

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

What's INSIDE

Berry BCM Report	8
Disaster Relief Training	13
Discipleship Training.....	7
EQUIP Conference.....	16-17
FCBA Calendar	22
FCBA Church Giving.....	18
FCBA Churches/Pastors.....	21
Food Pantry Needs.....	9
GBMB Exec. Cttee. Report....	3
Load the Truck Event	19
Message from Moderator.....	2
Ministers' Meetings.....	4
Ministry Assistant Lunch.....	19
Ministry Openings	20
Ministry Wives'	4
Pastor Wellness	18
Prayer Walking Schools.....	12
Rome Prayer Breakfast	5
Shorter University BCM.....	15
SURGE Music Camp.....	6
Tim's Top Three	1-2
VBS Dates/Themes	11
VBS Day of Prayer.....	10
WMU	14
Youth Ministry Report.....	15

TIM'S TOP THREE



Jesus said to her, *'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live.'*
- John 11:25

This month we celebrate the resurrection of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. Because of Jesus we have the forgiveness of our sin that separates us from God, we have the wonderful promise of eternal life with Him in heaven and we have the fullness of life right now. Praise

God for His matchless love! Yes, Jesus is our SAVIOR but He is also our SOURCE. Jesus is the reason for everything we do and our desire is to make Him known to everyone in Floyd County. I am thankful that we all are serving Him through the Floyd County Baptist Association. Happy Easter!

We've got so many great things happening in and through the FCBA, but here are my TOP Three for the next few months.

#1. The Group Essentials Conference will be hosted by Sherwood Church on April 14th and 15th. This seminar will help you to revitalize your Sunday School/ Small Group Bible study ministry. It is a FREE two-day event! You will hear...

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

Participants will develop a plan of action they can implement focused on their church. The sessions will be led by Ken Braddy, Lifeway's Director of Group Ministry. Registration is limited to 40, and spots are going fast. We already have folks coming from neighboring states!

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.

Get registered by going to www.lifeway.com/en/events/group-essentials or call 800-254-2022. The conference is free and will include dinner on the first day, lunch on the second day— along with snacks. Transportation, lodging and other meals are not included.

#2. I am so thankful for all those that serve in our churches in support roles. We will host our **Administrative Professional/Church Secretary's Appreciation Luncheon on Tuesday, April 29th** at noon. The actual day set aside for Administrative Professional's' Day is April 23, but we will have our Administrative Professional/Church Secretary's Appreciation Luncheon on

(continued on pg. 2)

TIM'S TOP THREE (CONTINUED)

(continued from page 1)

Tuesday, April 29th. We want to recognize those who keep the church office running smoothly! We are going to celebrate these administrative professionals/church secretaries on Tuesday, April 29th with an appreciation luncheon. This gathering is for church secretaries, administrative assistants, receptionists, and other administrative support professionals. If you are one and/or if you know those in your church that serve, please encourage them to attend. Please reserve your spot by calling the FCBA Office at 706-291-0904 by, Tuesday, April 22nd.

#3. VBS is a key strategy for reaching people and leading them to faith in Jesus Christ! Did you know that in our 47,000 Southern Baptist Churches, VBS is responsible for about 25% of ALL baptisms? We want to encourage every FCBA church to have a VBS. The National Day of Prayer for VBS is Sunday, May 18th and you will find some additional helps on page 10 of this newsletter. You will also see on page 11 a listing of the VBS that will be taking place in our FCBA churches. If your FCBA church is not listed and you are having VBS, please let us know and we will add you to the list.

If I can assist you or your church please don't hesitate to contact me. I love serving the Lord and I'm so blessed to be serving with you in Rome and Floyd County.

Remember our mission is... ***"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 the next gen"***. *Tim*

A MESSAGE FROM THE MODERATOR

REV. ERIC WHELCHER

One of the privileges of being your Moderator is working with our Planning Team to assemble our 2025 EQUIP Conference and Annual Meeting. This year's conference is scheduled for Sunday, September 21 and Pleasant Valley North will be our host church. We've secured Wayne Bray, Pastor of First Baptist Simpsonville/Upstate Church in Simpsonville, SC. Wayne has led Upstate Church in growth to over 7,000 members across 7 campuses. Our FCBA Annual Meeting will follow the next evening on Monday, September 22 at Fellowship Church in Rome. You'll be seeing more details as we draw closer to this special time.

Our theme for this year is "Same Team." Our theme scripture is 1 Peter 3:8 which says, "Finally, all of you should be of one mind. Sympathize with each other. Love each other as brothers and sisters. Be tenderhearted, and keep a humble attitude." (NLT)

This week, in my reading, I came across a powerful verse in 1 Samuel 18 describing the relationship between Jonathan and David. I love the more literal translation of the NKJV. *"Now when he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul."* (NKJV) What a vivid and deep description of their friendship and love. What if our churches could have this same heart for one another? What could we accomplish? My desire is for God to shape my own heart to love our partnered churches as I love my own. Of course, we dedicate our time and service to the church God has called us. However, I believe God desires to break away divisions that exist in comparison and competition.

I hope you'll join me in praying that God will bring a love and soul-to-soul connection between our Floyd County Baptist Churches, large, small, and everywhere in between.

Peace of Christ,
Eric Whelcher, First Baptist Church - Lindale (bige@fbclindale.org)



Georgia Baptist Mission Board Executive Committee Report – March 11, 2025

Dear Floyd County Baptists,

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve on your behalf as a part of the Executive Committee of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board. On March 3, 2025, I attended the Executive Committee meeting at Burnt Hickory Baptist Church. Please make note of the following highlights from this quarter's meeting:

Organizational:

- * Chairman Stephen Fountain presented the Church Membership and Credentials Committee:
 - 1 Yr. Term – Casey Bramlett, David Wheeler, Jamie Archer, Lee Brewer
 - 2 Yr. Term – Jay Hackett, Brooks Haddock, Buddy Lamb, Eric Green
 - 3 Yr. Term – Tyson Griffin, Mike Dann, Patrick Lathan, Adam Camp
- * Churches are encouraged to complete their Annual Church Profile by March 31.
- * Churches are encouraged to participate in one of the six SPARK conferences:
https://thesparkconference.com/2025_dates
- * Evangelism listening sessions continue across Georgia:
<https://gabaptist.org/listening-sessions/>

Financial:

- * The GBMB finished 2024 in the black. This marks the fourth consecutive year of financial health.
- * The Sugarloaf loan matured on January 3, 2025, and the buyer has not made the required final payment. Interest continues to accrue and be paid by the buyer. GBMB attorneys are utilizing actions to encourage the fulfillment of the loan agreement.

Properties:

- * The GBMB has taken possession of a new administrative office building located at 4125 Old Milton Parkway, Alpharetta. The anticipated first official day for work occupancy is May 1, 2025.
- * Five BCM properties were initially under contract for redevelopment with CCI. After due diligence, two properties reverted back to the GBMB: Georgia State and West Georgia. The Executive Committee authorized the sale of these two properties. Thomas Hammond shared renderings of the proposed new BCM spaces at Georgia Southern University and the University of Georgia.

If you have any specific questions about any of these issues, please let me know, and I will do my best to answer them to the best of my ability.

By His Grace,
Jarrod Kinsey
Pastor at Cave Spring Baptist Church
(jarrod@cavespringbaptistchurch.com)

MINISTERS' MEETINGS

Our start time is 10:30am, we are hosted by one of our churches and at the meeting we will announce the restaurant we will be going to for lunch. It is always "dutch treat" unless otherwise announced. All pastors and ministerial staff members (full-time, part-time, bi-vocational, or retired) are invited to attend our Ministers' Meetings. Here's What's Coming Up:

- * **Thursday, April 17th 10:30am at Mt. Alto Baptist Church** 1915 Huffaker Road Rome, GA 30165. The



gathering will not have a guest speaker but rather will be led by one of our own pastors. The focus of the gathering will be sharing with each other and praying. In the survey that we did with our pastors/ministers, this was mentioned several times so we've done what you've asked for. This will be a special time for continued relationship building and caring for each other. ALL pastors and ministers are encouraged to attend this very special gathering.

- * **We will NOT have Ministers Meetings in May, June or July.** Enjoy your summer.

- * **Thursday, August 21st 10:30am at Cave Spring Baptist Church** 4 Cedartown Street in Cave Spring. Our guest

speaker will be Kyle Walker who is the Lead Pastor of Cartersville First Baptist Church. He has served there for almost 6 years. God called Kyle back to his home state of Georgia to pastor after serving in several roles at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. He was the Vice President for Student Services and professor of preaching. Kyle has been married to his wife Lauren for almost 17 years and they have three kids ages 12, 10, and 8. Kyle is a pastor, husband, father, and outdoorsman who has a passion for preaching God's Word. Kyle will be leading us through a quick PREACHING Workshop. This mini-workshop will help you to develop your preaching skills and learn how to deliver effective messages. You'll learn how to use tools to discover the original meaning of Bible passages, how to move from exegetical work to a sermon, to preach about difficult topics, how to use the entire Bible to preach about Christ Jesus and how to develop and deliver clear messages that people can apply to their lives. Whether you're a pastor, staff member or Bible teacher this mini-workshop will benefit you and your church.



REMEMBER our start time is 10:30am so please don't be late! ALSO REMEMBER that following the Ministers' Meeting we will announce where we will be going to for our "dutch treat" lunch.

The goal of the Ministers' Meetings is inspiration and information. We always have a great time of fellowship and encouragement!

MINISTRY WIVES' FELLOWSHIPS



These gatherings are for minister's wives to come together and share their load with one another; to encourage one another and to fellowship.

This group meets on the 3rd Monday of the month. Below are the gathering dates for April - July 2025.

April 21st at Jim 'N Nick's
May 19th at Sam's Southern Eatery
June 16th at Las Palmas
July 21st at Olive Garden

Please keep an eye on the FCBA Facebook page and if you would like to be added to the Ministry Wives' Facebook Messenger group, please contact Ashley Bowden at Mount Alto Baptist Church (706-232-6222).

ROME AREA PRAYER BREAKFAST



romeprayerbreakfast.org

MAY 1, 2025
FORUM RIVER CENTER

ERIC
METAXAS
[SPECIAL GUEST]

ericmetaxas.com



A Morning of Friends and Faith

Thursday, May 1, 2025 at the Forum River Center 7:00 – 8:30 AM

Eric Metaxas is the #1 *New York Times* Bestselling author of *Bonhoeffer*, and many other books, including *Is Atheism Dead?*, *Martin Luther*, *Amazing Grace*, and *Letter to the American Church*, which was made into a full length documentary by the same name. Metaxas's latest book is *Religionless Christianity: God's Answer to Evil*. He has written more than thirty children's books, including the bestsellers *Squanto* and *The Miracle of Thanksgiving and It's Time to Sleep, My Love*, illustrated by Nancy Tillman. His books have been translated into more than twenty-five languages. He is the host of *Socrates in the City*, and the nationally syndicated *Eric Metaxas Radio Show* — “The Show about Everything!” — which also airs as a weekly television program on TBN. Metaxas has conducted interviews with an eclectic mix of guests including film director Ron Howard, Mel Gibson, and Morgan Freeman, as well as such figures as Peter Thiel. His writing has appeared in the *New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic*, and many other publications.

In a decidedly eclectic career, Eric Metaxas has written for *Veggie Tales*, *Chuck Colton* and the *New York Times*, three things not ordinarily found in the same sentence.

Metaxas speaks to thousands around the U.S. and internationally each year. He was the keynote speaker at the 2012 National Prayer Breakfast in Washington D.C. an event attended by the President and First Lady, Vice President, members of Congress and other U.S. and world leaders.

He was born in New York City in 1963, on his father's 36th birthday. He grew up in Danbury, Connecticut, attending public schools there. Following high school, he attended and graduated from Yale University. While there, he made a name for himself as editor of the *Yale Record*, the nation's oldest college humor magazine. At graduation, Eric was awarded two senior prizes for his undergraduate fiction. He was also “Class Day Speaker”.

To get tickets go to <https://romeprayerbreakfast.org/tickets/>



Music camp in June for children and students who have completed third grade through college freshman.

At **SURGE** participants receive musical training, encouragement, and opportunities for spiritual growth from well-qualified faculty in a safe environment. Students will sharpen their musical skills, whether it be vocally or on a variety of instruments. Training includes choir, orchestra, and a contemporary track. Camp includes mass rehearsals, elective classes in music and the arts, devotionals, worship times, praise band training, and time for fun and recreation.

Dates: June 16-21, 2025

Location: Shorter University, Rome, GA

Cost: \$300 before April 1; \$350 after April 1; \$380 after May 1

Camps by Age Group

Children's Camp (3rd-5th Grade)

This is a weeklong camp where children will be involved in many activities including choral rehearsal, instrumental classes, recreation, worship, a talent show and many others. They will discover and grow in their personal relationship to the Heavenly Father through music and activities. Music Camp provides a safe, fun, nurturing environment. Children will be assigned to a sponsor who monitors them throughout the day. They will leave camp excited about serving Christ through music.

Middle School Camp (6th-8th Grade)

This is a weeklong camp where middle school students will be involved in many activities including choral rehearsal, elective classes, recreation, worship and a talent show among others. They will discover and grow in their personal relationship to God through music and activities. Music Camp provides a safe, fun, nurturing environment. Students will be assigned to a sponsor who monitors them throughout the day. These youth leave camp excited about serving Christ through music.

High School Camp (9th Grade – College Freshman)

This is a weeklong camp where those who have completed 9th grade through college freshmen will be involved in many activities including choral or orchestra rehearsal, many elective classes, recreation, worship, and a talent show among others. They will discover and grow in their personal relationship to God through music and activities. Music Camp provides a safe, fun, nurturing environment. Students will be assigned to a sponsor who monitors them throughout the day. These youth leave camp excited about serving Christ through music.

For more information or to register, contact Chad Todd, Georgia Baptist Worship & Music Consultant at 770-630-6526 or ctodd@gabaptist.org



D-LIFE BOOT CAMP

D-Life is equipping and empowering people for a lifestyle of disciple-making--anytime and anywhere.

D-Life is biblical—the Bible is our only textbook.

D-Life is missional—it involves showing kindness and sharing Jesus outside the walls of the church.

D-Life is multi-generational—it's for all ages from teenagers to senior adults. And most importantly...

D-Life is reproducible—it's a simple process for making disciples who make disciples who make disciples.

The D-Life Boot Camp is four hours of practical training designed to equip people to be Christ-like disciple makers. In the boot camp, we don't just talk about discipleship, but we learn how to make disciples who make disciples as a way of life. We role play, share exciting stories, and equip believers with a proven disciple-making process modeled after Jesus. Attending the D-Life Boot Camp will be one of the greatest investments of time you have ever made. The goal of D-Life is to see a global grassroots disciple-making movement. We want you to join the movement!

Our next D-Life Boot Camp will be **Sunday, August 10th** at Pleasant Valley South Baptist Church. We will begin at 3:30pm and finish up around 7:30pm. This is a disciple-making event that will benefit you and your church. To register or for more information, visit www.floydbaptist.org and click on the banner after May 1st. The cost of \$10 goes to help cover the cost of the meal.



The Berry College BCM took a team of 8 to Germany to reach out to Persian peoples. We worked with IMB missionaries who live there full time and 2 local pastors of small congregations. Most of our time was spent doing outreach via music, coffee and tea service and henna storytelling.

The outreach was aimed at advertising two end of the week Nouroz (Persian New Year) parties being held at the local churches. Each party had over 50 people in attendance! Many of those were Persians who had never stepped inside a church building before. They spent the evening eating traditional food, dancing to cultural music and having good conversations with those around them. They heard the gospel from a short presentation from the stage and even from our individual team members.



The biggest takeaways for our team are as follows: the world is actually a fairly small and diverse place! We never imagined so many cultures could be encountered in one small town in the middle of Germany, just an 8 hour plane ride away. We spoke to people from Morocco, Syria, Afghanistan, Iran, and Sri Lanka just to name a few.



Our team also experienced the beautiful fellowship of the international church. They served us and cared for our needs all week, also joining us in the ministry outreaches. We also experienced the joy of having brief conversations with people on

the street that resulted in them joining us at the parties at the end of the week.



It felt like a very fruitful week of ministry that blessed our team and the pastors we were working with.

David Slocum, BCM Campus Minister (email: davidaslocum@gmail.com)



CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT

So many wonderful things have been happening at the Ministry Center. The Armuchee High School Key Club came and completely stocked the shelves of the Food Pantry—*what an amazing group of students!!!*

The students who attended the Collide Weekend youth event donated 150 pounds of food to the Food Pantry.

Ladies from Pleasant Valley North Baptist Church came and made 64 Backpacks of Love and delivered them to the Department of Family and Children Service.

Upcoming Events: Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on April 22, 2025 at 9:00 am at the Ministry Center Office. We appreciate all of our volunteers and could not possibly do it without them!

May God bless each of you!

Cindy Brock, CCM Director ([email fcbaccm@gmail.com](mailto:fcbaccm@gmail.com))

2025 CHURCH FOOD DRIVE SCHEDULE:

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 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

FCBA Food Pantry Requested Items:

Boxed Cereal - variety

Canned Corn - 14.5 oz.

Canned Green Beans - 14.5 oz.

Canned Green Peas - 15 oz.

Canned Fruit - 15 oz.

Canned/Dry Pinto Beans - 15 oz.

Canned Pork & Beans - 15 oz.

Canned Pasta - 15 oz.

Canned Potatoes - 15 oz.

Canned Soup - 10.5 oz.

Canned Spaghetti Sauce - 24 oz.

Canned Tomatoes - 14.5 oz.

Canned Vienna Sausages - 4.6 oz.

Creamy Peanut Butter - 18 oz.

Jelly - 32 oz. plastic jar

Instant Oatmeal (*individual pack box*)

Mac & Cheese - 7.25 oz.

Pop Tarts - 6-8 count box

Ramen Noodles - 12 pack box

Spaghetti Noodles - 16 oz.

Full Size Hygiene Items Needed:

Deodorant for Men

Deodorant for Women

Razors

Shampoo

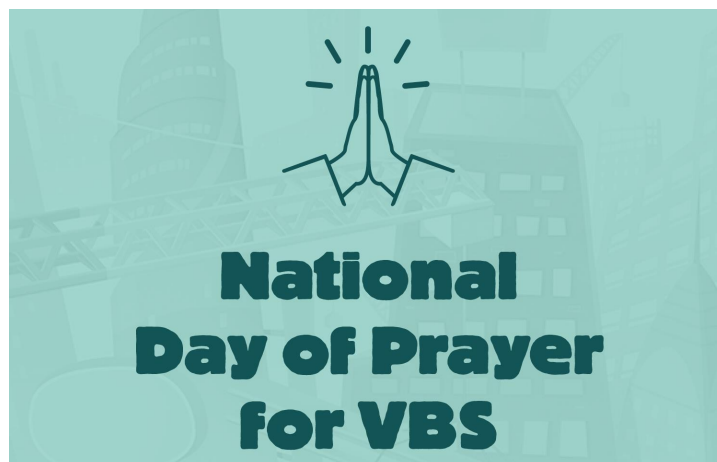
Soap

Toilet Tissue

Toothbrush

Toothpaste





Each year, the third Sunday of May is set aside as a day for churches to ask God to move through this thing we call Vacation Bible School. It is a time for churches to pray not only for their own VBS, but also for the ones taking place down the street and across the globe.

VBS remains one of the top evangelistic outreaches of the church, resulting in more than 75,000 professions of faith annually in the Southern Baptist Convention alone. Additionally, each year during VBS thousands of kids, teens, and adults respond to the calling of God on their lives and make public a decision to pursue a career in ministry or missions. Many of today's church leaders, pastors, missionaries, and teachers share a similar testimony. VBS is important work! And it's one we must undergird with prayer.

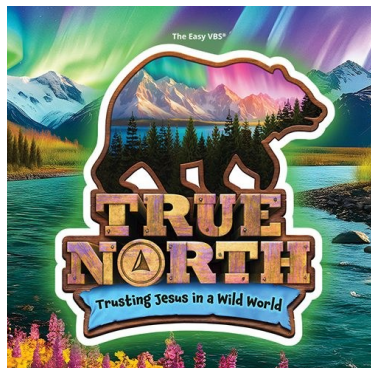
Here are six specific things you and your church can pray for as we observe together the National Day of Prayer for VBS.

1. Ask for God's blessing over your church's VBS and all who will be involved.
2. Pray for the teachers, volunteers, and workers who will serve during VBS. Ask God to receive their hours of preparation as a pleasing offering and for the Holy Spirit to be at work in and through them.
3. Pray for the children who will attend VBS and the families they represent. Ask God to begin preparing their hearts to respond to the Good News they will hear at VBS. Pray for their physical safety and emotional well-being during the week.
4. Pray for those who are unchurched in your community who will join your church for VBS. Ask God to soften your own heart and the hearts of your congregation to welcome, serve, and build relationships with everyone who enters your doors.
5. Pray for those who will share the gospel during VBS and those who will follow-up with children, students, adults, and families. Ask the Holy Spirit to give them clarity, guidance, and discernment.
6. Pray for churches around the world who will conduct a VBS, Backyard Kids Club, or other evangelistic outreach this summer. Pray for God's Kingdom to be expanded. Thank God in advance for the blessings and opportunities He will provide through VBS.

FCBA CHURCHES VBS THEMES AND DATES

VBS Dates & Time	Age Group	Church	VBS Theme (publisher)
June 1 - 5 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Nursery - 6th Grade	Antioch	Magnified (Lifeway)
June 1 - 5 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	3 (potty trained) - 11 years	Sherwood	True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World (Group)
June 1 - 6 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Pre School - 7th Grade	Enon	Magnified (Lifeway)
June 2 - 5 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	3 years old - 5th Grade	Pleasant Valley South	True North (Group Publishing)
June 2 - 6 9:00 am - 12:00 pm	3 years old - 5th Grade	FBC - Lindale	Magnified (Lifeway)
June 2 - 6 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm	3 years old - 5th Grade	Fellowship	True North (Group Publishing)
June 2 - 6 9:00 am - 12:00 pm	PreK 4 - 5th Grade	Second Avenue	Wonder Junction (Answers in Genesis)
June 8 - 12 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Nursery - 12th Grade	Flint Hill	Wonder Junction (Answers in Genesis)
June 8 - 12 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Nursery - 5th Grade	Friendship	Wonder Junction (Answers in Genesis)
June 8 - 12 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	3 years old - Adult	Pisgah	Magnified (Lifeway)
June 8 - 12 6:00 pm - 8:15 pm	2 - 18 years old	Pleasant Hope	Rocket Racers (Regular Baptist Press)
June 9 - 12 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	2 years old - 12th Grade	Grace Fellowship	Magnified (Lifeway)
June 9 - 13 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm	4 years old - 6th Grade	Pleasant Valley North	True North (Group Publishing)
June 16 - 20 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	PreK - 7th Grade	Fairview	Wonder Junction (Answers in Genesis)
June 16 - 20 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm	PreK - 6th Grade	Mount Alto	God's Game Plan
June 22 - 25 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	4 years old - 5th Grade	Wax	Magnified (Lifeway)
June 25 - 28 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	PreK - 12th Grade	Sunny Hill	Magnified (Lifeway)
July 6 - 10 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Kindergarten - 6th Grade	FBC - Cave Spring	Magnified (Lifeway)
July 7 - 9 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	PreK4 - 5th Grade	Northside	Road Trip: On the Go with God (Cokesbury)
July 13 - 16 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Kindergarten - 12th Grade	Spring Creek	Magnified (Lifeway)
July 13 - 16 TBD	3 years old - 5th Grade	Shorter Avenue	Camp Chaos (Children's Ministry Deals)

Let us know about your VBS!!!!





Antioch: Armuchee High

Armuchee: Armuchee Primary

Blue Pond: FCS Central Office & Virtual Learning Academy

Bush Arbor: Georgia Highlands College

Calvary: Rome High & Rome CCA; Model Middle

Cedar Creek: Coosa Middle

Church of God at West Rome: Alto Park Elementary

Community Chapel: Garden Lakes Elementary, Berry College Elementary & Middle School

Cornerstone: Bob Richards Regional Youth Detention Center

Desoto Park: Darlington & Pepperell Middle

Dykes Creek: Model High

East Rome: Georgia Northwestern Technical College

Enon: Model Elementary Learning Academy

Everett Springs: Armuchee Elementary

Fairview: Pepperell Elementary & Pepperell Middle

FBC-Cave Spring: Georgia School for the Deaf & Cave Spring Learning Center

FBC-Lindale: Pepperell High

FBC-Shannon: Model Elementary

Fellowship: Alto Park Elementary

Flint Hill: Floyd County CCA

Floyd Springs: Armuchee Elementary

Friendship: Model Middle

Grace Fellowship: Coosa High

HBC: Floyd County CCA

Hillcrest: Main Street Elementary & Phoenix Performance Learning Center

Lakeview: Garden Lakes Elementary

Live Oak: Georgia School for the Deaf

McFall: East Central Elementary

Mount Alto: Coosa High School

Mount Tabor: St. Mary's

New Antioch: Johnson Elementary

New Armuchee: Armuchee Primary & Armuchee High

New Canaan: Elm Street Elementary

New Hope: Armuchee Elementary

New Prospect: Pepperell Primary

North Rome Church of God: Rome Middle

Park Avenue: Pepperell Middle

Parkview: West Central Elementary

Pisgah: Coosa Middle

Pleasant Hope: Anna K. Davie Elementary

Pleasant Valley North: Berry College & Berry Elementary

Pleasant Valley South: Pepperell Primary

Primera Iglesia: Johnson Elementary

Providence: West End Elementary

Renovation Church: Garden Lakes Elementary & Rome High

Riverside: FCS Central Office & Virtual Learning Academy

Second Avenue: East Central Elementary

Sherwood Forest: Shorter University; St. Mary's

Shorter Avenue: West End Elementary

South Broad: RCS Central Office & Virtual

Spring Creek: Unity & Montessori

State Line: Cave Spring Learning Center

Sunny Hill: Rome Middle

The Church at Northside: Armuchee High

Three Rivers: Unity

Vann's Valley: Pepperell Elementary

Victory: Main Elementary & Phoenix Learning Center

Wax: Georgia Highlands College

West End: West Central Elementary

West Rome: Elm Street Elementary

Woodlawn: Georgia Northwestern Technical College

2025 DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING DATES



Disaster Relief Introduction Training

During the online registration at gabaptist.org/disasterrelief choose from one of the following:

Chaplaincy | Cleanup & Recovery | Family Care | Feeding | Shower Units

August 8-9, 2025

Dahlonega Baptist Church - Dahlonega

September 12-13, 2025

Rosemount Baptist Church - LaGrange

October 3-4, 2025

Northside Baptist Church - Valdosta

Bringing help, hope & healing



WOMEN'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY

#liveonmission

I think one of the best parts of WMU is that it supports the work of our SBC missions' agencies. After organizing WMU in 1888, Annie Armstrong served as its first executive director. She spoke to SBC leadership about supporting our missionaries, both at home and abroad. As a prolific letter writer, she encouraged women from churches throughout the country to find ways to support our missionaries. But Annie's legacy doesn't end there. She gave women a platform in local churches that they rarely had up until this point. By refusing to take a salary and paying for all her own travel expenses she lived out her message of praying, giving, and acting on behalf of missionaries.

In 1934 an offering was named after her to help missionaries in the United States and Canada. Since then, more than 1 billion dollars has been raised and all of it has gone to fund missions' efforts like church planting, evangelism, discipleship, or compassion ministries.

One way our local Women's Missions and Ministry groups can engage in missions is by supporting the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Women's leaders can check with church staff and encourage them to take up this offering. They can also encourage their churches to participate in the week of prayer for North American Missions. Resources for getting your church excited about this offering can be found at <https://anniearmstrong.com/resources/>

As always, you can reach out to Heather Lowe or myself if there is any way we can serve you or the women of your church as you seek to make disciples of Jesus who live on mission!

Lindsey McDonald, FCBA WMU leader

Minister to Youth and Children at Second Avenue Baptist Church

Phone: 706-232-3663 Email: lindseymcdonald@sabcrome.com

SBC ANNUAL MEETING

The banner features a blue header with the 'DALLAS' logo on the left and a navigation menu on the right containing links for MESSAGERS, EVENTS, EXHIBITORS, CONTACT, ROAD TO DALLAS, VOLUNTEER, and a PRE-REGISTER button. The main graphic displays 'DALLAS' in large blue letters with a Texas map inside the 'A', followed by 'ANNUAL MEETING' in red letters separated by a blue circle with a cross, and '★ 2025 ★' in red. Below this, it says 'JOIN US JUNE 8-11 FOR THE 2025 ANNUAL MEETING & PASTORS' CONFERENCE' in blue. The background is a cityscape at sunset.

For more information about the annual gathering of Southern Baptist, go to <https://sbcannualmeeting.net/>.

SHORTER UNIVERSITY BCM



Our BCM appointed a new leadership team for the 25/26 year. Ella Ballard is our new president. Caleb Almon is our worship leader. We have a total of 14 leaders.

Our Montana mission team was a huge blessing to the Murphy's in Big Timber. We visited and volunteered at several organizations in Livingston & Big Timber. Whether it was with senior adults or young volunteers, we shared Christ through stories, serving, & prayer walks.

We had a joint fellowship time with the Berry BCM @ Second Ave. Baptist Church.

In the remaining four weeks of this semester, we will have a special outreach to our campus in April. We ask students to text us with a question about God or the Christian faith. We also will be having a community ministry at a local Assisted Living facility in Rome.

We are grateful for your support of BCM.

David Roland, Campus Minister (droland@shorter.edu)

JOIN OUR FACEBOOK PAGE



Floyd County Baptist Association

Public group · 903 members

Manage

Invite

Chats

Featured

About

Photos



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/>



EQUIP

conference

Sunday, September 21, 2025

3:30 - 8:15 PM

Pleasant Valley North Baptist Church

leadership training for all aspects of ministry

The EQUIP Conference is back in 2025! We have a GREAT Keynote Speaker plus 27 breakout session leaders fired up about the 2025 EQUIP Conference! Every part of the EQUIP Conference - from our keynote speaker to the breakout sessions - has been intentionally designed to equip and inspire leaders from Rome and Floyd county churches.

Who needs to attend the EQUIP Conference? Lay Leaders, Childrens' Leaders, Womens' Ministry Leaders, Mens' Ministry Leaders, Missions Coordinators, Student Pastors, Worship Leaders, Sunday School Leaders, Small Group Leaders, Pastors... anyone involved in ministry and equipping. Everyone can benefit! It doesn't matter at what stage you are in ministry, there is something for everyone. The EQUIP Conference is designed with YOU in mind, no matter your experience or skill level!

Keynote Speaker: Wayne Bray



Wayne and his wife, Amy, have been married for 28 years. They spent the first 18 years serving small to medium-sized churches, both rural and suburban, in Georgia and Louisiana. In 2015, God brought the Brays to First Baptist Simpsonville. First Baptist Simpsonville / Upstate Church now has 7,700 members who gather in 20 distinct worship services in 9 different locations across the Upstate of South Carolina. Dr. Bray has authored several books, including *Inside Out: Christian Hope in a World of Contradiction*. In addition to serving as Lead Pastor at FBS/UC, Wayne enjoys teaching as Adjunct Faculty at Anderson University and New Orleans Seminary. He has also served in various denominational roles, including President of the South Carolina Baptist Convention and President of the Preaching Conference of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board.

Schedule

- 3:30 PM - Doors Open/Registration/Check In
- 4:00 PM - Inspirational Rally w/ Dr. Bray
- 5:15 PM - Dinner (Fellowship Meal in the Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 PM - Breakout #1
- 7:15 PM - Breakout #2 (repeat of session #1)
- 8:15 PM - Dismiss

EQUIP CONFERENCE (CONTINUED)

Breakout Session Ministry Areas & Topics

ADULT MINISTRY

- Men in Today's Church
- Women's Ministry
- Effectively Engaging 18-25 Year Olds
- Reaching Young Families
- Senior Adult Ministry Ideas
- Teaching/Leading an Adult Class/Group
- Developing a Leadership Pipeline

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION & LEADERSHIP

- Church Budgeting and Financial Issues
- Safety and Security at Your Church
- Deacon Ministry Foundations
- Leading the Prayer Ministry in Your Church
- The Power of Evangelism
- Technology, AI, Social Media and the Your Church
- First Impressions and New Member Assimilation
- How to Lead Music and Worship in ANY Church ◦ Helping Families to Thrive

KIDS MINISTRY

- Kids Ministry in ANY Church
- Teaching/Leading a Kid's Class/Group

YOUTH MINISTRY

- Youth Ministry in ANY Church
- Teaching/Leading a Student Class/Group

MISSIONS

- Using Disaster Relief to Reach Others
- Becoming a Mission-Minded Church
- How to Engage Your Community: Moving the Church Beyond the Walls

AND MUCH MORE!

This is a free event for FCBA churches. There is a \$10 per person suggested donation to assist with the cost of the meal. There is a registration cost of \$25 per person for non-FCBA churches (dinner included).

To register or for more information, visit www.floydbaptist.org and click on the banner after May 1st.

The 133rd Annual Meeting and Business Session of the Floyd County Baptist Association will be held the following Monday, September 22, 2025, 6:00-8:30 PM at the Fellowship Church in Rome.



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)

PASTOR WELLNESS INFORMATION

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 (walker.rep@gabaptist.org) or (662-251-2980)

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

GENERAL BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS

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

FCBA Contributing Churches (January 2025 - March 2025)

Antioch	First Baptist - Lindale	New Canaan	Sherwood Forest
Armuchee	First Baptist - Shannon	Northside	Shorter Avenue
Cave Spring	Floyd Springs	Parkview	Spring Creek
Cedar Creek	Friendship	Pisgah	State Line
Community Chapel	Grace Fellowship	Pleasant Hope	Sunny Hill
Dykes Creek	HBC	PVN	Vann's Valley
Enon	Lakeview	Pleasant Valley South	Wax
Everett Springs	Mount Alto	Riverside	West Rome
Fairview	New Antioch	Second Avenue	Woodlawn
Fellowship	New Armuchee		

The budget need for January - March 2024 was \$ 79,956.06. The total given was \$ 70,184.29,
which left us \$ 9,771.77 short of meeting budget for 1st quarter 2025.

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

LOAD THE TRUCK FOR GEORGIA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME



Georgia Baptist Children's Home *"Load the Truck"*

Collect the following items between March 16 - April 27.

Bring to FCBA Office on Wednesday, April 30
between 10:00 am and 12:00 pm to *"Load the Truck"*.

Items Needed:

Individual Snacks (crackers, chips, cookies)

Paper Towels

Dixie Style Paper Plates

Laundry Pods

Dawn Dish Detergent

Lysol Disinfectant Spray

Fabuloso Cleaner

Garbage Bags (13 gallon and larger)

Walmart Gift Cards

MINISTRY ASSISTANT / CHURCH SECRETARY LUNCHEON

You are invited
to the Floyd County Baptist Association
**Ministry Assistant
Appreciation Luncheon**

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2025 AT NOON

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

RSVP 706-291-0904
by Wednesday, April 16, 2025

MINISTRY OPENINGS



Enon Baptist Church - Pastor:

Enon Baptist Church, located at 3105 Turkey Mountain Road Rome, GA 30161, is currently accepting resumes for Pastor.

Resumes may be mailed to: Enon Baptist Church - P.O. Box 565 Shannon, GA 30172
or sent via email to: johnnyrogers425@gmail.com

Lakeview Baptist Church - Part-Time Worship Pastor:

Lakeview Baptist Church, located at 80 Salem Drive, NW Rome, GA 30165, is currently accepting resumes for their part-time Worship Pastor.

For more info: lakeview.kathy@comcast.net
To apply, email: lakeview.kathy@comcast.net

Lakeview Baptist Church - Part-Time Youth Pastor:

Lakeview Baptist Church, located at 80 Salem Drive, NW Rome, GA 30165, is currently accepting resumes for their part-time Youth Pastor.

For more info: lakeview.kathy@comcast.net
To apply, email: lakeview.kathy@comcast.net

Mount Alto Baptist Church - Part-Time Worship Leader:

Mt. Alto Baptist Church, located at 1915 Huffaker Road Rome, GA 30165, is currently accepting resumes for their part-time Worship Leader.

For more info: mtalto.com/staff
To apply, email: pastor@mtalto.com

Pisgah Baptist Church - Bi-Vocational Music Director:

Pisgah Baptist Church, located at 5603 Alabama Highway, SW Rome, GA 30165, is currently accepting resumes for their bi-vocational Music Director.

Resumes may be mailed to: Pisgah Baptist Church - P.O. Box 127 Coosa, GA 30129
or sent via email to: doorkeeper@comcast.net

Spring Creek Baptist Church - Worship Leader:

Spring Creek Baptist Church, located at 2636 Chulo Road, SE Rome, GA 30161, is currently accepting resumes for a part-time or full-time experienced Worship Leader.

For more info contact Senior Pastor, Jeff Dabbs at 706-234-1220.

FCBA MEMBER CHURCHES

Antioch: Alex Jones, Pastor 4526 Big Texas Valley Road, NW • Rome, Georgia 30165
Armuchee: Lloyd Gilreath, 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
Cave Spring: 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
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: Kenneth Dowdy, Interim 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 - 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, 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 Tabor: Brent Edwards, Pastor 3068 Old Alabama Road Taylorsville, Georgia 30178
New Antioch: Ted Fuller, Interim 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: _____, 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: Ken Hall, Interim 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 Meeting:

- Wednesday, April 16 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA
- Wednesday, May 21 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA
- Wednesday, July 16 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA

BCM & College Ministry Team Meeting:

- Tuesday, May 27 @ 11:30 am @ FCBA

Committee on Committees Meeting:

- Wednesday, April 16 @ 1:00 pm (following Admin. Cttee.) @ FCBA
- Wednesday, May 21 @ 1:00 pm (following Admin. Cttee.) @ FCBA
- Wednesday, July 16 @ 1:00 pm (following Admin. Cttee.) @ FCBA

EQUIP Conference & Annual Meeting Planning Team Meeting:

- Monday, April 28 @ 2:00 pm @ Pleasant Valley North

FCBA Office & Ministry Center Closed:

- Monday, April 21 for Easter
- Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day
- Thursday, July 3 for Independence Day

FCBA Prayer Team Meeting:

- Tuesday, May 20 @ 2:00 pm @ FCBA

FCBA Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast:

- Tuesday, April 22 @ 9:00 am @ FCBA

FCBA Youth Ministry Team Meeting:

- Tuesday, May 13 @ 11:30 am @ Buffalo Wild Wings

Georgia Baptist Children's Home Load the Truck:

- Collection dates at churches Sunday, March 16 - Sunday, April 27
- Wednesday, April 30th @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Load the Truck @ FCBA

Ministers Meeting:

- Thursday, April 17 @ 10:30 am @ Mount Alto Baptist Church
- No meeting in May, June or July
- Thursday, August 21 @ 10:30 am @ First Baptist Church - Cave Spring

Minister's Wives Fellowship

- Monday, April 21
- Monday, May 19
- Monday, June 16
- Monday, July 21

Ministry Assistant/Church Secretary Appreciation Luncheon:

- Tuesday, April 29 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA

National Day of Prayer for VBS:

- Sunday, May 18

Rome Area Prayer Breakfast:

- Thursday, May 1 @ 7:00 am @ Forum

Youth Pastors & Student Ministry Leaders:

- Tuesday, April 22 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA **RSVP by 4/21**
- No meeting in May, June or July
- Tuesday, August 19 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA **RSVP by 8/18**

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

Office Hours:

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

Association Staff:

Dr. Tim Smith
Director of Missions
fcbadom@gmail.com

Cindy Brock
Director of Church and
Community Ministries
fcbacm@gmail.com

Sheri Cordle
Administrative Assistant/
Financial Secretary
fcbaooffice@gmail.com

2024-2025 Association Officers:

Rev. Eric Whelchel - Moderator
First Baptist Church - Lindale
bige@fbclindale.org

Rev. Jarrod Kinsey - Moderator-Elect
First Baptist Church - Cave Spring
jarrod@cavespringbaptistchurch.com

Sheri Cordle - Clerk
Antioch Baptist Church
fcbaooffice@gmail.com