



MARSHALL BAPTIST NEWS

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A TIME FOR THANKS...

A TIME FOR WELCOME

This week marks a time of transition for us at the MBA. Our Ministry assistant, **Tammy Aziz**, is leaving to serve as the Ministry Assistant for Arab First Baptist Church. Tammy has done an amazing job in the midst of transition. She has been a great help to me as I learn my way around Associational Missions and she has been invaluable as our Association has walked through personnel changes as well as location changes. We will miss you, Tammy, but you'll always be part of our MBA family. Thank you so much for your faithful service to the Lord and to our member churches. We pray for God's blessing to be upon you as you serve FBC Arab.

Now we want to extend a warm welcome to our new Ministry Assistant for the Marshall Baptist Association, **Taylor Beck**. Taylor, is a native of Douglas and brings a wealth of marketing and communications experience, and a deep commitment to ministry and community service. He will be a great asset to our Marshall Baptist Team.

Taylor and his wife, Kelly, have two children, Eli (6) and Opal Mae (5), and are active members of Solitude Baptist Church in Albertville, where Taylor serves on the Worship team and supports the Awana program. A 2012 Douglas High School graduate, he studied at Snead State Community College before earning a Bachelor's in Journalism from the University of Alabama in 2016.

Taylor's career spans journalism, including roles at The Sand Mountain Reporter and as publisher of The Covington News in Georgia from 2020 to 2022, earning awards from the Alabama and Georgia Press Associations. He later excelled in marketing and communications at Snead State Community College, the Boaz Area Chamber of Commerce, and other businesses. Additionally, Taylor serves on the boards of directors for Marshall County Habitat for Humanity and United Way of Marshall County, reflecting his dedication to local impact. He's looking forward to serving our churches. We invite you to stop by the MBA office, located at the Marshall Baptist Retreat Center, and meet Taylor or give him a call at 256-582-2882 or email him at taylor@marshallba.com.

In addition to the changes in our office, we are working diligently to prepare for our Annual Meeting. In the past, annual meetings were more focused on reports, motions, resolutions, and Roberts Rules of Order. We will have a time for those, but we want to focus our time at the Annual Meeting on celebrating all that God has done through our Family of Churches. We will have a ministry fair to showcase some of the great things God is doing and how



your church can partner with them. We will share a fellowship meal (and Baptists always love to eat!), and we will have a time of worship, celebration, and reporting on the ministries of the Marshall Baptist Association. I hope you'll plan to attend the Marshall Baptist Association Annual Meeting, Sunday, October 12th at Arab First Baptist Church. The ministry fair begins at 4:30 p.m. followed by the meal at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting to follow.

Finally, I am asking you to encourage your pastor, staff, and church to complete the Annual Church Profile (ACP). Some of you may not even know what that is. Let me explain. Each year, we ask member churches to complete a survey that reports numbers associated with attendance, engagement, and generosity. When I was a young pastor, I didn't see the need or the use for the ACP. Boy, was I wrong. The older I became, the more I realized the data collected in the ACP can help churches and associations understand their past. Completing the ACP gives you insight into the history and lessons of the past ministry of your church. It gives church leaders a perspective into the current reality and the ministry opportunities. And it gives a window into the future and trends that may emerge so that leaders can plan for the future and pursue health and vibrancy in the church. We need these numbers for our Annual Meeting so we can know how to best serve you, our member churches. I hope you'll see that your church completes the ACP by September 9th. If any of our churches need help or have any questions concerning its completion, please don't hesitate to contact us. We will even help you fill it out over the phone if needed. Give us a call at 256-582-2882 or email eric@marshallba.com or taylor@marshallba.com.

Great things are happening among our MBA churches. I'm thankful to be a part of God's great plan to reach people and make disciples.

Blessings,

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, September 15, 2025
6:30 p.m.
Central Baptist Church
Albertville, AL

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, October 12, 2025
4:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church, Arab
Arab, AL

ACPS ARE DUE

Please submit your
Annual Church Profiles
as soon as possible. If you have any questions, contact us at 256-582-2882, or email eric@marshallba.com and taylor@marshallba.com.



THIRD THURSDAYS

Mark your calendars on the
THIRD THURSDAY of EVERY
MONTH for **Pastor Leadership Luncheons!** This is a time of prayer, worship, equipping and encouragement from high capacity leaders. On September 18th, we're excited to have Michael Bozeman of Alabama Baptist Children's Home/Pathways Counseling. From 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Michael will talk about the Mental Health Crisis in our culture and in our churches. Lunch will immediately follow. To learn more, please email eric@marshallba.com.

Check out our MBA website for more information on upcoming events and opportunities, as well as open church positions!
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