



The Sardis Messenger

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This past month has given us so much to celebrate.

VBS was a tremendous success. We welcomed 77 children and had 42 volunteers who gave their time, energy, and love to make the day possible. From teaching and serving food to decorating, leading activities, and working behind the scenes, every volunteer played an important part. Thank you for stepping up and helping us create a place where children could have fun, feel loved, and hear the good news of Jesus. I'm grateful to be part of a church that serves so faithfully together.

We have begun a new series through the life of Joseph, a series I have been looking forward to for some time. I encourage you to share our services online and invite someone to join you on Sunday. Remember, we are on a journey for the ONE, who is yours?

This month, we will also launch our new podcast platform. You will be able to find us anywhere you get your podcast. Through this channel, you will be able to access each Sunday's message, as well as our Wednesday Night teachings. We will also be looking to expand in this area as we continue to grow.

I'm also incredibly excited to have Paige as part of our ministry team. We are already seeing growth and renewed excitement within our worship ministry. I don't know about you, but I can feel it each Sunday. One of the things I have especially enjoyed is seeing members of our younger generation joining Paige and using their gifts to serve the Lord. That is something worth celebrating and encouraging. I am looking forward to seeing her continued efforts to include more people. If you are interested in being a part of our Worship Ministry, don't hesitate to speak with her. Again, as with many things at this time, we are just getting started.

We are also looking forward to another great year at the Sardis Baptist Church Preschool. As the new school year begins, please be in prayer for our teachers, students, and administrators. Pray that the Lord will give our staff wisdom, patience, and strength and that every child and family who comes through our doors will experience the love of Christ. I encourage you to join our "Adopt A Teacher" program and help make their year the best it can be through support, prayer, gifts, and personal time to let them know how much we, as a church, appreciate their hard work and support them.

God is doing some wonderful things at Sardis, and I continue to be excited about our future together. I truly believe these are only the beginning of what He has in store for our church. Thank you for praying, serving, and faithfully taking part in the work God is doing among us. There is so much to look forward to, and I'm grateful that we get to walk into this next season together.

As always, Alyssa, Mattie, Eli, and I love each one of you. Here at Sardis we are FAMILY!

In Christ, Pastor Matt

August Birthdays

- 1 Lewis Bannister
- 1 Brenda Thompson
- 1 Evan Adams
- 2 Thomas Griffith
- 3 Paisley Eberhardt
- 4 Harper Dickenson
- 5 Grethe Adams
- 6 Kim Powell
- 6 Jackson Skelton
- 11 Maci Eberhardt
- 11 Sherry Darley
- 15 Eleanor Thompson
- 16 Susan Craft
- 21 Oy Shiflet
- 23 Landon Bannister
- 24 Snip White
- 24 Beverly Cox
- 24 Allison Farrow
- 24 Bobby Adams
- 27 Peggy Adams
- 27 Annette Moorhead

Women's Ministry

WOMEN'S MINISTRY NIGHT AT THE FLC is Tuesday, August 18th at 6 p.m. All women are encouraged to join us!

WMU is collecting items for the shoe-box ministry. A collection box is in the foyer. **AUGUST ITEMS:** School Supplies

Uncover the clues to a fun filled event! See if you can be the first one to guess the theme for our upcoming **Women's Ministry Celebration** in the Fall. Look inside your SS classroom to find the clues to begin!

A WOMEN ON MISSIONS RETREAT will be held in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains at the Pinnacle Retreat Center in Clayton, GA on September 18-19, 2026. If you are interested, please see Pam Gambrell.

August Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 The Men's Ministry will meet at the Family Life Center on Saturday, August 15th at 8 a.m. All men are encouraged to join us!				A new 13-week session of our GriefShare Ministry will begin at the Sardis Family Life Center on Monday, August 17th at 5:30 p.m. This is a free support group. For additional information contact Jennifer at 706-376-8568.		1
2 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	3	4 6:00 p.m. Men's D-Group	5 5:30 p.m. Wed. Meal 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Children & Youth	6	7	8
9 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	10 6:30 p.m. Sardis Preschool Open House	11	12 Sardis Preschool Begins! 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Children & Youth	13	14	15 8:00 a.m. Men's Ministry Breakfast & Meeting
16 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	17 5:30 p.m. GriefShare	18 6:00 p.m. Women's Ministry Night	19 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Children & Youth	20	21 Stronger Together Men's Conference	22
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30 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	31 5:30 p.m. GriefShare	 D-Groups will resume in September. Additional information to come!				

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HARTWELL, GA 30643

“GRACE FOR THE WOUNDED”

FREE TRAUMA TRAINING SEMINAR
PROVIDED BY
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TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Trauma Awareness
- ✓ Offering Hope & Encouragement
- ✓ Being a place of safety
- ✓ Improving Relationships

SEPT 15TH 6-8PM
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

RSVP
(706) 376-8568





STRONGER TOGETHER

— MEN'S CONFERENCE —

ABOUT THIS CONFERENCE

**Stronger Together:
No Man Fights Alone**

Stop going through the motions. Start leading the charge. The Stronger Together Men's Conference isn't just another Saturday on the calendar—it's a tactical shift. It's an energizing, high-impact event designed to help you get real, get moving, and break through the ceiling of surface-level faith. We aren't meant to be "lone wolves." Scripture is clear: we are designed for the front lines, but we weren't meant to hold them by ourselves.

CONFERENCE GUEST SPEAKERS



KEN BEVEL



PATRICK MORLEY



PATRICK NIX



SCOTT SULLIVAN



SPONSORED BY REHOBOTH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

DATE:
AUGUST 22, 2026
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

LOCATION:
2504 MOODY RD
WARNER ROBINS, GA 31088

**FOUR AMAZING SPEAKERS,
BREAKOUT GROUPS, PANEL
DISCUSSIONS**

LUNCH PROVIDED
COST: \$55 PER PERSON

**BREAKOUT GROUPS DESIGNED TO TEACH
PROVEN IDEAS AND METHODS TO BUILD
SUCCESSFUL MEN'S MINISTRIES WITHIN
YOUR CHURCH.**

The Tactical Blueprint

- **Sharpen the Blade:** Iron sharpens iron. Connect with men who will challenge you to be better (Prov 27:17).
- **Solidify the Bond:** Two are better than one. Build the brotherhood necessary to withstand any assault (Ecc 4:9).
- **Master the Discipline:** Learn proven, God-given methods to turn your daily struggles into spiritual successes.
- **Fuel the Fire:** Ignite a deeper walk with God through prayer, scripture study, and authentic community.

Sardis Baptist

4359 Anderson Highway, Hartwell, GA 30643

CRUISE-IN & CAR SHOW!

FREE EVENT!

**All proceeds will benefit Bobby Powell
who is battling leukemia**

September 19, 2026 • 4:00-7:00 p.m.



All Cars, Trucks and Jeeps are WELCOME!



**Awards will be given, along with
a 50/50 Drawing & Door Prizes!**



**BBQ Sandwich Plates,
Sweets & Drinks for purchase!**

Contact: Thomas Griffith, 706-961-4553

This event is sponsored by the Sardis Men's Ministry.