

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



As we begin a new year, let's be reminded that even though we don't know the future, God is at work. Jeremiah 29:11 says, "**For I know the plans I have for you, 'declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'**" God has a plan for you and your church! And His plan is good! Another

scripture that has been meaningful to me is Romans 15:13, "**May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.**" Our God is full of hope, joy and peace but this world is not! The only way for us to experience real hope is to know God in a personal relationship with Him through Jesus.

#1 The 2025 Annual Church Profile (ACP) from the churches has been finalized. There were 52 churches that reported and 6 churches that failed to send in an ACP. Here is a quick summary of the Lord's blessings...

Baptisms

- This year our churches reported 443 baptisms, that's three consecutive years of 400+ baptisms.
- We had 52 churches turn in an ACP, of those 7 reported 0 baptisms. The good news is that the number of churches reporting 1 or fewer baptisms has decreased again this year.

Worship

- In 2025 the FCBA churches reported 6309 in average weekly worship attendance. That's a 3% decrease from last year.

Sunday School/Small Groups

- In 2025 our churches reported 4044 in average weekly Sunday School/Small Group attendance. That is an increase of 3% over last year.

God is blessing in so many ways. Lets keep our eyes on Him and be faithful to the mission He has given to us.

#2 We will be hosting a very special Prayer 365 Gathering on Monday, March 16th at 3:16pm. Please join us (continued on next page)

for a prayer gathering focused on evangelism, reaching our community for Jesus. This will be a prayer gathering and will last about 1 hour. **You can remember it this way - 3/16 at 3:16 pm.** We will be gathering at the FCBA.

#3 The [Helps for GROUPS - DISCIPLESHIP - SUNDAY SCHOOL Leaders/Teachers Conference is Tuesday, March 17th, 2026](#) (HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY) at Northside Church (75 North Floyd Park Rd, Rome, GA 30165). We will have dinner at 6:15pm and the training will start at 7:00pm.

Research shows that classes/groups remain one of the most effective tools for disciple-making. In classes/groups people learn how to pray, study the Bible, and serve others. People that regularly attend class/group show an increased level of commitment to building their relationship with Christ and with others.

- 63% of regular class/group attenders say they intentionally spend time with other believers in order to help them grow in their faith while only 22% of those not in a class/group say the same.
- 73% of class/group attenders say they are intentionally putting their spiritual gifts to use serving God and helping others, compared to 42% of non-attenders.

Your Sunday School CLASS and/or Small GROUP Bible Study MATTERS!

Every Small GROUP Bible Study Leader, DISCIPLESHIP Leader and/or SUNDAY SCHOOL Teacher should be at the HELPS FOR LEADERS/TEACHERS Conference on Tuesday March 17th. There will be age appropriate training sessions depending on the group you teach/lead.

Age-group specific training sessions for those that teach/lead a...

- ...Preschool (birth - preK) group/class
- ...Children's (K - 5th Grade) group/class
- ...Youth (middle and high school) group/class
- ...College and Single Adults (ages 18 - late 30s) group/class
- ...Married Young and Median Adults (ages mid 20s - mid 50s) group/class
- ...Senior Adult (ages late 50s & up) group/class

In these age appropriate training sessions you'll examine...

- ...How do (age group) LEARN?,
- ...How to PREPARE & a Bible Study for a (age group), &
- ...How to PRESENT a Bible Study for a (age group).

NEW for 2026! We've added some specific function related training sessions, helps for ...

- ...Outreach/Evangelism/Missions Leaders. These leaders help our classes, groups and churches stay focused on reaching people with the Gospel.
- ...Ministry/Care/Prayer Leaders. These leaders help our classes, groups and churches express love and genuine care and concern for those already in our class, group and/or church.
- ...the Primary Leader/Director for Groups/Discipleship/Sunday School in Your Church. If you are a "point person" or team for groups, discipleship or Sunday School in your church then this session is for you.

Please call the FCBA office at 706-291-0904 or email fcbaoffice@gmail.com to register before March 12th.

If I can be of service to 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 & 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"**.

Dr. Tim S. Smith, Director of Missions

Moderator's Message

Dear Floyd County Baptists,

As we step into a new year together, many of us feel the familiar pressure to do more, move faster, and carry heavier loads. Calendars fill quickly. Responsibilities multiply. Even good and godly work can quietly leave our souls weary. As we look toward 2026, I want to offer a simple but deeply biblical encouragement to our churches and families: rest.

From the opening pages of Scripture, rest is woven into God's design for His people. After six days of creation, "*God rested from all his work that he had done*" (Genesis 2:2). This was not because God was tired, but because He was setting a rhythm for life—one that acknowledges our limits and trusts His sufficiency. The Sabbath was later given to Israel as a gracious gift, not a burden: "*The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath*" (Mark 2:27).

Rest, in the biblical sense, is far more than stopping activity. It is an act of faith. When we rest, we declare that God is at work even when we are not. Exodus 20:8–11 reminds us that Sabbath rest flows from remembering who God is as Creator and Sustainer. To rest is to resist the lie that everything depends on us.

Jesus Himself extends this invitation to weary hearts: "*Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest*" (Matthew 11:28). True rest is ultimately found not in a day on the calendar, but in a Person. In Christ, we are invited to lay down the weight of striving for approval, control, or endless productivity, and to receive the peace that only He can give.

As Floyd County Baptists, we are a people committed to the Great Commission, to faithful ministry, and to serving our communities with compassion and conviction. Yet even good ministry must be rooted in healthy rhythms. Burnout is not a badge of honor. Exhaustion is not evidence of faithfulness.

In 2026, may we intentionally reclaim the gift of rest. May our pastors rest without guilt. May our families build margins into their weeks. May our churches model a way of life that trusts God enough to pause, worship, and breathe. Hebrews 4:9 reminds us, "There remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God." That rest begins now as we live in dependence on Christ and anticipation of His coming kingdom.

Let us move forward together—not hurried, not anxious—but resting in the grace of God. May our rest deepen our worship, renew our joy, and strengthen our witness.

Grace and peace to you in the year ahead.

By His Grace,

Dr. Jarrod Kinsey

Pastor, Cave Spring Baptist Church

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Georgia Baptist Mission Board Executive Committee Report



Executive Committee Report – December 9, 2025

Dear Floyd County Baptists,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on your behalf as a member of the Executive Committee of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board. On Tuesday, December 9, 2025, I attended the Executive Committee meeting held at the Georgia Baptist Mission Board in Alpharetta. Please note the following highlights from this meeting:

- The Executive Committee meeting was opened with a welcome from Steve Browning, President of the Georgia Baptist Convention, who shared his excitement about the Mission Board's growing involvement in local communities and encouraged continued faithfulness in getting the Gospel to everyone, everywhere.
- A motion originating from the Annual Meeting regarding interest on a loan made by the Georgia Baptist Foundation to the SBC Executive Committee was referred back to the Georgia Baptist Mission Board. After discussion, the Executive Committee declined the motion, noting that the funds and interest benefit all Cooperative Program recipients under the SBC distribution plan. This action was approved.
- Executive Director Thomas Hammond reported that nearly 900 messengers attended the Georgia Baptist Convention in November at First Baptist Atlanta. Thomas also shared updates on the following Baptist Collegiate Ministry properties: Construction at Georgia Southern is expected to be completed by this fall. The parking deck at the University of Georgia is underway. Demolition is occurring at Georgia Tech, and the anticipated closing on the sale of the West Georgia property is expected within the next several weeks.
- Upcoming opportunities for pastors and church leaders include Prayer 365 (committing to pray for lostness in Georgia during 2026), Engage 6 regional evangelism gatherings throughout the year, and Evangelism Conferences scheduled for February 22–23 (North Metro Baptist Church in Hoschton), March 1–2 (First Baptist Church in Thomasville), and November 9 at the Annual Meeting in Warner Robins. Additional details are available at gabaptist.org.
- Financially, the Georgia Baptist Mission Board continues to operate in the black. Cooperative Program giving is down slightly more than 3% from 2024. However, total income continues to increase, and expenses are currently 6.6% under budget.
- Chad Mantooth (First Baptist Church, Winder) was elected Chairman of the Executive Committee, and Stephen Byrd (Central Baptist Church, Warner Robins) was elected Vice Chairman.

If you have any questions about this report or the work of the Executive Committee, please feel free to reach out, and I will be glad to help as I am able.

By His Grace,

Dr. Jarrod Kinsey

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Ministers' Meetings

All pastors and ministerial staff members (full-time, part-time, bi-vocational, or retired) are invited to attend our Ministers' Meetings. ***Beginning January 15th we will move back to a noon meeting at the FCBA with lunch provided.***

- **Thursday, January 15th at NOON at the FCBA** 308 Redmond Road. Our guest for this lunch and learn format will be Tim Dowdy. He is the Vice President for Evangelism at the North American Mission Board. Before coming to NAMB, Tim was the pastor of Eagle's Landing First Baptist Church in McDonough for 31 years. Tim will be sharing with us how our churches can be more evangelistic and reach more people for Jesus. You'll get lots of resources to help you lead your church see more people saved. We all need to work at creating a culture of evangelism in the life of our churches.



- **Thursday, February 19th at NOON at the FCBA** 308 Redmond Road. We will have three of our newest pastors to share a brief testimony/introduction. Come meet and greet the "new" guys!
 - Brady Wood - pastor at Pleasant Valley South Baptist Church
 - Lucas Butler - pastor at New Armuchee Baptist Church
 - Kenneth Dowdy - pastor at Enon Baptist Church

We will close the gathering by having a special time of prayer for all pastors but especially for all our NEW pastors.

- **Thursday, March 19th at NOON at the FCBA** 308 Redmond Road. Sunday March 15th begins our our emphasis to "LOAD THE TRUCK" for the Georgia Baptist Children's Home. At our March 19th Ministers Meeting we will have Shane Wilbanks from the Georgia Baptist Children's Home & Foster Care with us. He is the Church Relations/Foster Care Coordinator. He will introduce us to the GBCH&FC and remind us of all that happens through the GBCH&FC. He will also share with us about what Georgia Baptists are doing to address the need for Foster Care.



- **Thursday, April 16th at NOON at the FCBA** 308 Redmond Road. One of our core values for the FCBA is the Next Generation. Our special guest on April 16th will be Sara Farely Beall from the International Mission Board where she serves as the Next Gen Strategist. She'll be presenting "Understanding, Reaching and Discipling the Next Generation". All pastors as well as kids ministers, youth pastors and college leaders are invited to attend.



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

Women's Missions and Ministry Worship Night

Our first Women's Worship Night is coming up on **January 12th at First Baptist Lindale**. This evening is for all women in Floyd County and we are looking forward to a great turnout! Join us at 6:30 for coffee, desserts, and a hands on mission project as well as a time of worship and bible teaching. We are praying for you and your ladies to join us. It's going to be a great night!

Keep your eyes open for more information about our NEXT Women's Worship night on May 4th at Mount Alto Baptist Church!



FCBA Women's Missions and Ministry Invite you to:

WOMEN'S WORSHIP NIGHT

Worship Leader
Cora Sullens,
Shorter University
Worship Student

Speaker
Lauren Sullens,
past Georgia
WMU President

at
First Baptist Lindale

Monday | 12th January | 6:30 pm

location:
9 Park Ave SE - Rome, GA 30147

Ministry Wives' Fellowships

Ministry Wives' Fellowships

No January Meeting
Monday, February 16, 2026
Monday, March 16, 2026
Monday, April 20, 2026
Monday, May 18, 2026
Monday, June 15, 2026
Monday, July 20, 2026
Monday, August 17, 2026
Monday, September 14, 2026
Monday, October 19, 2026
Monday, November 16, 2026
December 2026 - TBD

These gatherings are for minister's (pastor and ministerial staff) 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. Please keep an eye on the FCBA Facebook page for future dates.

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).

Georgia Baptist Children's Home Load the Truck Event

The "Load the Truck" event for 2026 collection dates are from March 15 through April 26, 2026. The truck will be loaded on April 29, 2026 at the Floyd County Baptist Center at noon. Items needed are: 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) and Walmart gift cards.

Jan Lane

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Georgia Baptist Children's Home "Load the Truck"

Collect the following items between March 15 - April 26, 2026.

Bring to FCBA Office on Wednesday, April 29, 2026
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 Appreciation Luncheon

S A V E T H E D A T E

Ministry Assistant
(Church Secretary)

Appreciation Luncheon

28th of April 2026

Floyd County Baptist Association
308 Redmond Road, NW, Rome, Georgia 30165

Please contact the FCBA office at
706-291-0904 or email fcbaoffice@gmail.com
to let us know the name(s) of the person
or people who fill this role at your church.





Collide 2026: Appointed

February 20–22, 2026 | Rome, GA

Collide is a city-wide Disciple Now weekend created by local youth pastors with one shared mission: to see students encounter Jesus and be equipped to live on mission in their everyday lives. In 2026, churches from across Rome and Floyd County will once again come together for a powerful weekend of worship, teaching, discipleship, and gospel-centered community.

Speaker Highlight

Curtis Andrusko

Curtis Andrusko serves as the Executive Pastor at The Summit Church. With years of ministry experience and a passion for biblical teaching, Curtis is known for clearly communicating the gospel and calling believers to faithful obedience. For Collide 2026, he will lead students through the theme *Appointed*, walking through the book of Jonah and highlighting God's compassion for the world and our responsibility to share it.

Theme & Missions Emphasis

Theme: Appointed

Collide 2026 will focus on the truth that every believer is appointed by God for His mission. Through the story of Jonah, students will explore God's heart for lost people, His relentless compassion, and our calling to take the gospel to those near and far. This weekend will challenge students not only to believe the gospel—but to live it out with boldness, obedience, and urgency.

Collide Youth Event Information - continued

Missions Emphasis: FCBA Food Pantry



The graphic is divided into three sections. The left section has an orange background and features the Floyd County Baptist Association logo, which includes a map of Georgia and the text "Established 1893" and "FLOYD COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION". Below the logo, the text "PACK THE PANTRY" is written in large, bold, blue letters, and "ROME, GA - WWW.FLOYDBAPTIST.ORG/FOOD-PANTRY" is written in smaller, black letters. The middle section has a light beige background and lists four food items in bold, black, sans-serif font: "• PORK & BEANS", "• CANNED PASTA", "• VIENNA SAUSAGES", and "• CANNED FRUIT". The right section has a dark background and features a large, square QR code.

Schedule at a Glance

- **Wednesday, Feb. 18** – Kick-Off Rally (6:00 PM)
- **Friday, Feb. 20** – Worship Session 1 & Small Groups
- **Saturday, Feb. 21** – Worship Sessions 2 & 3, Small Groups, Church & Host Home Time
- **Sunday, Feb. 22** – Students attend worship at their home churches

All large-group worship services and the Kick-Off Rally will be hosted at Fellowship Church. Small groups and meals will take place in host homes or designated church locations.

Location

Fellowship Church

314 Burnett Ferry Road, SW Rome, Georgia

(All worship services and the Kick-Off Rally will be held here.)

Registration & Cost

- **Dates:** February 20–22, 2026
- **Cost:** \$55 per student
- **Church Registration Opens:** December 1

Churches can continue adjusting numbers leading up to the event, but early registration helps ensure books and shirts are ordered on time.

Interested in Participating?

Churches interested in bringing students to Collide 2026 should begin by planning internally and preparing to register when registration opens on December 1. New and smaller churches are encouraged to participate—support and guidance will be available throughout the process.

For questions or additional information, churches may contact the Floyd County Baptist Association or a member of the Collide leadership team.

Matt Green - Sherwood - 706-346-8449

Ryan Matherly - PVN - 404-317-5051

Hunter Storey - Calvary - 706-844-2393

Justin Carroll - Friendship - 404-477-7026

Ashton Hudson - 1st Baptist Lindale - 706-594-0987

Collide Prayer Guide

As we prepare for Collide 2026, we invite each church to walk together in prayer. May we seek the Lord with unity, humility, and expectation—trusting Him to move powerfully in the lives of students, leaders, and our community.

“Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.” — Psalm 127:1



Prayer Guide for Collide 2026

January 5-10, 2026

Pray for our Speaker

Let us pray for Curtis Andrusko, asking God to guide him as he prepares to preach. May the Lord place His Word firmly in Curtis's heart and empower him to proclaim the Gospel boldly. Pray that every message would be Spirit-led and produce lasting fruit, stirring students to live wholeheartedly for Jesus.

January 11-17, 2026

The Invitation

Ask the Lord to place names and faces on your heart—those who need to hear the good news of Jesus. Pray for courage and sensitivity as you invite others to Collide. May God open doors for conversations and give us boldness rooted in love.

January 18-31, 2026

Youth Pastors

Lift up our Youth Pastor and the Youth Pastors across our community. Pray that God would strengthen them, renew their passion, and fill them with wisdom and compassion. May they lead with clarity, humility, and deep love for students.

February 8-14, 2026

Host Homes

Pray that God would provide enough homes for every student attending Collide. Ask that each home would be covered in peace, joy, and protection. May hosts feel appreciated and honored as they open their doors in service to God.

February 15, 2026

Group Leaders

Pray for the group leaders who will disciple and care for students. Ask God to give them patience, insight, and compassion. May they reflect Christ in every conversation and moment.

February 16, 2026

Safety

Commit every mile traveled and every gathering to the Lord. Pray for protection, health, and safety for everyone involved. Ask God to guard each person throughout the weekend.

February 17, 2026

Repentance

Pray that God would search our hearts and gently convict us of sin. Ask Him to lead us into true repentance—repentance that brings freedom, healing, and joy found only in Christ.

February 18, 2026

Collide Rally

Pray for Fellowship Church and all the volunteers from Fellowship as they host Collide. Pray for the worship leader and the speaker. Pray for the students to be drawn closer to the Lord. Pray that the rally prepares everyone for a great weekend.

February 19-22, 2026

Collide Weekend

Pray for God to do far more than we could ask or imagine. To God be the glory!

Church and Community Missions Spotlight

In November, the Food Pantry was so excited when Pleasant Valley South pulled up to our door with three truckloads of blessing bags filled with everything our clients needed to help make their Thanksgiving dinner! At a time when our shelves were low this could not have come at better time. Thank you, Pleasant Valley South, for your willingness to help others!

The Christmas Store was a great success. Through your generosity we were able to help 102 children, 48 families. If you could have witnessed the faces and seen the tears of the parents/grandparents when they picked up the toys, stockings, Bible, and Chick Fil A kids meal gift cards! (I may have cried too). I know there were some happy children on Christmas morning.

I am looking forward to a great 2026!
Cindy Brock, CCM Director

Church Food Drive Schedule for FCBA Food Pantry:

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 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



Shorter University BCM



When you hear the words “Mission Field”, what comes to your mind? I believe we are quick to define “Mission Field” as somewhere outside the United States. Many times, we may hear a testimony of someone who has felt called to the mission field. In Christian terms, mission field can mean just about anywhere. It is not just overseas. Our own community in Rome is a mission field. The college/university campus is a mission field. On campus, a dormitory or an athletic team can be a mission field. Our own places of work, schools, offices, or neighborhoods are mission fields. As followers of Christ, we are sent to be on mission wherever we go. One of the most exciting parts of my vocation as BCM Campus Minister are the opportunities I have to take students to different mission fields in our city, our state, and beyond. Over the Christmas break, a team of 17 from the Shorter University BCM traveled to South Side Baptist Church in Covington, KY to partner and minister with the church to the people of Covington. We led Bible stories with children; sang Christmas carols to children, youth, & family members; and we helped collect food and Christmas presents from Baptist churches in Northern Kentucky.

We led two different services on Friday at the church. The Gospel was proclaimed through Word, conversations, music, and service. This mission field contained people of all ages and nationalities. You would have been proud of your investment in the lives of college students at Shorter University. We would love to come and help you with your mission field in Floyd County. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

We have a BCM Day scheduled for Sunday, February 8, 2026. We would love to send a student to your Sunday morning service to share a brief 5 minute testimony of what BCM means to them. We have students from Berry College and Shorter University BCM's who are willing to come and share with your church. Please call Sheri Cordle at the FCBA office (706-291-0904, extension 111) to schedule a student to come to your church and speak on Sunday, February 8th.

On the Mission Field at Shorter,

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Rev. David Roland, M.Div., Shorter University Campus Minister

Phone: 706-233-7329 Email: droland@shorter.edu

GBMB Has Moved!



**Georgia Baptist
Mission Board**

The Georgia Baptist Mission Board has moved so please make these changes so that your gifts to missions and the Cooperative Program will not be delayed. The new address is:

**Georgia Baptist Mission Board
4125 Old Milton Parkway
Alpharetta, GA 30005-4443**

Churches have received packets of blue envelopes with the new address printed on them. Please use the new updated envelopes to mail your mission gifts in order to reduce the potential of your financial support being lost in the mail. To request additional blue envelopes, churches may visit:

<https://gabaptist.org/give/request-blue-envelopes/>

Kids' Ministry Summit



2026 Kids Ministry Summit @ Saint Simons

Thursday, Feb 5, 2026 1:00 PM - Friday, Feb 6, 2026 3:15 PM EST

The King and Prince Beach & Golf Resort

201 Arnold Rd, St Simons, GA 31522

Cost: \$129 per person

The Kids Ministry Summit is designed to gather Children's Ministers from across the state for a special time of growth. 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!

For lodging, please contact 800-342-0212 for a Reservation Agent and ask for the Georgia Baptist Mission Board room block.

Thursday, February 5

1:00 PM – Registration & Fellowship

1:30 PM – Large Group

4:00 PM – Large Group

5:30 PM – Dinner (on your own)

5:30 PM – New to Ministry (If you have been in ministry for 3 years or less)

Friday, February 6

9:00 AM – Large Group

11:00 AM – Large Group

11:45 AM – Lunch

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.

For registration or for more information, go to <https://gabaptist.org/events/>

Engage Six Equipping Sessions



You're invited to the follow up gatherings that address common issues churches across are confronting. These are based on the discoveries from the 2025 Evangelism Listening Sessions.

Engaging Everyone in Prayer - How to utilize prayer to propel evangelism in your church. Did you know that there is a direct correlation between praying for the lost and the number of people that your church will see come to faith in the next year? How do you engage your congregation in praying, not just for those who are sick or in crisis, but those who need their hearts softened to the gospel of Jesus Christ?

Engaging the Sunday Morning Experience - Creating an evangelistic environment for the Sunday morning experience and engaging your groups in outreach. Evangelism occurs as we get the gospel to people but also as we get people to the gospel. This opportunity is present every week through your Sunday worship experience. Evangelistic leaders understand this and take great pains to elevate the Sunday worship experience, and by engaging their groups in outreach. Discover how in this session.

Engaging Members in Personal Evangelism - Multiplying evangelism by equipping members to share their faith. Evangelistic pastors do not train their members in all twelve months of the year to share their faith. But, they do not let twelve months go by without equipping them. How do you model personal evangelism and how do you train your members, both the congregation and the core? Discover more in this session.

Engaging With Every Home - Getting the gospel to every home in your mission field. God has given your church a mission field and a commission to get the gospel to all. How do you determine your mission field and is it possible to get the gospel to every home that God has placed in your region? It can be done and you will discover ways to do so as you learn to engage with "every" home.

Engaging Evangelistic Events - How to make events and ministry opportunities evangelistic. Some people will not come to church on Sunday. But they will go to a barbecue, a golf outing, a men's or women's event, a student event, etc. However, simply planning and hosting an event does not make it evangelistic. But every event can be. You will learn how in this session on engaging evangelistic events.

Engaging Follow Up and High-profile Sundays - Effective baptism follow-up and planning for "High-profile Sundays". Your church has several great opportunities annually to increase your number of guests. How can you leverage these high-profile Sundays to increase the number of guests and in turn the number hearing the gospel? Discover how in this session with bonus material on effectively following up on those who come to faith in Christ.

All gatherings are 10:00-11:30 am. These are all free and no registration is required. To find dates and locations as well as the speakers for each topic, visit <https://gbmbevangelismresources.com/engage-six>

Focused prayer for gospel advancement across our state



Prayer 365
— GEORGIA BAPTIST —

We are praying for and believing God for a wave of revival and gospel impact in 2026! As we see throughout scripture, as well as in history, movements of God are rooted in prayer.

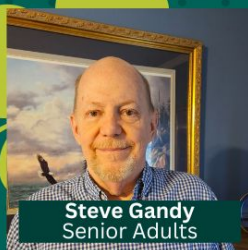
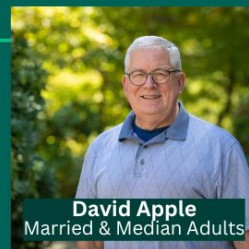
We will be hosting a very special prayer gathering on Monday, March 16th at 3:16pm. This gathering will be at the FCBA Center at 308 Redmond Road in Rome. Join us on Monday 3/16 at 3:16pm to pray for revival and for the lost to be saved.

Georgia Baptist is calling churches across the state to stand in the gap—one day at a time. Imagine 365 days of focused prayer, each one covered by a local church, united in asking God to reduce lostness and advance the gospel in our communities. Your church can claim a day to pray specifically for spiritual awakening and gospel impact in Georgia. You'll pick your day, then mobilize your people to pray. Whether it's through a prayer gathering, a day of fasting, or intentional prayer prompts—how you lead it is up to you.

The FCBA has selected March 16th and you can pick a day for your church. Go to <https://gabaptist.org/prayer365> to sign up. By signing up, you're claiming one day to lead a focused prayer gathering for gospel advancement across our state. Every day matters. Every prayer counts. Once you're done, you'll receive a confirmation email with all the details you need to prepare, promote, and lead your gathering with confidence.

Together, we're believing for a movement of God—one day, one gathering, one prayer at a time.

Need help? Reach out to 365prayer@gabaptist.org.



"Helps for GROUPS-DISCIPLESHP- SUNDAY SCHOOL Leaders & Teachers"

Northside Church

75 North Floyd Park Road Rome, Georgia 30165

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026

Scan to Register



6:15 PM - DINNER
7:00 PM - TRAINING
8:30 PM - DISMISS

Training is FREE
for all FCBA
Churches;
non-FCBA
Churches
\$20/person.

TO REGISTER USE QR CODE, CALL 706-291-0904 OR EMAIL FCBAOFFICE@GMAIL.COM BY 3/12.

VBS Training Opportunities



SAVE THE DATE

VBS+
training

**Equip your VBS team
to have the most successful
VBS to reach your community.**

MAR 7
FBC Newnan

English & Spanish
MAR 14
Northside Tifton

English & Spanish
MAR 21
FBC Canton

MAR 28
Dudley Baptist

For more information or to register, contact Krista Staton, Georgia Baptist Mission Board's Kids Ministry Consultant at (770) 936-5224 or kstaton@gabaptist.org.

FCBA VBS Webinars

Tuesday, March 31, 2026 Webinar #1 @ 7:00 pm

Topic: Enlisting and Recruiting VBS Workers Presenter: Jenni Carter
Topic: Promoting VBS in Your Community Presenter: Jenni Carter

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 Webinar #2 @ 7:00 pm

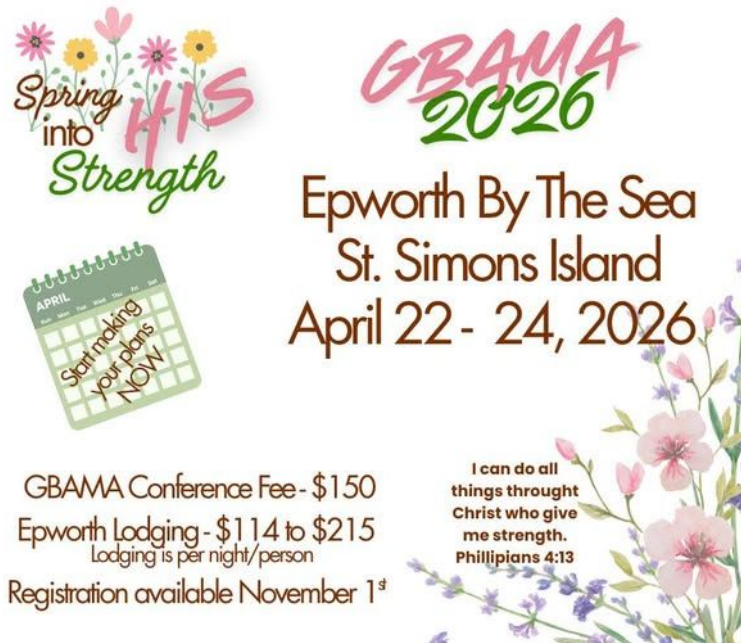
Topic: Teaching the Bible Presenter: Scott Patrick
Topic: Sharing the Gospel with Kids Presenter: Scott Patrick

Tuesday, April 28, 2026 Webinar #3 @ 7:00 pm

Topic: Everything VBS: Logistics Presenter: TBA
Topic: Developing a Follow-Up Strategy Presenter: TBA

Be watching the FCBA Facebook Group for the ZOOM link.

GBAMA Conference



The Georgia Baptist Association of Ministry Assistants invites you to three refreshing days designed exclusively for those who faithfully serve behind the scenes in churches. This retreat is your opportunity to step away from the daily demands, sharpen your skills, and connect with others who understand the unique calling of ministry support work.

What You'll Experience:

- Inspiring breakout sessions that encourage both your heart and your professional growth
- Networking with ministry assistants who share your challenges, joys, and passion for serving the local church
- Practical, skill-building classes that you can immediately apply when you return to the office

Sample Classes & Workshops:

- Canva for Ministry
- Bible Journaling
- AI Tools for the Church Office
- Additional sessions focused on communication, organization, creativity, and ministry leadership

Lodging not included and booked separately at the Epworth By the Sea web site. Instructions will be sent to you after you register. Don't miss this chance to learn, connect, and grow in a beautiful setting with friends who understand your ministry.

First, complete your conference registration and submit your \$150 attendance fee. After you register, you will receive a direct link to reserve your lodging through the Epworth By The Sea website.

To register go to <https://brushfire.com/gabaptist/gbama-conference-2026/620024>

The Purpose of the Georgia Baptist Association of Ministry Assistants:

1. To identify and properly relate the various roles of the ministry assistants/secretaries.
2. To provide an opportunity of fellowship for those with similar interests and to stimulate an interchange of ideas.
3. To develop a better understanding of the work of the ministry assistant/church secretary
4. To provide programs that will deepen the spiritual understanding of the ministry assistant/secretary, improve performance, increase personal effectiveness, acquaint with the latest tools and encourage interest of others in the vocation.



Disaster Relief Introduction Training

During the online registration at <https://gabaptist.org/disaster-relief-training/> choose from one of the following:

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

January 16 - 17, 2026 @ First Baptist Church - Douglas

February 20 - 21, 2026 @ First Baptist Church - Moultrie

April 24 - 25, 2026 @ First Baptist Church - Canton

August 7 - 8, 2026 @ First Baptist Church - Sandersville

September 11 - 12, 2026 @ Level Grove Baptist Church - Cornelia

October 2 - 3, 2026 @ Georgia Baptist Mission Board - Alpharetta

Bringing help, hope & healing



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/>



Floyd County Baptist Association >

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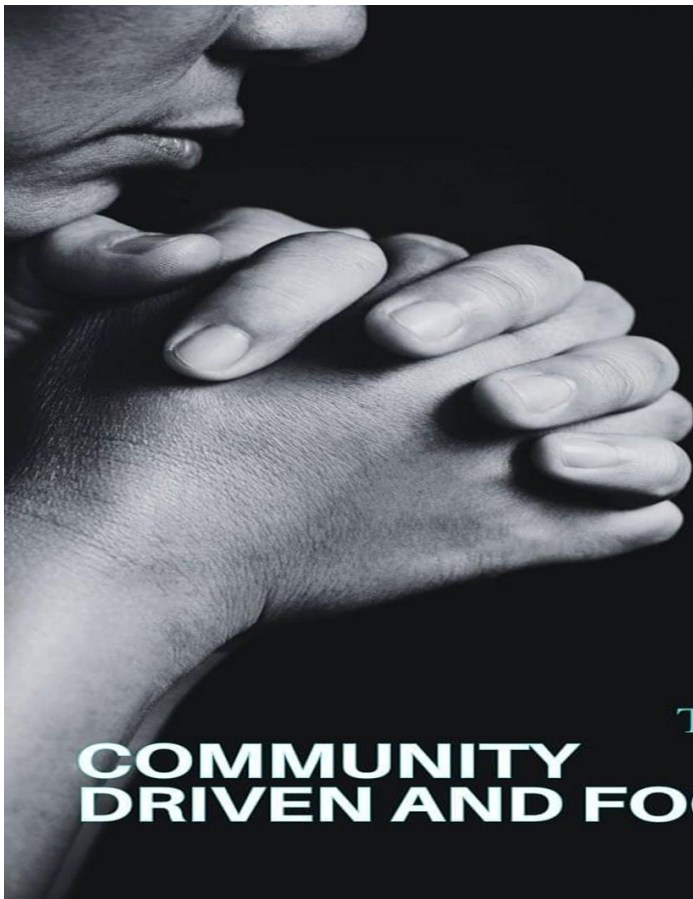
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Community Prayer Gathering



Join us for
**TUESDAY
PRAYER**

12:00pm - 1:00pm

WEEKLY

The Well - 914 Shorter Avenue

**COMMUNITY
DRIVEN AND FOCUSED.**

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 8:00 am until 10:00 pm (EST).

Confidentiality is ensured and guaranteed by Focus on the Family.

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

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

FCBA General Budget Contributions

The following FCBA churches gave to missions through the FCBA general budget during the period of January 2025 - December 2025. Thank you for your faithfulness!

Antioch
Armuchee
Bush Arbor
Calvary
Cave Spring
Cedar Creek
Community Chapel
Dykes Creek
East Rome
Enon
Everett Springs
Fairview
Fellowship
First Baptist - Lindale
First Baptist - Shannon
Flint Hill

Floyd Springs
Friendship
Grace Fellowship
Hill Crest
Hollywood
Lakeview
Mount Alto
New Antioch
New Armuchee
New Canaan
New Prospect
Northside
Parkiew
Pisgah
Pleasant Hope

Pleasant Valley North
Pleasant Valley South
Providence
Riverside
Second Avenue
Sherwood Forest
Shorter Avenue
Spring Creek
State Line
Sunny Hill
Three Rivers
Vann's Valley
Wax
West End
West Rome
Woodlawn

The budget need for January - December 2025 was \$ 319,824.24; the total given was \$ 283,619.05.

We fell \$ 36,205.19 short of meeting the budget for 2025.

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

2026 Youth Leader Conclave



Thursday, January 29, 2026, 10:30 am -

Saturday, January 31, 2026, 12:00 pm

@ Chattanooga Convention Center

1 Carter Street ♦ Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402

Conclave is a cooperative collaboration of ten Southern Baptist state conventions committed to strengthening and serving youth leaders. At Conclave, there are over 60 breakouts for leaders of all-sized churches.

Why does YMConclave exist? To equip and encourage SBC youth leaders through training, networking, and shepherding. Their mission is accomplished by initiating youth ministry conversations; providing expert resources; strengthening leaders; cultivating ministry friendships; and partnering together as state conventions.

Thursday, January 29

10:30 am-2:30 pm → PreConference

1:00 pm → Registration

3:00-4:15 pm → Breakouts

4:15-5:30 pm → Dinner Break

5:30-7:30 pm → Exhibit Hall Grand Opening

7:30-9:00 pm → Main Session

9:00-10:00 pm → State Fellowships

Friday, January 30

9:00-10:15 am → Breakouts

10:30-12:00 pm → Main Session

12:00-1:30 pm → Lunch Break

1:45-3:00 pm → Breakouts

4:30-6:30 pm → Dinner Break

7:30-9:00 pm → Main Session

Saturday, January 31

9:00-10:15 am → Breakouts

10:45 am-12:00 pm → Main Session

12:00 pm → Dismiss

For more information or to register, go to <https://ymconclave.org/>

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: Mike Davenport, Interim Pastor 601 Cedar Avenue, SW • Rome, Georgia 30161
Enon: Kenneth Dowdy, 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 Wax 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
Hill Crest: Charles Lively, Interim Pastor 2202 North Broad Street, NE • Rome, Georgia 30161
Hollywood: David Harper, Pastor 2 Commerce Court • Rome, Georgia 30161
Lakeview: _____, 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, Transitional Pastor 4553 Calhoun Road, NE • Rome, Georgia 30161
New Armuchee: Lucas Butler, Pastor 5385 Martha Berry Highway, NE • Armuchee, Georgia 30105
New Canaan: Corey Wright, Interim 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: Michael Roach, Pastor 5603 Alabama Highway • Rome, Georgia 30165
Pleasant Hope: DeWayne New, Interim 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: Brady Wood, 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, January 21 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA
- Wednesday, February 18 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA
- Wednesday, April 15 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA

BCM Day in the Floyd County Baptist Association

- Sunday, February 8

Collide Youth Event

- Wednesday, February 18 @ 6:00 pm @ Fellowship Church
- Friday, February 20 - Sunday, February 22 @ Fellowship Church

Committee on Committees

- Wednesday, January 21 @ 1:00 pm @ FCBA
- Wednesday, February 18 @ 1:00 pm @ FCBA
- Wednesday, April 15 @ 1:00 pm @ FCBA

Evangelism Prayer Gathering

- Monday, March 16 @ 3:16 pm @ FCBA (3/16 @ 3:16)

FCBA Office & Missions Center Closed

- Monday, January 19 - MLKJ Day
- Monday, April 6 - Good Friday and Easter

Georgia Baptist Children's Home Load the Truck

- March 15 - April 26 - Collection Dates
- Wednesday, April 29 10:00 am - 12:00 pm @ FCBA Load the Truck

Ministers' Meeting

- Thursday, January 15 @ 12:00 @ FCBA
- Thursday, February 19 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA
- Thursday, March 19 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA
- Thursday, April 16 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA

Minister's Wives Fellowship

- No January gathering
- Monday, February 16 @ 6:30 pm
- Monday, March 16 @ 6:30 pm
- Monday, April 20 @ 6:30 pm

Ministry Assistant Appreciation Luncheon

- Tuesday, April 28 @ FCBA

Sunday School/Small Groups Training Event - "Helps for Teachers..."

- Tuesday, March 17 @ Northside Church @ 6:15 pm

WMU Gathering - "Women's Worship Night"

- Monday, January 12 @ First Baptist - Lindale

Youth Pastors & Student Ministry Leaders Lunch

- Tuesday, January 13 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA
- Tuesday, February 3 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA
- Tuesday, March 17 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA
- Tuesday, April 21 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA

VBS Webinar

- Tuesday, March 31 @ 7:00 pm via ZOOM (Webinar #1)
- Tuesday, April 14 @ 7:00 pm via ZOOM (Webinar #2)
- Tuesday, April 28 @ 7:00 pm via ZOOM (Webinar #3)

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast - for FCBA Volunteers

- Tuesday, April 21 @ 9:00 am @ FCBA

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