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"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 3



Psalm 65:11 says, "You crown the year with a fruitful harvest; the paths are worn down by carts overflowing with unstoppable growth." God desires to bless us more than we can fully understand. And as we look back over this past year, we can see so much that He has done for us and through us. This passage tells us that God blesses with a harvest that fills the barns and even the paths from the field to the barns are worn out

because the carts carrying the harvest are so full. God has blessed us.

Here are my TOP 3:

#1. The 2023 <u>Annual Church Report</u> (ACR) from the churches has been finalized and here is a quick summary of The Lord's blessings...

<u>Baptisms</u>

- * In 2023, our churches reported 442 baptisms, that's an increase of 179 over last year (68% increase)! The baptisms from this past year were the most we have seen since 2009.
- * In 2022, we had 21 churches that reported 1 or fewer baptisms. In 2023, 11 of those churches reported 2 or more baptisms. Those 11 churches were responsible for 49 more baptisms this year.

<u>Worship</u>

* In 2023, the FCBA churches reported 6,162 in average weekly worship attendance. That is an increase of 6% over last year.

Sunday School/Small Groups

* In 2023, our churches reported 3,824 in average weekly Sunday School/ Small Group attendance. This is an 11% increase over last year! It is also important to note that 30 of our churches had an increase in their average weekly Sunday School/Small Group attendance this year over last year!

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

#2. The next <u>Sunday School Summit will be Thursday</u>, <u>January 18th at 6:00 pm</u>. Remember we start with a fellowship meal, followed by our training session. The host church is Antioch Baptist Church and they are located at 4526 Big Texas Valley Road, NW in Rome. Pastor Mike Southerland and the fine folks at Antioch are excited to be hosting this gathering of Sunday School leaders. They are planning a wonderful fellowship meal prior to the training, so all you need to do is RSVP and show up!

The topic for this training event is, "Starting New Sunday School (continued on pg. 2)

TIM'S TOP 3 (CONTINUED)

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Classes and Small Groups". This is one of the hardest things to do in a church but it is also the most productive. New classes and new groups are the #1 indicator of a healthy, growing church. That is a worldwide fact and has been determined after years of research that has involved thousands of churches on every continent. Do all you can to bring your people! <u>Please RSVP by Monday, January 16th.</u> You can call the FCBA office at 706-291-0904 or email the FCBA office at fcbaoffice@gmail.com.

#3. Our DNOW Weekend for middle and high school students is **Collide** and it is happening February 23-25. DNOW in an in-town weekend retreat designed to help middle school and high school students connect with God and grow in their relationship with Him. We will have a kickoff rally on Wednesday, February 21st at 6:30 pm at West Rome Baptist Church. All churches are invited to participate! For more information on Collide, or to discover how your church can be involved, please contact David Moorman, Student Pastor at West Rome Baptist Church at 706-232-9722; or Ryan Matherly, Youth and College Pastor at Pleasant Valley North Baptist Church at 706-232-6426.

If I can be of service to you or your church, please do not hesitate to contact me. I love serving the Lord and I am 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 next gen".

Happy New Year

May God bless you with a new year of peace and happiness.

A MESSAGE FROM THE MODERATOR

REV. MAC MCCURRY

We say goodbye to a busy Christmas season, and now we are entering the blank slate of a brand new year. Are we jumping into 2024 with purpose and planning, or are we just trying to keep our head above water with all the demands of life, family, church, community and beyond? God has been encouraging me lately to trust Him. When I do not understand why things happen the way they do, the Lord says to trust Him. We can trust Him in the New Year. We can trust Him even when it may not seem to make sense. If you look at the word trust, t-r-u-s-t, the letter "t" looks like a cross. So trust begins and ends with a cross. God sent His own Son to the cross to give His life for us, so we know we can trust Him no matter what.

We can trust the Lord as we serve Him together. This is my prayer for our churches as we begin a brand new year together. May we trust the Lord and may we trust one another as co-laborers of the gospel. How can our association staff help you and your church? How can I, as your moderator, serve you this year? That is what we are here for, so please let us know how we can help and pray for one another.

In His service, Mac McCurry, Pleasant Valley North (pastormac@pvnbc.org)

MINISTRY WIVES' FELLOWSHIPS

Minister's wives share a similar sense of calling as their husband. While that calling is to serve and support in different ways - leading VBS, chaperoning youth events, fixing meals for families, encouraging another woman, and standing by her husband when he is discouraged. These women do whatever it takes in the moment to serve the Lord, her husband, her family, and her church.

These gatherings are for minister's wives to come together and share their load with one another; to encourage one another and to fellowship. Below are the dates for the first quarter of 2024:

Tuesday, January 16 - 6:30 pm at Spring Creek Baptist Church (2636 Chulio Road, SE Rome, Georgia 30161)

Guest speaker: Lauren Walker, GBMB Ministry Wives Mobilizer

Tuesday, February 20 - 6:30 pm at Ashley Bowden's home (102 Morgan Drive, NW Rome, Georgia 30165) **Tuesday, March 19 - 6:30 pm** Location TBA

For more information, contact Ashley Bowden at 478-230-5888.

GENERAL BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS

The giving to the general budget for the missions and ministries of the FCBA have been great in 2023! The general budget for 2023 was \$276,804.39. In 2023, the FCBA received \$261,519.81 for the general budget. The following churches gave to missions through the FCBA general budget. Thank you for your faithfulness!

(January - December 2023)

FCBA Contributing Churches			
Antioch	Friendship	Pleasant Valley North	
Armuchee	Grace Fellowship	Pleasant Valley South	
Bush Arbor	Hollywood (HBC)	Providence	
Cedar Creek	Hill Crest	Riverside	
Community Chapel	Lakeview	Second Avenue	
Dykes Creek	Mount Alto	Sherwood Forest	
East Rome	New Antioch	Shorter Avenue	
Enon	New Armuchee	Spring Creek	
Everett Springs	New Canaan	State Line	
Fairview	New Prospect	Sunny Hill	
Fellowship	Northside	Three Rivers	
First Baptist - Cave Spring	Park Avenue	Vann's Valley	
First Baptist - Lindale	Parkview	Wax	
First Baptist - Shannon	Pisgah	West End	
Flint Hill	Pleasant Hope	West Rome	
Floyd Springs		Woodlawn	

The FCBA general budget for 2024 is \$300,832.23.

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

MINISTERS MONTHLY MEETING

Every month we invite all of our pastors (full-time, part-time, bi-vocational, senior pastor, ministerial staff, or retired pastor/minister) to attend our Monthly Ministers Meeting. Generally, the MMM is on the second Thursday of every month. The MMM is our regular lunch gathering for the purpose of food, fellowship, insight and encouragement. Lunch is provided. The only request is that you make a reservation in order to make adequate preparations for the **FREE lunch**. To RSVP, please call the FCBA Office at 706-291-0904 or by e-mailing fcbaoffice@gmail.com. Here is what is coming up:

THURSDAY, January 11th @ noon Did you know that EASTER Sunday is the perfect time to reach new people? For years Scott Smith has been helping churches reach new people during the Easter season. Scott will be our guest and he will be talking about "How to Reach New People this Easter". Scott is the Marketing Promotions Manager at the Georgia Baptist Mission Board. If you have not heard of Scott, you have probably heard of THE BIG INVITE used by thousands of churches to reach hundreds of new people on Easter. That is Scott's baby! He will help your church reach more people this Easter. Please RSVP by noon on Tuesday, January 9th



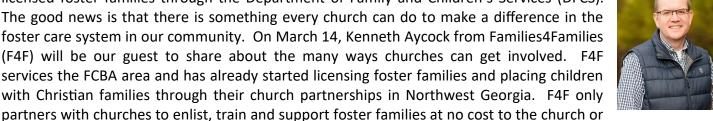
* THURSDAY, February 8th @ noon We will have a mini-concert presented by the Shorter University (SU)

Chorus under the direction of Dr. Bryan McDonald. SU is one of our Georgia Baptist colleges and exists to transform lives through Christ. The SU Chorus is the worship choir and is a non-auditioned ensemble open to anyone from the university that specializes in music for worship. The SU Chorus' repertoire includes modern hymns, contemporary Christian music, traditional hymnody, and standards of church music from various musical periods. This will be a special gathering for both



senior pastors, as well as worship pastors and music leaders! Join us as we worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as well as encouraging our students at SU. Please RSVP by noon on Tuesday, February 6th.

* THURSDAY, March 14th @ noon There is a foster care crisis in Floyd County and Northwest Georgia. The latest statistics tell us that there are 314 kids in foster care from Floyd County and only 17 licensed foster families through the Department of Family and Children's Services (DFCS). The good news is that there is something every church can do to make a difference in the foster care system in our community. On March 14, Kenneth Aycock from Families4Families (F4F) will be our guest to share about the many ways churches can get involved. F4F services the FCBA area and has already started licensing foster families and placing children



the foster family. Since 2017, F4F has placed 955 children with Christian foster families. Please RSVP by noon on Monday, March 12th

THURSDAY, April 18th @ noon The #1 request from pastors today is "help me lead my church through all these changes". Todd Wright has been the pastor at Midway Church in Villa Rica for almost 30 years. When he arrived it was a single race church of about 200, mostly older adults; but today, it is a place where over 3,600 racially diverse people with an average age of 34 serve and receive ministry together. Midway has been recognized as one of the fastest-growing churches in Georgia for several years. Todd has led this church to change and he will be with us to share "Leading Your Church Through Change". Todd has provided leadership training in the US and 15 countries in Africa, Asia, Central America, Europe, and South America. Please **RSVP by noon on Tuesday, April 16**th



GEORGIA BAPTIST MISSION BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT





Georgia Baptist Mission Board Executive Committee Report Dogwood Church, Tyrone, Georgia December 12, 2023

Thomas Hammond, Georgia Baptist Mission Board (GBMB) Executive Director, reported that there were 844 registered messengers, representing 412 churches, to the Georgia Baptist Convention (GBC) annual meeting in Snellville in November.

He also reminded the Executive Committee that the GBC approved new By-Laws that are now in effect and will be finalized at the annual meeting of the GBC in November 2024. Any recommendations for amendments to these by-laws must be submitted to amendments@gabaptist.org prior to July 1, 2024.

Rev. Hammond was still celebrating the \$2,500,000 the GBC was able to give above and beyond budgeted amounts. This included \$1,700,000 to the International Mission Board, \$300,000 to the North American Mission Board, as well as \$500,000 in scholarship funds to the three Georgia Baptist Universities and colleges, and financial assistance for any Georgia Baptist ministerial student entering one of our six SBC seminaries.

David Melber, the GBMB COO, reported the GBMB finished in the black financially for the third year in a row. David also shared that the Sugarloaf property (former HQ of the GBMB) is under contract.

Stephen Fountain, First Baptist Church Buford was elected Chairman of the Executive Committee. Chad Mantooth, First Baptist Church Winder was elected Vice-Chairman.

The dates for the 2024 GBMB Executive Committee meetings are as follows:

March 12, 2024—North Metro Church in Lawrenceville

September 10, 2024—Central Baptist Church in Warner Robins

November 11, 2024—First Baptist Church Statesboro

December 10, 2024—First Baptist Jonesboro

Thanks for the honor of serving you, if you have further questions about the GBC or the GBMB please feel free to contact me.

Dr. Philip May,

Senior Pastor at Pleasant Valley South, FCBA Representative

Phone: 706-234-1841 email: phil.may@pvsbc.org

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING





The past two years have seen two FCBA Pastor DLife Groups and four DLife Boot Camps result in nearly 100 new discipleship groups being started. It is time for us to start a new DLife Group. In the past these groups have been just for pastors, but this year it is open to anyone! You may be interested in being in the group, or maybe there is someone from your church that should be in the group. This is a great way to strengthen the disciple making efforts in your church!

The discipleship group will have no more than fifteen members. In this group we encourage, disciple, and pray for one another. The DLife Group is both fun and fruitful. The goal of this group is for the participants to multiply and begin a group in their church.

In this 13-week process, we will use the **DLife Legacy and Leadership Track**, through which we will disciple one another and be introduced to a simple, biblical, and reproducible disciple-making process. Topics will include:

The Disciple-Making Leader;
The Praying Leader;
The Story-Telling Leader;
The Servant Leader;
The Ministry Leader;
The Missional Leader;
The Bold Leader;
The Encouraging Leader;
The Worshiping Leader;
The Humble Leader;
The Confident Leader; and
The Multiplying Leader.

The material will be easy to use. Every day you will have one Bible chapter to read and write a quick response. When the group gathers, we will discuss one of the readings from the week. Also, each week someone in the group will lead the prayer time, paraphrase the scripture, read the passage and lead the discussion time. There is no cost involved. Yes FREE! We will meet weekly, on Tuesdays, at the FCBA office at 8:00 am.

You are invited to be in the group, but if you cannot, please consider encouraging someone from your church to be in the group. Please reply if you or someone from your church will be joining the discipleship group. The deadline is Thursday, January 25th. You can call the FCBA office at 706-291-0904 or email fcbadom@gmail.com. The first group meeting will be on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6th. We will meet every Tuesday morning at 8:00 am at the FCBA office. We will begin on Tuesday, February 6th and conclude on Tuesday, May 21st. The expectation is for the participants to attend all sessions, complete the daily/weekly assignments, and participate in the weekly group gatherings.

Remember: this will be a small group of no more than 15 members. At the time this newsletter was prepared for mailing, there were still 9 spaces open.

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING



DISCIPLEMAKING TUNE-UP

But test all things. Hold on to what is good. - 1 Thessalonians 5:21, CSB

2024 NATIONAL DISCIPLE LEADERS NETWORK CONFERENCE

Monday, April 8 and Tuesday, April 9, 2024

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Georgia

142 College Street, Jonesboro, Georgia 30236

REGISTRATION Includes:

All conference meals (Monday night dinner, Tuesday lunch) and breaks.

- Specialty Tracks, Breakouts, Main Sessions, Panel Discussions, and Trends & Culture Presentations.
- Access to available post conference content.
- One-year Disciple Leader Network membership.
- Spouse may attend and receive all benefits for an additional \$29.

SCHEDULE:

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<u>Monday</u>	
12:30 pm	Registration/Exhibits Open
1:30 pm	Worship & Main Session: 5 Questions for Tuning Up your Disciple Making Strategy - John McClendon
2:30 pm	Break (Exhibits/Snacks)
3:00 pm	Specialty Tracks & Breakouts
5:30 pm	Dinner & Main Session: Tuning Up Your Heart for Discipleship - Alex Kendrick
<u>Tuesday</u>	
8:00 am	Fellowships & Exhibits
9:00 am	Worship & Main Session: Check Engine: Warning Signs of a Struggling Church Disciplemaking
	Strategy - Mac Lake
10:00 am	Panel Discussion: Elements of a Healthy Disciple Making Strategy
10:30 am	Break & Exhibits
11:00 am	Breakouts
12:15 pm	Lunch: Features box lunch, giveaways, and special presentations
1:00 pm	Main Session: Fueling Your Church Disciple Making Strategy - Levi Skipper
1:30 pm	Panel Discussion: Integrating Evangelism into Your Church Disciple Making Strategy
2:00 pm	Break & Exhibits
2:30 pm	Trends & Culture Talks
3:45 pm	Breakouts
5:00 pm	Worship & Closing Session: Keeping Your Disciple Making Strategy Tuned Up - Mac Lake
6:00 pm	Dismiss

Go to https://www.discipleleaders.com/conference/ for more information and for registration. Georgia Baptist churches pay only \$59, a savings of \$139! **USE DISCOUNT DOCE: GA59**

NAMB PASTORAL CARE LINE



NAMB Pastoral Care Line 1-844-PASTOR1 (1-844-727-8671)

A free, confidential, dedicated helpline for pastors, ministers and their families.

Trained, professional counselors are available every day from 8am until 10pm (EST)

Confidentiality is ensured and guaranteed by Focus on the Family.

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT

Exciting things have been happening in the Ministry Center this Christmas! With the help of our churches, we were able to assist 242 children this year for Christmas. That is the most we have ever been able to assist. I would like to thank each church or individual who gave so generously. To each volunteer who helped shop at Walmart or helped clients shop for toys, and to the pastors who came to witness and Walmart or to clients who came to shop for toys—THANK YOU!!! I know that there were some seeds planted. May God bless each one of you!

FCBA MINISTRY CENTER NEEDS:



Boxed Cereal - variety
Canned Corn - 14.5 oz.
Canned Diced Tomatoes - 14.5 oz.
Canned Green Beans - 14.5 oz.
Canned Green Peas - 15 oz.
Canned Peaches - 15 oz.
Canned Pinto Beans - 15 oz.
Canned Pork & Beans - 15 oz.
Canned Potatoes - 15 oz.
Canned Ravioli - 15 oz.
Canned (Ready to Eat) Soup

Canned Spaghetti-O's - 15 oz.
Canned Spaghetti Sauce - 24 oz.
Canned Vienna Sausages - 4.6 oz.
Creamy Peanut Butter - 18 oz.
Grape Jelly - 32 oz. plastic
Instant Grits (individual pack box)
Instant Oatmeal (individual pack box)
Mac & Cheese - 7.25 oz.
Pop Tarts - 6-8 count box
Ramen Noodles - 12 pack box
Spaghetti (dry pasta) - 16 oz.

Hygiene Items Needed:

Baby Wipes Deodorant Kid's Toothpaste Toilet Paper

Toothbrush
Toothpaste (not travel size)

2024 CHURCH FOOD DRIVE SCHEDULE:

<u>January:</u> Calvary, Dykes Creek, Flint Hill, New Antioch, Vann's Valley

<u>February:</u> 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

<u>June:</u> 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 Carmel, 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

2024 KIDS' MINISTRY SUMMIT INFORMATION

Thursday, February 1 and Friday, February 2, 2024 Jekyll Island Club Hotel

371 Riverview Drive Jekyll Island, Georgia 31527

Cost: \$80 per person through January 4, 2024; \$120 per person beginning January 5, 2024

The Kids' Ministry Summit is a great time for kids ministers to gather to learn, network, and fellowship. We will have a time of worship, a time to learn from out speakers, a time for roundtable discussions, and a time for fellowship.

The theme this year is "Seasons of Ministry" and the theme verse is Ecclesiastes 3:1 - "To every thing there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven."

We will be packing backpacks for Mission Georgia. Participants are asked to bring one or more of the following items: children's devotional book, coloring book, pens, pencils, colored pencils, markers, glue sticks, notepads, notebooks, bookmarks, or hand sanitizer.

For lodging, please contact Jekyll Island Club Hotel at 912-635-2600 and ask for the Kids' Summit rate.

SCHEDULE:

Thursday, February 1

1:00 pm	Registration & Fellowship
1:15 pm	Large Group
2:45 pm	Snack Break
3:15 pm	Large Group
5:30 pm	Dismiss for Dinner (on your own)



8:30 am	Large Group
10:00 am	Snack Break
10:30 am	Large Group

11:30 am Break for Lunch (on your own)

1:00 pm Large Group 3:00 pm Dismiss



For questions or more information, please contact Jenni Carter at icarter@gabaptist.org

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/

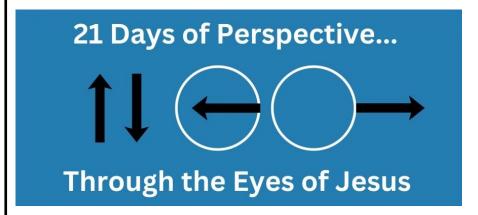




21 DAYS OF FASTING AND PRAYER

As you probably know, a number of churches join together for a time of prayer and fasting for 21 days at the beginning of each year. You and your church are invited to be a part of this very special time. The prayer and fasting will begin on **January 14th**, and end with a Celebration Service on **Sunday, February 4th**.

The theme for this year's fasting and prayer is, "21 Days of Perspective: Through the Eyes of Jesus".



This graphic gives a visual picture of what we pray will occur during the 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting.

The upward/downward arrows represent those who are older/younger than you, someone 'above you'/'below you' at work school, etc. The question is, "How do you use the eyes of Jesus to see the people that are above/ahead of you and are below/behind you?"

The circles with arrows represent the people "in your circle" or "outside of your circle" - whether that is your church, family, coworkers, strangers, etc. The questions is, "How do we begin to see others (inside or outside of our circles) the way that Jesus sees them?"

We would love to have you and your church family involved in this special time. For more information, please go to https://the.churchesofrome.com/fasting.

2024 CHURCH FINANCIAL CONFERENCE



Date: Thursday, March 21, 2024

Time: 3:00—7:00 pm

Place: First Baptist Church, Cartersville

241 Douthit Ferry Road, Cartersville, GA 30120

The Georgia Baptist Foundation presents the second annual Church Financial Conferences in 2024 (CFC24). This year, we will continue the breakout session structure that we implemented

for CVC23, but with new and improved session topics. Breakout sessions dive into topics that your congregation will benefit from: investment plans for church personnel; methods for church members to maximize giving in retirement years; strategies to maintain church financial integrity; how to make your church's reserve funds more fruitful; and guidance on proper compensation packages for pastors.

New this year, during dinner we will have a panel of pastors and other church leaders who will answer some of the most common questions about church finance. This panel discussion will be hosted by Georgia Baptist Foundation President, Dr. Johnathan Gray.

Get your tickets at the early-bird rater of \$20, which includes admission, a conference packet, dinner, and more. The price will increase on January 5th.

For more information, go to gbfoundation.org or call 770-452-8338 or email contactus@gbfoundation.org.

2024 CHURCH STRENGTHENING ROUNDTABLES







2024 Church Strengthening Roundtables

TOPIC: Four Gateways of a Healthy Church

- 1) Mission, Vision, Values
- 2) Disciple's Pathway
- 3) Leadership Pipeline, and
- 4) Missional Engagement

You pick the location, date and/or that works best for you! All locations will be covering the same topics.

Wednesday, January 17th - Canton (9:00-10:30 AM)

Revolution Church, 125 Union Hill Trl, Canton, GA 30115-8596

Wednesday, January 17th - Rockmart (2:00-3:30 PM)

Victory Baptist Church, 15 Hendrix Rd, Rockmart, GA 30153-3956

Monday, January 22nd - Douglasville (9:00-10:30 AM)

Beulah Baptist Church, 11491 Veterans Memorial Highway, Douglasville, GA 30134-4380

Monday, January 22nd - Atlanta (2:00-3:30 PM)

First Baptist Church Atlanta, 4400 N Peachtree Rd, Atlanta, GA 30338-5807

Tuesday May 7th - Calhoun (9:00-10:30 AM)

First Baptist Church, 411 College St, Calhoun, GA 30701

Tuesday May 7th - Ringgold (2:00-3:30 PM)

Burning Bush Baptist Church, 2195 Burning Bush Rd, Ringgold, GA 30736

To register or for more information go to https://gabaptist.org/event/2024-church-strengthening-roundtables/

If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Purvis, jpurvis@gabaptist.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADER/TEACHER TRAINING OPPORTUNITY



Sunday School Summit



"Starting New Classes or Groups"

The number one indicator, worldwide, of church health is the number of new groups and new classes that are started.

Thursday, January 18, 2024



Antioch Baptist Church

4526 Big Texas Valley Road Rome, Georgia 30165

6:00 pm - Dinner | 6:30 - Training | 8:00 - Dismiss

Please call 706-291-0904 or email fcbaoffice@gmail.com to RSVP by 1/15.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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FCBA NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We are looking for volunteers to give a few hours every week to serve as the receptionist. Help is needed Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

The duties would be to answer the phones, take messages, make appointment for the food pantry, greet people, open the door for guests, and possibly some other office type assignments.

You can volunteer for a full day or a half day. If each volunteer took one day a week, and worked a 3 hour shift, we would need a total of 8 volunteers.

If interested, please call the FCBA office at 706-291-0904.



Your FCBA Office will be closed on

Monday, January 15, 2024
in observation of
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
We will re-open at 8:00 am on Tuesday, January 16th.

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

2024 PASTOR WELLNESS EVENTS

RETREATS

Opportunities for encouragement, focus, and refreshment are essential to the wellbeing of pastors and their spouses. Georgia Baptist Pastor Wellness Retreats provide the time and space needed to grow in leadership, ministry, and marriage, all while being re-energized to serve at your best. These retreats are always in high demand, so mark your calendars now and be prepared to register fast.





Ministry Couples Retreats

For pastors, ministry staff, and spouses

- March 1-3, 2024 Jekyll Island Resort
- September 26-28, 2024 Evergreen Resort, Stone Mountain Park

Healthcare Summits

During Pastor Wellness retreats, we offer free medical assessments and testing opportunities to Georgia Baptist ministers and their wives. These services may include blood pressure screening, full panel blood work including blood sugar, cholesterol, and thyroid, free dental hygiene/cleaning, and angio-screening. You can register for these services when registering to attend the retreat. The Healthcare Summits are offered at the Ministry Couples Retreats, Minister's Wives Retreats, and the Georgia Baptist Annual Meeting.

RENEWAL

Pastors need opportunities to regroup and refocus on God's call on their lives. ReTool and ReCharge events bring us back to the fundamentals of what pastoral ministry requires of us to serve and shepherd well.

ReTool Events

Encouraging ministry best practices "The Art of Asking: Best Practices of Calling Out the Called and Developing Those Who are Called"

Dr. Steve Parr, Associational Mission Strategist Gwinnett Metro Baptist Network

- February 5, 2024 First Baptist Church, Peachtree City
- February 12, 2024 Sunrise Baptist Church, Lawrenceville

ReCharge Events

Inspiring personal spiritual renewal "Continuing in the Call: Encouragement to Persevere" Mel Blackaby, Lead Pastor First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

- April 15, 2024 First Baptist Church, Cartersville
- April 16, 2024 Turning Point Community Church, Macon

FELLOWSHIP

We all need to have a little fun!

September 3, 2024 Golf Fellowship, Currahee Club, Toccoa

Everything you need regarding Pastor Wellness can be found at gabaptist.org/ministries/pastor-wellness

Your Northwest Georgia Pastor Wellness Team:

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2024 DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING DATES



Region 1:

January 19-20, 2024 First Baptist Church - Cartersville

Region 3:

March 22-23, 2024 First Baptist Church - Villa Rica

Region 2:

August 23-24, 2024 First Baptist Church - Social Circle

Region 4:

October 18-19, 2024 Lakeside Baptist Church, Milledgeville

Trainings will include all or a combination of the following:

Disaster Relief Orientation: (Required for all first-time attendees and those recertifying.) Attendees can choose to be trained in Chaplaincy, Child/Family Care, Cleanup & Recovery, or Feeding.

Assessment Training: Pre-requisites apply.

MT/Support Training: Pre-requisites apply.

Online registration is required. The dates, locations, and online registrations will be available on the "Training" tab of our website: www.gbcdisasterrelief.org



2024 EVANGELISM CONFERENCES



Georgia Baptist Evangelism Conference

Sunday, February 25 and Monday, February 26, 2024 First Baptist Church, Conyers, Georgia

2100 Highway 138 NE Conyers, Georgia 30013-1208

THEME: "Called to Witness"

"Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us; we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God." 2 Corinthians 5:20

Like Paul, you desire for your church members to see themselves as ambassadors entrusted by God to carry the gospel to the lost. You are invited to the upcoming Evangelism Conference! So join us beginning at 5:00 pm on Sunday, all the way through 1:30 pm on Monday. You do not want to miss a minute!!

SCHEDULE:

Sunday

5 - 7 pm Keynotes

Dr. Robert Smith, Chair of Divinity, Beeson Divinity School;

Dr. Danny Forshee, Lead Pastor, Great Hills Baptist Church, Austin, Texas

7:15 - 8 pm Breakouts

Monday

8:30-9:20 am Keynote

Rev. Thomas Hammond, Executive Director, Georgia Baptist Mission Board

9:30-11:15 am Breakout Sessions

11:30-12:25 pm Keynote

Dr. H.B. Charles, Pastor, Shiloh Metropolitan Baptist Church

12:35-1:30 pm Lunch and Learn (separate registration required)

Dr. Mark Hearn, Senior Pastor, FBC Duluth, Georgia

"Leading Your Church to Embrace Multicultural Ministry"

Breakout Session Titles & Leaders

Kyle Ruff "Reaching Teenagers in 2024 with the Gospel"

Tim Smith "Making Your Sunday School Evangelistic"

Marty Youngblood "Evangelism that begins with Prayer"

Keith Boggs "Reaching the Largest Unengaged People Group in Your Church and City - MEN"

Chris Pritchett "Reaching people through ministry/service evangelism"

Larry Wynn "Making Sunday Mornings Evangelistic"

Krista Staton "Talking with Children about Salvation"

Scott Smith "Called to Witness Digital Assist Usage"

Levi Skipper "No Sweat Evangelism"

Kevin Williams "Effective Church Evangelism"

To register or for more information go to https://ga.sbcworkspace.com/pub/event/register/55236591

APRIL 2024 SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMIT - HELPS FOR TEACHERS

HELPS FOR TEACHERS

"Why do we need to care about how our church teaches the Bible?" Who would have thought that this question would be heard in a Baptist church, or even a Christian church? But these are the days in which we live. Many people do not value the Word of God and many churches have a low view of Holy Scripture. The preaching of God's Word is and has always been a high priority in our churches, but we should have the same high expectation of our Sunday School classes and our small group Bible studies.

The FCBA wants to help every Sunday School teacher and every small group Bible study leader to be the best and that is why we are having the HELPS FOR TEACHERS CONFERENCE on Thursday, April 18th.

Why should the church teach the Bible?

- 1. The church owes its existence to the Word of God as revealed in the Scriptures.
 - Hebrews 1:1-2 "Long ago God spoke to our ancestors by the prophets at different times and in different ways. In these last days, he has spoken to us by his Son. God has appointed him heir of all things and made the universe through him."
- 2. <u>Jesus expressly commanded His followers to teach the Scriptures.</u>
 - Matthew 28:19-20 "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, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."
- 3. The teaching of the Scriptures was an essential function of New Testament churches.
 - Acts 2:42 "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer."
 - Acts 5:42 "Every day in the temple, and in various homes, they continued teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah."
 - Acts 18:11 "He stayed there a year and a half, teaching the word of God among them."
 - Acts 28:30-31 "Paul stayed two whole years in his own rented house. And he welcomed all who visited him, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance."
 - 2 Timothy 2:2 "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 3:16 "All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness."
- 4. Without a strong base of biblical knowledge, a church cannot function properly in other areas of its life and ministry.
 - Matthew 25:40 "And the King will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

APRIL SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMIT - CONTINUED

Every Sunday School teacher and every small group Bible study leader should be at the **HELPS FOR TEACHERS...TEACHING TEACHERS TO TEACH** Conference on Thursday, April 18th. We will begin at 6:00 pm with a fellowship meal (no excuse for you to miss). The training sessions start at 6:30 pm. There will be age appropriate groups depending on the group you teach/lead:

Preschool (birth-preK)

Children's (K-5th Grade)

Youth (middle and high school)

College & Young Adult (ages 18 - late 20s)

Married & Median Adult (ages early 30s - early 60s)

Senior Adult (ages mid 60s and up)

Each group will be addressing three topics that relate to each age group:

- 1. "How does my age group learn?"
- 2. "How should I prepare to teach my age group a Bible study session? What do I need to do during the week to get ready to teach my age group?
- 3. How do I present a Bible study for my age group? What should the weekly group time or class experience look like?

HELPS FOR TEACHERS: A Teaching Teachers to Teach Conference

Thursday, April 18, 2024
Pleasant Valley North Baptist Church 735 Old Summerville Road Rome, GA 30165
Fellowship Meal 6:00 - 6:30 pm
Training 6:30 - 8:00 pm



Amy Burney
Preschool



Jenni Carter



Cameron Wilkins



PJ Dunn ollege & Young Adult



Married & Median Adults



Mike Taylor

Sunday School Summit

"Helps for Teachers... Teaching Teachers to Teach"

Thursday, April 18, 2024

Pleasant Valley North Baptist Church

735 Old Summerville Road, NW Rome, Georgia 30165

6:00 pm - Dinner | 6:30 - Training | 8:00 - Dismiss

Please call 706-291-0904 or email fcbaoffice@gmail.com to RSVP by 4/15.



SPARK CONFERENCE 2024



Sunday, September 22, 2024 3:30 pm - 8:30 pm West Rome Baptist Church

914 Shorter Avenue Rome, Georgia 30165

In 2024, 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! We have assembled a diverse team of practicing leaders prepared to give you best practices in their field of expertise. Every part of the gathering - from our keynote speakers to the breakout sessions - has been intentionally designed to equip and inspire your leaders.

<u>Who is SPARK for?</u> Lay Leaders, Childrens' Leaders, Womens' Ministry Leaders, Mens' Ministry Leaders, Missions Coordinators, Student Pastors, Worship Leaders, Sunday School Leaders, Small Group Leaders, Pastors...anyone involved in ministry and quipping.

<u>Everyone can benefit!</u> It does not 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!

Cost: \$15 per person (dinner included) Registrations will be handled by the GBMB.



Keynote Speaker: Thom Rainer

Thom S. Rainer is a renowned church leader, author, and consultant currently serving as the founder and CEO of Church Answers, an online resource platform for church leaders. He previously held the positions of President and CEO at LifeWay Christian Resources and was the founding dean of the Billy Graham School of Missions and Evangelism at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. His expertise in church health led him to establish the RAnier Group, a consulting firm that has guided numerous churches and organizations. A prolific author, Ranier has contributed more than two dozen books to the field, including influential works such as, "I Am a Church Member" and "Autopsy of a Deceased Church".

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

Fhe FCBA 132nd Annual Meeting and Business Session will be held the following Monday, September 23, 2024 from 6:00 - 8:30 pm at the FCBA Center at 308 Redmond Road, Rome, Georgia 30165.

FCBA MEMBER CHURCHES

NORTH

Antioch - Mike Southerland, Interim Pastor

4526 Big Texas Valley Road, NW • Rome, Georgia 30165

Armuchee - David Howard, Transitional Pastor

6648 Big Texas Valley Road, NW • Rome, Georgia 30165

Calvary - Gary Graves, Pastor

101 Broadus Road, NE • Rome, Georgia 30161

Everett Springs - Steve Drake, Pastor

2167 Everett Springs Road, NE • Armuchee, Georgia 30165

Floyd Springs - Billy Carver, Pastor

1869 Floyd Springs Road, NE • Armuchee, Georgia 30105

New Armuchee - Carson Fellows, Pastor

5385 Martha Berry Highway, NE • Armuchee, Georgia 30105

New Hope - Mark Butler, Pastor

101 Carpenter Road, NE • Calhoun, Georgia 30701

Northside - Phil Wade, Pastor

75 North Floyd Park Road • Rome, Georgia 30165

Pleasant Valley North - Mac McCurry, Pastor

735 Old Summerville Road, SW • Rome, Georgia 30165

Three Rivers - *Mitch Jolly, Pastor*

2960 New Calhoun Highway, NE • Rome, Georgia 30161

EAST

Blue Pond - Dixon Holtzclaw, Pastor

1291 Morrison Campground Road • Rome, Georgia 30161

Dykes Creek - Tony Cargle, Pastor

46 Dykes Creek Church Road • Rome, Georgia 30161

Enon - Ralph Jenkins, Pastor

3105 Turkey Mountain Road, NE • Rome, Georgia 30161

Friendship - Justin Silver, Pastor

2293 Calhoun Road, NE • Rome, Georgia 30161

Hill Crest - Mark Evans, Pastor

2202 North Broad Street, NE • Rome, Georgia 30161

New Antioch - Jim Reynolds, Pastor

4553 Calhoun Road, NE • Rome, Georgia 30161

Riverside - Randy Lambert, Pastor

48 Ash Street, NE • Rome, Georgia 30161

Shannon First - Louis Byars, Pastor

400 4th Street • Shannon, Georgia 30172

Sherwood Forest - Chris Hayes, Pastor

1 Goodman Road, NE • Rome, Georgia 30161

Sunny Hill - Charles Maxwell, Pastor

1007 Wayside Road • Rome, Georgia 30161

Victory - Paul Vinson, Pastor

756 Turner Chapel Road, SE • Rome, Georgia 30161

SOUTHWEST

Bush Arbor - Buddy Carter, Pastor

1914 Fosters Mill Road, SW • Rome, Georgia 30161

Cave Spring First - 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

Fairview - Trey Stephens, Pastor

2348 Old Cedartown Road • Lindale, Georgia 30147

Grace Fellowship - Robert Vines, Interim Pastor

6635 Blacks Bluff Road • Cave Spring, Georgia 30124

Live Oak - Rick Jennings, Pastor

5506 Fosters Mill Road • Cave Spring, Georgia 30124

New Prospect - Aaron Little, Pastor

1893 Booger Hollow Road • Lindale, Georgia 30147

State Line - Chris Hearne, Pastor

8536 Blacks Bluff Road, SW • Cave Spring, Georgia 30124

Vann's Valley - David Nance, Pastor

28 Vann's Valley Road • Rome, Georgia 30161

WEST

Fellowship - Brady Fortenberry, Pastor

314 Burnett Ferry Road, SW • Rome, Georgia 30165

Lakeview - Steve Glosson, Pastor

80 Salem Drive, NW • Rome, Georgia 30165

Mount Alto - Matthew Bowden, Pastor

1915 Huffaker Road • Rome, Georgia 30165

New Canaan - Corey Wright, Pastor

3 Excelsior Street, NW • Rome, Georgia 30165

Parkview - Grea Hood, Pastor

4 Wesley Drive, NW • Rome, Georgia 30165

Pisgah - Jerry Dudley, Pastor

5603 Alabama Highway • Rome, Georgia 30165

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

Shorter Avenue - Jeremy Albright, Pastor

1410 Shorter Avenue • Rome, Georgia 30165

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 - , Pastor

401 Wilkerson Road • Rome, Georgia 30165

SOUTHEAST

Desoto Park - Scott Lambert, Pastor

1107 Cave Spring Road, SW • Rome, Georgia 30161

East Rome - _____, Pastor

601 Cedar Avenue, SW • Rome, Georgia 30161

Flint Hill - Chris Johnson, Pastor

3578 Was Road, SE • Aragon, Georgia 30104

HBC-Rome - David Harper, Pastor

2 Commerce Court • Rome, Georgia 30161

Lindale First - Eric Welchel, Pastor

9 Park Avenue • Lindale, Georgia 30147

McFall - Kent Thomas, Pastor

3011 Rockmart Road, SE • Rome, Georgia 30161

Mount Carmel - Tyler Barron, Pastor

514 East 20th Street • Rome, Georgia 30161

Mount Tabor - Brent Edwards, Pastor

3068 Old Alabama Road Taylorsville, Georgia 30178

Park Avenue - Earl Fowlkes, Pastor

509 Park Avenue • Lindale, Georgia 30147

Pleasant Hope - Adam Elrod, Pastor

5935 Rockmart Road • Silver Creek, Georgia 30173

Pleasant Valley South - Philip May, Pastor

702 Pleasant Valley Road • Silver Creek, Georgia 30173

Second Avenue - Jacob Roberts, Pastor

823 East Second Avenue, SE • Rome, Georgia 30161

South Broad - Ricky Studdard, Pastor

508 South Broad Street • Rome, Georgia 30161

Spring Creek - *Jeff Dabbs, Pastor*

2636 Chulio Road, SE • Rome, Georgia 30161

Wax - Gary Diggs, Pastor

1771 Wax Road, SE • Silver Creek, Georgia 30173 Woodlawn - Legare Price, Pastor 1649 Cartersville Highway • Rome, Georgia 30161

FCBA CALENDAR

Administration Committee:

- Wednesday, January 17 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA
- Wednesday, February 21 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA
- Wednesday, March 20 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA
- Wednesday, April 17 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA

College Ministry & BCM Team Meeting:

• Tuesday, January 30 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA

Collide:

- Wednesday, February 21 Kickoff Rally at West Rome Baptist Church
- Friday Sunday, February 23-25 weekend

Committee on Committees Meeting:

- Wednesday, March 20 @ 1:30 pm @ FCBA
- Wednesday, April 17 @ 1:30 pm @ FCBA

DLife Group Introductory Session:

• Tuesday, February 6 @ 8:00 am @ FCBA

EQUIP/SPARK Conference Planning Team Meeting:

• Tuesday, January 23 @ 1:30 pm via ZOOM

Executive Committee:

- Monday, January 22 @ 7:00 pm @ FCBA
- Monday, April 22 @ 7:00 pm @ FCBA

FCBA Office Closed:

- Monday, January 15 for MLKJ Day
- Monday, April 1 for Easter

Ministers Monthly Meeting:

- Thursday, January 11 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA RSVP by 1/9 for lunch
- Thursday, February 8 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA RSVP by 2/6 for lunch
- Thursday, March 14 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA RSVP by 3/12 for lunch
- Thursday, April 18 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA RSVP by 4/16 for lunch

Missions Team Meeting:

• Tuesday, January 9 @ 11:30 am @ FCBA

Prayer Team:

• Thursday, January 11 @ 1:30 pm @ FCBA

Sunday School/Small Group Summit:

- Thursday, January 18 @ 6:00 pm @ Antioch Baptist Church RSVP by 1/15
- Thursday, April 18 @ 6:00 pm @ Pleasant Valley North Baptist RSVP by 4/15
- Thursday, July 18 @ 6:00 pm @ TBA RSVP by 7/15

Youth Pastors & Student Ministry Leaders:

- Tuesday, January 16 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA RSVP by 1/15 for lunch
- Tuesday, February 13 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA RSVP by 2/12 for lunch
- Tuesday, March 19 @ 12:00 pm @ FCBA RSVP by 3/18 for lunch
- Tuesday, April 16 @ 11am 1:30pm Prayer w/ Superintendents RSVP by 4/11

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