



Purpose Statement:

The Savannah Baptist Association exists to encourage fellowship and cooperation among the churches; under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, it seeks to establish, strengthen, train, and work with the churches as they fulfill their mission in their unique setting.

Theme:

Serving and Honoring God Together

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Annual Fall Meeting
Immanuel Baptist Church
 Sunday, October 17, 2021 5:45 p.m.

Theme: Serving and Honoring God Together

5:45	Pre-Session Music	Immanuel Baptist Church	Immanuel Baptist Church
6:00	Call to Order	Dr. Johnny Bowen	Moderator
6:02	Music	Immanuel Baptist Church	Immanuel Baptist Church
6:15	Welcome and Scripture	Dr. Lane Sanders	Immanuel Baptist Church
6:20	Enrollment of Messengers	Connie Martin	Clerk
		Rev. Buddy Wasson	Introduction of New Pastors/Staff
		Dr. Johnny Bowen	Nominating Committee
		Dr. Johnny Bowen	Budget
		Dr. Johnny Bowen	Recommendation from Admin. Team
		Mrs. Stephanie Carr	Savannah Baptist Center
		Rev. Marty Youngblood	BCM Director
		Rev. Buddy Wasson	Savannah Baptist Assoc. Disaster Relief
		Rev. Buddy Wasson	Savannah Baptist Assembly
		Rev. Buddy Wasson	Introduction of Guest Speaker
6:50	Special Music	Immanuel Baptist Church	Immanuel Baptist Church
6:55	Inspirational Speaker	Rev. Robbie Norman	Corinth Baptist Church
7:15	Prayer & Benediction	Rev. Buddy Wasson	Associational Missionary

Due to the COVID 19 Pandemic there will be no Fellowship following our meeting

Church Directory Savannah Baptist Association

704 Wheaton Street Savannah, GA 31401

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<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>PASTOR (WIFE)</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>ZIP</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>
Antioch	Doug Cone (Jennifer)	8102 Waters Avenue	Savannah	31406	354-8815
Baptist Church at Ebenezer	Matt Hines (Laura)	2401 Ebenezer Rd	Rincon	31326	754-4440
Bethel	Eddie Deas (Elizabeth)	1295 Little Neck Rd	Savannah	31419	748-9085
Beulah		700 Beulah Church Rd. PO Box 299	Pembroke	31321	653-2640
Bonnybridge	Dan Hall	811 Bonnybridge Rd	Pt. Wentworth	31407	964-0553
Bull Street	Calvin Fowler (Char-La)	1400 Bull St.	Savannah	31401	236-1511
Calvary Baptist Temple	Kenny Grant (Shirley)	4625 Waters Avenue	Savannah	31404	351-2288
Central	Kenneth Harrelson (Sherry)	4010 Old Louisville Rd	Garden City	31408	965-0752
Chapel-By-The-Sea	David Laughner (Ginger)	811 Butler Ave., PO Box 235	Tybee Island	31328	786-4647
Chevis Oaks	Kyle Waddell (Amy)	102 Sylvania Road	Savannah	31419	925-3852
Chinese Baptist Church	Joseph Wong (Hannah)	1 55 th St.	Savannah	31405	234-1256
Christ's Community		1805 East Gwinnett St	Savannah	31404	233-8925
Corinth	Robbie Norman (Bethany)	19536 Highway 144	Richmond Hill	31324	727-2617
Countryside	Rick Flowers (Rahsa)	1201 Noel C Conaway Rd	Guyton	31312	728-3253
Dean Forest	Guy Boyd (Sherrie)	1524 Dean Forest Rd	Garden City	31408	964-7369
Delesseps Avenue		1310 Delesseps Ave	Savannah	31404	
Faulkville	Chad Vanderburg (Jennifer)	144 Zeigler Rd. PO Box 265	Bloomingtondale	31302	748-7332
FBC Bloomingtondale	Steve Blake (DeLynn)	2 E. Moore Rd. PO Box 279	Bloomingtondale	31302	748-4017
FBC Ellabell	Chuck Bradley (Debbie)	3425 Hwy. 204 PO Box 238	Ellabell	31308	398-1232
FBC Garden City	Tommy Duke (Amber)	35 Nelson Avenue	Garden City	31408	964-1448
FBC Marlow	Gene Fail (Debbie)	2229 Central Avenue	Guyton	31312	772-7438
FBC Pooler	Bryan Parrish (Codie)	204 US Hwy 80 W PO Box 506	Pooler	31322	748-7521
FBC Port Wentworth	Paul Mongin (Tammy)	402 Pinehurst Pl	Pt Wentworth	31407	964-5811
FBC Richmond Hill	Scott Baker (Kim)	9184 Ford Avenue PO Box1390	Richmond Hill	31324	756-2196
FBC Rincon	Gary Lewis (Krissy)	201 East 6 th Street	Rincon	31326	826-5536
FBC of the Islands	Brooks Cail (Suzy)	6613 Johnny Mercer Blvd.	Savannah	31410	897-2142
Goshen Road	Cory Moore (Shannon)	1323 Goshen Rd PO Box 739	Rincon	31326	826-1826
Higher Ground	Andy Vaught (Martha Lee)	9120 Whitefield Avenue	Savannah	31406	355-1505
Hispanic First Baptist	Samuel Rodriguez (Martha)	1 Gamble Road	Savannah	31405	236-4425
Iglesia Bautista Latinoamericana of Savannah	Ovidio Cabrera (Lacy)	502 Skidaway Rd	Savannah	31406	355-7937
Iglesia Cristiana Jasper Springs	Francisco Rodriguez (Jenie)	100 Sandstone Dr.	Bloomingtondale	31302	373-7333
Immanuel	Lane Sanders (Jennifer)	7375 Hodgson Memorial Dr	Savannah	31406	354-0548
Int'l Bible Christian Fellowship	Jesse Pamplona (Vickie)	2607 Aimar Avenue	Savannah	31406	224-8834
Isle of Hope	Lyle Wood (Rachael)	22 Rose Avenue	Savannah	31406	355-9815
Jasper Springs	Dale Simmons	62 Smith Avenue	Garden City	31408	964-6864
Life Church at Ardsley Park	Jonathan Tillman (Kristin)	3802 Bull St.	Savannah	31405	234-1256
Lighthouse (Bloomingtondale)	Aaron Webb (Denise)	310 Ash St. PO Box 278	Bloomingtondale	31302	348-3251
Lighthouse (Savannah)	Bobby Awtrey (Patsy)	401 Quarterman Dr.	Savannah	31410	897-6357
Meldrim	Chad Eason (I)	229 Ohooppee Ave. PO Box 64	Meldrim	31318	748-5220

New Beginnings Christian Community Church	Eric Henley (Shelia)	2310 Causton Bluff Rd.	Savannah	31401	388-6757
New Providence	Erik Palmberg (Susan)	106 Church St. PO Box 98	Guyton	31312	772-3590
New Vision	Gary Bradham	2417 Louis Mills Blvd	Savannah	31405	236-4841
North Salem	Quillian Mercer (Rachael)	955 Highway 30	Pt. Wentworth	31407	777-6915
Northside	Mike Jones (Irene)	3621 GA 21, PO Box 254	Rincon	31326	826-5346
One Savior	Ben Canfield (Maria)	289 Harley Road	Guyton	31312	728-3810
Powers	Travis Cowart	1104 US HWY 80 PO Box 730	Eden	31307	748-6288
Quacco	Paul Pinel (Iris)	215 Quacco Road	Savannah	31419	257-6516
Rothwell	Devin Bell (Carol)	216 East Rothwell St	Pooler	31322	748-7593
Sand Hill		1931 Sand Hill Road	Guyton	31312	398-4990
Savannah Baptist Center		704 Wheaton St	Savannah	31401	232-1033
Savannah Korean	Houngjik Kim	6165 Chief OF Love Rd	Savannah	31419	927-0081
Silk Hope	Jonathan Phillips (Lori)	4929 Pineland Drive	Savannah	31405	233-8424
Skidaway Island	John Crunkleton (Kelli)	2 West Ridge Road	Savannah	31411	598-7997
South Newington	Steve McCoy (Peggy)	462 John Carter Road	Bloomingtondale	31302	748-4831
Southside	Stuart Doyle (Natalie)	5502 Skidaway Road	Savannah	31406	355-7937
Sycamore Church	Dusty Reynolds (Audrey)	2031 Grove Point Rd	Savannah	31419	289-8949
The Church at Godley Station	Darren Thomas (Mikki)	1601 Benton Blvd	Savannah	31407	330-8461
The CrossRoad Baptist	Johnny Bowen (Geneva)	8510 Middleground Rd PO Box 60746	Savannah	31420	925-0571
Thunderbolt Baptist	Truc Phan (Trinh)	3205 Russell Street	Thunderbolt	31404	354-2830
Trinity Baptist	Bill Bozeman (Ro)	365 Tunnel Rd.	Springfield	31329	407-0134
Victory Baptist	Robert McKenzie	1815 Montgomery X-Rd	Savannah	31406	354-8547
Whitemarsh Island	Doug Cone, Sr (Vicki)	59 Johnny Mercer Blvd	Savannah	31410	897-4159
Windsor Forest	Mark Gentry (Cindy)	12521 White Bluff Rd	Savannah	31419	925-8650
Woodlawn		407 Talmadge Avenue	Garden City	31408	964-8676
<u>Missions</u>					
Morningstar Community	Grady Taylor (Arlene)	2836 US Hwy 80	Bloomingtondale	31302	748-5757



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David Osborne, Director

Feeding Unit

Doug Rowland, Director

Clean Up and Recovery Unit

Tom Young, Director

Contact Savannah Baptist Association Office for
Information

Ministry Team Nominations for 2021-22

Associational Missionary is ex-officio member of all teams and leads the Administration Team

Administrative Team

Associational Missionary	Rev. Buddy Wasson
Moderator	Dr. Johnny Bowen, The CrossRoad Baptist Church
Moderator-Elect	Steve Blake, FBC Bloomingdale
Clerk	Connie Martin, FBC Rincon
Assistant Clerk	TBA
Treasurer	Tewanna Wommack, S. Newington Baptist Church
Assistant Treasurer	Rev. Stan Stones, The CrossRoad Baptist Church
GBMB Executive Committee Representative	Rev. Quillian Mercer, North Salem Baptist Church
Associational Missions Team	Dr. Johnny Bowen, The CrossRoad Baptist Church

Personnel Team

Moderator	Dr. Johnny Bowen, The CrossRoad Baptist Church
Moderator-Elect	Steve Blake, FBC Bloomingdale
Treasurer	Tewanna Wommack, S. Newington Baptist Church
Assistant Treasurer	Rev. Stan Stones, The CrossRoad Baptist Church

Associational Missions Team

Vacation Bible School and Children's Director	Dr. Bill Gammon, Countryside
WMU Director	TBA
Disaster Relief Director	David Osborne, Immanuel Baptist Church
Missions/Church Start Director	Dr. Johnny Bowen, The CrossRoad Baptist Church
Evangelism Director	TBA
Associational Prayer Coordinator	Steve Blake, FBC Bloomingdale
College Ministry Director	Rev. Marty Youngblood, Baptist Collegiate Minister

Savannah Baptist Center Committee (Trustees)

2022 Andy Vaught, Higher Ground	2023 Stephen McAliley, The Church at Godley Station
2022 Buddy Clay, Calvary	2023 Doris Hagan, Higher Ground
2022 Terri Shepherd, FBC of the Islands	2023 James Lee, Sycamore
2022 Regina Smith, Sycamore	2024 Jeremy Young, FBC of the Islands
2022 Pam Crovatt, Pooler FBC	2024 Jon Tillman, Life Church at Ardsley Park
2022 Steve Britton, FBC Garden City	2024 Stan Stones, The CrossRoad
2023 Linda Weeks, Life Church at Ardsley Park	2024 John Durant, Skidaway Island
2023 Larry Bukowiec, Countryside	2024 Stan Bond, Immanuel

Savannah Baptist Center Ex-Officio Members

Moderator- Dr. Johnny Bowen, The CrossRoad Baptist	Associational Missionary – Rev. Buddy Wasson
Moderator- Elect- Steve Blake, FBC Bloomingdale	Director Savannah Baptist Center – Stephanie Carr

Savannah Baptist Association Proposed Annual Budget 2022

		2021		2022	
Missions/Evangelism/Outreach					
10670-01	Associational Mission Trips	2,000		2,000	
Total Fixed for Missions/Evangelism/Outreach			2,000		2,000
Percentage Missions/Evangelism/Outreach					
10635-01	Baptist Center (8% of Budget)	19,685		19,781	
10645-01	Student Ministry (AASU 2.3% of Budget)	5,659		5,687	
Total Percentage Missions/Evangelism/Outreach		25,345		25,468	
Church Growth					
10710-01	Men's Ministry	250		250	
10715-01	Disaster Relief General	2,000		2,000	
10720-01	WMU	1,500		1,500	
10725-01	Sunday School	250		250	
10730-01	Music	250		250	
10732-01	Evangelism	1,000		1,000	
10735-01	GA/RA Ministry	500		500	
10736-01	VBS	1,000		600	
10738-01	Association Media Services (Website & e-mail)	1,000		1,000	
10742-01	Senior Adult Ministry	450		450	
10758-01	Savannah Day at Baxley	200		200	
Total Church Growth			8,400		8,000
Administration					
10809-01	Housing Allowance - AM	18,000		18,000	
10810-01	Salary/Allowances - AM	36,050		36,050	
10812-01	Convention Expense - AM	1,000		1,000	
10814-01	Ministry Expenses - AM	500		500	
10815-01	Annuity - AM	15,600		15,600	
10817-01	Travel pay - AM	4,500		4,500	
10823-01	Clerical overtime	500		500	
10829-01	Financial Secretary	21,218		21,218	
10830-01	Treasurer Salary	3,713		3,713	
10842-01	Christmas Bonus	1,000		1,000	
10843-01	Receptionist Salary	10,000		10,000	
10844-01	Training (ACS for Connie and ACR for Janet)	1,000		1,000	
10850-01	Auto Expense Reimbursement	800		800	
30805-01	Assembly Salaries	28,232		28,232	
30806-01	Assembly - Auto Allowance	2,400		2,400	
30808-01	Tax Deferred Annuity/Assembly Manager	3,120		3,120	
Total Administration			147,633		147,633

Operations				
10837-01	Janitorial Supplies	200		200
10851-01	Memorial Fund	150		150
10910-01	Insurance/Workman's Comp	13,000		15,000
10912-01	Gen. - F.I.C.A. / Medicare Employer	3,000		3,500
10914-01	Office Maintenance	3,180		3,180
10916-01	Utilities	10,000		10,000
10918-01	Equipment Maint/Svc Agreement (ACS)	4,400		4,500
10920-01	Office Supplies	1,500		1,000
10921-01	Postage	600		600
10923-01	Office Equipment (Purchase)	1,000		1,000
10946-01	Miscellaneous Expenses	1,000		1,000
10980-01	Expense - Emergency Savings	3,500		3,500
10949-01	Bank Fees and Expenses	500		0
30804-01	Assembly-Temp Labor	2,000		2,000
30807-01	Assembly Utilities	18,000		18,000
30809-01	Assembly - Maintenance/Operation	15,000		15,000
30812-01	Assembly - Miscellaneous Exp	500		500
30813-01	Assembly Development	1,000		1,000
30815-01	Assembly -F.I.C.A. / Medicare Employer	2,200		2,200
30816-01	Assembly-Equipment Replacement Rsrv	2,000		2,000
30817-01	Assembly - Conference/Convention	800		800
30818-01	Assembly Development - Media/Advert	500		500
30965-01	Assembly A/C for Big House & Lodge	4,000		4,000
Total Operations			88,030	89,630
Total budget before Baptist Center and Student Ministry			246,063	247,263
Baptist Center and Student Ministry			25,345	25,468
Total budget with Baptist Center and Student Ministry			271,408	272,731

Savannah Baptist Association Mission Strategist

Rev. Buddy Wasson

We are finishing the 2020 - 2021 Associational year almost as we finished our last Associational year, continuing to try to do ministry through the COVID 19 Pandemic. With a new variant of COVID, many of our Churches have had to close and reopen again. It seems that just about the time things start to pick up something happens, and we have to regroup and start again. However, this has not stopped God from working and it will not stop Him from Blessing His Church.

We have strived to continue the Ministries of the Association to the best of our abilities. The BCM is focusing on moving forward as students are returning to classes. Our Disaster Relief Ministries have been active with training and call outs. The Savannah Baptist Assembly has been open to 1 – 3-day events. The Savannah Baptist Center is continually operating but not having clients in the building as of yet.

Prayerfully, as we progress into the 2021 – 2022 year, we will be able to fully open all our ministries and reach many with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. That is the objective and the heartbeat of all the Churches of the Savannah Baptist Association and the Association as well. We are all longing to see the hand of God doing Great and Mighty things in our midst. We are all longing to put the past in the past and move forward in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Savannah Baptist Center

Stephanie Carr, Director

Mission Statement

The Savannah Baptist Center exists to bring glory to God by bringing churches, groups, and individuals together to serve and meet the needs of our community.

Thanksgiving and Christmas 2020

Thanksgiving Gift Cards We were blessed to receive \$1760 in Kroger gift cards! In addition to the Bible study and sewing class ladies, we provided gift cards to families who received assistance from our food pantry. We are very thankful for the many churches and individuals who contributed to this ministry project.

Christmas Care Packages Thank you to all who participated in this outreach event. Many churches contributed items, made tote bags, assembled bags, and sorted donated items. 70 bags were prepared to share with those who receive services at the Center. In addition to giving a gift to our clients, our goal was to share God's love with our friends and show them the true meaning of Christmas.

Services Provided Jan 2021-Aug 2021

Bible Study and Sewing Attendance: 581, Benevolence: 21, Clothes Closet Clients: 703, Food Pantry Bags: 196

Oasis (Laundry, Showers, Day Lockers): 2844

Total services: 4345

Total Volunteer Hours Jan 2021-Aug 2021:

1939

God's work at the Baptist Center continues to be an important resource for those in need. Many agencies are not able to provide services due to pandemic restrictions and their building usage. We have been blessed with ongoing communication with ministry partners to identify needs and the ability to utilize our location and building layout to provide services while following pandemic guidelines.

Volunteer Opportunities

Thanksgiving 2021

Please consider helping us minister to the families who receive services at the Baptist Center. We are asking for donations of \$10 Kroger gift cards. We plan to distribute 3 gift cards to each family in need. These families include the ladies who participate in the sewing and Bible study classes at the Baptist Center. The deadline to collect gift cards is November 15th.

Christmas 2021

We will be providing a gift for the clients that receive services at the Baptist Center. Items needed include knit hats for men, scarves, gloves/mittens, deodorant, and razors. Items due Dec. 1st.

January 2021

Royce Learning Center Adult Literacy Program

We are planning to start our partnership with the Royce Learning Center in January. The funding for this program has been secured through a generous donation. We are so grateful for this blessing! Please contact us for additional information or to volunteer in this area.

Food Pantry

Our food pantry is stocked by donations from churches and individuals and is maintained by our wonderful volunteers. It provides non-perishable food items to those seeking assistance. The food pantry operates on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 9am-12pm. **We currently need volunteers on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9am-12pm.**

Clothes Closet

Our Clothes Closet is completely sustained through donations from churches and individuals. We are open for women to receive clothing every Wednesday from 9:30am-12:30pm, and men every Thursday from 9:30am-12:30pm. Volunteers shop for the clients during those times, sort donations, and help to maintain an organized space. **We currently need volunteers on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30am-12:30pm**

THANK YOU!

Savannah Baptist Assembly



After having such a disappointing year in 2020, we had no idea what God had in mind for the Savannah Baptist Assembly for 2021. He did know, however, as He always does. Since our last report, things have really picked up. With no director living on the grounds, we limited overnight stays to 3 nights. This is because our office staff and volunteers all live at least 20 minutes away and there would not be anyone there in case of emergency. This seemed to be okay without campers because everyone was still just venturing out again anyway.

Even with the time restraints, we have had an extraordinary year. We have had nine groups with events lasting three days, one 1-day event, two overnight wilderness camping events, a group that meets monthly in the Big House (and gives us a hand when we need it), and several photographers who have used the grounds in front of the Big House as photo locations. There have been three 1-day events that were cancelled and one large overnight event that was postponed because of Covid. We have had events for local churches, individuals, church convention groups, and mission groups. In all of this, the grass was mowed, the grounds were kept up, the buildings were cleaned, and repairs were made. All of the was the work of the Associational staff and volunteers.

We would like to thank everyone who has helped out at the Assembly this year. Your help has been invaluable. We would also like to encourage everyone to bring groups to the Assembly for special events. Just call the Associational Office to be put on

the schedule. The Lord has blessed us with the Assembly and we would like to use it for His glory. We know you will have a great time.

Senior Adult Ministry

The annual Senior Adult Picnic was cancelled again this year because of the Pandemic. Next year's picnic will be scheduled for May 12th at JF Gregory Park. We will keep everyone posted as plans are made.

VBS Report 2021

Dr. Bill Gammon Association VBS Director

The pandemic presented problems again this year for VBS. It looks as if churches again presented the gospel in a variety of ways. Some reused the curriculum from last year and others used new materials. There was a mixture of on-site and virtual events. With only four churches reporting, we know that there were at least 859 people involved in VBS and at least 17 decisions made. We will keep everyone up to speed as more churches send in reports.

Women's Missionary Union

2021-2022 Savannah Baptist Association Leadership Team

WMU Director		
Prayer Coordinator	Thelma Bennett 325 Weisenbaker Rd Rincon, GA 31326	826-6281 346-0252 bennettlee@aol.com
GA Director	Karen Mulvehill 194 Horseshoe Rd. Bloomingdale, GA 31302	748-4819 assocdirector@yahoo.com
Treasurer	Pamela Crovatt(Pam) 5 Chamois Court Pooler, GA 31322	748-7600 659-5806 crovattf@bellsouth.net
BCM Consultant & Area Director	Beverly Purcell 521 Buckhalter Road Savannah, GA 31405	236-0858 429-2740 rlpbcp@bellsouth.net

Georgia Baptist Children's Homes and Family Ministries

<https://www.georgiachildren.org/>

The Baxley Children's home asked us again this year to collect gift cards instead of paper products. The staff at the Home can use the cards to buy exactly what they need and they are a lot easier to transport. This year we collected \$4725.00 in gift cards. Thank you for your support in this ministry.

Disaster Relief

This year has been a busy one for Disaster Relief. Both the Feeding Unit and the Clean Up and Recovery Unit are up and running.

The Clean Up and Recovery Unit was deployed to Florida, Louisiana (twice), and other areas in Georgia. We even cut down trees in Springfield after a tornado.

The Feeding Unit helped the Remote Area Medical Team hold a free dental clinic. We prepared meals and snacks for the volunteers as they ministered to people in Garden City.

Savannah Baptist Association has Orientation and Recertification Training scheduled for January 8, 2022 at First Baptist Church of Richmond Hill from 9am-1pm. Please let us know if you are interested in becoming part of the team or if you need to be recertified.



Baptist Collegiate Ministry

Georgia Southern University
Armstrong Campus
Marty Youngblood, Director

Thank you for your prayers and continued financial support of our ministries. This semester continues to be more challenging than I expected. At one time 35% of our resident students on the GSU @ Armstrong campus were quarantined. Thankfully, our numbers are dropping weekly, PTL! We continue to engage new students every week and are beginning to see God answering our prayers for new student leadership, PTL! We have grown from two student as of last semester, to six, PTL! Also, we just returned from our first “in person”, statewide BCM Conference at FBC Eagles Landing, McDonough since 2019. We had many of our students make significant decisions for the Lord, decisions that will impact the “kingdom of God” and Savannah area churches for years to come, PTL! Please continue to pray that our student leadership will have wisdom and boldness as we share the Gospel throughout Savannah area campuses.

Our BCM is part of the Georgia Baptist Collegiate Ministry. Some of the functions of GABCM are:

- Assisting churches and associations with the development of their ministries with collegians.
- BCMs provide opportunities throughout the year for students to become aware of churches that are interested in involving and ministering to collegians.
- Campus ministers are available to assist churches in collegiate ministry training and speaking opportunities.
- Students (and sometimes student teams) are available who are gifted in music, drama, sign language, DiscipleNow leadership, and other skills. Contact your nearest Campus Minister about these students and teams.
- Returning student missionaries are an excellent source of programming for Sunday night services, Wednesday evenings, and children’s mission activities.
- Students are an almost inexhaustible source of energy for associational mission projects and ministries.
- They also receive valuable experiences in missions that will positively impact the Kingdom of God in the churches they join in the future.
- For those Baptists who like to cook – college students are an endless source of willing “testers” for your latest recipes. Meals and snacks at BCM events are always a blessing for the students, but also provide a great opportunity for churches to fellowship with students in order to invite them to be a part of their churches on Sundays and Wednesday evenings.

Taken from <https://gabcm.org/about-gabcm/>, October 7, 2021

Annual Calendar

October 2021

Savannah Baptist Association

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Ministers Meeting 11:00 am</div>	5	6	7	8	9
Week of Prayer for Baptist Associations Emphasis						
10 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Pastor Appreciation Day</div>	11 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Ministers Meeting 11:00 am</div>	12 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Columbus Day</div>	13	14	15	16
17 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Annual Fall Meeting 5:45 pm Immanuel</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Church ACR Deadline</div>	18 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Ministers Meeting 11:00 am</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Baptist Center Trustee Meeting 1:30</div>	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Ministers Meeting 11:00 am</div>	26	27	28	29	30
31						

November 2021

Savannah Baptist Association

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">Ministers Conference 11:00am</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">World Day of Prayer</div>	2	3	4	5	6
7 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">Daylight Savings Ends 2 am</div>	8 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">Ministers Conference 11:00am</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">GBMB Annual Meeting FBC Jonesboro</div>	9	10	11 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">Veteran's Day</div>	12	13
14	15 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">Ministers Conference 11:00am</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">Baptist Center Trustee Meeting 1:30</div>	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">Thanksgiving Day</div>	26	27
			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px; width: fit-content; margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;">Offices Closed</div>			
28	29 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">Ministers Conference 11:00am</div>	30				
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering</div>					

December 2021

Savannah Baptist Association

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Week of Prayer						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
					Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
				Offices Closed		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
					New Year's Eve	
Offices Closed						

January 2022

Savannah Baptist Association

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Year's Day
2	3 Admin Team 9:30 am Minister's Meeting 11:00am	4	5	6	7	8 Disaster Relief Orientation and Recertification FBC Richmond Hill 7am-1pm
9	10 Minister's Meeting 11:00am	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Office Closed	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Minister's Meeting 11:00am Baptist Center Trustee Meeting 1:30	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Minister's Meeting 11:00am					

February 2022

Savannah Baptist Association

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Minister's Meeting 11:00am	8	9	10 Center Volunteer Meeting 10:00	11	12
13	14 Valentine's Day Minister's Meeting 11:00am	15	16	17 WMU Banquet 6:30 PM Immanuel (Tentative)	18	19
Focus on WMU Week						
20	21 Minister's Meeting 11:00am Baptist Center Trustee Meeting 1:30	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Minister's Meeting 11:00am					

March 2022

Savannah Baptist Association

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Admin Meeting 9:30 am Minister's Meeting 11:00am	8	9	10	11	12
Week of Prayer for North American Mission & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering						
13 Daylight Savings Time Begins 2 am Week of Prayer	14 Minister's Meeting 11:00am Baptist Center Trustee Meeting 1:30	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day Office Closed	18	19
20 Executive Committee Meeting 5:45 TBA	21 Ministers Meeting 11:00am	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Ministers Meeting 11:00am	29	30	31		

April 2022

Savannah Baptist Association

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Ministers Meeting 11:00am	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Ministers Meeting 11:00am	12	13	14	15 Good Friday Office Closed	16
17 Easter	18 Ministers Meeting 11:00am Baptist Center Trustee Meeting 1:30	19	20 Deadline for Gift Cards for Baxley Children's Home	21	22	23
24	25 Ministers Meeting 11:00am	26	27	28	29	30

May 2022

Savannah Baptist Association

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Ministers Meeting 11:30 am	3	4	5 Center Volunteer Meeting 10:00	6	7
8 Mother's Day	9 Ministers Meeting 11:30 am	10	11	12 Senior Adult Picnic 11:00am J.F. Gregory Park (Tentative)	13	14
15	16 Ministers Meeting 11:30 am Baptist Center Trustee Meeting 1:30pm	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Ministers Meeting 11:30 am	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day Offices Closed	31				

June 2022

Savannah Baptist Association

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Ministers Meeting TBA	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Ministers Meeting TBA	14	15	16	17	18
19 Father's Day	20 Ministers Meeting TBA Baptist Center Trustee Meeting 1:30	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Ministers Meeting TBA	28	29	30		

July 2022

Savannah Baptist Association

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Ministers Meeting TBA	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Ministers Meeting TBA Baptist Center Trustee Meeting 1:30	19	20	21	22	23
24 31	25 Ministers Meeting TBA	26	27	28	29	30

August 2022

Savannah Baptist Association

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Ministers Meeting TBA	2	3	4 Center Volunteer Meeting 10:00	5	6
7	8 Ministers Meeting TBA	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Ministers Meeting TBA Baptist Center Trustee Meeting 1:30	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Ministers Meeting TBA	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Ministers Meeting TBA	30	31			

September 2022

Savannah Baptist Association

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 Labor Day Offices Closed	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Admin Meeting 9:30 am Ministers Meeting 11:00am	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Ministers Meeting 11:00am Baptist Center Trustee Meeting 1:30	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Ministers Meeting 11:00am	27	28	29	30	

October 2022

Savannah Baptist Association

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3 Ministers Meeting 11:00am	4	5	6	7	8
9 Pastor's Appreciation Day	10 Ministers Meeting 11:00am Columbus Day	11	12	13	14	15
16 Annual Fall Meeting 5:45 pm Church ACR Deadline	17 Ministers Meeting 11:00am Baptist Center Trustee Meeting 1:30	18	19	20	21	22
Week of Prayer for Baptist Associations Emphasis						
23 Week of Prayer	24 Ministers Meeting 11:00 am Ministers Meeting 11:00 am	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Georgia Baptist Mission Board

Because of the length of the reports from GBMB, we have provided the Website so that anyone who wishes to can access that information.

Go to <http://gabaptist.org>. The following is a screenshot of the page that you will see. Click on any of the links to read the content.



GBMB Staff Directory

6405 Sugarloaf Parkway, Duluth, GA 30097-4092

770-455-0404 or 1-800-746-4422

If you would like to find the directory listing on the Website, go to <http://gabaptist.org/a-z-staff-listing-2/>. You will see an alphabetical listing of all GBMB staff.

Annual Fall Meeting

October 18, 2020

The CrossRoad Baptist Church

Pre-session music was presented by Christian Hampton, of the CrossRoad Baptist Church. It was called to order by Dr. Johnny Bowen, pastor of the CrossRoad Baptist Church. The Hampton family brought us another beautiful song. Dr. Bowen welcomed everyone and read scripture. Prayer was offered up by Rev. Buddy Wasson, Savannah Baptist Association Mission Strategist.

Connie Martin, Clerk, read the numbers of messengers. There were 22 messengers, 5 staff members, and 4 guests. Ten churches were represented. The meeting was also streamed on Facebook, but no numbers were reported.

Rev. Buddy Wasson introduced the new pastors. They were Lyle Wood at Isle of Hope, Aaron Webb at Lighthouse, Bloomingdale, Stephen Blake at FBC Bloomingdale, and Tommy Duke at FBC Garden City.

Dr. Johnny Bowen went over the nominating committee list. Rev. Mark Gentry had resigned earlier this year and was replaced by Dr. Darrell Bailey. The current slate of officers will continue to serve because of the pandemic. The vote was unanimous, and the recommendation was approved. Dr. Bowen called attention to the budget. It is \$13,000 lower this year. The budget was approved.

Dr. Johnny Bowen presented a recommendation from the Admin Team, recommending that we sell the 22-acre hay field at Savannah Baptist Assembly. There is also a church on that hayfield, and they would like to buy four of those acres. The Admin Team is in agreement and we decided to offer it to them. We can probably get 10,000 to \$15,000 per acre. The 10-year lease with Crossroads Baptist Church will end in April of 2021. We would like to sell them 4 acres and sell the other 18 to someone else. Crossroads was given the option to purchase the entire acreage or just the 4 acres. They wish to purchase the 4 acres. Rev, Stan Stones clarified that this is not the main part of the assembly but is part of the land. Only the hayfield is under consideration. We would charge them "Fair Market Value".

Stephanie Carr gave the report for the Savannah Baptist Center. "We are continuing to minister to the community. The Oasis continues to operate. We had three choices. We could shut down and do nothing, do things the same way we always have, or do things in a whole different way. We are following guidelines and keeping safe while operating clothes washing, showers, and the food pantry. We pre-shop for clothing or food as people come to the door or call in. They pick the items up at the door. We take clothes to the shower facility and give them an extra pair of pants or a shirt. We are working with agencies. The women' sewing class and bible study are meeting again. J C Lewis is using a mobile clinic in the parking lot for testing. For Thanksgiving and Christmas, we decided that some senior adults are not able to leave their houses, so we will give gift cards instead of food bags. You can bring them through Nov. 17th and we will distribute them from Nov. 18th until Thanksgiving. At Christmas, we will give a special gift to each client. We need reusable shopping bags to put items in for Christmas by Dec. 9th and will distribute them Dec. 15th-17th. We have confirmed that we are a satellite location for Royce Learning Center starting in January. We will offer reading, math, tests taking, and GED. This is one-on-one learning by a certified teacher. We already have a teacher in the sewing class. There is no charge for the learner. This is an opportunity to volunteer. We need snacks for the learners. We also need plastic totes to store clothes in the clothes closet to keep them organized. If you need help, please call us. There are lots of new families that are homeless. I have resources that I can share so please call me. We are sharing the hope that we have in Jesus, which is the most important thing.

Tripp Parsons, Student President of the Armstrong BCM reported in Tony Branham's place. Thank you to everyone who helped with goody bags and snacks. We met over 200 people the first week of school and got contact information. One student was helping but wasn't a Christian. He accepted Christ a few weeks ago. Last night, another one accepted Christ. We pray every week. We have the Gospel Conversions Project to challenge us to conduct over 300 conversations. The theme is "Committed". The Servant Team Members help out, but we are praying for Leadership Team Members. Send -Me-Now fundraising is difficult

now, so if you could help with fundraising, please get with me. Thank you for support as we work to serve the people of Armstrong so that they can go out to the campus and show Christ in their communities.

Tom Young, Clean Up and Recovery Unit Director, reported on Disaster Relief efforts. "I could not be more proud of Savannah Baptist Association and what they have done for this unit. The trailer was donated by an individual in the area. We started putting this together in February and have now gotten the inside figured out and put supplies in it. We were deployed to Pensacola, FL for 12 days with no assistance from the state. We talked to 75 to 100 people, gave out 10 Bibles, 66 tracks, and 106 small crosses. We also had 19 gospel presentations. We are leaving tomorrow for Louisiana to clean up after Hurricanes Laura and Delta. Twelve people from this area are going for nine days. We do mud outs, stripping the houses up four foot to the bare minimum and spray for mold. Another team comes in and rebuilds. We do roof tarping to keep the houses from leaking until someone can fix them. Louisiana is going to be mostly chain saw work. These services are tools to share the gospel. Everyone we work for is going to hear the gospel message. We give them a Bible with everyone's name in it. In 2019 southern Baptist Disaster Relief saw 900 profession of faith. After Hurricane Laura, there were almost 100 In five weeks. We have a feeding unit too. Please pray for us tonight for God to open the hearts and minds of those we will be in contact with to be receptive to hearing the message.

Rev. Wasson stated, "We are serving Christ by servicing people. We take up money for both Disaster Relief ministries. Sometimes we get reimbursed, but not always. We like to have finances available for emergencies. We will take up a love offering for the team leaving tomorrow. Please encourage your church family to give or volunteer. You can train online and get involved.

We were not able to collect supplies for the children's home this year. We asked the churches to give gift cards. We gave around \$4000 in gift cards and cash.

Our Seafarers director for many years was Everett Tomblin and recently has been Joe Ortiz. They have closed Georgia and US ports so that we can't go on the property with private vehicles as of June 4th. After a few months, we realized that we could not continue. We put a lot of prayer into this and decided to close the ministry. God may close a ministry but that doesn't mean that he doesn't give us another ministry.

Buddy introduced Rev. Steven Blake as the speaker for tonight.

The Hampton family presented us with another beautiful song.

Rev. Steven Blake gave message on prayer. He used Matthew 6:5-8 and 16-18 as the scripture reference. It was an inspiring message for all of us.

Rev. Wasson closed the meeting in prayer.

Over \$500 was collected for Disaster Relief.

There were no refreshments served due to Covid 19 restrictions.

Submitted by:

Connie Martin
Financial Secretary/Clerk
Savannah Baptist Association

Spring Executive Committee Meeting

March 21, 2021

Calvary Baptist Temple

Meeting was opened by Dr. Darrell Bailey in the absence of Dr. Johnny Bowen. He welcomed everyone and shared scripture in the absence of the pastor. He recommended using the prayer guide for SBA churchwide as a prayer ministry. He led in prayer.

Connie Martin reported that there were 18 present; 11 members, 1 guest, and 6 staff. Ten churches were represented. The meeting was advertised to be livestreamed, but no church staff was there to do it.

The minutes were presented, read, and approved.

Rev. Buddy Wasson recognized new staff at Calvary: Pete Killian and Alex Teasdale. Two churches are asking for membership. These are long time missions. One is the Iglesia Cristiana Jasper Springs, formerly Hispanic at Rincon, with Francisco Rodriguez as pastor. They have to submit a request letter and they have done this. They have fulfilled all requirements and we will bring them in at fall meeting to pray for them. Iglesia Bautista Latinoamericana of Savannah, with Ovidio Cabrera as pastor has also submitted a letter and are covering requirements. They have funds to purchase property and build a building. We will take them under consideration and will meet with them.

Stephanie Carr stated that she wanted to take us where we were 6 months ago and where we are now. We are still building on what we were doing. We are putting food at the back door and they are picking up. We are getting a lot of phone calls and door service. We work with case workers, with families, and with Recovery Place. JC Lewis' mobile health clinic has been doing Covid testing but are now health screening. They came into the center to give vaccines. At Thanksgiving and Christmas, we normally do food bags but we asked for gift cards this year. We put them in greeting cards and mailed them to senior adults who we could not meet with. We had 70 Christmas care packages this year. We also are working on the Learning Center, but it is taking longer. We may be able to open it in April or the fall. We have signed partnership with CAN classes and are waiting for approval. We received plastic totes for the clothes closet and are thankful for them. The sewing ladies come 3 days a week. Debra Johnson has looked for opportunities to serve with the challenges that we have. So many of you have contributed fabric and gift cards. They just completed quilts for the dialysis center. They can't get in nursing homes but can drop these off. We are taking it outside the doors because of the pandemic. That is good. We realize that we need each other. Thank you for praying for us. We have updated the website. Contact us if you have questions.

Tom Young reported on Disaster Relief. Every day I pray that we don't need it. We have many success stories. We share the burdens, food, and whatever we have. It is difficult helping at times when people are upset, angry, desperate, and lonely. We are not getting as much help from SBC and GMB as we have been getting. We are raising our own money for the Feeding and Clean-Up and Recovery units. We went to Pensacola and Louisiana. We need younger people to help. We can talk to your church or group about Disaster Relief. It is difficult work and we are all old. That is because we have more time. We recruit. First, we pray for victims and ask for volunteers. We don't stay in hotels. We stay where we can find room in cots and sleeping bags. We carry other's burdens. We have had feeding and training sessions regularly. You have to be trained for chain saw ministry. We have prayer with victims. Anybody can do that. We can deploy quickly because we are local.

Rev. Buddy Wasson also reported on Disaster Relief. We do a lot of training. We have eight blue hats on Clean-Up and Recovery training. We are going to train with a lift at the Assembly to learn how to operate correctly. We can feed or remove trees at your church if you want. We can assess and decide what to do. You can train virtually for free this year with two sessions.

Rev. Buddy Wasson reported on the Savannah Baptist Assembly. We do not have a director at the assembly at the present time. We have had some people out but most of the summer ones cancelled. We have to redo the pool. We have bids

between \$92,000 and \$102,000. We need bathrooms on cabin 5. Have \$1500 donated for that. We prayed about hay field and it has sold. We sold four acres to Crossroads Baptist Church at \$40,000. They were excited. We sold other 20.5 acres to a neighbor at \$17,500 per acre. It is all done. The breakdown is to put at least \$150,00 in the assembly account. \$75,000 will back into the association because we pay all bills for the Assembly. We put a lot of money into the Assembly and the remainder will be put into ministry and mission work. We want it to be used. What are we going to do with the assembly? The Admin team decided to keep doing what we are doing. Not much income is coming in and going out. There were not many reservations for the summer. We will wait until fall. This topic has come up twice in years and has caused problems. We do not want that. We are not going to redo the pool at the present time until time to decide. We do not want to sell it but we may have to. Ga Baptist has sold Toccoa and Kaleo. Ridgecrest has been sold. This is a trend. On the first Monday at 11:00, we ask people to pray. Don't be discouraged. God closed down the seafarer's ministry but he gave us Disaster Relief. If he takes the Assembly, there are other ministries that need to be done. Many churches are down during pandemic. We have to get through the pandemic. Pray for that. We need to show gratitude for volunteers at assembly. We are going to upkeep it during the summer. We have put up private property signs to prevent people from getting hurt. We have a liability report for people who call.

Rev. Marty Youngblood gave an update on the BCM. Tony had 10 tremendous years of ministry and we are grateful to him. Things have idled down to small groups because of covid. There are 45 plus students online involved in discipleship groups and bible studies. We are encouraged. We have been tasked to expand to other colleges in Savannah, such as SCAD and Brunswick working on them. The goal is to venture out to pockets of ministry all around, including groups that are not being disciplined. It is an ongoing process. Thank you for all you have been doing and are doing now. Rev. Youngblood spoke about prayer in his sermon, using Mark 1 as Jesus' example of prayer and preaching. We pray to be used for Kingdom's work. We should have a conversation about Jesus to someone every day.

Dr. Johnny Bowen wrapped it up. In 27 years in ministry in this area, we seem to get fewer and fewer volunteers. I have seen many ministries come and go. What is amazing is that God always presents new ministries. Directors have come and go. Buddy and Connie are coming up on 10 years. They have seen many changes. In the past year, we have seen many changes. Many churches are talking about churches never being the same. It has not changed. We just need to focus on what direction God wants us to do. We are still needed to do ministry together. God called you here. The association is still valuable because we do it better together.

The meeting was dismissed in prayer.

There were no refreshments due to Covid restrictions.

Submitted by:

Connie Martin
Financial Secretary/Clerk
Savannah Baptist Association

CONSTITUTION OF THE SAVANNAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE

The Savannah Baptist Association is a cooperative ministry of autonomous Southern Baptist Churches in the Greater Coastal Empire area of Georgia. Our core values are service to churches, leadership development in the churches, mission and evangelism opportunities for the churches, and unity among the churches. Our mission statement is: The Savannah Baptist Association will promote excellence in ministry and missions to help churches become healthy and multiplying bodies of Christ.

ARTICLE I - NAME

This body shall be known as "SAVANNAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, INC." as specified in the charter and shall hereinafter be referred to as THE ASSOCIATION.

Article II - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: COMPOSITION: THE ASSOCIATION shall be composed of Baptist churches that are in cooperation with the program of THE ASSOCIATION, and with its Faith and Message as set forth in the charter thereof and in Article VIII hereof. All churches represented in the membership of THE ASSOCIATION shall be entitled to enroll messengers at all sessions of THE ASSOCIATION without further action of THE ASSOCIATION.

Section 2: REPRESENTATION: Every church represented in THE ASSOCIATION shall be entitled to two (2) messengers and one (1) additional member for every \$500 given to the association per year. The total number of messengers from any one church shall not exceed ten (10) at any session.

Section 3: ADMISSION: Churches desiring to be received into the fellowship of THE ASSOCIATION must have been constituted at least six (6) months before the Fall Session of THE ASSOCIATION, and must present to the Missions/Church Start Team sixty (60) days prior to the Fall Session the following credentials: (1) Petitioning letter, (2) Constitution and By-Laws of the Church, if such exists, and (3) the Articles of Faith of the church or a statement that the church has adopted the Baptist Faith and Message of 2000. Upon the recommendation of the Missions/Church Start Team and a majority vote of the messengers present to receive the church, the Moderator shall declare the church received and its messengers seated.

Section 4: COOPERATION: Cooperating churches of THE ASSOCIATION will support the Baptist Faith and Message of 2000, send to the clerk an Annual Church Report, send messengers to the Executive Committee meetings and Annual meetings of THE ASSOCIATION, contribute financially to THE ASSOCIATION, and participate in the missions and ministries of THE ASSOCIATION.

Section 5: DISMISSAL: Should any church disqualify itself by doctrines contrary to those of THE ASSOCIATION, or by its failure to financially support THE ASSOCIATION in accordance with its ability to do so, the Executive Committee, upon failing to reconcile such church, may recommend dismissal. A majority vote in the Fall Session shall be required to withdraw fellowship from a church. Proper notice of probable action must be given to all churches by THE ASSOCIATION or the Executive Committee before such action may be taken. If a church desires to withdraw from THE ASSOCIATION, or cease to exist, it is requested that written notification be given to THE ASSOCIATION.

Section 6: CHURCH PROFILE: Each church represented by members in the membership of THE ASSOCIATION shall send annually, preferably at the time of the Fall Session but no later than November 1, to the Clerk a church profile which shall include a report of the activities of the church during the preceding church year.

ARTICLE IV - SESSIONS

Section 1: FALL SESSION: THE ASSOCIATION shall hold a Fall Session on the third Sunday night in the month of October at a time and place set by the Administration Team.

Section 2: SPECIAL SESSIONS: Special sessions of THE ASSOCIATION may be held at the call of the Administration Team. The Administration Team shall exercise this prerogative only in case of extreme emergency.

Section 3: NOTICE OF SESSION: A written notice of all sessions of THE ASSOCIATION shall be sent to each church represented in the membership of THE ASSOCIATION not less than five (5) nor more than (90) days prior to the session. The notice shall state the time and place of the session, and, in case of special session, the purposes for which called.

Section 4: PROCEDURE: Any officer of THE ASSOCIATION may call a meeting to order and may act as Chairman thereof, precedence being Moderator, Moderator-Elect, Clerk, and Assistant Clerk. In the absence of all such officers, the messengers present may elect a Chairman. The Clerk or Assistant Clerk of THE ASSOCIATION shall act as secretary at all meetings but in their absence the presiding officer may appoint any person to act as secretary of the meeting.

ARTICLE V - ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS

Section 1: GENERAL OFFICERS: The General Officers of THE ASSOCIATION shall be the Moderator, Moderator-Elect, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer.

Section 2: ORGANIZATIONAL OFFICERS: The organizational officers shall be such team members and departmental officers THE ASSOCIATION may elect through its nominating committee process.

Section 3: TRUSTEES: The Moderator, Moderator-Elect, Clerk, and Treasurer shall be the Trustees of THE ASSOCIATION.

Section 4: ELECTION OF OFFICERS: At the Executive Committee prior to the Spring Meeting, the Moderator shall appoint a nominating committee of three persons to bring a slate of officers and team leaders at the Spring Meeting. Other nominations will be accepted from the floor and an election will be held. Installation of all such officers shall be at the Fall Session. These officers shall serve for the ensuing year and until their successors have been elected and installed. The Moderator-Elect shall be installed as the Moderator in the year succeeding his election as Moderator Elect.

Section 5: DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

(A) MODERATOR. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during all meetings of THE ASSOCIATION; to preside as Chairman of the Executive Committee; preside as Chairman of the Personnel Team; to appoint with Associational approval any special committees that THE ASSOCIATION or the Executive Committee shall authorize him to appoint; and to serve as an ex-officio member of all committees.

(B) MODERATOR-ELECT. It shall be the duty of the Moderator-Elect to assist the Moderator in his duties and be ready to assume his responsibilities in any emergency. He shall, in the absence or at the request of the Moderator, do and perform the duties of the Moderator. The Moderator-Elect shall serve as Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee and as an ex-officio member of all committees.

(C) CLERK. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep an accurate record of the proceedings of THE ASSOCIATION, serve as Secretary of the Executive Committee, furnish churches Annual Church Reports for making reports to THE ASSOCIATION, and direct the printing and distribution of the Minutes of THE ASSOCIATION.

(D) ASSISTANT CLERK: It shall be the duty of the Assistant Clerk to assist the Clerk in his duties and be ready to assume his responsibilities in an emergency. He shall serve as Assistant Secretary of the Executive Committee.

(E) TREASURER: It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to supervise the receiving, proper crediting, depositing, and paying out upon proper authorization all monies of THE ASSOCIATION. Following approved methods of accounting, the Treasurer shall keep accurate records of all receipts and disbursements. The Treasurer shall present reports to the Executive Committee and THE ASSOCIATION when in session. The Treasurer shall be authorized to sign checks and shall be bonded by an amount set by the Administration Team.

(F) ASSISTANT TREASURER. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Treasurer to assist the Treasurer in his duties and be ready to assume his responsibilities in any emergency. He shall be authorized to sign checks and shall be bonded for an amount set by the Administration Team.

(G) TEAM LEADERS: It shall be the duty of all Team Leaders to promote, direct, and organize the activities of their team and to give reports to the Executive Committee and THE ASSOCIATION during the Fall Session.

(H) TRUSTEES: It shall be the duty of the Trustees to represent THE ASSOCIATION by the authority of THE ASSOCIATION in acquisition and disposal of Associational property, transact on behalf of THE ASSOCIATION in acquisition and disposal of Associational property, sign all deeds, notes, contracts, and agreements, and intervene in all suits.

ARTICLE VI - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1: PURPOSE: The purpose of the Executive Committee is to carry on the work of THE ASSOCIATION between sessions. The Constitution and By-Laws of THE ASSOCIATION shall be the Constitution and By-Laws of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall place in effect all orders of THE ASSOCIATION, shall assist the churches in the spread of the Gospel, and shall make recommendations to THE ASSOCIATION.

Section 2: MEMBERSHIP: The Executive Committee is composed of the general officers, Team Leaders, chairmen of all standing committees, the Associational Missionary of THE ASSOCIATION, and the pastor, one associate minister, and two lay members from each church represented in the membership in THE ASSOCIATION. The lay members shall be elected by their churches.

Section 3: OFFICERS: The officers of the Executive Committee shall be the General Officers of THE ASSOCIATION.

Section 4: MEETINGS:

(A) Regular Meetings: The regular meetings shall be held on the third Sunday night in the month of March of each year at a time and place set by the Administration Team.

(B) Special Meetings: When necessary, the Chairman and the Secretary may call a special meeting of the Executive Committee, after consulting with the Administration Team. A written notice of all special meetings of the Executive Committee shall be sent to all members of the Executive Committee. In case of special meetings, the purpose(s) for their meeting shall be included in the notice.

(C) Place of Meetings: The members for the Committee may hold their meetings in such place or places as the Executive Committee may from time to time determine. However, the preferred method of selection of meeting sites is to rotate the meetings among the churches in THE ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES

Section 1: AUTHORIZATION: The Order of Business Committee shall be the Moderator, Moderator-Elect, Clerk, and Associational Missionary. The Personnel Committee shall be the Moderator, Moderator-Elect, and the Treasurer. The Associational Council shall be the general officers, the organizational officers, and the Associational Missionary. Other standing committees shall be such committees as THE ASSOCIATION shall deem necessary.

Section 2: ELECTION: The Nominating Committee shall nominate for election at the Spring Session all standing committees/teams on a rotating basis and shall name the chairman of each committee/team for the coming year. The members of these committees shall be selected from the membership of the participating churches. Except in extraordinary circumstances, no person shall serve on more than one committee at a time.

Section 3: DUTIES: The duties of the committees/teams shall be specified in an operations manual of THE ASSOCIATION which shall be approved by THE ASSOCIATION or the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII - DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The Holy Bible, the inspired, infallible and inerrant word of God, is the basis of our faith and the final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind. It is the sole and final source of all that we believe for purposes of expressing the faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline of the Association and its related ministries. We accept the BAPTIST FAITH AND MESSAGE 2000 as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention to be the representation of our core values.

ARTICLE IX - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The Parliamentary Authority for THE ASSOCIATION shall be Robert's Rules of Order, Revised (latest revision). The Moderator shall appoint a Parliamentarian to serve at all meetings of THE ASSOCIATION and the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

This Constitution and the By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the messengers present and voting at the Fall Session of THE ASSOCIATION. The proposed amendment shall be published to the membership of the Executive Committee at least three (3) months prior to the Fall Session at which the vote is taken.

BY-LAWS

1. **AUTHORITY:** THE ASSOCIATION shall look upon the churches as independent in all their internal affairs, and neither THE ASSOCIATION nor its Executive Committee shall exercise any ecclesiastical authority or claim any legislative or judicial powers over them.

2. **FISCAL YEAR:** The fiscal year of THE ASSOCIATION shall begin with the first day of January and end on the 31st day of December each calendar year.

3. **ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR:** The associational year on which information is to be reported from the churches shall begin on the first day of September and end on the 31st day of August of each calendar year.

4. **EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:** The Moderator, Moderator-Elect, and Associational Missionary shall be ex-officio members of all committees and shall be notified of all committee meetings. They are without voting privileges.

5. **QUORUM:** A quorum for any meeting of THE ASSOCIATION, or the Executive Committee shall be those Messengers or Members present.

6. **NEW OR UNUSUAL BUSINESS:** In the event of unpublicized new business at a meeting of THE ASSOCIATION or the Executive Committee, any messenger or member may declare it new or unusual business and move that it be tabled until the next regular meeting. A vote of twenty percent (20%) of those present and voting may designate it as new or unusual business, and it will be tabled until it is publicized and taken off the table for discussion and vote at the next scheduled meeting.

7. **ENROLLMENT OF MESSENGERS:** All messengers to the various sessions shall register in accordance with the method of registration as set out in the Operations Manual and shall be enrolled as messengers to THE ASSOCIATION upon registration.

8. **BOOK OF REPORTS:** All reports to be made to the annual session of THE ASSOCIATION shall be in writing and reproduced in sufficient number to be distributed to the messengers upon the convening of the session. The distribution shall be in lieu of the reading of the reports. All reports to be incorporated in the Book of Reports shall be sent to the Associational office by September 15th each year.

9. **POLICY ON ESTABLISHMENT OF MISSIONS AND CHURCHES:** The churches represented in the membership of THE ASSOCIATION are requested to cooperate with the Missions/Church Start Team of THE ASSOCIATION in establishment of missions and churches. It is suggested that any church wishing to start a work or to relocate is asked to confer with the Missions/Church Start Team of THE ASSOCIATION as to the advisability of such action.

10. **Associational Missionary:** THE ASSOCIATION shall employ an Associational Missionary who shall be primarily responsible to THE ASSOCIATION. The Operations Manual shall contain a job description for the Associational Missionary.