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The PROCLAIMER

Polk-Haralson Baptist Association Newsletter

April 2024

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION STRATEGIST

Kevin McKoy



SO MUCH FUN...

At a recent gathering with other Associational Leaders, we were asked the question: What's going on in your association that has you excited and energized?

I believe the goal of the question was to encourage each of us by sharing stories of how God is working throughout our state. I didn't have to think long for an answer. To tell the truth, there are so many great things that I struggled to keep my answer short.

In fact, this article is way too short to include all the positive things I see God doing in the Polk-Haralson Baptist Association. He is at work bringing life back to struggling churches, drawing distant congregations into partnership, and building connections between pastors and churches that show the world what church is about.

What an exciting time to serve the Lord in this place!
I hope you feel the same way.

The question asked of us was a good one, so I am going to ask it myself in a different way. What is God doing in your church that has you excited and energized? How is He moving and how does this encourage you and your people?

We can all get discouraged in ministry, even when things are going well. Let's take some time to encourage one another with some good news. It's OK to brag on Jesus for a minute. In fact, Paul wrote that he boasted only in the Lord.

Here is how this will work: most of you have a facebook page. If you don't already follow the Polk-Haralson Baptist Association page, do that now. I have posted this question on our page. Just add your comment and take the time to read the ones from your fellow believers. My hope is that we will all find encouragement in this exercise. If you don't have facebook, I'm sure you can find a fellow church member who can post something for you.

Thank you for making my job so much fun. We truly do have some of the best churches in the world right here in the PHBA.

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



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 April: **Faith-based Foster Care** by *Kenneth Aycock - Families 4 Families*

Date: **Tuesday, April 16**

Time: 6:30PM-7:30PM

Place: PHBA Ministry Office

Thursday, May 2, 2024

NATIONAL
DAY *of* PRAYER

O Lord, you are my lamp. The Lord lights up my darkness. In your strength I can crush an army; with my God I can scale any wall. "God's way is perfect. All the Lord's promises prove true. He is a shield for all who look to him for protection.

2 Samuel 22:29-31 NLT



PHBA VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Training Clinic

Training Sessions
will be provided on:

- Teaching
- Missions
- Music
- Recreation & More

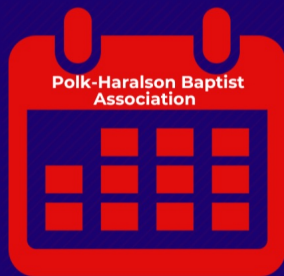


Bring your entire
team for this
exciting time of
training!

Saturday, May 11th
FBC Bremen

331 Pacific Ave, Bremen, GA 30110

APRIL
2024



MAY
2024



7 Baptism Sunday

8-9 NAMB Women's Evangelism Conference

15 Pastor Recharge, FBC Cartersville

16 Pastor's Roundtable, PHBA Office @ 6:30PM

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

2 National Day of Prayer

6 PHBA Executive Meeting, TBA

11 VBS Training Clinic, FBC Bremen, 8:30-11:30AM

14 Pastor's Roundtable, TBD

27 Memorial Day - PHBA Office Closed



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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](#)



PASTOR RECHARGE

Recharge is designed specifically for pastors, offering a time of worship, networking, and engaging with speakers aimed at revitalizing your ministry and personal growth. 2024 Recharge events feature Mel Blackaby, Lead Pastor at First Baptist Church in Jonesboro, who will focus his training on the topic "Continuing the Call: Encouragement to Persevere."

Event will be held at FBC Cartersville, April 15.

[MORE DETAILS](#)

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



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](#)



Welcome New Pastor!



Dave Pollard accepted a unanimous call to be the pastor of Corner Stone Baptist Chapel in Waco on Palm Sunday. Dave & Beth have been faithful members at FBC Bremen and has been pulpit supply for Corner Stone for several months.

Join us in praying for Dave and his ministry at CSBC.

Waco Baptist Church and Pastor Andy Horton have scheduled Bro. Dave's ordination service for Sunday, April 7th at 6:00PM.

PHBA Churches Without Pastors

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.

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