those are scheduled we will let you know. We will NOT meet in May, June or July and the December meeting will be our 5th Annual Pastor/Ministerial Staff & Spouse Christmas Dinner on Thursday, December 11th.

***The goal for all of our MMM gatherings is inspiration and information.
We always have a great time of fellowship and encouragement!***

A MESSAGE FROM THE MODERATOR

REV. ERIC WHELCHER

I'm so honored to serve our Floyd County Baptist Association as Moderator for this coming year. I'm just a hometown boy who grew up in Lindale and Silver Creek and has been blessed to watch our association serve Floyd County my whole life. However, since being called to be a Senior Pastor and having invested more directly in the work of our association under Dr. Smith's leadership, I'm more hopeful than ever! I've been around long enough to see the highs and lows of our efforts over the years. I'm aware of the struggles that exist in unifying our churches. My hope doesn't come from a full activity calendar or more committee meetings; it's from the hearts of our pastors. I never realized how vital and meaningful relationships were among pastors until I became one. I've found those relationships through this association and hope to find even more. My prayer for our association is that our churches would be as grateful for each other as I am for the pastors in this county. Satan constantly tempts us to lean into our pride when we compare and compete among ourselves. As Paul wrote in Philippians 1:3-6, we should express grateful joy to God every time we remember the work God is doing in another church. We should pray for His will to be accomplished in every church in our association as we pray for our own. We can partner with our money, programs, and ministries and do good things; or, we can partner with our hearts and do great things. My prayer is that God will move us all closer to this type of partnership together in 2024-2025.

Peace of Christ,

Eric Whelchel, First Baptist Church - Lindale (bige@fbclindale.org)

PASTOR WELLNESS EVENT



Thursday, October 24, 2024 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Join other pastors for a day of fun and a little competition at Shorter University. Limited to the first 100 participants. **Registration ends on October 15.** <https://brushfire.com/gabaptist/disc-golf-shorter/580758>

Here is the schedule for the day:

9:00 am Registration

9:30 am Instructional Clinic and Course Overview

10:00 am Gather, Pray and Tee off (Single Play)

12:00 pm Lunch (provided by GBMB)

1:00 pm Round Two (Doubles Play)

3:00 pm Depart

For more information please contact Loretta Crow at 770-936-5232 or email lcrow@gabaptist.org.

Everything you need regarding Pastor Wellness can be found at gabaptist.org/ministries/pastor-wellness

The Northwest Georgia Pastor Wellness Team

Chris Reynolds, Lead Strategist (creynolds@gabaptist.org) or (770-570-8375)

Craig Ward, Catalyst (cward@gabaptist.org) or (706-264-1050)

Lauren Walker, Ministry Wives Mobilizer (lwalker.rep@gabaptist.org) or (662-251-2980)

NEED HELP? The Georgia Baptist Crisis and Access Line (24/7) 1-800-715-4225

GBC ANNUAL MEETING



November 10-12, 2024 is the Annual Meeting of the Georgia Baptist Convention at First Baptist Church in Statesboro. Join Georgia Baptists from across the state as we gather for the 2024 GBC Annual Meeting. Over the course of three days, we'll worship and celebrate the Lord's work through Georgia Baptist churches. We'll also look forward as we prepare for what He intends to do through us in the years ahead.

For more information and to register for the GBC Annual Meeting, go to <https://gbcannualmeeting.com/>

LETTER FROM DR. PHILIP MAY

Thank you for the honor to serve you as the Executive Committee representative for the Floyd County Baptist Association. This has been a time of change in Georgia Baptist history. Over this five (5) year term I have traveled on your behalf all over the state of Georgia.

I also had the privilege to be elected to the Administration Committee for Georgia Baptists. All the decisions and issues related to convention business go through the Administration Committee before being presented to the Executive Committee. Major decisions were made about the sale of the Sugarloaf property, several of our conference centers and camps and the number of employees with the convention. I attended twice the amount of meetings by serving on both committees. In November this assignment will expire.

I appreciate your confidence in me! God called us to be servants, and you honored me to work in this capacity!

In His Love,

Philip May, Pastor (retired) Pleasant Valley South Baptist Church

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/>



2024 ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILE

Back in August, every FCBA church received a letter from the Georgia Baptist Mission Board that included ACP 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 ACP statistical questions and have all current organization and leadership data prefilled in the provided forms. The deadline for completion is October 15, 2024 but the FCBA is requesting that you have your ACP completed by October 1, 2024.

If you are unable to complete the ACP 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 ACP is completed.

Church Name: _____ City: _____

The 2024 Annual Statistical Report Suggested Time Period September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024

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 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 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.

Each church and church clerk was sent a "church 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 2024 ACP by October 15, 2024. If you have questions please contact Bryan Nowak at the GBMB 770.936.5245 or bnowak@gabaptist.org.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR THE FLOYD COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Week of Prayer for the Floyd County Baptist Association

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

October 13-20, 2024



We will be praying for every FCBA church as well as every pastor. We will also be focusing on praying for community engagement.

Evangelism is simply the sharing of God's love by engaging our communities. Each of us has a community: our neighbors, our workplaces and even our families. We are each called to engage the world. This year, the prayer emphasis for the Floyd County Baptist Association, our churches and church members is Community Engagement. Each of us can strengthen the work of the gospel with a simple commitment to pray and engage others.

The prayer guide is located in this newsletter on page 11, or you can visit our website to download and print it and distribute it to your members. Also make sure you are a member of our Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/floydbaptist.org>) so you can get the daily prayer requests. Each day during the week of prayer we will post specific churches and pastors we are praying for.

FCBA MINISTRY CENTER HOLIDAY CLOSURE DATES

The FCBA Office will be closed on the following dates:



Wednesday & Thursday November 27 & 28

for the Thanksgiving Holiday

(we will reopen on Monday, December 2nd at 8:00 am)

Thursday, December 19th - Thursday, January 2nd

for the Christmas and New Year Holidays

(we will reopen on Monday, January 6th at 8:00 am)

Monday, January 20th

for MLKJ Day

(we will reopen on Tuesday, January 21st at 8:00 am)

2024 WEEK OF PRAYER GUIDE

DAY 1

Sunday, October 13th

Vision for Community Engagement

"Without revelation, people run wild" (Proverbs 29:18)

Pray today that our Lord grants the pastors of the Floyd County Baptist Association a clear vision to lead their congregations to engage their communities. Pray the Lord helps all of us understand the needs and opportunities for spreading His love.

DAY 2

Monday, October 14th

Unity and Collaboration

"How delightfully good when brothers live together in harmony!" (Psalm 133:1)

Pray today that the Lord would encourage the pastors of the Floyd County Baptist Association to foster unity within our association, encouraging collaboration and partnership with other associational churches for more significant kingdom impact.

DAY 3

Tuesday, October 15th

Boldness and Courage

"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)

Pray today that the Lord would grant the members of Floyd County Baptist Association churches with the boldness and courage to step outside their comfort zones, fearlessly engaging communities with His transformative message.

DAY 4

Wednesday, October 16th

Listening to the Community

"My dear brothers and sisters, understand this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger" (James 1:19)

Pray today that the Lord grants pastors and church leaders the patience to listen attentively and understand their communities' unique challenges and joys.

DAY 5

Thursday, October 17th

Compassion and Empathy

"Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and dearly loved, put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience" (Colossians 3:12)

Pray today that our church members and the pastors of the Floyd County Baptist Association will be filled with compassion and empathy, mirroring Jesus' love in their interactions with the community.

DAY 6

Friday, October 18th

Building Bridges

"To the weak I became weak, in order to win the weak. I have become all things to all people, so that I may by every possible means save some (1 Corinthians 9:22)

Pray today that the Lord would help our churches build bridges, seizing every opportunity to connect with diverse members of their neighborhoods, effectively sharing His message of love, hope and salvation.

DAY 7

Saturday, October 19th

Servant Leadership

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45)

Pray today that the Lord would instill in our pastors and church leaders a heart of servant leadership, guiding them to serve and meet the needs of their communities humbly. Pray they would lead their people to serve beyond the walls of the church.

DAY 8

Sunday, October 20th

Sustaining the Mission

"Let us not get tired of doing good, for we will reap at the proper time if we don't give up" (Galatians 6:9)

Pray today, asking the Lord to sustain every church in its mission to engage Rome and Floyd County in new ways. Ask Him to provide endurance and joy as they witness the fruits of their efforts.

WMU & BAPTIST WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



Hey there! We are your new Women's Missions and Ministry (WMU) team for Floyd County Baptist Association! Lindsey McDonald from Second Avenue Baptist Church is a lifetime WMU-er who loves helping women become disciples of Jesus who live on mission. Heather Lowe from Pleasant Valley North leads a team of women to minister in many ways from Bible studies to fellowship with an emphasis on prayer, missions, and spiritual growth. We can't wait to get to know you and the women you serve! Come meet us at the associational building November 4th at 10:00 for Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer as we lift up the lost together. See you there!

2024 FCBA Women's Mission and Ministry



Baptist Women's **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

10:00AM - 11:00PM



- HYMNS • FELLOWSHIP
- PRAYER STATIONS



FLOYD COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOC.
308 REDMOND RD. ROME, GA 30165

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING



It's time to start a new DLife Group. This group is for anyone interested in making disciples and/or helping their church to have a stronger disciple making process. You may be interested in being in the group or maybe there is someone from your church that should be in the group. This is a great way to strengthen the disciple making efforts in your church!

The DLife discipleship group will have no more than fifteen members. In this group we encourage one another, discuss the Bible, and pray together. The DLife Group is both fun and fruitful. The goal of this group is for the participants to multiply and begin a group in their church.

In this 13-week process, we will use the **D-Life Legacy and Leadership Track**, through which we will disciple one another and be introduced to a simple, biblical, and reproducible disciple-making process. Topics will include: The Disciple-Making Leader, The Praying Leader, The Story-Telling Leader, The Servant Leader, The Ministry Leader, The Missional Leader, The Bold Leader, The Encouraging Leader, The Worshiping Leader, The Humble Leader, The Confident Leader, and The Multiplying Leader.

The material will be easy to use. Every day you'll have one Bible chapter to read and write a quick response. When the group gathers, we will discuss one of the readings from the week. Also, each week someone in the group will lead the prayer time, paraphrase the scripture, read the passage and lead the discussion time. There is no cost involved. Yes FREE! We will meet weekly at 8:00 am on Tuesdays.

You are invited to be in the group but if you can't consider encouraging someone from your church to be in the group. Please reply if you or someone from your church will be joining the discipleship group. The deadline is Thursday January 23rd. You can call the FCBA office at 706.291.0904 or email to fcbadom@gmail.com. The first group meeting will be on **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4th**. We will meet every Tuesday morning at 8:00 am. We will begin on Tuesday February 4th and conclude on Tuesday May 20th. The expectation is for the participants to attend all sessions, complete the daily/weekly assignments, and participate in the weekly group gatherings. Remember this will be a small group of no more than 15 members.

2024 CHURCH FOOD DRIVE SCHEDULE:

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

April: Antioch, East Rome, Floyd Springs, Live Oak, Riverside, State Line, Three Rivers, Wilkerson Road

May: None

June: Armuchee, Community Chapel, Grace Fellowship, New Canaan, Pisgah, West End

July: Enon, Fellowship, Hill Crest, Mount Alto, Parkview, Pleasant Hope

August: Everett Springs, Fairview, Mount Carmel, Mount Tabor, Northside, Sunny Hill

September: Blue Pond, Park Avenue, Pleasant Valley South, Second Avenue, Sherwood Forest, Shorter Avenue

October: Bush Arbor, First Baptist Cave Spring, Friendship, Hollywood, The Refuge, Woodlawn

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

December: None

YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER CONFERENCE



Conclave connects, encourages, and trains student ministry leaders (middle school, high school, & college) from across the country, with eight state Baptist conventions partnering together to lead the event.

Each year we work in cooperation to provide a training event for youth pastors, youth leaders, and volunteers. Corporate worship, breakout sessions, and networking are designed to create a training conference to equip and rejuvenate your youth ministry team.

**For more information and
to register go to**

<https://ymconclave.org/>

If you've got further questions, contact Chris Trent the Georgia Baptist NextGen Catalyst, by calling 770-936-5222 or emailing ctrent@gabaptist.org.

SCHEDULE

Thursday, January 23

1:00pm > Registration
3:00-4:15pm > Breakout 1
4:15-5:30pm > Dinner Break
5:30-7:30pm > Exhibit Hall Grand Opening
7:30-9:00pm > Main Session 1
9:00-10:15pm > Exhibit Hall Party

Friday, January 24

8:30-9:45am > Mega Breakout
9:00-10:00am > Exhibit Hall Open
10:00am-11:30am > Main Session 2
11:30-1:00pm > Lunch Break
12:00-1:15pm > Lunch and Learns
1:45-3:00pm > Breakout 2
3:30-4:45pm > Breakout 3
1:00-5:15pm > Exhibit Hall open
5:00-7:30pm > Dinner Break
7:30-9:00pm > Main Session 3
9:00-10:15pm > State Fellowships

Saturday, January 25

8:30-9:45am > Breakout Block 4
9:00-10:15am > Exhibit Hall Open
10:15am-11:45am > Main Session 4
11:45am > Dismiss



The Kids' Ministry Summit is designed to gather children ministers from across the state for a special time of growth and retreat. During our time we will worship together, learn from our speakers, network with each other, encourage one another, and get rejuvenated in our call for ministry. This is a two day event that you don't want to miss.

Jekyll Island Club Hotel
371 Riverview Dr
Jekyll Island, GA

Cost: \$89 per person thru January 6, 2025; \$129 per person beginning January 7, 2025
For lodging, please contact Jekyll Island Club Hotel at 912-635-2600 and ask for the Kids Summit rate.

Thursday, February 6

1:00 PM – Registration & Fellowship
1:30 PM – Large Group
3:30 PM – Break
4:00 PM – Large Group
5:30 PM – Dismiss for Dinner (on your own)

Friday, February 7

9:00 AM – Large Group
10:30 AM – Break
11:00 AM – Large Group
11:45 AM – Break for Lunch (on your own)
1:30 PM – Large Group
3:15 PM – Dismiss

If you have any questions, please contact Krista Staton at kstaton@gabaptist.org or (770) 936-5224.

Revitalize Your Sunday School/Small Group Bible Study Ministry



The Sunday School/Small Group Essentials Conference is a FREE two-day event that equips participants to revitalize their Bible study ministries by learning:

- principles for growing healthy Bible study groups
- best practices for enlisting and training workers
- the eight signposts that indicate group members are growing as disciples
- and more!

Plus, participants will develop a plan of action they can implement upon returning to their churches.

The sessions are led by Ken Braddy, Lifeway's Director of Group Ministry. Ken has more than 25 years of experience leading education ministries in the local church and has led two to become the fastest-growing churches in two different states. He is an author, blogger, and conference leader.

Registration is limited, so sign up soon if you're interested. Attendees receive a conference notebook, Bible, and three books related to Sunday School leadership—Breathing Life into Sunday School, Building a Disciple-making Ministry, and Breakthrough: Creating a New Scorecard for Group Ministry Success. During the conference, attendees will be given access to 17 different digital books and the accompanying plans to use in the church as training tools.

Who Should Attend? This conference is ideal for Sunday School or group ministry directors, pastors, ministers of education (and similar positions), especially those who have been serving in their role for five years or less.

April 14-15, 2025 in Rome, Georgia, at Sherwood Church

To register by phone, call 800.254.2022 or online at www.lifeway.com/en/events/group-essentials. The conference is free and will include lunch on the second day along with snacks. Transportation, lodging and other meals are not included.

Schedule

Day 1 - Monday April 14

12:30 p.m. Check-in
1:00 p.m. Session 1: Welcome/ZOOM Exercise/Your ICONic Group Ministry
1:45 p.m. Session 2: Why Groups Matter
2:45 p.m. Session 3: The Purpose & Definition of Groups
3:45 p.m. Break
4:00 p.m. Session 4: Groups and the 8 Signposts of Discipleship
5:00 p.m. Session 5: Starting New Groups
6:15 p.m. Reflect & Respond
6:30 p.m. Dismiss to dinner

Day 2 - Tuesday April 15

8:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversations
8:30 a.m. Session 6: Creating a New Scorecard for Groups
10:00 a.m. Break
10:15 a.m. Session 7: Best Practices for Enlisting Group Leaders
11:15 a.m. Lunch (provided)
12:00 p.m. Session 8: Training Group Leaders
1:15 p.m. Break
1:30 p.m. Session 9: Curriculum as a Disciple-making Tool
2:45 p.m. Break
3:00 p.m. Session 10: Creating my Next Steps Plan
3:45 p.m. Reflect & Respond
4:00 p.m. Dismiss

GENERAL BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS

The following churches gave to missions through the FCBA general budget. Thank you for your faithfulness!

FCBA Contributing Churches (January 2024 - September 2024)

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

The budget need for January - September 2024 was \$225,624.15. The total given was \$222,736.90.

We encourage every member church to give to the missions and ministries of the FCBA.

PASTOR/MINISTERIAL STAFF & SPOUSE EVENT

You are cordially invited to the 4th Annual
Pastors/Ministerial Staff & Spouse
Floyd County Baptist Association

Christmas Dinner

December 12, 2024 at 6:30 pm

Shorter University

Austin Moses Room

RSVP by December 2nd

(706) 291-0904

via email to fcbaoffice@gmail.com

Business casual attire.



FLOYD COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Christmas Store

(for ages birth - 12 years old)

Dates for Assistance Applications:

November 4 - 7 and 11 - 14

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

Applicants MUST bring:

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

Shopping Dates for Approved Applicants:

December 2 - 5

(shopping times will be assigned)

**For more information contact the
FCBA Ministry Center at 706-291-0904.**

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

FCBA MEMBER CHURCHES

Antioch - Alex Jones, Pastor 4526 Big Texas Valley Road, NW • Rome, Georgia 30165
Armuchee - David Howard, Transitional Pastor 6648 Big Texas Valley Road, NW • Rome, Georgia 30165
Blue Pond - Dixon Holtzclaw, Pastor 1291 Morrison Campground Road • Rome, Georgia 30161
Bush Arbor - Buddy Carter, Pastor 1914 Fosters Mill Road, SW • Rome, Georgia 30161
Calvary - Gary Graves, Pastor 101 Broadus Road, NE • Rome, Georgia 30161
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
Desoto Park - Scott Lambert, Pastor 1107 Cave Spring Road, SW • Rome, Georgia 30161
Dykes Creek - Tony Cargle, Pastor 46 Dykes Creek Church Road • Rome, Georgia 30161
East Rome - _____, Pastor 601 Cedar Avenue, SW • Rome, Georgia 30161
Enon - _____, Pastor 3105 Turkey Mountain Road, NE • Rome, Georgia 30161
Everett Springs - Steve Drake, Pastor 2167 Everett Springs Road, NE • Armuchee, Georgia 30165
Fairview - Trey Stephens, Pastor 2348 Old Cedartown Road • Lindale, Georgia 30147
Fellowship - Brady Fortenberry, Pastor 314 Burnett Ferry Road, SW • Rome, Georgia 30165
Flint Hill - Chris Johnson, Pastor 3578 Was Road, SE • Aragon, Georgia 30104
First Baptist - Cave Spring - Jarrod Kinsey, Pastor 4 Cedartown Road • Cave Spring, Georgia 30124
First Baptist - Lindale - Eric Whelchel, Pastor 9 Park Avenue • Lindale, Georgia 30147
First Baptist - Shannon - Louis Byars, Pastor 400 4th Street • Shannon, Georgia 30172
Floyd Springs - Billy Carver, Pastor 1869 Floyd Springs Road, NE • Armuchee, Georgia 30105
Friendship - Justin Silver, Pastor 2293 Calhoun Road, NE • Rome, Georgia 30161
Grace Fellowship - Robert Vines, Interim Pastor 6635 Blacks Bluff Road • Cave Spring, Georgia 30124
HBC-Rome - David Harper, Pastor 2 Commerce Court • Rome, Georgia 30161
Hill Crest - Mark Evans, Pastor 2202 North Broad Street, NE • Rome, Georgia 30161
Lakeview - Steve Glosson, Pastor 80 Salem Drive, NW • Rome, Georgia 30165
Live Oak - Rick Jennings, Pastor 5506 Fosters Mill Road • Cave Spring, Georgia 30124
McFall - Kent Thomas, Pastor 3011 Rockmart Road, SE • Rome, Georgia 30161
Mount Alto - Matthew Bowden, Pastor 1915 Huffaker Road • Rome, Georgia 30165
Mount Carmel - Tyler Barron, Pastor 514 East 20th Street • Rome, Georgia 30161
Mount Tabor - Brent Edwards, Pastor 3068 Old Alabama Road Taylorsville, Georgia 30178
New Antioch - _____, Pastor 4553 Calhoun Road, NE • Rome, Georgia 30161
New Armuchee - David Smith, Transitional Pastor 5385 Martha Berry Highway, NE • Armuchee, Georgia 30105
New Canaan - _____, Pastor 3 Excelsior Street, NW • Rome, Georgia 30165
New Hope - Mark Butler, Pastor 101 Carpenter Road, NE • Calhoun, Georgia 30701
New Prospect - Aaron Little, Pastor 1893 Booger Hollow Road • Lindale, Georgia 30147
Northside - Phil Wade, Pastor 75 North Floyd Park Road • Rome, Georgia 30165
Park Avenue - Earl Fowlkes, Pastor 509 Park Avenue • Lindale, Georgia 30147
Parkview - Greg Hood, Pastor 4 Wesley Drive, NW • Rome, Georgia 30165
Pisgah - Jerry Dudley, Pastor 5603 Alabama Highway • Rome, Georgia 30165
Pleasant Hope - Adam Elrod, Pastor 5935 Rockmart Road • Silver Creek, Georgia 30173
Pleasant Valley North - Mac McCurry, Pastor 735 Old Summerville Road, SW • Rome, Georgia 30165
Pleasant Valley South - _____, Pastor 702 Pleasant Valley Road • Silver Creek, Georgia 30173
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
Riverside - Randy Lambert, Pastor 48 Ash Street, NE • Rome, Georgia 30161
Second Avenue - Jacob Roberts, Pastor 823 East Second Avenue, SE • Rome, Georgia 30161
Sherwood Forest - Chris Hayes, Pastor 1 Goodman Road, NE • Rome, Georgia 30161
Shorter Avenue - Jeremy Albright, Pastor 1410 Shorter Avenue • Rome, Georgia 30165
South Broad - Ricky Studdard, Pastor 508 South Broad Street • Rome, Georgia 30161
Spring Creek - Jeff Dabbs, Pastor 2636 Chulio Road, SE • Rome, Georgia 30161
State Line - Chris Hearne, Pastor 8536 Blacks Bluff Road, SW • Cave Spring, Georgia 30124
Sunny Hill - Charles Maxwell, Pastor 1007 Wayside Road • Rome, Georgia 30161
Three Rivers - Mitch Jolly, Pastor 2960 New Calhoun Highway, NE • Rome, Georgia 30161
Vann's Valley - David Nance, Pastor 28 Vann's Valley Road • Rome, Georgia 30161
Victory - Paul Vinson, Pastor 756 Turner Chapel Road, SE • Rome, Georgia 30161
Wax - Gary Diggs, Pastor 1771 Wax Road, SE • Silver Creek, Georgia 30173
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 - Steve Spears, Pastor 401 Wilkerson Road • Rome, Georgia 30165
Woodlawn - Legare Price, Pastor 1649 Cartersville Highway • Rome, Georgia 30161

FCBA CALENDAR

Administration Committee:

- Wednesday, October 16 @ 11:00 am @ FCBA (Orientation Meeting)
- Wednesday, November 20 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA
- Wednesday, January 15 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA

Baptist Women's Day of Prayer:

- Monday, November 4 @ 10:30 am @ FCBA

CCM Center Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast:

- Tuesday, November 26 @ 9:00 am @ TBA

Christmas Store:

- Applications taken - November 4-7 and November 11-14
- Shopping Day & Breakfast - Monday, November 25 @ 9:00 am @ TBA
- Store OPEN - December 2-5

FCBA Office & Ministry Center Closed:

- November 27 & 28 for Thanksgiving
- December 19, 23-26 for Christmas
- December 30 - January 2 for New Year Holiday
- January 20 - for MLKJ Day

Global Impact World Missions Conference:

- October 18-20 @ Woodlawn Baptist Church

Ministers Meeting:

- Thursday, October 10 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA *RSVP by 10/8 for lunch*
- Thursday, November 14 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA *RSVP by 11/11 for lunch*
- Thursday, January 16 @ 10:30 am @ TBA

Minister's Wives Fellowship

- Tuesday, October 22 @ 6:30 pm
- Friday, November 16 - All day at Christmas Made in the South in Dalton
- Monday, January 20 @ 6:30 pm

Missions Team Meeting:

- Tuesday, October 8 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA

Pastor/Ministerial Staff & Spouse Christmas Dinner

- Thursday, December 12 @ 6:30 pm @ Shorter University

Youth Pastors & Student Ministry Leaders:

- Tuesday, October 22 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA *RSVP by 10/21*



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