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The PROCLAIMER

Polk-Haralson Baptist Association Newsletter

April 2024

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION STRATEGIST

Kevin McKoy



As the school year ends and churches focus on summer activities like VBS, I am praying for you. I pray that God will give you the energy and resources you need to do the work He calls you to. I pray for souls to be saved and believers to be equipped. I pray that we will be a light to those who need to see the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Enjoy these days of graduations, honors programs, and end-of-year activities. Invest your time in the next generation, even if you

don't have a student of your own. You would be surprised how much impact you can have on a family when you show support for their child, not to mention what it says to that child. As we move into the summer months, I look forward to seeing many of you at our various Vacation Bible School events, as well.

I hope you will bring your entire VBS Crew and come join us on Saturday, May 11th at FBC Bremen as we help you train and prepare your VBS volunteers for a great week of meeting with Jesus! Breakout sessions for this clinic will include: Preschool, Children, Youth & Adults, and Leaders/Pastors/Directors.

The partnership we share as churches and fellow believers is growing stronger. I am

extremely grateful to serve the Lord by serving the churches of the Polk-Haralson Association. Let me know how I can help you and your church. Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. It is my privilege to serve you.

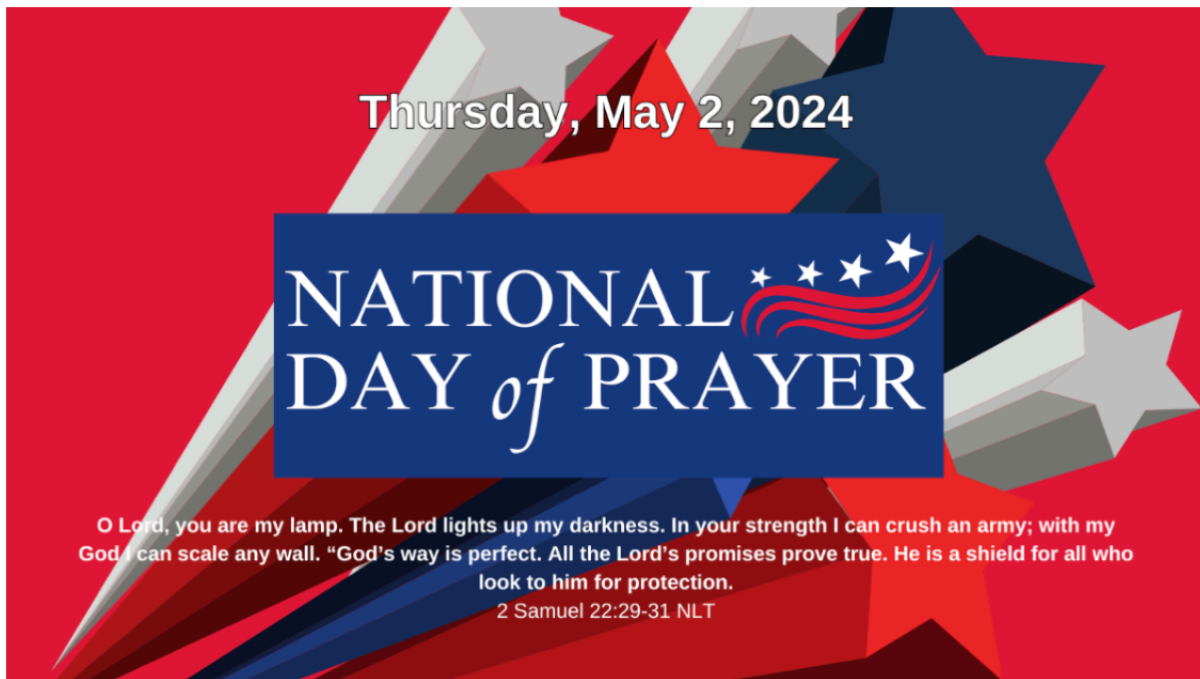
Better Together!



We are adding more...

Be sure to check back on the website often as we are adding pages to help resource all of the ministries within the Association.

- Our [Resource Page](#) has links to past training videos
- Past issues of [The Proclaimer](#) can be accessed
- Find A VBS page





PHBA

Polk-Haralson Baptist Association

PHBA EXECUTIVE MEETING

6 May 2024 6:30pm-7:30pm

Tallapoosa East Baptist Church
1455 Tallapoosa East Church Rd, Buchanan, GA 30113



PHBA VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Training Clinic

Training Sessions
will be provided on:

- Teaching
- Missions
- Music
- Recreation
& More



Bring your entire
team for this
exciting time of
training!

Saturday, May 11th
FBC Bremen

331 Pacific Ave, Bremen, GA 30110

[Register Here](#)

Find Your VBS 2024



 | **PHBA**
BACK to SCHOOL
Prayer
WALK
SATURDAY, JULY 27TH



[More Info/Sign-up](#)

MAY
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JUNE
2024

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2 National Day of Prayer

6PHBA Executive Meeting, Tallapoosa East, 6:30PM

11VBS Training Clinic, FBC Bremen, 9-11AM

27Memorial Day - PHBA Office Closed

2 Disaster Relief Sunday

9-12 SBC, Indianapolis. IN



Camp Director: Janice Stewart

Spring has been a busy time at Camp Antioch!

In April we started our Beginner American Sign Language (ASL) Classes on Monday mornings. The instructor is Ms. Adonia Smith (a deaf community member, educator, author, and advocate for the deaf) along with her certified ASL interpreter/educator, Mrs. Delle Copeland.

The students in this full class have not only learned American Sign Language basics, but also about deaf culture. Our second Beginner ASL Class begins April 29th and runs through May. Hopefully a more advanced class will be scheduled this fall.

Our “campers” have also enjoyed using the Camp Antioch library twice weekly (Mondays and Thursdays) and have taken advantage of our Homework Helpers on Thursday afternoons. When students finish their study time they may enjoy making a craft or selecting a recreational activity. A big thank you goes out to our adult helpers Mrs. Susan Acree, Mrs. Karen Dingler, and Mrs. Teresa Harpole.





On the third Saturday morning of each school month kids flock to Camp Antioch for our Saturday Day Camps. In April our theme was “Gardening Fun” where campers did a science project about seeds with Mrs. Sue Cuzzort, planted flower planters out front, made flower crafts, learned a Bible story and sang some praise songs. Coming up on Saturday, May 18th from 10am-noon our theme will be “Cowboys and Plowboys”, a fun day with western and farming crafts, games, Bible stories, and special music by the country/gospel “No Name Band”. We encourage campers and adult volunteers to dress up that day like cowboys or farmers. Please TEXT Janice in advance at 770-846-7760 if your kiddos plan to come so we will have plenty of supplies on hand.

We are currently in the scheduling stage for several weekday Day Camps during June and July.

Here are some of our planned themes:

- First Aid and Safety for Kids
- Photography
- American Sign Language
- Volleyball Introduction
- Nature Study
- Music
- Sewing for Beginners

In addition to the activities planned and carried out by our Camp Antioch volunteers we also serve the community as a monthly meeting place for 4-H, Girl Scouts, and other community educational groups which have a positive influence on youth and demonstrate Christian values. The Camp is currently serving as the voting location for the Youngs Grove Precinct. Church and family groups can also use or rent the camp during the days/evenings.

TEXT Janice at 770-846-7760 (quickest response) for info, to volunteer, or donate

supplies.

Follow us at [Facebook](#) for our most updated events.

Mail financial contributions to:

Camp Antioch *make checks to "Camp Antioch"*
3900 Antioch Road
Cedartown, GA 30125

Unit Director: Jeff Carter

Unit 34/ PHBA Disaster Relief unit was active this month serving the Conyers community after a tornado struck. The unit served April 8-11th helping numerous homeowners. As a result of Disaster Relief serving in Conyers a lot of seeds were planted, but the greatest blessing was some were gloriously saved. Thanks to all who served and prayed for the call out.



Our PHBA Disaster Relief Unit #34 was also active locally April 12th. Strong winds came through the area and blew a tree down on a home damaging the structure and knocking a hole in the roof. The PHBA DR unit assisted in removing the tree and tarping the structure to minimize further damage to the inside contents. Thanks to the PHBA, individuals, and churches for supporting disaster relief financially. A SPECIAL thanks to everyone who prays for us. GOD bless.



**GBMB
& SBC
NEWS**

Save The Date

2024
SPARK
CONFERENCE

West Rome Baptist Church, Rome, GA
09.22.2024

Time: 3:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Cost: Only \$15 per person!

Once again for 2024, we've assembled a diverse team of practicing leaders prepared to give you best ministry practices in their field of expertise. Every part of the gathering - from our keynote speaker to our SPARK breakout sessions - has been intentionally designed to equip and inspire your leaders.

Who is SPARK for?

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 equipping.

Everyone can benefit!

It doesn't matter at what stage you are in ministry, there is something for everyone at SPARK. This conference is designed with YOU in mind, no matter your experience or skill level!

Register Here



ALL ABOUT INDIANA! SBC ANNUAL MEETING

Local meteorologist and feature reporter Chuck Lofton of WTHR in Indianapolis joins us on an episode of The Road to Indy. Chuck is a lifelong Southern Baptist and has been a fixture on Indianapolis morning television for nearly 40 years. He joins The Road To Indy to share about his beloved city and some of his favorite spots in town. Don't forget that messenger pre-registration is now open for you to join us in Indianapolis, June 9-12, for the 2024 Annual Meeting and Pastors' Conference.

Let's celebrate how God is working in and through churches around the country and the world to accomplish the Great Commission.

Finally, thanks to our partners, Southern Seminary and Boyce College for making The Road to Indy possible.

Go to SBTS.edu/RoadTrip to see what Southern has planned for SBC24 Road Trippers just like you!

WATCH Road To Indy



PRAY FOR THE MIDDLE EAST

The intense conflict in the Middle East is a reason for Christians to pray. Thousands of people have been killed since Hamas attacked Israel on Oct. 7.

As part of its ongoing ministry assignment of assisting churches through elevating the ministry of prayer, the SBC Executive Committee has created the [prayer guide](#) linked at the bottom of this article. The guide is also available in [Spanish](#), [Chinese](#) and [Korean](#). Would you pray with us as we ask God to comfort those who are grieving, bring peace in the Middle East and guide political leaders to act with Godly wisdom?

Please join in praying through:

- Romans 13 where we learn that God has given governing authorities to protect the innocent and bring justice to evil doers.
- Romans 9:15-16 as we ask God to show compassion on those suffering because of the ongoing war in Israel and Gaza.
- Micah 6:8 as we learn how the Lord desires for humanity to live.
- Psalm 34:14 where God's people are called to pursue peace.
- John 14:6 as we ask the Lord to draw Israelis and Palestinians to Jesus Christ.

May God bring peace to the Middle East.

[DOWNLOAD GUIDE](#)



PHBA Churches Without Pastors

Lake Creek Baptist Church, Cedartown
New Harmony Baptist Church, Cedartown
Southside Baptist Church, Cedartown

PHBA Ministry Positions Available

Corinth Baptist, Bremen

Part-time Worship Leader. Contact Pastor Barry @ barrytaylor@cbcbremen.org

Mount Olivet Missionary Baptist, Dallas

Part-time Pianist. Contact Pastor Derrick @ 404.867.7459

Corner Stone Baptist Chapel

PT Worship Leader. Contact Pastor Dave @ David.pollard@raymondjames.com

Calvary Baptist, Bremen

In need of a Pianist, a Choir Director and an Organist. Contact Pastor Woody @
770.823.7789

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