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The PROCLAIMER

Polk-Haralson Baptist Association Newsletter

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ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION STRATEGIST

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How big do you dream?

Whether God has given you the responsibility to pastor a church, lead a ministry, parent children, or just do your part for the Kingdom, I believe God wants us to expect great things.

The father of the modern missions movement, William Carey, is quoted as saying, “Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God.” His life certainly demonstrated a commitment to this challenging advice.

It is easy to get frustrated and beaten down in ministry. Sometimes it seems that the whole world is against you. Guess what? It probably is.

Jesus told his disciples that the world would hate them because of their connection with Him. When the believers in Acts were beaten for preaching the Gospel, they rejoiced because they were deemed worthy to suffer for the name of Jesus. Sometimes we think that the slightest opposition to us is reason enough to give up and try something different. If we have taken the time to make sure our goals are covered in prayer and in line with God’s will, nothing should prevent us from reaching them.

Through His strength we can do great things.

So I return to my first question: **How big do you dream?**

Do you see your church baptizing twice as many people in 2024 as you did in 2023?

Do you see yourself personally winning more people to Jesus this year? Can you imagine how your life would change if you made a point to share your story with people every week or even every day?

How many lost people in Polk, Haralson, Paulding, and Carroll counties can come to Jesus this year if we all just dedicate ourselves to boldly sharing the Gospel?

Have you identified someone you can disciple this year?

Are there lost people you are praying for by name and building relationships with?

A big dream starts with simple steps.

I know God can do amazing things through people who are willing. Let's determine to be those people.

I want to see churches worshipping God without reservation.

I want to see people that seem very far from God come to know Him as Savior and Lord.

I want to see broken families healed, restored, and actively following Jesus together.

I want to see an entire Association of churches make such a difference in our communities this year that even the most hard-hearted cynic takes notice and wants to know more about Jesus.

How big will you dream in 2024?

We are Better Together!

PHBA SPRING INSPIRATIONAL

Meeting

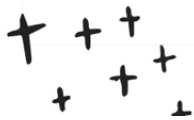


Guest speaker
TODD WRIGHT
Midway Church

FBC Tallapoosa
11 W Lyons St, Tallapoosa, GA 30176

MARCH | 17th | 2024

Worship Begins @ 6PM



Make plans to joins us for a time together of worship and encouragement!



ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

An estimated 281+ million people in North America live without gospel hope. Some of them live in communities where there is no gospel-preaching church. Others reside where the only church is about to shut its doors for good. Some of them have no access to the gospel in their language. They will walk through this life without the love and hope of Christ and spend eternity in hell if we don't prioritize sharing the Good News with them. Your church's generosity through AAEO is the financial fuel for missionaries as they share the life-changing love of Jesus through church planting and compassion ministry.

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is the primary way Southern Baptists fund missions in North America. One hundred percent of gifts given to AAEO go to the field to support more than 2,900 missionary families serving across the United States and Canada.



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



Have you ever wanted to be involved in something bigger than yourself?

Have you ever wanted to share the Gospel with a Lost and dying world but don't know what to say?

Have you ever wanted to help people during some of their lowest moments but didn't know how?

Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief will help you fulfill these.

1. Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief is the 3rd largest relief organization in the world.

2. Being the hands and feet of Jesus, giving of your time to minister to people during disasters opens doors to Lost hearts that would never go to a church and you don't have to say a word.

3. Showing compassion, meeting one's physical needs by restoring some normalcy to their life, providing a meal, doing laundry, providing a shower, listening to their story, all of this helps during those lowest moments when people don't or can't see a brighter day ahead, help shine God's light. Become a member of Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief.

The last opportunity for orientation close by this year is March 22nd and 23rd at FBC Villa Rica. Sign up online at www.gabaptist.org/ministries/disaster-relief/

Deadline to sign up online is March 17th. If you fail to sign up online you can still go as a walk in. You have to go through Disaster Relief Orientation to serve. There is no test.

Our Polk Haralson Unit is Unit 34. Please select it as your primary unit if you are signing up for Cleanup and Recovery. If you are signing up for another ministry, select Unit 34R as your secondary. If you are re-certifying and you are not in Cleanup and Recovery select Unit 34 as your secondary. Areas to get initial certification in are as follows: Cleanup and Recovery, Chaplaincy, Feeding, Showers/Laundry, and Family Care.

There is something for everyone.

Any questions, feel free to contact me:

Jeff Carter

Unit 34 Director,

Polk Haralson Baptist Assoc. Disaster Relief Ministry Leader

770-324-0522 or jeff.carter@charter.net (Text or email is usually best.)

Pray to see if God is calling you to this ministry.

Set your daily alarm for 9:38 a.m. as a reminder to pray for more workers in mission fields and for Disaster Relief.

REGISTRATION INFO



PHBA Pastors Roundtables

The PHBA will host a monthly Roundtable to provide Pastors opportunities to discuss key topics that directly impact our ministry leadership. Because We Are Better Together, these gatherings will be specifically designed to provide practical helps and meaningful discussion time.

Topic for March: **Easter Guest Follow-Up**

Date: **Tuesday, March 19**

Time: 6:30PM-7:30PM

Place: PHBA Ministry Office

DNOW 2024

This Year, DNOW 2024 gives Students two Opportunities to Experience God.

Choose one OR both!



March 15-17, 2024

Topic: Prodigal

Host Church: FBC Cedartown

Speaker: Hunter Story

Saturday, March 23rd

Host Church: Corinth, Bremen

Speaker: Hunter Story



- 3-10** Week of Prayer for North American Missions
- 4** Haralson WMU Spring Mtg, New Canaan @ 6PM
- 10** Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 15-17** DNow 2024 @FBC Cedartown
- 17** Spring Meeting, FBC Tallapoosa @ 6PM
- 19** PHBA Pastor's Roundtable, 6:30PM, PHBA Office
- 22-23** Disaster Relief Training, FBC Villa Rica
- 23** DNow 2024 @ Corinth, Bremen
- 24** Palm Sunday
- 29** Good Friday
- 31** Easter Sunday



- 7** Baptism Sunday
- 8-9** NAMB Women's Evangelism Conference
- 18** FCBA Sunday School Summit, PVNBC @ 6PM
- 23** Finance Team Meeting, PHBA Office @ 7PM
- 24** Administrative Professionals Day
- 25** Leadership Team Meeting, PHBA Office @ 6:30PM
- 27** GA Baptist Women's Spring Event, FBC Jonesboro

Afterschool Homework Helpers has begun!



Our dedicated volunteers are here at Camp Antioch on Thursday afternoons from 4:15-6pm (except during school breaks) to help elementary students with homework, test reviews, math fact practice, reading practice, etc. Students must bring their assignments to work on. We also welcome any older students who would like to come and study or meet with study groups to

work on assignments and projects. When students finish with their work, they may choose a recreational or art activity. Laptops, wifi, basic school supplies, and snacks are available. This is not just for students having difficulty with their assignments! It is for any student in public, private, Christian, or homeschools who might benefit from or enjoy studying in a different setting. A \$2 donation is requested, but not required. PLEASE TEXT Janice at 770-846-7760 by 8am on Thursday mornings each week to "pre-register" so we will have enough volunteers and supplies on hand.

Adult Homework Helper volunteers are needed! You do not have to be a professional teacher to be a Homework Helper...Just someone who loves to help kids in the name of Jesus! All adult workers must pass a criminal background check which we do for free through our local Sheriff's Office. Teen helpers who need community service hours for various clubs can volunteer too! TEXT Janice at 770-846-7760 to volunteer or help provide snacks for our students.

Day Camp News

Our March Day Camp is scheduled for Saturday morning, March 23rd from 10am-noon. This will be a KIds in the Kitchen Day Camp. Please TEXT Janice at 770-846-7760 to pre-register your child so we will have enough supplies on hand. A \$5 donation is requested, but not required to help cover cost of materials.

We are currently planning our Summer Day Camps which will be held on weekdays during June and July. We are looking at themes this year such as Beginning Sign Language, Sewing, Nature Study, Mission Study, and perhaps even an Associational VBS. Stay tuned for more information to come on our summer programs!

Thanks,

Janice Stewart, Camp Director

Follow us on Facebook @ www.facebook.com/campantioch for dates, times, and registration info.

Mailing Contributions for Camp Antioch?

Make checks to "Camp Antioch"

Mail to:

Camp Antioch

3900 Antioch Rd

Cedartown, GA 30125



NAMB

**WOMEN'S EVANGELISM
CONFERENCE**

If you are a woman who leads in ministry, whether on staff or in a volunteer capacity, this event is for you!

Join us for the first Women's Evangelism Conference at the North American Mission Board in Alpharetta, Georgia, April 8 & 9, 2024! As followers of Jesus, God has called us to share the hope of the gospel and to make disciples in our specific contexts. This two-day conference will encourage and equip you to create a culture of evangelism in your ministry and reignite your passion to invite people to know Jesus and train others to do the same.

[CONFERENCE INFO](#)



CHURCH FINANCIAL CONFERENCE

Have You Gotten Your Tickets?

Get Your Early Bird Tickets Before Prices Increase on January 6th!

Cartersville FBC, March 21, 2024

The Church Financial Conferences are back with new and improved breakout sessions that are personalized to your team's needs. Join us at the [CFC24](#) nearest to your church to learn about relevant topics ranging from how church members can tithe using their IRA, to tips for growing your church's reserve funds. Joining Georgia Baptist Foundation seminar speakers again this year are church finance expert, [Tony Neal](#), and the [GuideStone Financial Resources](#) team.

New this year, during dinner you will have the opportunity to participate in a Q&A with church leaders who will answer some of the most common questions about church finance. Register before January 6th to receive the early bird rate of \$20. Ticket prices include admission, a conference packet, dinner, and more.

[MORE DETAILS](#)



GBMB EVANGELISM CONFERENCES 2024

FBC Conyers February 25 & 26, 2024, then at Northside Baptist Tifton on March 10 & 11, 2024. If you want to get on the list to stay connected with information on the Georgia Baptist Evangelism Conferences as soon as it comes available, enter your email below.

[MORE INFO](#)

REGISTRATION OPEN!

Georgia Baptist Women's
**SPRING
EVENT**

AN EXPERIENCE FOR
WOMEN OF ALL AGES

Saturday, April 27, 2024
First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

Featuring

Chrystal Evens Hurst



georgiabaptistwomen.org/springevent

Save The Date

2024
SPARK
CONFERENCE

West Rome Baptist Church, Rome, GA

09.22.2024



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](#)



CHURCH NEWS

Polk-Haralson Baptist Association 

**ADVENTURES
IN TRUTH**

**The
Ark Project**

Unbelievable!

Featuring
**The Modern Day Indiana Jones
Dr. Jim Rankin**

**All New Biblical Discoveries
Ancient Artifacts & Displays
Most Unique Biblical Mission on Earth**

March 10th at 6:00pm
Don't Miss This Life Changing Presentation At:
Corinth Baptist Church
43 Rockmart Road, Bremen, Georgia
770-646-3300 * The Event Is FREE!

PHBA Churches Without Pastors

Corner Stone Baptist Chapel, Waco
Lake Creek Baptist Church, Cedartown
New Harmony Baptist Church, Cedartown
Southside Baptist Church, Cedartown

PHBA Ministry Positions Available

Second Baptist Cedartown, Cedartown

SBC is hiring a part-time position of Ministry Assistant for Administration. People can contact Pastor Justin Carter with their resumé if interested.

Bro. Kevin McKoy, Associational Mission Strategist - kevin@polkharalson.net

Cindy Freyberg, Finance Secretary - cindy@polkharalson.net



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