

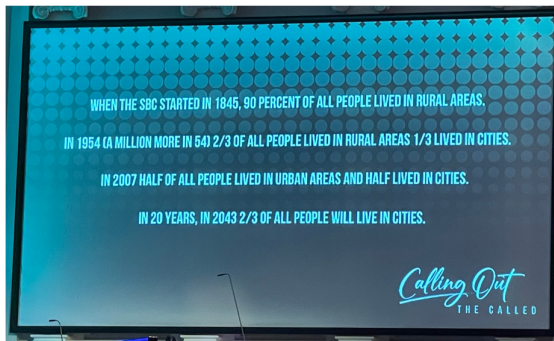
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The PROCLAIMER

Polk-Haralson Baptist Association Newsletter

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ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION STRATEGIST

Kevin McKoy

One of my favorite parts of Christmas is the lights. It seems that Christmas lights up the whole world. The first lights go up in November when the stores begin to appeal



to those who want to get a head start on gift buying. Then the town lights go up. Then neighborhood lights start going up. And finally, the McKoy's put up their lights.

Lights were important in the very first Christmas. The angels did the dazzling light show in the sky and the shepherds went to Bethlehem as a result and saw the baby Jesus. The wise men saw another bright light in the sky - a star - and they followed it

to find the Savior.

Light is a major theme throughout the Bible. The Bible says in 1 John "God is light and in Him is no darkness at all." The very first command that God gave in creation was, "Let there be light." Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

This is the very reason for Christmas.

In John 12:46 Jesus said, "I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness."

He can do for you what maybe years of therapy have not done. He dispels the darkness in my life. He is the light. Not anything or anybody else can do that.

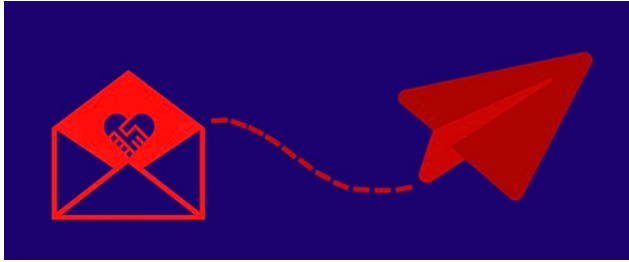
This Christmas, you may feel overwhelmed. Maybe you're going through one of these dark days - the dark day of disappointment, or distress, or doubt, or depression. The Good news is that because of Christmas, there is now a light in the world that can drive away that darkness.

1 John 2:8 "Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining." It shines in our lives!

When I think about that first Christmas, it's amazing to me how God provided the star the wise men saw to follow from the East. I am sure many other people saw it. It was in the sky, anybody could see it. Probably millions of people saw that bright, unusual light. But they didn't do anything about it. Millions did nothing about it. But wise men

followed the light. That's why they were wise!

The good news of Christmas is that the darkness in our lives disappears and the new light of life in Christ shines in when Jesus comes into your life.
Merry Christmas!



The PROCLAIMER is going Digital!

As you can see, we are taking The Proclaimer monthly newsletter of the association to a digital platform. This will help us to share information to all of those within our partner church families without the growing expense of printing and mailing.

Printed copies can still be requested by contacting the Association Office.

Operation Christmas Child Recap



We had 29 churches (that we are aware of) that collected, packed, and processed

shoeboxes this year. The approximate total from our partner churches is 4,381! That is going to make lots of boys and girls all over the world very happy this Christmas.



GBMB Regional Church Strengthening Roundtable

The PHBA is honored to be a host for one the Regional Church Strengthening Roundtables by the Georgia Baptist Mission Board. During this event, Pastors and church leaders will be introduced to the “Four Gateways of a Healthy Church” which include:

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

Pastor Barry Snapp and Victory Baptist Church will be hosting the roundtable for our region on Wednesday afternoon, January 17th from 2-3:30PM.

Be sure to register for this free equipping opportunity:

<https://gabaptist.org/event/2024-church-strengthening-roundtables/>



- 3-10** Week of Prayer for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- 5** PHBA Pastor & Spouse Christmas Dinner
- 24** Christmas Eve
- 25** Christmas Day



- 15** MLK Day (Office Closed)
- 17** GBMB Roundtable, Victory Baptist
- 19-20** Disaster Relief Training, FBC Cartersville
- 22** Sanctity of Life Sunday
- 23** Finance Team Meeting @ 7PM

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Polk-Haralson Baptist Association

Hanging of the Greens

THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND MADE HIS HOME AMONG US.
John 1:14

Pine Bower Baptist Church
Sunday, December 3rd - 6PM

STAR SEARCH

Children's Christmas Program
Dec. 3 at 6:00pm

Journey Fellowship Baptist Church
409 Center Point Rd., Bremen, GA 30110

Mount Carmel Baptist

Merry Christmas

Christmas Play and Fellowship
Sunday evening, December 10 at 5:00pm, the children's Christmas play. Afterwards we will meet for fellowship and food.

Join us for a Christmas
NIGHT OF WORSHIP

DECEMBER 10 5:30PM - WORSHIP CENTER

JOURNEY FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENTS

THE ARRIVAL

DECEMBER 10TH • 6:00PM
409 CENTER POINT RD., BREMEN, GA 30110

WWW.JOURNEYFBC.COM

Light OF THE World

DEC 10th 6:00 PM

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Merry Christmas

MORNING VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

- DECEMBER 17 - CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, CHRISTMAS SUPPER AND SANTA STORE
- DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE - AM ONLY
- DECEMBER 31 - NEW YEARS EVE SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM, WORSHIP 11 AM
- DECEMBER 31 - NEW YEARS EVE PM SERVICE WITH EMMANUEL BAPTIST.

Corinth Choir Christmas Worship & Candlelight

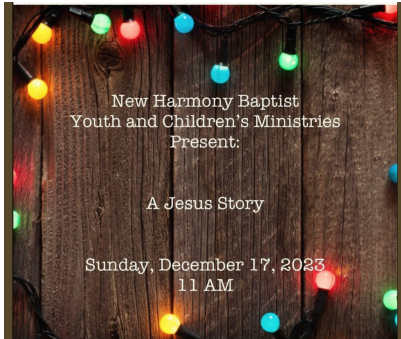
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH AT 6:00PM
Corinth Baptist Church
43 Rockmart Rd
Bremen, GA 30110

FBC Bremen

Special Music Night

December 3 at 6:00pm

Featuring
Rhon Carter



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