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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) **P**raying
2) **R**eaching
3) **D**iscipling
4) **G**oing
5) **C**aring
6) **G**rowing
7) **T**raining
8) **G**iving
9) **N**ext **G**en

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Tim's Time



The EQUIP Conference was GREAT again this year! Thanks to Pleasant Valley South for hosting us this year and they did a GREAT job. The attendance was 323, from 31 churches. Go ahead and mark Sunday September 19, 2027 on your calendar for the SPARK Conference at West Rome Baptist Church. The Georgia Baptist Mission Board has asked us to host the regional church leadership conference next year and West Rome has agreed to host the conference. This will involve churches from all over northwest Georgia and when we hosted it in 2024 we had over 800 in attendance. I attended the northwest Georgia regional SPARK Conference in Cartersville last month and the attendance was over 900!

The FCBA Annual Meeting was the Monday night following the EQUIP Conference and Northside Church graciously served as our host. We had 25 churches represented with a total attendance of 110. We elected new officers ; Matthew Bowden, Pastor, Mt. Alto Baptist Church as Moderator, Jarrod Roberts, Pastor, West Rome Baptist Church as Moderator-elect, Jean Stanley, as the Assistant Treasurer and Greg Hood, Pastor, Parkview Baptist Church as the FCBA Clerk. We also heard reports from many of our ministry areas and approved the reports from all teams and committees. It was a busy night! We saw our mission statement; "encouraging and equipping pastors and people to do the great commandment and the great commission" and our nine priorities: praying, reaching, discipling, going, caring, growing, training, giving and next gen put into practice.

We also approved the 2027 budget of $337,290.80, which is an increase of $25,774.64 from the 2026 budget. This will be a challenge because the monthly need is $28,107.57 but we know that God is able and our churches are faithful. I want to encourage every church and every pastor to pray for and financially support the association.

I also made the announcement of my planned retirement in 2027, at some point after May 31st and at the latest December 31st. I'm thankful for all the association has done for us during the past five and half years. The administration committee and the vision team are working to make

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this a healthy transition. We also heard from the vision team and their desire for you to be involved in determining the future direction of the FCBA. They've planned several "town hall meetings" to hear your insights and needs.

- Tuesday, October 20th 10:30 am-12:00 pm and 7:00-8:30 pm at Pleasant Valley North Baptist Church
- Monday, October 26th 10:30 am-12:00 pm and 7:00-8:30 pm at West Rome Baptist Church
- Thursday, November 5th 10:30 am-12:00 pm and 7:00-8:30 pm at Lindale First Baptist Church

The type of questions they'll be asking you and wanting to hear your responses are: What does a good association look like? Why is your church part of the FCBA? What is working that the FCBA does and why? What does the FCBA need to improve or change and how? What does the FCBA need to stop and why? What does a good Executive Director do? What do you want your next Executive Director to do and be?

Our Administration Committee has done a wonderful job this year and I wish to thank them for faithfulness and support of the association. Please express your appreciation to them and please continue to pray for them, especially the new members coming onto the team.

- *Bob Agan, Pleasant Valley North
- *Steve Drake, Pleasant Hope
- *Rosemary Fincher, Dykes Creek
- *Larry Monk, Shorter Avenue
- *Cindy Payne, Pisgah
- Tim Akins, Flint Hill
- Starr Boylin, New Antioch
- Alex Jones, Antioch
- Mac McCurry, Pleasant Valley North
- Richard Moore, Enon
- Richard Brown, Pleasant Valley South
- Jeff Dabbs, Spring Creek
- Matt Green, Sherwood
- David Harper, Hollywood
- Eric Whelchel, First Baptist Lindale
- **Jarrod Kinsey, Cave Spring
- **Stephen Fraser, Dykes Creek
- **Greg Hood, Parkview
- **Billy Carver, Floyd Springs
- **Justin Silver, Friendship

*=rotating off

**=new members

I would also like to thank the team that worked so hard to make the EQUIP Conference and the FCBA Annual Meeting a great event for pastors, leaders and churches.

- Richard Brown, Pleasant Valley South
- Jacob Roberts, Second Avenue
- Jarrod Roberts, West Rome
- Sheri Cordle, FCBA Ministry Assistant & Antioch
- Jarrod Kinsey, Cave Spring & FCBA Moderator
- Matthew Bowden, Mt. Alto & FCBA Moderator-elect

We are a PRAYING association and we want every church and every person praying for the Floyd County Baptist

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Association. Please be involved with the Week of Prayer for the Floyd County Baptist Association, October 11-18. The prayer guide is available to download on our website. Please take time every day to pray for the churches, the pastors and staff, as well as the ministries of the FCBA.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. I hope you and your church are planning on showing your appreciation for your pastor and your ministerial staff.

- Make praying for your pastor and ministerial staff members a priority in your church. What are some ways to encourage the entire church to be praying for your pastor and ministerial staff?
- Make a commitment to ensure that your pastor, ministerial staff and their spouses receive some type of small appreciation gift in October. What are some small gifts you and others could give?
- Make sure a different member writes a note of appreciation every day during October to the pastor and ministerial staff. What could be included in those notes to express appreciation to your pastor and ministerial staff?
- Make plans to host a church-wide special appreciation event in honor of our pastor and ministerial staff. When could you do it and what would be said at the event to let your pastor and ministerial staff know they are loved?

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 and Floyd County.

Dr. Tim S. Smith

Director of Missions
fcbadom@gmail.com
706-291-0904, ext. 114

Welcoming New Shorter University Campus Minister - Jase Brown



We're excited to welcome Jase Brown as Shorter University's new campus minister, a role that will place him right in the middle of students' everyday lives, walking with them through faith, growth, and all that college brings. Jase spent 15 years at Richland Creek Community Church, the last nine as the college minister, where he poured his life into young adults navigating all that comes from being a college student. His heart for college students is exactly what makes him such a great fit for Shorter. He is a graduate of Truett McConnell University and a native of Comer, Georgia. Jase brings both deep roots in ministry and a genuine love for this next generation of students. He is married to Kim, and this coming May they will celebrate 20 years together. Kim shares that same calling to ministry, having served as preschool director at Richland Creek, and the Browns bring a shared heart for shepherding others well. Please join us in welcoming Jace, Kim, and their family to the Floyd County Baptist Association.

Ministers' Meetings

All pastors and ministerial staff members (full-time, part-time, bi-vocational, volunteer or retired) are invited to attend our Ministers' Meetings. We gather at the FCBA at noon with lunch provided and the meeting concludes at 1pm. Please call or email the FCBA office at least one week prior to MM to RSVP.



Thursday, October 15th at NOON at the FCBA. We have been known for starting new churches and we need more churches today! On October 15th we will hear from Patrick Fielder, the Church Planting Catalyst for the SEND Network, the church planting arm of the North American Mission Board. In this role, he has spent the past five years helping churches identify, equip, and send leaders to plant healthy, gospel-centered churches throughout Georgia. Patrick earned his bachelor's degree from Leavell College at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and is currently completing a Master of Theological Studies at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is passionate about the local church, making disciples, and seeing the gospel advance through the planting of healthy churches.

A FREE lunch will be provided so ***please RSVP by Tuesday, October 13th by calling 706-291-0904 ext. 111, or email fcbaoffice@gmail.com.***



Thursday, November 19th at NOON at the FCBA. One of the greatest needs in Rome and Floyd County is mental health. This issue not only impacts our community but it also can be seen in our churches. This will be a Ministers' Meeting you don't want to miss. Our special guest will be Nathan Phillips from Battlefield Ministries based here in Rome. His topic for our gathering will be, "The Mental Health Crisis in Rome & Floyd County and Our Response as Christians".

With deep concern for the health of Christian marriages, Nathan and Jane Phillips co-founded Battlefield Ministries in 1996. Nathan and Jane counsel together and also lead marriage retreats nationally and internationally. Nathan and Jane were married in 1982. Both are Licensed Professional Counselors. Nathan is a graduate of Samford University, then later acquired his Masters Degree in Counseling from Georgia State University.

A FREE lunch will be provided so ***please RSVP by Tuesday, November 17th by calling 706-291-0904 ext. 111, or email fcbaoffice@gmail.com.***

NO MINISTERS' MEETING IN DECEMBER

Thursday January 14th at NOON at the FCBA. In 2027, all of the Ministers' Meetings will focus on Church Strengthening. The topic for the January 14th MM is "Leading a Shift from Inward to Outward Focus" and guest leader will be Jeremy Elam, the Connections Pastor at Peavine Baptist Church in Rock Springs, Georgia. Peavine has been recognized multiple times on Outreach Magazine's list of the Top 100 fastest-growing churches in America. Average weekend worship attendance has tripled over recent years, growing from 800 to over 2,400.

One of the greatest challenges for a church is "overcoming the culture of the church." The reason for this is that many have become very inwardly focused, and that they didn't get in that *(continued on page 5)*

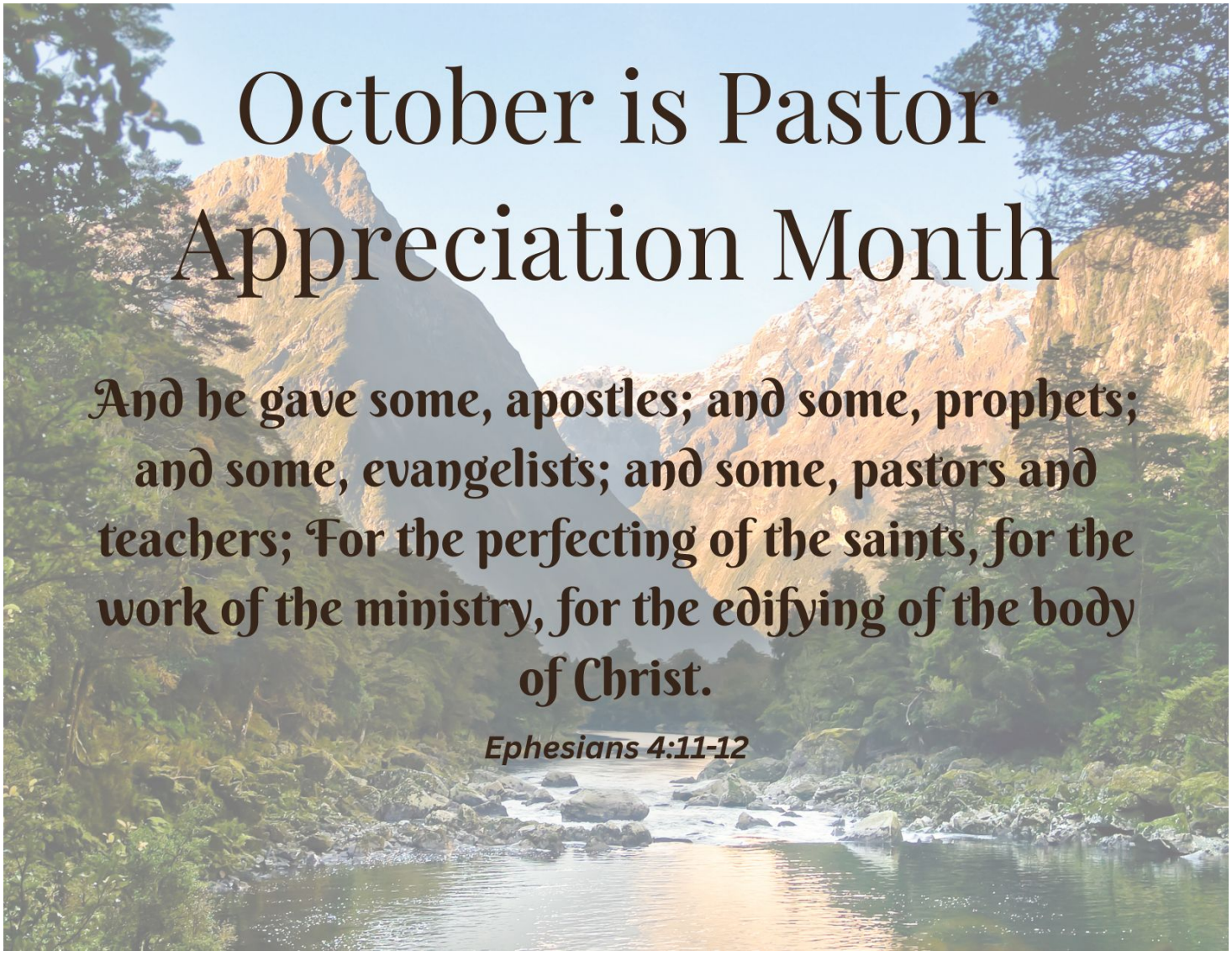
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condition overnight. Many pastors understand this burden. Churches rarely become inwardly focused in one moment. Drift usually happens slowly. The church stops noticing the people around them. The community becomes background noise. The ministries continue, but the mission becomes less clear. Renewal begins when a church learns to notice again. Refocusing on the community means shifting the church's mindset from inward preservation to outward evangelism, neighborhood engagement, and local outreach. Many times stuck churches frequently focus on keeping members comfortable. A critical step involves asking "Who are we reaching outside these walls?" rather than "What do we want?"

A FREE lunch will be provided so ***please RSVP by noon on Tuesday, January 12th by calling the FCBA Office at 706-291-0904 or by emailing fcbaoffice@gmail.com.***

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



Global Impact Conference



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, 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, Cave Spring, Friendship, Hollywood, Wax, 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

Floyd County Baptist Association

Christmas Store

(for ages birth - 12 years old)

Dates for Assistance Applications:

November 2 - 5 and 9 -12, 2026

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

Applicants MUST bring:

- *Photo ID*
- *Current utility or insurance bill.*
- *Proof of income.*
- *Birth certificate for each child in custody.*
- *Proof of legal guardianship, if applicable.*

Shopping Dates for Approved Applicants:

December 7 - 10, 2026
(shopping times will be assigned)

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

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

Georgia Baptist Convention Annual Meeting



Second Baptist Church in Warner Robins
2504 Moody Road
Warner Robins, GA 31088

The 2026 theme, "WIDE OPEN," is an invitation to recognize the opportunity God has placed before us. Based on 1 Corinthians 16:9, "for a wide door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries," this year's theme reminds us that God has given Georgia Baptists an incredible opportunity to advance the Gospel across our state.

Every day, pastors and church leaders pour themselves into preaching the Word, caring for people, leading their churches, and serving their communities. The 204th Georgia Baptist Convention Annual Meeting is an opportunity to step away from the demands of ministry for a few days, refuel, and be reminded of the calling we share.

As we gather under the theme Wide Open, we will celebrate what God is already doing through Georgia Baptist churches while looking ahead to the doors He is opening for effective Gospel ministry.

At this year's gathering, you can look forward to:

- Powerful preaching from gifted pastors and leaders,
- Meaningful times of worship,
- Encouragement and opportunities to refuel for the ministry God has called you to,
- Updates and celebrations highlighting how God is working through Georgia Baptist,
- Resources and exhibitors designed to equip and strengthen you for ministry.

Schedule:

Sunday Night: Speaker - Vance Pitman, Founder & President of Vance Pitman Ministries and National Church Planting Mobilizer with NAMB. He is the founding pastor of Hope Church Las Vegas.

Monday Morning & Afternoon Evangelism Conference: Speakers - Jim Perdue, Senior Pastor at Second Baptist Church in Warner Robins; Frank Cox, Senior Pastor at North Metro Baptist Church in Hoschton, D.J. Horton, Senior Pastor at Church at the Mill in Spartanburg County, South Carolina

16 Breakout Sessions (visit https://gbcevangelismconferences.com/ for more details), PLUS 2 Lunch and Learn opportunities

Monday Evening: Speakers - Chip Dean, Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church of Powder Springs; Tommy Fountain, Sr., Senior Pastor, 1025 Church a thriving multisite church in Monroe and Statham.

Tuesday Afternoon: Speaker - Jimmy Scroggins, Senior Pastor of Family Church in West Palm Beach, Florida

For more information go to https://gbcannualmeeting.com

SPARK CONFERENCE 2027

SPARK CONFERENCE 2027 - Rome, GA
Date: Sunday, September 19, 2027
Location: West Rome Baptist Church
Schedule: 3:45 PM - Doors open/Registration, 4:30 PM - Worship and Message, 5:35 PM - Dinner and Meal & Learn, 6:25 PM - Breakout #1, 7:25 PM - Breakout #2 & 8:15 PM - Dismiss
Cost: $15 per person (dinner included) Registration will be handled by the GBMB.

In 2027, the FCBA and the GBMB will be partnering together to bring you the SPARK CONFERENCE. This will be an event every FCBA church will want to attend and we will be inviting churches from all over Northwest Georgia. We will have a GREAT Keynote Speaker plus over 40+ breakout session leaders addressing 100+ church leadership issues! Every part of the gathering - from our keynote speakers to the breakout sessions - has been intentionally designed to equip and inspire your leaders.

Who is SPARK for? Lay Leaders, Children's Leaders, Women's Ministry Leaders, Men's 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. This conference is designed with YOU in mind, no matter your experience or skill level!

Keynote Speaker: Daniel Ritchie



Daniel Ritchie is a speaker, author, and pastor whose life and message point powerfully to the sufficiency of Christ in weakness. Born without arms, Daniel has spent his life adapting, overcoming, and using his story to help others see God's strength in difficult circumstances.
For more than 20 years, he has spoken to churches, schools, conferences, universities, corporations, and professional sports teams, reaching more than 200,000 people each year. In 2025, Daniel was elected Vice President of the Southern Baptist Convention. He is the author of My Affliction For His Glory and Endure. Daniel and his wife, Heather, have two children.

For more information, visit www.thesparkconference.com. Contact Lana Melton if you have questions at lmelton@gabaptist.org or 770-936-5228.

The FCBA 135th Annual Meeting and Business Session will be held the following Monday, September 20, 2027, 6:00-8:30 PM at the Second Avenue Baptist Church in Rome.

Kids' Ministry Summit



Kids Ministry Summit @ Callaway Gardens
Thursday, February 4, 2027 1:00 PM - Saturday, February 6, 2027 12:00 PM
Callaway Gardens - 4500 Southern Pine Dr, Pine Mountain, GA 31822
Cost: ($99:Today-10/11) ($129:10/12-1/8) ($149:1/9-1/22) The registration deadline is January 22nd.

The Kids Ministry Summit is designed to gather children ministers for a special time of growth and retreat. During our time we will worship together, learn from our speakers, network with each other, encourage one another, and get rejuvenated in our call for ministry. This is a newly extended 3-day event that you don't want to miss! Added breakouts at a new location for 2027!

For lodging please call Callaway Resort & Gardens - Reservations at 1-800-225-5292 and ask for the Kids Ministry Summit room block. Hotel room rate is $189 plus tax/fees and the 2 bedroom cottage is $264 plus tax/fees. Both Lodge Rooms and Cottages are available. The deadline for the discounted group room rate is January 8, 2027.

Thursday, February 4
1:00 pm Registration Check-in
1:30 pm Session 1
3:30 pm Break
4:00 pm Session 2
5:30 pm Free Time
6:30 pm Dinner on your own/in groups
7:30 pm Game Night and Dessert Fellowship

Friday, February 5
9:00 am Devotional/Panel Discussion
10:30 am Break
11:00 am Session 3
12:30 pm Lunch on your own/in groups
1:00 pm Free Time (explore the grounds, spa, gym, go for a walk, etc.)
5:30 pm Dinner
6:30 pm Session 4

Saturday, February 6
9:00 am Breakout Session 1
10:00 am Breakout Session 2
11:00 am Breakout Session 3

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://brushfire.com/gabaptist/kidsminsummit2027/634718

Disaster Relief Training Opportunities

Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief
Bringing Help, Hope, & Healing!

Training/credentialing is required for all persons desiring to become a Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief volunteer.

Disaster Relief Introduction (DRI) trainings offer opportunities for:

- First Time Attendees: Anyone who has never been a credentialed Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief volunteer.
- Recertification: For any credentialed Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief volunteer whose badge has expired or will expire in the current year. (Required every 5 years.)
- Cross Training: For currently active volunteers (badge has not expired) who would like to cross train in additional ministry areas.

The DRI consists of two sessions:

- Session 1 – Friday Night (6:00 – 9:00 PM): This is an introduction to the ministry of Disaster Relief or IMT as well as an update for Recertification.
- Session 2 – Saturday Morning (8:00 AM – 10:00 AM OR 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM): Training in the specific ministry area of your choice. (Assessment, Chaplaincy, IMT, and Feeding for first-time attendees require the full 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM session.)

During the online registration, choose from one of the following ministry areas (prerequisites may apply):

- Assessment: Prerequisite: Deployment Experience
- Chaplaincy: You do not need to be a Pastor to be a Disaster Relief Chaplain.
- Heavy Equipment: Prerequisite: Operational Experience
- IMT (Incident Management Team): Prerequisite: Deployment Experience
- Cleanup & Recovery
- Feeding
- Shower/Laundry Units
- Chainsaw Schools
- Family Care
- Rebuild
- Advanced Disaster Relief Training (ADRT)

November 13-14, 2026 Chainsaw School

The prerequisite for attending Chainsaw School is to be a currently active and credentialed Disaster Relief volunteer who has completed a Disaster Relief Introduction with training in Cleanup & Recovery. Space is limited and registrations are processed on a first-come/first-serve basis. Chainsaw Schools begin at 8:00 AM on Friday morning with registration and concludes late Saturday afternoon.

Pinnacle Retreat Center - Clayton, Georgia REGISTRATION DEADLINE: November 8, 2026

For more information and to register, go to: https://gabaptist.org/disaster-relief-training/

Bringing help, hope, and healing while transforming lives with the gospel.

For 2027 training opportunities, be sure to check the Disaster Relief website.
(2027 dates were not available at the time of printing this newsletter.)

https://gabaptist.org/disaster-relief-training/

Southern Baptist Convention DISASTER RELIEF GEORGIA

Week of Prayer for the Floyd County Baptist Association

October 11-18, 2026

Week of Prayer for Associational Missions



Leadership development is essential for the health, faithfulness, and long-term effectiveness of both the local church and the association, because God's work advances through called, equipped, and continually growing servants. As leaders face increasing spiritual, cultural, and relational challenges, they must not rely solely on past training but pursue ongoing growth in wisdom, character, and skill.

Churches, therefore, carry a sacred responsibility to pray consistently for their leaders—that they would be strengthened in faith, guarded in integrity, filled with the Spirit, and sharpened for the responsibilities before them. Through faithful prayer and intentional development, leaders are better prepared to shepherd God's people with humility, clarity, courage, and endurance as they guide their congregations in mission together.

"And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, commit to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." (2 Timothy 2:2, CSB)

"May the Lord. . . appoint a man over the community. . . so that the Lord's community won't be like sheep without a shepherd." (Numbers 27:16-17, CSB)

Daily Prayer Guide

Day 1 — Sunday, October 11, 2026: Multiplying Leadership for God's Kingdom
"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," — Matthew 28:19 (CSB)
Pray for associational leaders, pastors, and churches to raise up leaders who mentor and develop others, creating a cycle of multiplication for God's kingdom.

Day 2 — Monday, October 12, 2026: Strategy for Leadership Development
"Write down this vision; clearly inscribe it on tablets so one who reads it may run with it." — Habakkuk 2:2 (CSB)
Pray for pastors to have a clear strategy for identifying, equipping, and empowering leaders within their congregations to advance God's work.

Day 3 — Tuesday, October 13, 2026: Identifying Future Leaders
"But you should select from all the people able men, God-fearing, trustworthy, and hating dishonest profit." — Exodus 18:21 (CSB)
Pray for churches within the Floyd County Baptist Association to have discernment in recognizing the potential of individuals whom God is calling to leadership within their churches.

Day 4 — Wednesday, October 14, 2026: Equipping Leaders with God's Word
"All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness." — 2 Timothy 3:16 (CSB)
Pray for pastors to equip potential leaders with a strong foundation in Scripture, helping them grow in spiritual maturity and biblical knowledge.

Day 5 — Thursday, October 15, 2026: Mentoring and Coaching
"Iron sharpens iron, and one person sharpens another." — Proverbs 27:17 (CSB)
Pray for pastors and church leaders to invest time in mentoring emerging leaders, modeling Christlike character and effective ministry practices.

Day 6 — Friday, October 16, 2026: Developing Leadership Character
"Shepherd God's flock among you, not overseeing out of compulsion but willingly, as God would have you; not out of greed for money but eagerly; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock." — 1 Peter 5:2-3 (CSB)
Pray for pastors to focus on modeling godly character in their churches, emphasizing humility, integrity, and faithfulness as essential qualities.

Day 7 — Saturday, October 17, 2026: Empowering Leaders for Ministry
"And he himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry." — Ephesians 4:11-12 (CSB)
Pray for pastors and church leaders to delegate responsibilities and trust emerging leaders to take ownership of ministries, empowering them to serve effectively.

Day 8 — Sunday, October 18, 2026: Cultivating a Spirit of Servanthood
"The greatest among you will be your servant." — Matthew 23:11 (CSB)
Pray for pastors to instill a heart of servanthood in their leaders, reminding them that true leadership follows Christ's example of humility and service.

Town Hall Meetings

Town Hall Meetings

(Day, Date, Time, Location & Discussion Facilitator)

- **Tuesday, October 20, 2026 10:30 am - 12:00 pm**
  (Pleasant Valley North Baptist Church - Mac McCurry, Facilitator)
- **Tuesday, October 20, 2026 7:00 - 8:30 pm**
  (Pleasant Valley North Baptist Church - Mac McCurry, Facilitator)
- **Monday, October 26, 2026 10:30 am - 12:00 pm**
  (West Rome Baptist Church - Jarrod Roberts, Facilitator)
- **Monday, October 26, 2026 7:00 - 8:30 pm**
  (West Rome Baptist Church - Jarrod Roberts, Facilitator)
- **Thursday, November 5, 2026 10:30 am - 12:00 pm**
  (First Baptist Church - Lindale - Eric Whelchel, Facilitator)
- **Thursday, November 5, 2026 7:00 - 8:30 pm**
  (First Baptist Church - Lindale - Eric Whelchel, Facilitator)

Youth Collide Event 2027



Women's Night of Worship



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Floyd County Baptist Association ›

Public group · **920** members

Manage **Invite**

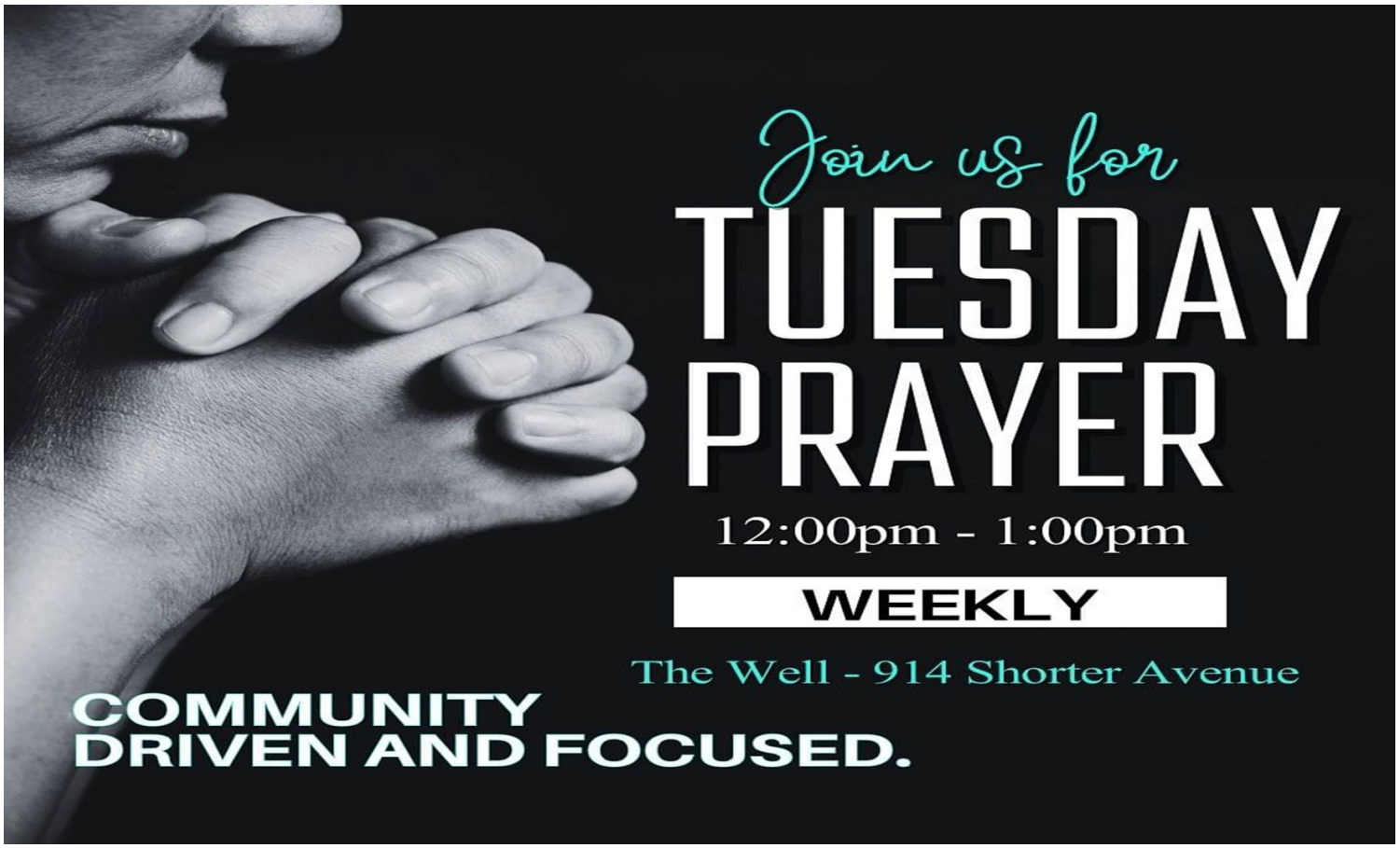
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One of the best ways to keep up to date with all that is going on in the Floyd County Baptist Association and in the churches of the Floyd County Baptist Association is to join our Facebook Group. Take a moment to join us and then share it with others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

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

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Community Prayer Gathering



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
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Craig Ward, Catalyst (cward@gabaptist.org) or (706-264-1050)
Melanie Ford, Ministry Wives Coordinator (mford@gabaptist.org) or (678-897-8338)

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 2026 - September 2026. Thank you for your faithfulness!

Antioch
Armuchee
Bush Arbor
Calvary
Cave Spring
Community Chapel
Dykes Creek
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
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The budget need for January - September 2026 was $233,637.12; the total given was $213,707.49.
We fell $19,929.63 short of meeting the budget for January - September 2026.
We encourage every member church to give to the missions and ministries of the FCBA.

2026 Annual Church Profile (ACP)



2026
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PROFILE

Back in August, if your church is a member of the Georgia Baptist and Southern Baptist Conventions, you received a letter that included ACP completion instructions, with paper form and an online link to the forms, your church's username, password, current organizational and leadership information for review, the 2025-Year ACP statistical form and field definitions, GBC Annual Meeting messenger registration information and a self-addressed stamped envelope. Churches can complete their ACP online at https://ga.sbcworkspace.com or return the printed forms by mail. Completing an ACP statistical report and making a qualifying contribution through the Cooperative Program, GBMB, or another GBC cause are requirements for cooperating-church status. That status affects GBC Annual Meeting messenger eligibility and access to certain state resources and benefits.

The recommended GBMB deadline is November 15, 2026, so that all churches can be included but the FCBA is requesting that you have your ACP completed by October 1, 2026.

Churches do not need to report gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, Georgia Baptist Children's Homes, Disaster Relief, or other SBC and GBC causes. GBMB receives that information through its finance office and uploads it into iGO.

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

Please submit your 2026 ACP by October 1, 2026. If you have questions please contact the GBMB at the GBMB Help Desk at helpdesk@gabaptist.org.

A blank form can be found on page 18 of this newsletter.

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

Church Name: _____ City: _____

The 2026 Annual Statistical Report Suggested Time Period September 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026

1. _____ Total MEMBERSHIP. All members including resident, non-resident, active and inactive.

2. _____ Average weekly in-person WORSHIP Sunday morning attendance. Average number attending the weekly (primary) worship service(s) in person for the weeks your congregation met during the current reporting year. This should also include children in nursery, children's church and/or extended care. If not kept, use your best estimate.

3. _____ Average weekly in-person SMALL GROUP attendance for Sunday School or other Bible study groups (all ages). Average number attending Bible Study in person each week for the weeks your congregation met during the current reporting year. This may be a Sunday School class, Bible Study, Small Group, Home Groups, Discipleship Groups or similar group. Include all ages from babies to adults but not counting anyone twice. If not kept, use your best estimate.

4. _____ Total BAPTISMS. Total number of baptisms (all ages) that took place during the 12-month reporting year.

5. _____ Total OTHER ADDITIONS. Total number of people who became members of your congregation during the current reporting year by ways other than baptism including letter of transfer, statement, etc.

6. _____ Total VBS ENROLLMENT. Total number of persons enrolled in this year's VBS. Include all leaders, workers, volunteers and attendees.

7. $_____ Total UNDESIGNATED RECEIPTS. These are monetary gifts given by individuals in which the congregation decides how the money will be spent by its budget or other means. This includes regular tithes and offerings given in person or online during the current reporting year.

8. $_____ Total ASSOCIATION GIFTS. The total amount given to the Floyd County Baptist Association.

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
Enon: *Kenneth Dowdy, Pastor* 3105 Turkey Mountain Road, NE • Rome, Georgia 30161
Everett Springs: *Brian Evans, 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: *Joseph Martin, Interim Pastor* 6635 Blacks Bluff Road • Cave Spring, Georgia 30124
Hill Crest: *Charles Lively, Pastor* 2202 North Broad Street, NE • Rome, Georgia 30161
Hollywood: *David Harper, Pastor* 2 Commerce Court • Rome, Georgia 30161
Lakeview: *Joel Stewart, Transitional 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: _____, *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: *Steve Drake, 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* 26 Glenda Drive, SW • Rome, Georgia 30165
West Rome: *Jarrod Roberts, Pastor* 914 Shorter Avenue • Rome, Georgia 30165
Wilkerson Road: *Steve Spears, Pastor* 401 Wilkerson Road • Rome, Georgia 30165
Woodlawn: *Legare Price, Pastor* 1649 Cartersville Highway • Rome, Georgia 30161

FCBA Calendar

Administration Committee
- Wednesday, October 21 - orientation @ 11:00 am , meeting @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA
- Wednesday, November 18 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA
- Wednesday, January 20 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA

Committee on Committees
- Wednesday, January 20 @ 1:15 pm @ FCBA

FCBA Children's Rise Weekend for 3rd - 6th Grades
- November 6 - 7 @ West Rome Baptist Church

FCBA Christmas Store
- Applications Taken: November 2 - 5, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm & 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
- Applications Taken: November 9 - 12, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm & 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
- Toy Pick-Up: December 7 - 10, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm & 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

FCBA College Ministry, Shorter & Berry BCM
- Wednesday, November 25 "Light the Fire" Fall Fellowship @ 7:00 pm

FCBA Office & Missions Center Closed
- November 25-26 for Thanksgiving
- December 21-24, 28-31 for Christmas & New Year
- January 18 for MLKJ Day

FCBA Women's Night of Worship & Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
- Monday, November 2 @ 6:30 pm @ Sherwood Baptist Church

GBC Evangelism Conference & Annual Meeting
- November 8 - 10 @ Warner Robins

Ministers' Meeting
- Thursday, October 15 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA
- Thursday, November 19 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA
- Thursday, January 14 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA

Ministry Wives' Fellowship - watch FCBA Facebook Page for details
- Tuesday, October 20 @ 6:30 pm @ TBD
- Tuesday, November 17 @ 6:30 pm @ TBD
- Tuesday, January 19 @ 6:30 pm @ TBD

Week of Prayer for the Floyd County Baptist Association
- October 11 - 18

Town Hall Meetings
- Monday, October 20 @ 10:30 am AND 7:00 pm @ Pleasant Valley North
- Monday, October 26 @ 10:30 am AND 7:00 pm @ West Rome Baptist Church
- Monday, November 5 @ 10:30 am AND 7:00 pm @ First Baptist - Lindale

Youth Pastors & Student Ministry Leaders Lunch
- Tuesday, October 20 @ 12:00 pm @ PVN
- Tuesday, November 17 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA
- Tuesday, January 19 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA

Part-Time Worship Leader Needed:

Spring Creek Baptist Church:
- Send questions/resume to springcreekbc@bellsouth.net

Pianist Needed:

New Antioch Baptist Church:
- Send questions/resume to nabcshannon@gmail.com

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