

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



Last month the 168th annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) was held in Orlando, Florida (thanks for sending Cathy and I). There is much I could report but I thought it best to cover a better understanding of how the SBC, Georgia Baptist Convention (GBC) and the Floyd County Baptist Association (FCBA) relate to each other.

Even lifelong Southern Baptists have questions they've never quite had answered, so let's walk through it together. The SBC is really a gathering of churches, it is exactly what the name says — a convention. Once a year, messengers (representatives) from roughly 47,000 affiliated churches choose to gather for two or three days to make decisions about committee nominations, agency trustees, and how cooperative mission funds are distributed to the agencies doing the work. A CEO and executive committee keep things moving the rest of the year, but no one at the SBC level directs your church. The SBC exists to serve the mission, not manage the congregations who make it possible.

The Cooperative Program (CP) giving doesn't go straight to the SBC. Your church's mission dollars first go to the GBC, where messengers at their annual meeting decide what percentage stays in Georgia and what gets forwarded to the SBC. From there, the national convention budget — approved by the messengers — distributes those funds to agencies like the International Mission Board, the North American Mission Board, and the six SBC seminaries. It's a remarkable chain of cooperation, from a local congregation all the way to missionaries on the other side of the world.

The FCBA is the layer closest to home. The FCBA operates completely outside the CP pipeline. We receive no portion of CP funds — the FCBA is funded entirely by the direct, voluntary gifts of our member churches. When a church sends a gift to the FCBA, those dollars come straight to us and go directly toward pastor encouragement, church strengthening, a great commission focus, and the work of connecting our congregations with one another.

The CP supports both state and global missions — and that is a glorious thing. Associational giving serves the pastor (continued on next page)

and congregation just a few miles away. Both streams reflect the heart of what it means to cooperate for the gospel, and both begin with a local church making a willing, generous choice. Every affiliated church is fully autonomous — making its own decisions about leadership, worship, budget, and ministry. The SBC, GBC and FCBA exist to serve churches, not supervise them. What holds the SBC, GBC, and the FCBA together isn't authority or obligation — it's our common calling. The FCBA, GBC & SBC are churches who have looked at the Great Commission and decided that going together is better than going alone.

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 Prayer Walking our Schools Sunday, July 26th. There are 61 churches committed to prayer walking the 40 school campuses in Rome and Floyd county. The churches have been sent an electronic file of the prayer walking guide in order to make copies for their participants. (You can also find it on our website.) The schools have been communicated with by both the association and the churches. It's going to be a GREAT DAY! Now let's pray for good weather!

What do we need to do now?

- Make sure your church has communicated with the school that you'll be prayer walking.
- Promote the prayer walking with your church and get them signed up to participate.
- If you don't already have copies of the prayer guide make those available on July 26th.
- On July 26th take some pictures and post them on the FCBA Facebook group.
- Also make sure to call or text me the total number of participants from your church.

Thanks for making the Next Generation a priority in your church and community!

#2 EQUIP Conference Sunday, September 20th. This is the fifth year that we've done an equipping event like this. Our host church is Pleasant Valley South Baptist Church and doors will open at 3:30pm. Make sure your people are registered by going to this link <https://rb.gy/zszb0m> (or go to the FCBA website at www.floydbaptist.org and click on the link). The keynote speaker in the general session is Dr. Chuck Lawless. Dr. Lawless is the Dean of Doctoral Studies and Vice-President of Spiritual Formation at Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, NC where he also serves as Professor of Evangelism and Missions. In addition, he is Team Leader for Global Theological Education Strategies for the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Lawless is a global conference leader and has authored several best selling books.

The breakout sessions have 23 different ministry topics that will be addressed and each topic will be repeated so you can attend two different ministry areas. Check out these topics...

- Reaching Young Adults & Young Families
- For You, For Us, For All - Congregations Impacting Community Health
- Church Finances - The State of Church Finance: 11 Issues Every Leader Needs to Know
- Church Safety - Safeguarding The Next Generation
- College Ministry - Connecting Your Church with College Students
- Communications - Engage Now: AI, Outreach, and the Future of Evangelism
- Deacons - Deacons are Faithful Servants
- Family Ministry - Discipleship Begins at Home: Equipping Parents/Grandparents to Lead Spiritually
- God's Call - I Think God's Calling Me into Vocational Ministry
- Men's Ministry - How Are Your Men Really Doing?
- Missions - Beyond the Walls: Mobilizing Your Church to Love and Serve the Community
- Missions - Understanding Unreached Peoples

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- Next GEN Ministry - Children's Ministry - Building and Leading Strong Volunteers
- Next GEN Ministry - Preschool Ministry - It's Much More Than Baby Sitting
- Next GEN Ministry - Youth Ministry - Equipping Students to Impact Culture
- Pastors - Spiritual Warfare and Pastoral Health
- Pastors - Shoulder to Shoulder and Arm in Arms: Resources to HELP Your Pastor
- Prayer - Strengthening the Prayer Ministry of Your Church
- Revitalization - God's Not Done with Your Church: Pursuing Jesus' Plan for the Church
- Senior Adult Ministry - Ministry TO and WITH Senior Adults
- What is Biblical Sexuality?: What the Bible says about marriage, sex and singleness
- Women's Ministry & Missions - Building a Multigenerational Women's Ministry in Your Church
- Worship/Music Leadership - Theologically Sound Worship Leadership

The breakout session leaders are all ALL-STARS! These speakers are the best and your leaders will hear from those that know what they are talking about. They are proven leaders and have excelled in the area of ministry that they are leading!

When you register for the EQUIP conference there is a suggested donation of \$10 per person. Most of the expenses for the EQUIP Conference are covered by your gifts to the FCBA and by those that are partnering with us for the EQUIP conference. There will be an additional cost for those churches that participate that are not members of the FCBA.

If you have further questions about the EQUIP conference please call the FCBA office at 706-291-0904.

#3 The 134th **Annual Meeting and Business Session** of the Floyd County Baptist Association will be held the following **Monday, September 21, 2026, 6:00-8:30 PM at the Northside Church**. Pastor Phil Wade and Northside Church have graciously agreed to be our host this year. The doors will open at 6:00 pm for messengers to begin checking in. The plan for check in of messengers will be very easy. Simply send an email to fcbadom@gmail.com, call 706-291-0904, or drop-off at 308 Redmond Road, the names of your elected messengers by noon on Monday, September 7th. The FCBA's regular office hours are Monday-Thursday, 8am-4pm but I would encourage you to call before you come just to make sure.

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”***.

Dr. Tim S. Smith,

Director of Missions

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706-291-0904, ext. 114

Ministers' Meetings

All pastors and ministerial staff members (full-time, part-time, bi-vocational, or retired) are invited to attend our Ministers' Meetings. We gather at the FCBA at noon with lunch provided and the meeting concludes at 1:00 pm.

- **Thursday, August 20th at NOON at the FCBA.** Our next Ministers' Meeting will be Thursday August 20th. At this important gathering we will preview the EQUIP Conference. You'll hear more about the keynote speaker, you'll be introduced to the breakout session speakers and hear more detail about the topics being covered in the breakouts. You'll get some resources to help you promote and register your people. Please make every effort to attend this gathering. THE FOOD & FELLOWSHIP WILL BE GREAT! ***Please RSVP by Tuesday, August 18th by calling 706-291-0904 ext. 111, or email fcbaoffice@gmail.com.***



- **Thursday, September 17th at NOON at the FCBA.** There's a lot coming at the annual business session of the FCBA. In our September Ministers' we will preview the FCBA Annual Meeting. We'll make sure your church has the correct number of messengers and how to get them registered. You'll hear and see the reports coming from various teams and committees. You'll hear the appointments from the moderator and preview the 2027 proposed budget from the finance committee. We will even discuss any new business that may be coming up for consideration. Every church needs to have a representative at the September 17th Ministers' Meeting so your church can be better prepared for the annual meeting. We'll also have a special guest that day and you'll learn some incredible insights on how to save money in healthcare for you and your family! ***Please RSVP by Tuesday, September 15th by calling 706-291-0904 ext. 111, or email fcbaoffice@gmail.com.***
- **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 Ryan McCammack, the SEND Director for Georgia. His focus will be to help us better understand how we all can be involved in church planting. Ryan was raised in a godly Christian home. After college, he earned a Master of Divinity from Baptist Bible Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry from Westminster Theological Seminary. For more than a decade, Ryan served in pastoral ministry in the Midwest. In 2016 God led Ryan to Atlanta with a vision for planting a new gospel-centered, disciple-making church. Ryan is now the key leader for SEND Georgia, a partnership between the North American Mission Board and the Georgia Baptist Mission Board to plant churches across our state. Ryan is still pastoring Gospel Hope Church and continues to lead his church in planting churches. ***Please RSVP by Tuesday, October 13th by calling 706-291-0904 ext. 111, or email fcbaoffice@gmail.com.***



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

Church and Community Missions Spotlight

The Ministry Center recently was blessed to have 6 Ladies from Sigma Theta Sorority come and pack 44 Backpacks of Love for the Department of Family and Children Services. These backpacks contain items needed to get the children by until the foster parents can purchase what they need.

I have seen a young boy that received one of these backpacks cry because of a wide tooth comb, so he could comb his hair, and it not hurt.

But now the Ministry Center is COMPLETELY out of funds to purchase items needed for the backpacks. If you would like you to contribute to this ministry, please send a check to the FCBA office marked Backpacks of Love on the memo line.

The Food Pantry is still looking for Volunteers, Tuesday's & Thursday's 9am – 10:30am. If you are interested, please contact Cindy at the FCBA office.

Food Pantry Items needed as the present time are: Pop Tarts, Soap, Pork & Beans, Mac & Cheese, & Vienna Sausages.

Let's show Floyd County how much Jesus loves them, and so do we!

Cindy Brock, Church and Community Missions 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, 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



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**Wednesday,
July 22, 2026**

**11:00 am -
1:00 pm**

**Floyd County
Baptist Association**
308 Redmond Road
Rome, GA 30165

Registration Deadline: Thursday, July 16 at noon

**For more information and/or to register scan the QR code OR
go to the FCBA website at www.floydbaptist.org**



Backpacks With Back-to-School Supplies Outreach Events

We're giving away school supplies and showing people that God loves them! We've identified 12 areas in the Rome/Floyd County area and those locations will have an outreach event for the distribution of the backpacks full of back to school supplies. The FCBA is partnering with the Community Church Ministry for these outreach events. CCM is taking care of all the details and our churches will fill the backpacks, provide 5-8 people to distribute the backpacks and to engage with the families. Remember, the CCM team will take care of the details, all you need to do is provide the backpacks. Here are the dates, times, locations, number of backpacks, and churches working in these communities.



Thursday, July 2 6:30pm - Darlington MHP (126 McHenry Dr)

Cave Spring BC (30), Grace Fellowship BC (15), Parkview BC (15)

Monday, July 6 6:30pm - Village Green Apartments (560 N Division St)

Calvary BC (45), Lakeview BC (15)

Thursday, July 9 6:30pm - Dutch Gardens MHP (17 Bollen Ct)

Fairview BC (30), FBC Lindale (45), Wax BC (15)

Saturday, July 11 12:00pm - Park Homes Apartments (157 Reservoir St)

PVNBC (45), New Armuchee BC (15), Enon BC (15)

Saturday, July 11 2:00pm - Main High Apartments (201 Watters St)

TBD (45), Friendship BC (30), Everett Springs BC (15)

Saturday, July 11 4:00pm - Three Rivers Garden Apartments (66 Lyons Dr)

Northside (45), New Antioch BC (15), Sunny Hill BC (15), Pisgah BC (15)

Monday, July 13 6:30pm - Callier Forest Apartments (131 Dodd Blvd)

Dykes Creek BC (45), Woodlawn BC (15), Spring Creek BC (30), Flint Hill BC (15)

Thursday, July 16 6:30pm - Pine Village MHP (2531 Shorter Ave)

West End BC (15), Hill Crest BC (15), New Prospect BC (15), Vanns Valley BC (15), DeSoto Park BC (15)

Monday, July 20 6:30pm - Ashland Park Apartments (10 Ashland Park Blvd)

West Rome BC (45), Antioch BC (15), Armuchee BC (15), Three Rivers (30)

Thursday, July 24 6:30pm - Shade Tree MHP (10 Shade Tree Ln)

Fellowship (30), New Canaan BC (15), Mount Alto BC (15), Enon (15)

Monday, July 27 6:00pm - Graham Homes (101 E 13th St)

PVSBC (45), TBD (30), Pleasant Hope BC (15)

Monday, July 27 7:00pm - Hudson Villas Apartments (417 E 14th St)

Hollywood (30), State Line BC (15), Second Ave BC (15), Shorter Ave. BC (15)



The 1,000 backpacks were provided by the Georgia Baptist Mission Board. Here are the items to include in each backpack. Notebook paper (college and wide-ruled), Packaged pens & pencils, Colored washable markers, Composition notebooks, Pencil pouch, 3-5 Pocket folders, Glue sticks, Crayons and colored pencils, a New Testament or Bible

It is exciting to think about the number of people that we will have the opportunity to connect with at each distribution location and hopefully we'll have the opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus!



The FCBA is excited about Prayer Walking our Schools on Sunday, July 26th. We will be Prayer Walking on July 26th to be able to have it BEFORE our local school systems start back. We will again go with the same church/school match up from last year but with a few changes and some addition of new churches.

We have 40 campuses that need to be engaged and prayed for! Please see the list below. Our goal is to have at least one church prayer walking every campus. We are asking every pastor and church to contact the school(s) to work out the details about the Prayer Walking Day on Sunday, July 26th. Thanks for all you are doing to reach Rome and Floyd County.

2026 LIST OF CHURCHES & SCHOOLS:

Antioch: Armuchee High
Armuchee: Armuchee Primary
Blue Pond: Floyd County Schools Central Office & Virtual Learning Academy
Bush Arbor: Georgia Highlands College
Calvary: Rome High, Rome College & Career Academy and Model Middle
Cave Spring: Northwest Georgia Charter Academy & Georgia School for the Deaf
Cedar Creek: Coosa Middle
Church of God at West Rome: Alto Park Elementary
Community Chapel: Garden Lakes Elementary, Berry College Elementary & Middle
Cornerstone: Bob Richards Regional Youth Detention Center
Desoto Park: Darlington & Pepperell Middle
Dykes Creek: Model High
Enon: Model Elementary
Everett Springs: Armuchee Elementary

2026 LIST OF CHURCHES & SCHOOLS (continued):

Fairview: Pepperell Elementary & Pepperell Middle
FBC-Lindale: Pepperell High
FBC-Shannon: Model Elementary
Fellowship: Alto Park Elementary
Flint Hill: Floyd County College & Career Academy
Floyd Springs: Armuchee Elementary
Friendship: Model Middle
Grace Fellowship: Coosa High
Hillcrest: Main Street Elementary & Phoenix Performance Learning Center
Hollywood: Floyd County College & Career Academy
Lakeview: Garden Lakes Elementary
Live Oak: Georgia School for the Deaf
McFall: East Central Elementary
Mount Alto: Coosa High
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
Northside: Armuchee Primary, Armuchee Elementary, Armuchee High
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 & Middle
Pleasant Valley South: Pepperell Primary
Primera Iglesia: Johnson Elementary
Providence: West End Elementary
Renovation: Rome High, Garden Lakes Elementary
Riverside: Floyd County Schools Central Office & Virtual Learning Academy
Second Avenue: East Central Elementary
Sherwood: St. Mary's & Shorter University
Shorter Avenue: West End Elementary
South Broad: Rome City Schools Central Office & Virtual Learning Academy
Spring Creek: Unity Christian & Montessori
State Line: Northwest Georgia Charter Academy
Sunny Hill: Rome Middle
Three Rivers: Unity Christian
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

Georgia Baptist Children's Home Load the Truck Event

Churches in the Floyd County Baptist Association collected household products, snacks, money and gift cards for the Georgia Baptist Children's Home from March 15 until April 26, 2026. Our **"Load the Truck"** Event was on Wednesday, April 29, 2026 from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm at the Floyd County Baptist Center. We are very happy to report that we collected many household items and snacks, as well as \$1,750 in money and gift cards to the Georgia Baptist Children's Home!

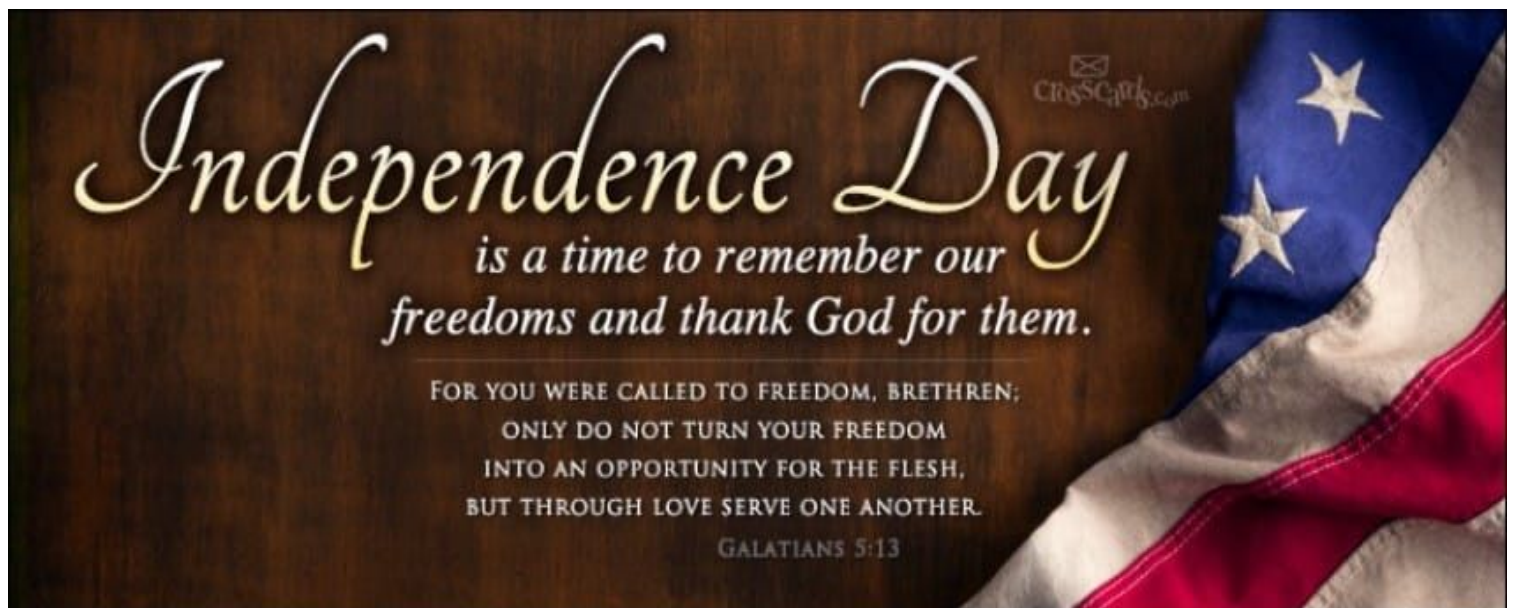
We would like to especially thank the 14 following churches for their participation and generous contributions to this event:

- Antioch Baptist Church
- Calvary Baptist Church
- Fairview Baptist Church
- First Baptist Church - Lindale
- First Baptist Church - Shannon
- Flint Hill Baptist Church
- Hill Crest Baptist Church
- Hollywood Church
- New Antioch Baptist Church
- Pisgah Baptist Church
- Pleasant Valley South Baptist Church
- Sherwood Church
- Spring Creek Baptist Church
- State Line Baptist Church



Our hope is that in 2027 we will have even more of our churches involved in this worthy event for the children.

Happy Independence Day



Disaster Relief Training Opportunities



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
 - Family Care
- Feeding
 - Rebuild
- Shower/Laundry Units
 - Advanced Disaster Relief Training (ADRT)
- Chainsaw Schools

August 7-8, 2026 DRI for first time attendees as well as recertification/cross training.

First Baptist Church - Sandersville, Georgia REGISTRATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 2, 2026

September 11-12, 2026 DRI for first time attendees as well as recertification/cross training.

Level Grove Baptist Church - Cornelia, Georgia REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

October 2-3, 2026 DRI for first time attendees as well as recertification/cross training.

First Baptist Church - Cumming, Georgia REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

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/>

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EQUIP Conference

EQUIP Conference
Sunday, September 20, 2026
3:30 - 8:15 PM

Pleasant Valley South Baptist Church



The EQUIP Conference is going to be GREAT and all our speakers are fired up about being with us! Every church leader needs to attend! There is a topic for everyone. The EQUIP Conference is designed with YOU in mind, no matter your experience or skill level!

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Chuck Lawless



Dr. Lawless is Dean of Doctoral Studies and Vice-President of Spiritual Formation at Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, NC where he also serves as Professor of Evangelism and Missions. In addition, he is Team Leader for Global Theological Education Strategies for the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. He formerly served as Vice-President for Global Theological Advance of the IMB, in addition to leading the Lawless Group, a church consulting firm. Dr. Lawless is also currently serving as a national consultant with Church Answers.

Dr. Lawless earned a MDiv and a PhD in Evangelism/Church Growth from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY, where he also served as professor and dean of the Billy Graham School of Missions and Evangelism. Prior to that, he was pastor of two Ohio churches. A conference

leader and author of several books, including Discipled Warriors, Putting on the Armor, Mentor, Nobodies for Jesus, and Spiritual Warfare in the Storyline of Scripture (co-authored), Dr. Lawless has a strong interest in discipleship and mentoring. He and his wife, Pam, have been married for more than 30 years, and they live in Wake Forest, NC.

Schedule

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

Breakout Session Topics

Reaching Young Adults & Young Families, Senior Adult Ministry, Church Finances, Reducing the Risk of Child Sexual Abuse in the Church, Connecting Your Church w/ College Students, AI and the Future of Evangelism, Deacons are Faithful Servants, Discipleship Begins at Home: Equipping Parents to Lead Spiritually, God's Call - I Think God's Calling Me into Vocational Ministry, Men's Ministry - How Are Your Men Really Doing?, Missions - Beyond the Walls: Mobilizing Your Church to Love and Serve the Community, Next GEN Ministry - Children's Ministry - Building and Leading Strong Volunteers, Preschool Ministry It's Much More Than Baby Sitting, Youth Ministry - Equipping Students to Impact Culture, Pastors - Spiritual Warfare and Pastoral Health, Pastors - Shoulder to Shoulder and Arm in Arms, Strengthening the Prayer Ministry of Your Church, Revitalization - God's Not Done with Your Church: Pursuing Jesus' Plan for the Church, Women's Ministry - Building a Multigenerational Women's Ministry in Your Church, Worship/Music Leadership and MUCH MUCH MORE! *(continued on next page)*

EQUIP Conference (continued)

The EQUIP Conference is FREE for FCBA churches/people. A \$10 per person donation to assist with the cost of the conference is optional. Non-FCBA churches/people can register to attend at a cost of \$20 per person. All registration on, or after 9/15/26 will incur an additional \$5 per person late fee. Cancellations must be made by 9/14/26 to receive a full refund. Cancellations on, or after 9/15/26 are non-refundable.

To register or for more information, visit the FCBA website at www.floydbaptist.org and click on the link there or scan this QR code:



Messengers for the FCBA Annual Meeting and Business Session

The 134th Session of the Floyd County Baptist Association will be Monday September 21st 6:30-8:30pm. Pastor Phil Wade and Northside Church have graciously agreed to be our host this year. The doors will open at 6:00 pm for messengers to begin checking in..

What's a messenger? A "messenger" refers to a representative from a cooperating FCBA church who attends the annual meeting. These messengers, elected by their local churches, participate in the association's business, including voting on issues and electing officers. Essentially, messengers serve as the voice of their church at the associational/local level.

The plan for registering messengers will be very easy. Simply send an email to fcbaoffice@gmail.com, call 706-291-0904, or drop-off at 308 Redmond Road the names of your elected messengers by noon on Monday, September 7th. Please submit your messenger's names during the FCBA's regular office hours of Monday-Thursday, 8am-4pm. Again, your elected messengers must be in by noon on Monday, September 7th.

The number of messengers for your church is determined through the guidance of the FCBA Constitution and By-laws.

ARTICLE VI. BUSINESS SESSIONS AND MESSENGERS

Section 1. Messengers

The Annual Fall Business Session, Spring Business Session and any Special Called Business Session shall be composed of messengers elected by the churches of the Association. Each church which contributes financially (in the current financial year of the Association) to the General Budget of the Association shall be entitled to seven (7) messengers, and to one (1) additional messenger for each \$500 contributed to the General Budget of the Association. No church shall have more than fifteen (15) voting messengers but there is no limit to the number of individuals that may attend the business session.

The giving period was based on January 1, 2026 - June 31, 2026.

Our check in process at the annual meeting will be simple. The messenger names you provide will be on a list at the check in desk. When you and your messengers arrive you will tell the registration volunteer your church name and the name of the messenger. Their name will be checked off, given a Book of Reports and a name tag. If you DO NOT send in the names of your messengers, you will slow down the process! If you do not pre-register your messengers then we will have to write in the names of your messengers. It is imperative that you get us the names of your messengers prior to noon on Monday, September 7th.

Engage Six Equipping Sessions



Georgia Baptist is conducting several gatherings and we are hosting two right here in Floyd County. All of these equipping sessions are based on the discoveries from the 2025 Evangelism Listening Sessions and address common issues churches across are confronting.

The sessions we are hosting are ...

Tuesday, August 11 - Evangelism Equipping Session at Spring Creek Baptist Church 10am-11:30am. Lunch will be provided by the FCBA following the session for all FCBA churches. PLEASE RSVP BY CALLING THE FCBA OFFICE AT 706.291.0904 by noon on 8/4.

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. The leader for this session is James Merritt, the Senior Pastor at Cross Pointe Church in Duluth.



Tuesday, October 6 - Evangelism Equipping Session at Floyd Springs Baptist Church 10:00 – 11:30am. Lunch will be provided by the FCBA following the session for all FCBA churches. PLEASE RSVP BY CALLING THE FCBA OFFICE AT 706.291.0904 by noon on 9/29.



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. The leader for this session is Joel Southerland, the Senior Pastor at Peavine Baptist Church in Rock Spring.

All gatherings are 10:00-11:30 am. These are all free and no registration is required but an RSVP is requested for all FCBA pastors in order to plan adequately for lunch.

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!!!

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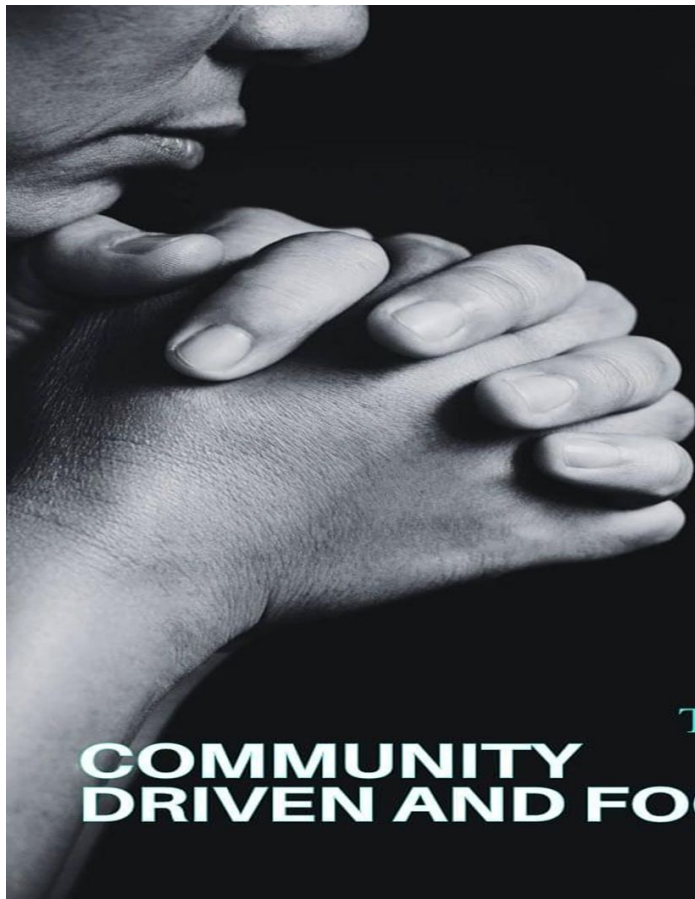
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Pastor Wellness Information

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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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 - June 2026. Thank you for your faithfulness!

Antioch
Armuchee
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
Pleasant Valley South
Riverside
Second Avenue
Sherwood Forest
Shorter Avenue
Spring Creek
State Line
Three Rivers
Vann's Valley
Wax
West End
West Rome
Woodlawn

The budget need for January - June 2026 was \$155,758.08; the total given was \$142,504.44.

We fell \$13,253.64 short of meeting the budget for January - June 2026.

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

2026 Annual Meeting of the Georgia Baptist Convention



SAVE THE DATE

**The 2026 Annual Meeting of the Georgia Baptist Convention will be at
Second Baptist Church in Warner Robins
November 8th - 10th**

Enjoy relevant gatherings and valuable networking opportunities as we celebrate together all God is doing in our state and around the world through Georgia Baptists.

Go ahead and put it on your calendar! For more information, go to <https://gabaptist.org/>

Congratulations to Dr. Smith



The Southern Baptist Conference for Associational Leaders was held June 7&8 in Orlando and Dr. Smith was recognized for five years serving as the Director of Missions for the Floyd County Baptist Association. Dr. Smith received the award from Dr. Ray Gentry the Executive Director of the SBCAL.

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 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, July 15 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA
- Wednesday, August 19 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA
- Wednesday, October 21 - orientation @ 11:00 am , meeting @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA

Canva Lunch & Learn

- Wednesday, July 22 @ 11:00 am @ FCBA - **Registration required**

Children's Ministers' Meetings

- Monday, August 10 @ 12:30 pm @ TBD
- Monday, September 14 @ 12:30 pm @ TBD
- Monday, October 12 @ 12:30 pm @ TBD

Committee on Committees

- Wednesday, July 15 @ 1:00 pm @ FCBA
- Wednesday, August 19 @ 1:00 pm @ FCBA

EQUIP Conference

- Sunday, September 20 - doors open @ 3:30 pm @ Pleasant Valley South BC

FCBA Annual Meeting

- Monday, September 21 - doors open at @ 6:00 pm @ The Church at Northside

FCBA Office & Missions Center Closed

- Thursday, July 2 - Independence Day
- Monday, September 7 - Labor Day
- Thursday, September 24 - EQUIP Conference/Annual Meeting Comp Day

Ministers' Meeting

- Thursday, August 20 @ 12:00 @ FCBA
- Thursday, September 17 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA
- Thursday, October 15 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA

Ministry Wives' Fellowship - watch FCBA Facebook Page for details

- Tuesday, July 7
- Tuesday, August 18
- Tuesday, September 18 - Apple Picking Trip
- Tuesday, October 20
- Tuesday, November 17

Prayer Walking Our Schools

- Sunday, July 26

Youth Pastors & Student Ministry Leaders Lunch

- Tuesday, August 18 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA
- Tuesday, September 15 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA
- Tuesday, October 13 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA

Part-Time Student Minister Needed:

Mount Alto Baptist Church:

- Send questions/resume to pastor@mtalto.com

Pianist Needed:

New Antioch Baptist Church:

- Send questions/resume to nabcshannon@gmail.com

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