



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
Woodlawn Baptist Church
Sunday, October 15, 2023, 5:45 p.m.

Theme: Serving and Honoring God Together

5:45	Pre-Session Music	Woodlawn Baptist Church	
6:00	Call to Order	Rev. Steve Blake	Moderator
6:02	Music	Woodlawn Baptist Church	
6:15	Welcome and Scripture	Rev. Matt Travis	Woodlawn Baptist Church
6:20	Enrollment of Messengers	Connie Martin	Clerk
	Introduction of New Pastors/Staff	Rev. Buddy Wasson	SBA Mission Strategist
	Nominating Committee	Rev. Steve Blake	SBA Moderator
	Budget	Rev. Steve Blake	SBA Moderator
	Recommendations from Admin Team	Rev. Steve Blake	SBA Moderator
	Savannah Baptist Assoc. Disaster Relief	Rev. Buddy Wasson	SBA Mission Strategist
	Savannah Baptist Center	Mrs. Stephanie Carr	SBC Director
	Baptist Collegiate Ministries	Rev. Marty & Daphne Youngblood	BCM Director
	Savannah Baptist Assembly	Dale Griner	Assembly Director
	Introduction of Guest Speaker	Rev. Buddy Wasson	SBA Mission Strategist
6:50	Special Music	Woodlawn Baptist Church	
6:55	Inspirational Speaker	Dr. Lane Sanders	Pastor Immanuel Baptist Church
7:15	Prayer & Benediction	Rev. Buddy Wasson	SBA Mission Strategist

Church Directory Savannah Baptist Association					
704 Wheaton Street Savannah, GA 31401					
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CHURCH	PASTOR (WIFE)	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP	OFFICE
Antioch	Doug Cone (Jennifer)	8102 Waters Avenue	Savannah	31406	(912)354-8815
Baptist Church at Ebenezer	Matt Hines (Laura)	2401 Ebenezer Rd	Rincon	31326	(912)754-4440
Bethel	Eddie Deas (Elizabeth)	1295 Little Neck Rd	Savannah	31419	(912)748-9085
Beulah		700 Beulah Church Rd. PO Box 299	Pembroke	31321	(912)653-2640
Bonnybridge	Dan Hall	811 Bonnybridge Rd	Pt. Wentworth	31407	(912)964-0553
Bull Street		1400 Bull St.	Savannah	31401	(912)236-1511
Calvary Baptist Temple	Vincent Whelan (I)	4625 Waters Avenue	Savannah	31404	(912)351-2288
Central	Kenneth Harrelson (Sherry)	4010 Old Louisville Rd	Garden City	31408	(912)965-0752
Chapel-By-The-Sea	David Laughner (Ginger)	811 Butler Ave., PO Box 235	Tybee Island	31328	(912)786-4647
Chevis Oaks	Kyle Waddell (Amy)	102 Sylvania Road	Savannah	31419	(912)925-3852
Chinese Baptist Church	Joseph Wong (Hannah)	1 55 th St.	Savannah	31405	(912)234-1256
Christ's Community	Jeffrey Cummings (Tiyanna)	1805 East Gwinnett St	Savannah	31404	(912)233-8925
Corinth	Philip Palmer (Regina)	19536 Highway 144	Richmond Hill	31324	(912)727-2617
Countryside	Rick Flowers (Rasha)	1201 Noel C Conaway Rd	Guyton	31312	(912)728-3253
Dean Forest	Guy Boyd (Sherrie)	1524 Dean Forest Rd	Garden City	31408	(912)964-7369
Delesseps Avenue		1310 Delesseps Ave	Savannah	31404	
Faulkville	Chad Vanderburg (Jennifer)	144 Zeigler Rd. PO Box 265	Bloomingtondale	31302	(912)748-7332
FBC Bloomingtondale	Steve Blake (DeLynn)	2 E. Moore Rd. PO Box 279	Bloomingtondale	31302	(912)748-4017
FBC Ellabell	Andrew Dunkle	3425 Hwy. 204	Ellabell	31308	(912)398-1232
FBC Garden City	Tommy Duke (Amber)	35 Nelson Avenue	Garden City	31408	(912)964-1448
FBC Marlow	Gene Fail (Debbie)	2229 Central Avenue	Guyton	31312	(912)772-7438
FBC Pembroke	Tommy Smith (Cheryl)	169 Church St. PO Box 1801	Pembroke	31321	(912)653-4952
FBC Pooler	Bryan Parrish (Codie)	204 US Hwy 80 W PO Box 506	Pooler	31322	(912)748-7521
FBC Port Wentworth	Paul Mongin (Tammy)	402 Pinehurst Pl	Pt Wentworth	31407	(912)964-5811
FBC Richmond Hill	Scott Baker (Kim)	9184 Ford Avenue PO Box1390	Richmond Hill	31324	(912)756-2196
FBC Rincon	Deek Dubberly (Lauren)	201 East 6 th Street	Rincon	31326	(912)826-5536
FBC of the Islands	Brooks Cail (Suzy)	6613 Johnny Mercer Blvd.	Savannah	31410	(912)897-2142
Goshen Road	Cory Moore (Shannon)	1323 Goshen Rd PO Box 739	Rincon	31326	(912)826-1826
Grace Community Church of Savannah	Gary Bradham	2417 Louis Mills Blvd	Savannah	31405	(912)236-4841
Higher Ground	Andy Vaught (Martha Lee)	9120 Whitefield Avenue	Savannah	31406	(912)355-1505
Primera Iglesia Bautista Hispana de Savannah	Samuel Rodriguez (Martha)	1 Gamble Road	Savannah	31405	(912)236-4425
Iglesia Bautista Latinoamericana of Savannah	Ovidio Cabrera (Lacy)	502 Skidaway Rd	Savannah	31406	(912)355-7937
Iglesia Cristiana Jasper Springs	Francisco Rodriguez (Jenie)	62 Smith Avenue PO Box 18032	Garden City	31418	(912)964-6864
Immanuel	Lane Sanders (Jennifer)	7375 Hodgson Memorial Dr	Savannah	31406	(912)354-0548
Int'l Bible Christian Fellowship	Jesse Pamplona (Vickie)	2607 Aimar Avenue	Savannah	31406	(912)224-8834
Isle of Hope	Lyle Wood (Rachael)	22 Rose Avenue	Savannah	31406	(912)355-9815

Life Church at Ardsley Park	Jonathan Tillman (Kristin)	3802 Bull St.	Savannah	31405	(912)234-1256
Lighthouse (Bloomingdale)	Aaron Webb (Denise)	310 Ash St. PO Box 278	Bloomingdale	31302	(912)348-3251
Lighthouse (Savannah)	Bobby Awtrey (Patsy)	401 Quarterman Dr.	Savannah	31410	(912)897-6357
Meldrim	Chad Eason (Kelly)	280 Oconee Ave. PO Box 64	Meldrim	31318	(912)748-5220
New Beginnings Christian Community Church	Eric Henley (Shelia)	2310 Causton Bluff Rd.	Savannah	31401	(912)388-6757
New Providence	Erik Palmberg (Susan)	106 Church St. PO Box 98	Guyton	31312	(912)772-3590
North Salem	Jim Staubes (I) (Donna)	955 Highway 30	Pt. Wentworth	31407	(912)777-6915
Northside	Mike Jones (Irene)	3621 GA 21, PO Box 254	Rincon	31326	(912)826-5346
One Savior	Christian Crouch	289 Harley Road	Guyton	31312	(912)728-3810
Powers	Travis Cowart	1104 US HWY 80 PO Box 730	Eden	31307	(912)748-6288
Quacco	Paul Pinel (Iris)	215 Quacco Road	Savannah	31419	(912)257-6516
Rothwell	Micah Ellington (Sarah)	216 East Rothwell St	Pooler	31322	(912)748-7593
Sand Hill	Derward Poole (Suzanne)	1931 Sand Hill Road	Guyton	31312	(912)398-4990
Savannah Baptist Center	B.J. Duncan (I) (Emily)	704 Wheaton St	Savannah	31401	(912)232-1033
Savannah Korean	Houngjik Kim (Priscilla)	6165 Chief OF Love Rd Po Box 60292	Savannah	31419	(912)927-0081
Silk Hope	Jonathan Phillips (Lori)	4929 Pineland Drive	Savannah	31405	(912)233-8424
Skidaway Island	John Crunkleton (Kelli)	2 West Ridge Road	Savannah	31411	(912)598-7997
South Newington	Matthew Gallant (McKenzie)	462 John Carter Road	Bloomingdale	31302	(912)748-4831
Southside	Stuart Doyle (Natalie)	5502 Skidaway Road	Savannah	31406	(912)355-9555
Sycamore Church	Dusty Reynolds (Audrey)	2031 Grove Point Rd	Savannah	31419	(912)289-8949
The Church at Godley Station	Darren Thomas (Mikki)	1601 Benton Blvd	Savannah	31407	(912)330-8461
The CrossRoad Baptist	Johnny Bowen (Geneva)	8510 Middleground Rd PO Box 60746	Savannah	31420	(912)925-0571
Thunderbolt Baptist	Truc Phan (Trinh)	3205 Russell Street	Thunderbolt	31404	(912)354-2830
Trinity Baptist	Bill Bozeman (Ro)	365 Tunnel Rd.	Springfield	31329	(912)407-0134
Victory Baptist	Robert McKenzie	1815 Montgomery X-Rd	Savannah	31406	(912)354-8547
Whitemarsh Island		59 Johnny Mercer Blvd	Savannah	31410	(912)897-4159
Windsor Forest	Kenny Sellars (I)	12521 White Bluff Rd	Savannah	31419	(912)925-8650
Woodlawn	Matthew Travis (Amy)	407 Talmadge Avenue	Garden City	31408	(912)964-8676
Missions					
Morningstar Community	Grady Taylor (Arlene)	2836 US Hwy 80	Bloomingdale	31302	(912)748-5757

Savannah Baptist Ministries



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Feeding Unit

Doug Rowland, Director

Clean-Up and Recovery Unit

Tom Young, Director

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Ministry Team Nominations for 2023-2024

Associational Mission Strategist is an ex-officio member of all teams and leads the Administration Team

Administrative Team

Associational Mission Strategist	Rev. Buddy Wasson
Moderator	Dr. Lane Sanders, Immanuel Baptist Church
Moderator-Elect	Rev. Matt Travis, Woodlawn Baptist Church
Clerk	Connie Martin, FBC Rincon
Assistant Clerk	Tewanna Wommack, Faulkville Baptist Church
Treasurer	Tewanna Wommack, Faulkville Baptist Church
Assistant Treasurer	Rev. Stan Stones, The CrossRoad Baptist Church
GBMB Executive Committee Representative	Rev. Steve Blake, FBC Bloomingdale
Associational Missions Team	Dr. Johnny Bowen, The CrossRoad Baptist Church

Personnel Team

Moderator	Dr. Lane Sanders, Immanuel Baptist Church
Moderator-Elect	Rev. Matt Travis, Woodlawn Baptist Church
Treasurer	Tewanna Wommack, Faulkville 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/ Evangelism /Church Start Director	Dr. Johnny Bowen, The CrossRoad Baptist Church
Associational Prayer Coordinator	Rev. Steve Blake, FBC Bloomingdale
College Ministry Director	Rev. Marty Youngblood

Savannah Baptist Center Committee (Trustees)

2024 Brooks Cail, FBC of the Islands	2026 Johnny Bowen, The CrossRoad
2024 Jon Tillman, Life Church at Ardsley Park	2026 Samuel Rodriquez, Iglesia Bautista Hispana de Savannah
2024 Stan Stones, The CrossRoad	2026 Linda Macmillan, Higher Ground
2024 John Durant, Skidaway Island	2026 Tamla Pridgen, Bull Street
2024 Stan Bond, Immanuel	2026 Dede Linton, FBC Garden City
2025 Randall Frantz, FBC Garden City	2026 Terri Shepherd, FBC of the Islands
2025 Derward Poole, Sand Hill	2026 Beverly Goethe, Savannah Baptist Center Church
2025 Guy Sammons, Calvary	

Savannah Baptist Center Ex-Officio Members

Moderator- Dr. Lane Sanders, Immanuel Baptist Church	Associational Mission Strategist – Rev. Buddy Wasson
Moderator- Elect- Rev. Matt Travis, Woodlawn Baptist Church	Director Savannah Baptist Center – Stephanie Carr

Savannah Baptist Association Annual Budget 2024					
		2023		Proposed 2024	
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)	19,448		20,624	
10645-01	Student Ministry (AASU 2.3% of Budget)	5,591		5,929	
Total Percentage Missions/Evangelism/Outreach		25,040		26,554	
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	600		600	
10738-01	Association Media Services (Website & e-mail)	1,000		1,000	
10742-01	Senior Adult Ministry	500		700	
10758-01	Savannah Day at Baxley	200		200	
Total Church Growth			8,050		8,250
Administration					
10809-01	Housing Allowance - AM	18,000		33,453	
10810-01	Salary/Allowances - AM	36,050		21,678	
10812-01	Convention Expense - AM	1,000		1,000	
10814-01	Ministry Expenses - AM	500		500	
10815-01	Annuity - AM	15,600		15,912	
10817-01	Travel pay - AM	4,500		5,700	
10823-01	Clerical overtime	500		500	
10829-01	Financial Secretary	21,218		22,067	
10830-01	Treasurer Salary	3,713		3,862	
10842-01	Christmas Bonus	1,000		1,000	
10843-01	Receptionist Salary	10,000		10,400	
10844-01	Training (ACS for Connie and ACR for Tewanna)	500		500	
10850-01	Auto Expense Reimbursement	500		500	
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			146,833		161,223

Operations					
10837-01	Janitorial Supplies	200		200	
10851-01	Memorial Fund	150		150	
10910-01	Insurance/Workman's Comp	15,000		15,000	
10912-01	Gen. - F.I.C.A. / Medicare Employer	3,500		3,500	
10914-01	Office Maintenance	3,180		3,180	
10916-01	Utilities	10,000		10,000	
10918-01	Equipment Maint/Svc Agreement (ACS)	4,700		5,000	
10920-01	Office Supplies	1,000		1,200	
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	250		200	
10950-01	Legal Fees	800		800	
30804-01	Assembly-Temp Labor	1,000		1,000	
30807-01	Assembly Utilities	18,000		18,000	
30809-01	Assembly - Maintenance/Operation	15,000		15,000	
30812-01	Assembly - Miscellaneous Exp	541		500	
30813-01	Assembly Development	1,000		1,000	
30815-01	Assembly -F.I.C.A. / Medicare Employer	2,500		2,200	
30816-01	Assembly-Equipment Replacement Reserve	2,000		2,000	
30817-01	Assembly - Conference/Convention	800		800	
30818-01	Assembly Development - Media/Advert	500		500	
Total Operations			86,221		86,330
Total budget before Baptist Center and Student Ministry			243,104		247,404
Baptist Center and Student Ministry			25,040		25,483
Total budget with Baptist Center and Student Ministry			268,144		272,886

Savannah Baptist Association Mission Strategist

Rev. Buddy Wasson

Our 2021 – 2022 Association year was a time of preparing to move forward with the ministries of the Association. It has taken a lot of preparation in every Ministry. Rethinking how we do certain ministries, revamping, and reevaluation are the thoughts of the day and God is honoring our efforts.

The Savannah Baptist Center has been extremely busy with the Clothes Closet, Sewing Ministry, Oasis Ministry, and Food Pantry. Their Ministry partnerships with the Certified Nursing Assistance program and Royce Learning Center are doing great.

All the building projects at the Savannah Baptist Assembly are just about complete. Every cabin has its own restroom facilities and each cabin has heating and air conditioning, which means we can have ministry there year-round.

The BCM is doing well this year. In one of their last meetings, they had over fifty in attendance. Some Leadership has changed, but our God has not. God is very Faithful to the BCM at Georgia Southern Armstrong Campus.

Our Disaster Relief Units are prepared to roll. Our Clean-Up Recovery/Chainsaw Unit 36R has been on callouts in Georgia and to other states. Our Feeding Unit 91A volunteers have worked in our Community at a Free Dental Clinic, as well as ministering in other areas in Georgia and Kentucky.

The Savannah Baptist Association is always seeking to help God's Churches, our community, and all around the world. We thank you for your prayers, your financial support, and your willingness to work hand in hand with the spirit of Cooperation.

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.

Update New Ministries

Children's Clothes Closet

Children's Clothes Closet started on September 27, 2022. In the past year, we have been blessed to help over 655 children through this ministry. The registration information was used to contact families for VBS registration, and we partnered with the Savannah Baptist Center Church to minister to the families that receive assistance.

Adult Continuing Education with the Royce Learning Center

We have partnered with the Royce Learning Center to offer adult education classes. This program is designed for adult learners of all ages and abilities. Classes are individualized and taught with a learner-centered approach. We currently have 18 learners and 4 volunteers in classes and we recently celebrated our first student to pass the GED exam!

Ministry Partners

Dunamis Healthcare Academy-Certified Nursing Assistant Program, First Aid, and CPR courses.

Royce Learning Center – Adult and Community Education

Lifebridge Inner City Missions- Soup Kitchen and Community Outreach

Recovery Place Savannah –Provide clothing and hygiene items for individuals in addiction recovery programs.

Chatham Savannah Authority for the Homeless

JC Lewis Mobile Health Clinic

Savannah Chatham County Public Schools social workers

Central Missionary Baptist Church

Volunteer Opportunities

Thanksgiving 2023

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. 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 9th.

Christmas 2023

We will be providing a gift for the clients who receive services at the Baptist Center. Items needed include gloves, mittens, and personal cleansing wipes. Items due Dec. 4th.

Christmas 2023 – Christmas Stockings for Children

This is a new opportunity for us to minister to the families that shop in our children's clothes closet. We need small toys, stuffed animals, and candy for the stockings that we will distribute during our children's Christmas party. The deadline for us to receive items is December 4th.

Services Provided Jan 2023-Aug 2023

Bible Study and Sewing Attendance: 680, Clothes Closet Clients: 1412, Food Pantry Bags: 2201

Oasis (Laundry, Showers, Day Lockers): 3010

Total services: 7303

Total Volunteer Hours Jan 2023-Aug 2023:

5276

Please continue to pray for us and God's work at the Savannah Baptist Center.

THANK YOU!





Savannah Baptist Assembly

Dale Griner, Director

This year has been exciting. We started this year by finishing the Cabin 5-bathroom project in plenty of time to make good use of it through the summer. We also replaced the pool fence with a nice looking, black-coated fence. The floors in the bedrooms of the Big House were sanded and recoated. Also, some lights in the Lodge were updated for better looks and function.

As far as numbers are concerned, we have had a wonderful increase in both groups and people to use the Assembly this year. From the beginning of 2022 until the point that this is written, we had eight groups equaling about 330 people. So far this year, we've had 14 groups, equaling about 590 people. This means that we almost doubled last year's number. We also have reports that 18 people gave their lives to Jesus this year, seven of whom were baptized in the pool.

As I said, this year has been exciting and we still have six more scheduled groups for this year. Some are even scheduled for next year already. With all this being said, I will end this by saying in all these groups, I have not had one person regret using our Assembly. The most common thing I hear is how much this place has changed for the better over the last few years.



Senior Adult Ministry

The Savannah Baptist Association Senior Adult Picnic was held on May 11th at J. F. Gregory Park in Richmond Hill. Rev. Joe Ortiz led us in singing some old-familiar songs and gave a very inspirational testimony. He spoke about losing his wife and how God has helped him cope. Joe was the Seafarer's Ministry Director for Savannah Baptist Association from October 2019 until June 2020, when the ministry was shut down by the ports. He was also the pastor of Salt Lite Church, which met at the Savannah Baptist Assembly.

The next picnic is scheduled for May 9th, 2024, at J.F Gregory Park.







IS VBS WORTH IT?

Uncovering How One Week Can Transform Your Church

Adults who attend VBS have overwhelmingly positive memories of the experience. 69% of American parents will encourage their child to participate in a VBS event at a church they don't attend if invited by one of their friends. If you total it up VBS results in 15 hours of intense discipleship, the gospel being shared daily, and 7 months of ministry in 1 week. **IT'S WORTH IT!**

Taken from <https://vbs.lifeway.com/>

Some churches also elected to use other programs.

These pictures were taken from various churches in our association.

Countryside

These props were created for Countryside Baptist Church and then passed on to other churches in the association.

Twists and Turns VBS
Enrollment: 181
Senior Adult VBS: 55
Missions offering: \$2,000.00



FBC Garden City



Twists and Turns

Enrollment: Children 41 Youth 29 Adults: 34

FBC of the Islands



Stellar

Enrollment: 198 Volunteers: 134

**Savannah Baptist Center
And
Savannah Baptist Center Church**



Stellar
Assisted by a Mission Team from Vertical Life Church Dallas, GA

Life Church at Ardsley Park

Enrollment 68 Volunteers: 33
Offering Given to Operation Christmas Child
Professions of Faith: 2

North Salem Baptist Church

Twist and Turns VBS
Enrollment: 32 Volunteers: 48 Professions of Faith: 1

Women's Missionary Union

2022-2023 Savannah Baptist Association Leadership Team

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Georgia Baptist Children's Homes and Family Ministries

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

We collected Walmart and Visa gift cards for the Baxley Children's Home again this year. Churches came together and sent gift cards amounting to \$1700. The staff at the Children's Home was overjoyed to receive them. Thank you for your generosity and support.

The theme of Georgia Baptist Children's Homes and Family Ministries is "Care that Makes a Difference". Thanks to you, they served 486 clients in 2022.

Disaster Relief

In October of 2022, our Disaster Relief Team went to Sarasota, Florida to help victims of Hurricane Ian with mud-outs, cutting up trees, tarping jobs, etc.

Griffin, GA residents had 5 tornados rip through their community in January. Unit 36R was there to help.

In April, Unit36R, along with FBC Pembroke, and people from the Chinese Baptist Church and Delesseps Baptist Church worked together clearing trees & and renovating some of the structure of Delesseps Baptist Church. Also, 36R cut down a tree threatening the BCM building at the GSU Armstrong campus.

The Disaster Relief feeding Unit served the senior adults of Savannah Baptist Association in May by providing lunch for the Senior Adult Picnic in J.F. Gregory Park.

In July, "Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief Unit 36R deployed to Barre, VT to bring help, hope, and healing to this community severely impacted by recent flash flooding. Numerous other states had their DR units there as well. Please keep these Vermont folks in your prayers as many suffered major damage. We were so thankful to be able to go help mud out their homes, love on, and encourage them, and most especially share Jesus, and pray with them!! Serving the Lord and others is the most important thing we can do, and the ministry of Disaster Relief is one way we can step out in faith for His glory!!" Denise Young

Because of Hurricane Idelia, the Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief Ministry was in Valdosta in August with our Feeding Ministry and our Clean-up Recovery Ministry. We have had quite a few of our Savannah Baptist DR volunteers respond to the call out to go to Valdosta. Our own Clean-up Recovery Unit 36 R helped two families in Savannah with downed trees.





Baptist Collegiate Ministry
Georgia Southern University
Armstrong Campus

We're advancing the gospel on every campus in Georgia by making disciples of students who become lifelong disciple-makers.

College and university campuses are the most accessible mission fields in our backyard! The men and women who will be leading our state and our nation in 10-20 years are in college classrooms today. Together we can share the gospel with the future leaders of business, technology, education, agriculture, government, and beyond.

Through partnership with our local churches, pastors, associational missionaries, campus faculty, and students, we build our Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) team. These teams are trained and mobilized to reach college students for Christ.

<https://gabaptist.org/ministries/collegiate>

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Annual Calendar

October 2023

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

November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Minister's Meeting 11:00 am Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer	7	8	9 Center Volunteer Meeting	10	11 Veterans' Day
12	13 Minister's Meeting 11:00 am Baptist Center Trustee Meeting 1:30	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Day	24	25
			Office Closed			
26	27 Minister's Meeting 11:00 am	28	29	30		

December 2023

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

January 2024

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

February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Center Volunteer Meeting 10:00	2	3
4	5 Minister's Meeting 11:00 am	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Minister's Meeting 11:00 am	13	14	15 WMU Banquet 6:30 Immanuel	16	17
18 Focus on WMU Sunday	19 Minister's Meeting 11:00 am President's Day	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Minister's Meeting 11:00 am	27	28	29		

March 2024

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

April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <div>Minister's Meeting 11:00 am</div>	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 <div>Minister's Meeting 11:00 am</div>	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 <div>Minister's Meeting 11:00 am</div>	16	17 <div>Deadline for Gift Cards for Baxley Children's Home</div>	18	19 <div>Savannah Day at Baxley Children's Home</div>	20
21	22 <div>Minister's Meeting 11:00 am</div>	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 <div>Minister's Meeting 11:00 am</div>	30				

May 2024

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

June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3 Minister's Meeting TBA	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Minister's Meeting TBA	11	12	13	14	15
SBC Convention Indianapolis, IN						
16 Father's Day	17 Minister's Meeting TBA	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Minister's Meeting TBA	25	26	27	28	29
30						

July 2024

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

August 2024

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

September 2024

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

October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Pastor Appreciation Day	7 Minister's Meeting TBA	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Minister's Meeting TBA Columbus Day	15	16	17	18	19
20 Annual Fall Meeting 5:45 pm TBA	21 Minister's Meeting TBA	22	23	24	25	26
27 Day of Prayer for Associational Missions	28 Minister's Meeting TBA	29	30	31		

Georgia Baptist Mission Board

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

On this website, you will find information about the ministry of GBMB, a calendar of events, and contact information for staff members. They have recently re-arranged the website so that there is now a way for churches to give online or to download a remittance form if you would rather mail donations directly to them.

Bi-annual Meetings

Annual Fall Meeting

The CrossRoad Baptist Church

October 16, 2022

The pre-service music was provided by Donna Davis.

Dr. Johnny Bowen called the meeting to order.

Donna Davis provided more musical inspiration.

Dr. Johnny Bowen welcomed everyone.

Connie Martin presented the enrollment. There were nine churches represented, with 33 messengers, seven staff members, and 11 guests. She reminded everyone the ACRs are due, to send in VBS reports, and to let us know the pastor and wife's birthday if we do not have it on record. She also asked them to take a Book of Reports to staff members and directors in their churches so that they could look at the calendar and plan for such things as the senior adult picnic and the WMU banquet.

Rev. Buddy Wasson presented a plaque to Dr. Johnny Bowen for serving the last three years as moderator.

Rev. Wasson also reported the names of the new pastors in the Association. They were Micah Ellington and his wife, Sarah at Rothwell, Derward Poole and his wife, Suzanne at Sand Hill, Matthew Travis and his wife, Amy at Woodlawn, Jim Staubes, Interim pastor at North Salem and his wife, Donna, and B. J. Duncan Interim pastor at Savannah Baptist Center Church and his wife, Emily.

Dr. Bowen reported that Jasper Springs Baptist Church had closed and turned the building over to Iglesia Cristiana Jasper Springs, the Hispanic congregation formerly of Rincon.

Dr. Bowen presented the names for the 2023 Nominating Team. There were no questions and the names were voted in. Those names are listed on page 7 in the Book of Reports. He also presented the 2023 budget, as listed on pages 8 and 9 of the Book of Reports. It was also voted in.

Stephanie Carr introduced Amber Young as the new Volunteer Coordinator for the Center. All ministries are up and running. The food pantry is serving a record number. Between May and September, 100 bags were given out each month. Over 100 bags have been given out so far this month, and we are only halfway through it. A children's clothes closet has been started and is open twice a month. You can see the pictures in the Book of Reports on pages 10-12.

Marty Youngblood reported that he still does some of the work for the BCM, but Daphne is doing most of the work as the new campus missionary. He is traveling a lot with Paster Wellness for GBMB. Daphne reported that they are having from 50 to 55 students on Wednesdays for lunch and 15 to 20 for discipleship. There are a lot are girls, so they need some male students to join. They added another person to the worship team and are working on how to bring people to lunch and get them involved.

Rev. Wasson reported on Disaster Relief. Our units worked in Kentucky and some volunteers went to Sarasota, Florida to help there, along with volunteers from Texas, Arkansas, and North Carolina. About two million meals were distributed and over 100 people have come to Christ. We have also fed in Garden City at the free dental clinic, Bloomingdale Elementary staff, and the Senior Adult picnic.

Dale Griner reported on the Savannah Baptist Assembly. Dale said he started in January, super-excited to get a chance to serve. So far, we have updated the pool, have a new air conditioner in the Big House, new lighting, and new paint, and are in the process of adding a bathroom to Cabin 5. We have had six groups this year. Groups such as BCM volunteers, Youthworks, and the GAP Ministry have helped with the bathroom.

Dr. Bowen introduced Steve Blake as the speaker.

Donna Davis sang another song.

Steve Blake gave the message. Referring to 1st Peter 1:18-19, he focused on the blood of Christ. We cannot redeem our life through works. We can only do that through the blood of Christ.

Rev. Stan Stones presented a plaque and trip vouchers to Rev. Wasson and Connie Martin for their 10 years of service to the association.

Rev. Wasson adjourned the meeting and refreshments were served in the fellowship hall.

Submitted by
Connie Martin
Clerk
Savannah Baptist Association

Annual Spring Executive Committee Meeting
Savannah Baptist Center Church
April 2, 2023

The Call-to-order was given by Rev. Steve Blake, Moderator of the Savannah Baptist Association.

Dr. Johnny Bowen, pastor of the CrossRoad Baptist Church, led the congregation in music.

Rev. Steve Blake gave the welcome.

Lane Sanders read scripture and led in prayer.

The enrollment of messengers was given by Connie Martin and approved. There were 17 members, one guest, and five staff members present. Nine churches were represented. Connie encouraged the churches to collect gift cards for the Baxley Children's Home and get them to us by April 19th. She also mentioned the Senior Adult Picnic, scheduled for May 11th at J.F. Gregory Park. Joe Ortiz will be speaking.

The minutes from the Annual Fall Meeting were approved.

Rev. Buddy Wasson, the Mission Strategist for Savannah Baptist Association, recognized new pastors and staff. The first one is Deek Douberly of FBC Rincon. He, his wife, Lauren, and his children stayed in the Big House at the Savannah Baptist Assembly for several months until they found a house. FBC Rincon wrote a resolution to the Association, thanking the association for doing that. It probably saved that family thousands of dollars as they settled into a new location. You had a part in ministry for that family, so we thank you for that. Weyman Duke is the new pastor at Beulah Baptist. Matthew Gallant is the new pastor at South Newington Baptist Church. Matthew was the student pastor until Steve McCoy retired, and Matthew was hired as the pastor.

Rev. Wasson went on to state that we have a church petitioning to be part of the association. Our constitution states that they have to submit a letter to us stating their intention to join at this meeting to be voted on at the October meeting. The church is First Baptist Church of Pembroke, GA. The pastor, Tommy Smith, is with us tonight. This church is a member of the Ogeechee River Baptist Association, and after much prayer, they felt led of God to leave the Ogeechee River Association and join the Savannah Baptist Association. They have taken time to do it right. We look forward to working together with you, Tommy. Tom Young, our clean-up and recovery director is a member of this church. We have some connections there and now we are going to have even more.

Stephanie Carr reported for the Savannah Baptist Center. She focused on some of the changes that have happened since we met last. There has been a tremendous increase in the number of food pantry clients. The last time we met, we talked about 100 bags a month. For the first three months of this year, the Center has given out over 830 bags of food. We can't do this without the help of the churches and individual donations. We are also seeing an increase in the number of families that are referred to us by school social workers. The sheer number of people living in hotels, the number of grandparents raising grandchildren, and kids out of school for breaks and the summer is astonishing. We are also seeing an increase in extended families raising children together. We also have referrals from other places such as Recovery Place. The last time we met, we had just started a children's closet. We are working with the church and having it as an outreach for the church. We put close to 500 door hangers out together in the neighborhoods near us, and Amber is getting numbers together of the children so that BJ can contact them for the church. The sewing class is adding numbers and is changing a little bit of what they are doing. Here are a couple of things that they are making. Here is a little children's book and a burp cloth. These are going directly into the children's clothes closet. We have an adult bib and a small quilt. We also make larger quilts. I don't know if you can see this, but it says, 'Jesus Loves Me'. Last Thursday, we gave out 4 or 5 quilts that were made by our ladies. We are also seeing an increase in people who have been burned out of their homes and lost everything. At that point, we step in and do hygiene, food, clothing, or blankets. We are continuing with the Certified Nurse's Program and the adult continuing education program. It has grown from classes two days a week to classes four days a week. We now have a student who lives across from us. She started this summer. She is set to hopefully graduate in June. We will be having VBS here from July 17th through the 20th. We have a team coming to help but we need a little bit of help with breakfast and snacks. If you have a church that wants to sponsor a project, we need some uniform shirts. With the social workers and the families that are coming, they need these to get the kids back in school. I have purchased some with Amazon gift cards that were donated. We can make a difference. I believe that if everyone does a little bit, it will make a difference. Thank you.

Dale Griner shared about the Assembly. I appreciate you allowing me to serve through the Assembly. We are in the best place that we have ever been and it is growing even more. It is absolutely gorgeous out there. It looks nothing like it did five years ago. I've only been there a little over a year. In February, we finished off the bathrooms in cabin 5 and we have had two groups in it so far. Every cabin has a bathroom in it now. Next week, we will have a new fence around the pool. GAP Ministry is going to redo the amphitheater in the back. There are lots of other things that we have done to make it so that the churches can enjoy it more. We have had seven groups so far this year but last year we only had 2 this far. We have more that are scheduled. We have about 100 fewer people out there so far this year than we had all of last year.

Rev. Buddy Wasson added that all cabins are also heated and air-conditioned. Before, we were just seasonal between May and September. Now we can go year-round. It's not just for kids. If you want to have a deacon's retreat or senior adult ministry, utilize this place. It is beautiful. I'm not sure if we introduced Amber at our last meeting. Amber Young is our volunteer coordinator at Savannah Baptist Center. She and Jeremy are at FBC of the Islands.

Disaster Relief – We have a clean-up and recovery unit and a lower feeding unit where we can feed almost 1,000 meals a day. We were on call to go to Mississippi when the tornadoes went through Milledgeville so we were sent to that area. We had a

tree removal at Delesseps Avenue Baptist last Saturday. Then they went to the BCM and took down a massive dead pine tree. We thank God for that. Our feeding unit will be serving at the senior adult picnic on May 11th at JF Gregory Park. Encourage your folks to come. We always have a blast. Joe Ortiz will be leading us in music and sharing his testimony. Joe's wife, Becky, passed away about two months ago. She had a stroke and pancreatic cancer that had been in remission but came back. He is going to share his heart about recovering from such a situation and walking through that.

BCM-Marty Youngblood is back with Pastoral Wellness with GBMB but he is still semi-director of the BCM and he oversees the finances. Daphne, his wife, has really been leading in the activities at the BCM and they are averaging around 70 students on Wednesday at their feedings right now. God's doing something there. Pray for the BCM and get involved.

Buddy introduced the guest speaker, Pastor BJ Duncan. He is the interim pastor at the SBC Church. He is going to share some of his testimony and I love his family. BJ has a ministry through his company called ARK International. I pray that some of you will get involved with that. They are setting up a virtual school in Liberia.

Dr. Johnny Bowen led in singing the song, "Majesty".

Rev. BJ Duncan –"I want to give honor, thanks, and glory to our God for his grace and his mercy. I was on a path of destruction and without Jesus, my end result would have been hell for all of eternity." He started with the Great Commission, Act 1:8. Each one of you is serving out of Paul's example of planting churches, training men, and teaching others. I came to SBC and the joy that has been here. I see people here as a family. I came to Savannah in 2020 with my business. We went through COVID-19. I came from a very successful ministry in the middle of the projects. The Lord told me to come and invest in Savannah. I ended up in the parking lot because of the apartments. I did not know about the church or the ministry here. I saw Stephanie's heart and what was going on there and I just loved it. Everyone just swallowed us up in this family. We came to see what the Lord was doing here. My prayer is unity. We are one church. Each church is a division of the body of Christ. It's beautiful to see groups and pastors come together. I am a pipefitter but as a teenager, I eased out the door and started to live wrong. I was addicted to cocaine and had been locked up about 10 times. By the time I was 19, I was working during the day and selling drugs at night. A young Southern Baptist pastor came by and looked me up. He would look me in the face and tell me "Jesus loves you. Take time to pray and read the bible every day." It drew me to Christ. I saw a man who was struggling the same as me and he was real. Jesus had a plan. I made my mind up and within 30 days, he took it all away after I was saved. That's been 20 years ago. A couple of years ago, I started with youth ministry. I watched people going through what I had been through outside the window every day. I heard the Lord say that somebody's got to go tell them. The Lord called me to start a church after 4 years of seminary. I preached there for about 6 years and went out and invited everyone on the streets and fed them every Sunday. We moved the church right in the middle of the ghetto. There were 27 drug dealers at the front door of the complex. We stayed there until 2020 when we moved here. We watched drug dealers get saved. We had a Bible study at the bootlegger's house. And after about 3 years, he got saved. We saw 20-plus people get saved and the whole environment changed. That's where the Lord brought me from, placed me, and led me here. I joined my dad in business with ARK in 2006. He wanted to use the business to see the gospel of Jesus spread. In 2014, the Lord brought me to a young man who wanted to support missionaries. We put together a nonprofit to support missionaries. We started in Nigeria, going back and forth. Since then, we added Cambodia, which had five churches. The Lord called me to Liberia. I thought that a missionary would go, but the lord told me that it would be me going. We joined up with a Bible College that had planted nine churches. We have purchased four acres and built a building for the Bible College. Now we have 16 churches there. I learned to get out of the way and the Lord would move me around. Then we went to the Dominican Republic and worked there. We would love to have your church's help in supporting these churches and purchasing land for each church.

The meeting was adjourned in prayer by Rev. Buddy Wasson.

Submitted by

Connie Martin

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 a 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 to 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 of 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 the acquisition and disposal of Associational property, transact on behalf of THE ASSOCIATION in the 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 the case of special meetings, the purpose(s) for their meeting shall be included in the notice.

(C) Place of Meetings: The members of 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 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 the 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 on the first day of January and end on the 31st day of December each calendar year.

3. **ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR:** The associational year in 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 numbers 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 of 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 the 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.