



## **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  
First Baptist Church of Rincon  
Sunday, October 20, 2024, 5:45 p.m.

*Theme: Serving and Honoring God Together*

5:45	Pre-Session Music	FRC Rincon	FBC Rincon
6:00	Call to Order	Dr. Lane Sanders	SBA Moderator
6:02	Music	FBC Rincon	FBC Rincon
6:15	Welcome and Scripture	Dr. Deek Douberly	FBC Rincon
6:20	Enrollment of Messengers	Connie Martin	Clerk
	Introduction of New Pastors/Staff	Rev. Buddy Wasson	SBA Mission Strategist
	New Church	Rev. Buddy Wasson	SBA Mission Strategist
	Nominating Committee	Dr. Lane Sanders	SBA Moderator
	Budget	Dr. Lane Sanders	SBA Moderator
	Update on Survey	Dr. Lane Sanders	SBA Moderator
	Savannah Baptist Center	Mrs. Stephanie Carr	SBC Director
	Baptist Collegiate Ministries	Rev. Marty & Daphne Youngblood	BCM Director
	Savannah Baptist Assoc. Disaster Relief	Bro. Tom Young	SBA Disaster Relief
	Savannah Baptist Assembly	Dale Griner	Assembly Director
	Introduction of Guest Speaker	Rev. Buddy Wasson	SBA Mission Strategist
6:55	Inspirational Speaker	Dr. Deek Douberly	Pastor FBC Rincon
7:15	Recognition of Connie Martin	Rev. Buddy Wasson	SBA Mission Strategist
7:25	Prayer & Benediction	Rev. Buddy Wasson	SBA Mission Strategist

Refreshments will be served after the meeting in the Welcome Center.

<b>Church Directory Savannah Baptist Association</b>					
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Phone: 912-232-1033					
<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>PASTOR (WIFE)</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>ZIP</b>	<b>OFFICE</b>
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	Taylor Lazenby/Kayla	1400 Bull St.	Savannah	31401	(912)236-1511
Calvary Baptist Temple	Vincent Whelan (	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 <sup>th</sup> 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	Doug Cone, Sr.	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	Tom Campbell	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 <sup>th</sup> 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	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)	Dwayne Dasher (Michelle)	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	Drew Whatley (Olivia)	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	Lucas White (Naomi)	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	Bill Fowler	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	Ronald Nichols	59 Johnny Mercer Blvd	Savannah	31410	
Windsor Forest	Kenny Sellars (I)	12521 White Bluff Rd	Savannah	31419	(912)925-8650
Woodlawn		407 Talmadge Avenue	Garden City	31408	(912)964-8676
<b>Missions</b>					
Morningstar Community	Grady Taylor (Arlene)	2836 US Hwy 80	Bloomingdale	31302	(912)748-5757

## Savannah Baptist Ministries



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## Savannah Baptist Ministries

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### **Disaster Relief**

Tom Young

Associational Disaster Relief Director

Feeding Unit

Doug Rowland, Director

Clean-Up and Recovery Unit

Tom Young, Director

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for Information

## Ministry Team Nominations for 2024-2025

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

### Administrative Team

Associational Mission Strategist	Rev. Buddy Wasson
Moderator	Rev. Dwayne Dasher, Lighthouse Baptist Church, Pooler
Moderator-Elect	Rev. Chris Blalock, FBC Rincon
Clerk	Tewanna Wommack, Faulkville Baptist Church
Assistant Clerk	Connie Martin, FBC Rincon
Treasurer	Connie Martin, FBC Rincon
Assistant Treasurer	Naomi White, Savannah Baptist Center Church
GBMB Executive Committee Representative	Rev. Steve Blake, FBC Bloomingdale

### Personnel Team

Moderator	Rev. Dwayne Dasher, Lighthouse Baptist Church, Pooler
Moderator-Elect	Rev. Chris Blalock, FBC Rincon
Treasurer	Connie Martin, FBC Rincon
Assistant Treasurer	Naomi White, Savannah Baptist Center Church

### Associational Missions Team

Vacation Bible School and Children's Director	Dr. Bill Gammon, Countryside
WMU Director	TBA
Disaster Relief Director	Tom Young, FBC Pembroke
Missions/ Evangelism /Church Start Director	Rev. Jesse Pamplona, International Bible Christian Fellowship
Associational Prayer Coordinator	Rev. Steve Blake, FBC Bloomingdale
College Ministry Director	Rev. Marty Youngblood

## Savannah Baptist Center Committee (Trustees)

2025 Randall Frantz, FBC Garden City	2026 Beverly Goethe, Savannah Baptist Center Church
2025 Derward Poole, Sand Hill	2026 Michael Connor, FBC of the Islands
2025 Guy Sammons, Calvary	2027 Pam Crovatt, Pooler FBC
2026 Johnny Bowen, The CrossRoad	2027 Mary Ellen Nutt, Skidaway Island
2026 Linda Macmillan, Higher Ground	2027 Stephen McAliley, Godley Station
2026 Tamla Pridgen, Bull Street	2027 Albert Hill, FBC Pembroke
2026 Dede Linton, FBC Garden City	2027 Buddy Clay, Calvary
2026 Terri Shepherd, FBC of the Islands	

## Savannah Baptist Center Ex-Officio Members

Rev. Dwayne Dasher, Lighthouse Baptist Church, Pooler	Associational Mission Strategist – Rev. Buddy Wasson
Moderator- Elect- Rev. Chris Blalock	Director Savannah Baptist Center – Stephanie Carr

Savannah Baptist Association				
Annual Budget 2025				
	2024		2025	
<b>Missions/Evangelism/Outreach</b>				
10670-01 - Associational Mission Trips	\$2,000.00		2,000	
<b>Total Fixed for Missions/Evangelism/Outreach</b>		2,000		2,000
<b>Percentage Missions/Evangelism/Outreach</b>				
10635-01 - Baptist Center (8% of Budget)	20,624		19,161	
10645-01 - Student Ministry - (AASU 2.3% of Budget)	5,929		5,509	
<b>Total Missions/Evangelism/Outreach</b>	26,553		24,670	
<b>Church Growth</b>				
10710-01 - Men's Ministry/RA's	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	1,000		1,000	
10742-01 - Senior Adult Ministry	500		700	
10758-01 - Savannah Day at Baxley	200		200	
<b>Total Church Growth</b>		8,050		8,250
<b>Administration</b>				
10809-01 - Housing Allowance - AM	33,453		43,453	
10810-01 - Salary/Allowances - DOM	21,678		11,678	
10812-01 - Convention Expense - DOM	1,000		1,000	
10814-01 - Ministry Expenses - DOM	500		500	
10815-01 - Annuity - AM	15,912		15,912	
10817-01 - Travel pay - DOM	5,700		6,000	
10823-01 - Clerical overtime	500		500	
10829-01 - Financial Secretary	22,067		22,067	
10830-01 - Treasurer Salary	3,862		3,862	
10842-01 - Christmas Bonus	1,000		1,000	
10843-01 - Receptionist Salary	10,400		0	
10844-01 - Training	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	
<b>Total Administration</b>		150,824		140,724
<b>Operations</b>				
10837-01 - Janitorial Supplies	200		200	
10851-01 - Memorial Fund	150		150	
10910-01 - Insurance/Workman's Comp	15,000		17,100	
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	5,000		5,000	



10920-01 - Office Supplies	1,200		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	200		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	500		500	
30813-01 - Assembly Development	1,000		1,000	
30815-01 - ASSEMB-F.I.C.A. / MEDICARE EMPLOYER	2,200		2,310	
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	
<b>Total Operations</b>		86,330		88,540
<b>Total Budget Before Baptist Center and Student Ministry</b>		247,404		239,514
<b>Baptist Center and Student Ministry</b>		26,553		24,670
<b>Total Budget with Baptist Center and Student Ministry</b>		273,957		264,184

## Savannah Baptist Association Mission Strategist

Rev. Buddy Wasson

This year, as we saw the progress of the Hyundai Meta Plant, our thought was, “How can we minister to the influx of people from around the world who will be working at the Meta Plant?” As we met and prayed, it seemed that the Lord was leading us in three areas of ministry. One would be English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. We would focus on the incoming Korean population. We provided an ESL teaching class and then asked churches to develop ESL classes for their communities. Second, we have been trying to work with the Hyundai Corporation and its subsidiary plants to allow us to place Chaplains on-site. We would be working with Corporate Chaplains of America. And third, would be events that the Koreans and other workers could attend. These events would be cultural events, sporting events, etc.

Also, this year, our Admin Team conducted a survey with each Pastor, seeking to find out how the Association could better minister to all the Savannah Baptist Association Churches. The two main things that we learned were that Pastors wanted better communication between the Association and the Churches and more training. We will be seeking to meet these requests.

Lastly, our Financial Secretary, Mrs. Connie Martin, will be retiring. Connie has been with the Savannah Baptist Association for twelve years and has done a fantastic job. She has been extremely dedicated and has had one of the best work ethics I have ever seen. To say that she will be missed would be an understatement. Connie has been a tremendous Blessing to me and to all who have had interactions with her. To Connie, I believe the Words of our Lord and Savior convey our thoughts. “Well done thou good and faithful servant.” Job well done. You will be truly missed.

## **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.

### Ministry Update

#### Vacation Bible School-Community Outreach

Over 200 people were served at a block party in our parking lot to lead off Vacation Bible School/Kids Camp. We had hamburgers, hot dogs, snow cones, three huge inflatables, and a lot of fun! To promote VBS, we distributed door hangers in our neighborhood and contacted families that had received assistance in our children's clothes closet. About 30 children per day joined us for VBS and to learn about Jesus!

#### Savannah Baptist Center Informational Video

A short video is now available that provides an overview of the ministries at the Baptist Center. This video is available through an easy-access YouTube link <https://youtu.be/gAwDlxJ3DYA> Please contact us for additional information.

### Volunteer Opportunities

#### Thanksgiving 2024

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 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### Christmas 2024

We will be providing a gift for the clients who receive services at the Baptist Center. Items needed include deodorant, razors, and personal cleansing wipes. Items are due Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### Christmas 2024 – Christmas Stockings for Children

This is an opportunity for us to minister to the families that shop in our children's clothes closet. We need small toys, children's toothbrushes, and toothpaste for the stockings. The deadline for us to receive items is December 4<sup>th</sup>.

### February 2025-Local School and Staff Outreach and Appreciation

Items needed include granola bars, chips, post-it notes, and small packs of tissues. We will also include information on the Baptist Center, a note of encouragement, and a prayer card.

### Services Provided Jan 2024-Aug 2024

Bible Study and Sewing Attendance: 578, Clothes Closet Clients: 1476, Food Pantry Bags: 1574

Oasis (Laundry, Showers, Day Lockers): 2751

Total services: 6378

Total Volunteer Hours Jan 2024-Aug 2024:

4404 **THANK YOU!**

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



## **Savannah Baptist Assembly**

Dale Griner, Director

With no major projects this year, I made it my personal goal to try and get the Assembly to a place where it looks on purpose. We were able to get help from multiple mission groups to get a lot of painting done. We repainted the trim on the Big House, the gazebo, and the picnic shelters. We also replaced the columns on cabins 1 through 4 and painted them. All of our exterior colors are now green, white, and tan.

As far as usage goes, we have had about twenty groups so far in 2024. That has resulted in over 800 people that we've served, which is a little more than last year. So far, we have another twelve groups reserved for the future. We've been able to serve two different associational pastors this year by allowing them to stay a few days each while moving into the area. We were also able to be a helping hand to a few families in our community whose wells were contaminated by Tropical Storm Debby by offering to let them use our showers.

With all that God has done this year, I continue looking forward to what He will do. The Assembly is truly an amazing place full of opportunity.



## Senior Adult Ministry

The Savannah Baptist Association Senior Adult Picnic was held on May 9<sup>th</sup> at J. F. Gregory Park in Richmond Hill. Everyone enjoyed hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixings. Dr. Johnny Bowen, pastor of the CrossRoad Baptist Church, was our guest musician/speaker.

The next picnic is scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at J.F Gregory Park.



## Georgia Baptist Children's Homes and Family Ministries

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

Your gifts of Walmart and Visa gift cards for the Baxley Children's Home amounted to \$3802 this year. With these cards, the staff can purchase items as the need arises. Thank you for your generosity and support.

The mission of Georgia Baptist Children's Homes and Family Ministries:

*Georgia Baptist Children's Homes and Family Ministries is a Christian caring ministry of services designed to promote the spiritual, physical, and emotional well-being of children, youth, and families.*

You can go to their website and see their core values and testimonials about the children and families they helped this year. Because of you, they served 570 clients and provided 55,808 days of care in the fiscal year 2024.



**VBS Report 2024**  
Dr. Bill Gammon, Director



The Lifeway theme for 2024 was Breaker Rock Beach. Some churches used other publishers for their materials, and some made up their own. Following is a list of churches that reported their results.

**Countryside Baptist**





**Bull Street**



Lifeway's Breaker Rock Beach  
27 Participants  
31 Volunteers



## South Newington Baptist Church



Lifeway's Breaker Rock Beach  
35 Participants  
38 Volunteers  
1 Decision to Accept Christ

## Baptist Church at Ebenezer



## **Silk Hope Baptist Church**



Program Created by Church  
61 Participants  
27 Volunteers  
4 Decisions to Accept Christ

## **First Baptist Church of the Islands**



Used another publisher  
156 Participants  
150 Volunteers



## Corinth Baptist Church



Used another publisher  
50 Participants  
41 Volunteers

## The Church at Godley Station



Used Previous Lifeway VBS Theme  
258 Participants  
120 Volunteers

## Thunderbolt Baptist Church



Used a Program Created by the Church

16 Participants

4 Volunteers

1 Decision to Accept Christ

## Savannah Baptist Center







Lifeway's Breaker Rock Beach  
31 Participates

### FBC Rincon





Used Lifeway's KidEvent Pro for registration and VBX Orange Curriculum  
455 Participants  
206 Volunteers  
25 Decisions to Accept Christ

**Pooler First Baptist Church**  
Lifeway's Breaker Rock Beach  
14 Participants  
23 Volunteers

**Life Church at Ardsley Park**  
Lifeway's Breaker Rock Beach  
47 Participants  
30 Volunteers  
3 Decisions to Accept Christ

**Chevis Oaks Baptist Church**  
Lifeway's Breaker Rock Beach  
174 Participants  
78 Volunteers

If your church would like to be included in next year's Book of Reports, please send the information to [info@sbcassociation.org](mailto:info@sbcassociation.org) as soon as VBS is over.



## Disaster Relief

As reported by Denise Young

July – Jasper Texas. Tornado damage.

“Our Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief Unit 36R, Savannah Baptist Association, has been truly blessed to help numerous families in Jasper, TX by chainsaw, cleanup, and most especially by sharing our Lord's love and encouragement after a recent tornado. Some of our team members came from many cities across GA. Please pray for the folks impacted by the tornado as they move forward through the recovery process. Thank you & bless you for prayers for them!”



August 7, Garden City, GA

“Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief Cleanup & Recovery Unit 36R, part of Savannah Baptist Association, cleaned up a giant oak tree fallen in front of two homes in Garden City today, as a result of Tropical Storm Debby. It is such a blessing for us to be able to bring help, hope & healing to others when such disasters occur!”



August 8, Savannah

"GA Baptist Disaster Relief Unit 36R was able to help more folks today in Savannah to clean up after TS Debby damage. Before pics show such a tangled web while after pics show a cleaned up new beginning."



August 15<sup>th</sup>, Savannah Area

"GBDR Unit 36R is continuing to help folks detrimentally impacted by TS Debby. We've done numerous chainsaw jobs, tarping jobs, & are now working on 2 mud-out jobs; locations have included Savannah, Pembroke, Pooler, & near Claxton. Bottom line is this, we serve a risen Savior and want to share His love with others!! Please continue prayers for those impacted by TS Debby."





August 16<sup>th</sup> Savannah Area

“DR Unit 36R completed this total mud-out today. It took 3 days to finish, including final step of mild remediation spraying. What a precious family we were blessed to help, love on & encourage. They did the same for us! What a God we serve!!”



August 17<sup>th</sup> Savannah Area

“GBDR 36R has wrapped up today our 2nd mud out. Pics reflect removal of contaminated materials & after clean up of same. Our Team has been mightily blessed to have completed 10 jobs (5 chainsaw jobs, 3 tarp jobs, & 2 mud out jobs) in the last 10 days across Chatham, Bryan, Evans, & Effingham Counties. Please continue prayers for these folks impacted by T.S. Debby. God bless you!!”



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"Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke, and encourage- with great patience and careful instruction." 2 Timothy 4:2





# Annual Calendar

## October 2024

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

# November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Daylight Savings Ends 2 am	4 Ministers Meeting 11:00am Baptist Women's World Day of	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Veteran's Day Office Closed	12	13 Center Volunteer Meeting 11:00	14	15	16
GBMB 202nd Annual Meeting FBC Statesboro						
17	18 Ministers Meeting 11:00am Baptist Center Trustee Meeting 1:30	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Ministers Meeting 11:00am	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30
			Offices Closed			

December 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Week of Prayer						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
				Offices Closed		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Christmas Eve	Christmas Day			
	Offices Closed					
29	30	31				
		New Year's Eve				
	Offices Closed					

January 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <div>New Year's Day</div> <div>Offices Closed</div>	2	3	4
5	6 <div>Ministers Meeting 11:00am</div>	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 <div>Admin Team 9:30</div> <div>Ministers Meeting 11:00am</div>	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 <div>Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Office Closed</div>	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 <div>Ministers Meeting 11:00am</div> <div>Baptist Center Trustees 1:30</div>	28	29	30	31	

# February 2025

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

March 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3 Admin Team Meeting 9:30 am Minister's Meeting 11:00am	4	5	6	7	8
Week of Prayer for North American Mission & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering						
9 Daylight Savings Time Begins 2 am Week of Prayer	10 Minister's Meeting 11:00am	11	12	13	14	15
16 Executive Committee Meeting 5:45 TBD	17 St. Patrick's Day Offices Closed	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Ministers Meeting 11:00am Baptist Center Trustee Meeting 1:30	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

# April 2025

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

May 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 National Day of Prayer	2	3
4	5 Ministers Meeting 11:30 am	6	8	8 Senior Adult Picnic 11:00am J.F. Gregory Park	9	10
11 Mother's Day	12 Ministers Meeting 11:30 am	13	14 Center Volunteer Meeting 11:00	15	16	17
18	19 Ministers Meeting 11:30 am  Baptist Center Trustee Meeting 1:30	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day Offices Closed	27	28	29	30	31



# June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <div>Disaster Relief Sunday</div>	<b>2</b> <div>Ministers Luncheon TBA</div>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <div>Ministers Luncheon TBA</div> <div>SBC Annual Meeting Dallas, TX</div>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <div>Father's Day</div>	<b>16</b> <div>Ministers Luncheon TBA</div>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <div>Ministers Luncheon TBA</div>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <div>Ministers Luncheon TBA</div>					

# July 2025

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

# August 2025

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

# September 2025

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

October 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Ministers Meeting 11:00am	7	8	9	10	11
12 Pastor's Appreciation Day	13 Ministers Meeting 11:00am  Columbus Day	14	15	16	17	18
19 Annual Fall Meeting 5:45 pm TBD  Church ACR Deadline  Day of Prayer for Associational Missions	20 Ministers Meeting 11:00am	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Ministers Meeting 11:00 am	28	29	30	31	

## **Georgia Baptist Mission Board**

<http://gabaptist.org>

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

Woodlawn Baptist Church

October 15, 2023

Pre-service music.

Welcome, Scripture, and Prayer – Rev. Matt Travis welcomed everyone and read from Philippians Chapter 2, as an example of who we're supposed to be.

The Call to Order was made by Dr. Lane Sanders, Moderator

Congregational music was led by Woodlawn Baptist Church

Enrollment of Messengers, Connie Martin - 14 churches, 30 messengers, 60 guests, and 11 staff members, a total of 105

Rev. Steve Blake instructed the messengers to open their book of reports to page seven and look at the nominating committee report. There were no questions, and the report passed. The budget was on pages eight and nine. He pointed out a couple of things that were a little different. The administrative team wanted to honor the staff by giving Pastor Buddy a 2% raise and the financial secretary, receptionist, and treasurer a 4% increase. Rev. Wasson's salary has modified because he recently bought a new home and so that has changed the way he's distributed his money for housing. The total package is the same.

There were no questions, and the report passed.

Rev. Blake brought up some recommendations from the Admin Team. The first one is a recommendation concerning the Association and church relationships. The recommendation is that the Admin Team, along with the Associational Mission Strategist, develop a strategy to better engage the churches of the Savannah Baptist Association in their support of the Association and its work. The task will encompass four steps. The first one is to develop a strategy to strengthen the relationship of the existing supporting churches, both voluntarily in service and financially for the Association; two, to develop a strategy to engage the churches of our Association that currently are not involved to become engaged voluntarily in service and financially within the next year; three, to assist our churches to better understand the work and opportunities of our association for the benefit of expanding the Kingdom of God through the Association of Churches, working cooperatively together as well as how the Association can assist them in the Kingdom work of their own local church; and four, to report back to the spring and fall meetings in 2024 on the progress of the Admin Team's work. Now the reason we are doing this is that we have 70 churches in our association, and yet we have a large number that we've noticed are not really participating, whether it be financially or in participation. As we were considering the budget, we decided it was important that we develop a strategy to begin to engage these churches. There are

opportunities that we must be able to engage many of our churches and be able to help them to know it's important that they can feel they are a part of our association.

No questions. The resolution carried.

The second recommendation concerns the LaRoche Avenue property. The administrative team of the Savannah Baptist Association recommends the Savannah Baptist Association gift the land and buildings currently owned by the Association on Roche Avenue to the International Bible Christian Fellowship.

Rev. Buddy Wasson explained that we just recently found out that we, as the Savannah Baptist Association, owned property and buildings on La Roche Avenue. The County is now issuing a Fire protection service and they're taxing people who own property within the county. We got our bill in August, along with a late fee that we were never billed for. They said that we owned property on La Roche Avenue. We did not realize this, so we did some research and found out that on La Roche, the only ministry that the Savannah Baptist Association has is the International Bible Christian Fellowship where Pastor Jesse Pamplona is the pastor. We found out that that used to be the old Bonabella Baptist Church. In 2004, Bonabella Baptist Church dissolved, and they donated the property and the buildings to the Savannah Baptist Association. Pastor Jesse's church was meeting at Windsor Forest, and the association offered to them a rental agreement at \$1 a year, as long as they would do the upkeep on the property to utilize those buildings. They've been there and have done well with over \$150,000 worth of renovations. Let's give this beautiful church family the property. They have other renovations they need to do, and they can use the buildings for collateral to borrow the money to do what they need to do. We, the association, are going to pay the fire protection fee this year. We have already spoken to an attorney, and all it needs is a warranty deed transfer, so it'll be very simplistic. We're honored to be able to present that to the Savannah Bab Association tonight as a recommendation from the Admin Team, that we donate the property on La Roche Avenue to the International Bible Christian Fellowship.

Rev. Jess Pamplona thanked the Association on behalf of his church. He stated that we had been there for him when his son, David, had brain cancer. David, after undergoing six brain surgeries, because of your prayer, is here tonight. He graduated from college, and he started working at St. Joseph's Hospital.

A vote was taken, and the recommendation was passed.

Rev. Buddy Wasson asked for all the members of International Bible Christian Fellowship to stand and for everyone to gather around them as he prayed for them.

Rev. Steve Blake announced that are voting a church into our association and that is 1st Baptist Pembroke.

Rev. Buddy Wasson reported that, well over a year ago, FBC Pembroke had been considering joining the Savannah Baptist Association. Pastor Tommy led First Baptist Pembroke in a great way. He prayed about it, took it to the staff, and they prayed about it, took it to the deacons, and they prayed about it, took it to the church, and they prayed about it. It took time because they wanted to seek the heart of God. They went through the right process with us and being an established church, they submitted their application, which was in by our spring meeting. Tonight, you'll hear a recommendation from the Admin Team that we accept First Baptist Pembroke as a member of the Savannah Baptist Association. There were no questions. A vote was taken, and it was approved.

Rev. Wasson asked members of First Baptist Pembroke to stand as we prayed over them. Rev. Steve Blake led us in prayer for FBC Pembroke.

Rev. Buddy Wasson presented Rev. Steve Blake with a plaque for his service as moderator for the past year.

He also announced that we've had two Hispanic churches, and the Chinese Baptist Church come in the last couple of years. He was excited for 1st Baptist Pembroke being a part of our fellowship.

Rev. Buddy Wasson reported on Disaster Relief. They have been busy. Not only was the Clean Up & Recovery Unit in North Georgia, they went up to West Virginia, Vermont and did a lot of clean-up of basements, cutting trees, and debris removal, but we also had others doing other areas. We had people doing chaplaincy, doing feeding ministry down in Valdosta from Hurricane Adela, and doing INT work. Disaster Relief is very important. We've done some right here in Savannah. It's a ministry to bring help, hope, and healing to those who hurt during disastrous times. He encouraged everyone to become involved.

Stephanie Carr spoke about the Savannah Baptist Center. The report is on page ten. She explained that they had brochures at that list all the different ministries that God is doing there. They are available to share with the churches. She stated that she would be happy to come and speak to some of their groups and update them on what's happening at the Baptist Center. She gave an update on the Children's Clothes Closet that was started last year. Over 30% of the total clothes closet clients are children. The total clothes closet clients are right now about 1,600, so you're talking significant in one year. Tuesday of last week, we provided clothing for 52 children in one day in three hours. God has put within our hearts, this incredible desire that the children and moms in our neighborhood come to the Baptist Center for services, for those children to know about Jesus and to know that God loves them. That is the whole purpose of this. We also go through social workers to provide a school uniform, get a kid back in school where they can have lunch, and that parent can then be able to pursue a job. It's opportunities. It's the way that we're ministering to families. I want you to see how these three things are very closely linked together right now: food pantry, adult continuing education, and children's clothes closet. Out of those children that came last Tuesday, we had a mother come for adult education on Thursday. It's working together. If we can get them in the center, we can minister to them. We currently have 22 learners, five volunteers, and two GED graduates in continuing education. It's life-changing but in the middle of all this we are just loving on them. We are telling and showing them about Jesus. We had vacation Bible School last summer at the Baptist Center. Over 400 bags of food were given in the month of September from the food pantry. As they come once a month, we get to pray with them.

Here are some volunteer opportunities. Thanksgiving gift cards help us to minister, and we can also use those gift cards for the clients who receive services and help to supplement through the food pantry. Christmas is something we've done, but sometimes, things change. We're adding projects because want to do what God wants us to do. This year, we're going to have a children's clothes closet right before Christmas. We bought these simple little stockings and we're going to put candy in the little drawstring bags and put them in the stockings. If anybody can help us, we need candy and small toys, little stuffed animals, and matchbox cars. For ten years I've been at the Baptist Center and let me just say the way that you all have helped us, come alongside us, provided things for us, and answered our call for donations. We're a ministry of this association, so how we come together and serve the Lord as a team for his glory means the world to me, and I appreciate you all so much.

Rev. Buddy Wasson stated that Stephanie had mentioned that she had been at the center for 10 years. He presented her with a plaque and a certificate and asked the trustees and any pastor who wants to, to come and lay hands upon Stephanie as we pray over her tonight. Rev. Johnny Bowen led in prayer over Stephanie.

Rev. Marty Youngblood reported on his role in Baptist Collegiate Ministry. Most of the ministry is being done on the campus of Armstrong through Daphnee and her volunteer time with the student leadership team. Thank you to who makes it possible for us to reach that campus for Christ and God's doing some great things.

Daphnee Youngblood shared about BCM. The BCM has really grown from five to seven students to 30 in worship and this Wednesday we had 95 for lunch. The number of students going to the state convention grew from five to fourteen. They now have 12 leaders. She stated that they could not do this ministry, especially on Wednesdays, feeding students



for free, without the help of churches. We have about 14 churches that feed once or twice a year. It's a privilege to be at the BCM and to pour out into these kids. She encouraged anyone who would like to help to send her an email.

Dale Griner reported on the Savannah Baptist Assembly. He stated that the bathrooms in cabin five were finished and there is now a new fence around the pool. The new pool has been used many times this year. The floors in the bedroom of the big house have been sanded and revarnished. Gap Ministry replaced the amphitheater at the very back of the property and it's much better. Last year we had ten groups to this point, equaling about 360 people with four groups still scheduled out for the rest of the year. Year -to-date, we have 16 groups, with 675 people in five groups still scheduled for the rest of this year. With all these groups, the most beautiful part of the ministry this year is that have had 22 people reported to have come to Jesus, seven of which were baptized in the pool. "I'm praying God will continue to use the assembly to bless our churches here and I'm hoping that you will continue to pray with me. Thank you."

Rev. Buddy Wasson re-emphasized the work that was put into the Assembly and encouraged everyone to make use of it. He introduced the keynote speaker, Dr. Lane Sanders, Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church

Dr. Lane Sanders preached the sermon, starting with encouraging us to pray for Israel and everything that is going on over there right now. He continued to preach from Isaiah, Chapter six, expressing that, when we're talking about serving and honoring God, the two really cannot be separated. He listed four activities that must be involved that will propel us to do this thing the way that God has called us to, as individuals, as churches, and as an association. These are experiencing God, preparing our hearts for worship, presuming on God to do something, and exalting God.

Rev. Buddy Wasson thanked Dr. Sanders for the message and Woodlawn Baptist Church for hosting the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Martin  
Clerk, Savannah Baptist Association

Annual Executive Committee Meeting  
The CrossRoad Baptist Church  
March 16, 2024

Pre-session Music presented by The CrossRoad Baptist Church.

The Call to Order was made by Dr. Land Sanders, Moderator.

Congregational singing was led by Johnnie Bowen, Dr. Pastor of The CrossRoad Baptist Church.

Welcome, Scripture, and Prayer were presented by Dr. Johnny Bowen, Pastor, The CrossRoad Baptist Church. He read from Psalm 103:19.

Enrollment of Messengers was presented by Connie Martin. There were 46 messengers and guests and 7 staff members, totaling 51 in all, represented by 11 churches.

Connie Martin reminded everyone about the senior adult picnic and the gift card collection for Baxley Children's Home.

Dr. Lane Sanders asked for a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded, voted on, and accepted.

Dr. Sanders also presented a report on the motion that had been approved at the Fall Meeting. The whole purpose behind that motion is that there seems to be some kind of a disconnect between several of our churches and what is going on with the association. He assured everyone that the Association is not going under or anything like that. It's just

that we want to strengthen what is there by trying to connect with these churches again. The Admin Team met to discuss this, and the path that has been set at this point is there will be four of the Admin Team members calling the pastors of each of the Associational churches with five different questions about what you see as the strengths of the Association and some areas where we can grow stronger. If you're a pastor in here today, understand that the Admin Team wants to hear from you and desires to know what you think. When you get the phone call, please answer or return it because the purpose is to find out just what is going on and to hear from you because your opinion matters. Dr. Sanders went on to express appreciation to the Crossroads Baptist Church for hosting us. We desire to meet at different churches. If you're willing to host one of our annual meetings, call Buddy or Connie and they will put you on a list.

Rev. Buddy Wasson re-emphasized the hosting of these meetings. We call different churches, and because many churches now do not have Sunday night services, they're not willing to host. We don't want to feel like a pest. As a church family, if you'd be willing to host us at either our spring or our fall meeting, please let Connie or I know. We appreciate that.

Rev. Buddy Wasson introduced the new pastors. FBC Rincon has a new Connection Pastor, Chris Blalock. Calvary Baptist Temple has also called a new Senior Pastor, Vincent Whelan.

Stephanie Carr presented a video presentation of one of the students from the adult education program. This student wanted to share what this program is for her. Stephanie also thanked the churches for everything they do to help them minister to the families, whether they're in adult education or if they're coming for food or the close closet, and all the different things that are going on at the Baptist Center. More information is available in the Association newsletter, Facebook, or by calling her. They will have some things upcoming this summer for the children and want to be able to include everyone in that.

Rev. Buddy Wasson reported on the Disaster Relief program. He asked for prayer for the Clean-up and Recovery chainsaw unit director, Tom Young who just had shoulder surgery. If you are interested in Disaster Relief, we have a Clean-Up and Recovery unit in our association. We also have a lower feeding unit, and you can be involved with that. We'll utilize that at our Senior Adult Picnic on May the 9th. You can also go to the Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief website to find out when the different training courses are. We would love to have you be a part of it. This is a tremendous ministry, helping people in time of need.

Rev. Marty Youngblood gave the report on the BCM. He thanked the churches who continually provide prayer, resources, and encouragement. They've been running around 120 on Wednesdays at lunch and it's built in a lot of witnessing opportunities. It's a network time, it's a big time, and so it's just a great opportunity. We're just so excited and thankful and grateful to you guys and your support and for the volunteers that are coming out of the churches, that are staying on Wednesdays, coming many nights to help us manage some crowds. It's really been a great challenge for our students to talk about and reflect on taking those opportunities wherever you are, whether you're at Walmart or on campus, share the gospel in any small way you can. We've had Muslims come in; we've had all kind of different people. It's an outreach, and so that is a wonderful opportunity for us to make relationships and share with them. They love seeing y'all and y'all are loving on them, and they really care. I mean a smile and a greeting, not all these students have that. They miss family, so I just thank y'all so much for letting us embrace those kids and love on them.

Dale Griner reported on the Savannah Baptist Assembly. The water tower has been removed. Some of the floors in the big house have been refreshed with some polyurethane. The pool is sparkling. We have scheduled a group once per week throughout the summer. We've had five groups this year, with about 16 days of the assembly being used. About 250 people already gathered. 130 of those were for DNow, which was 12 churches working together. There are a few groups scheduled already for the summer, but there is plenty of room still. So, if you're up for a treat, please give it a go. Thank you.

Rev. Buddy Wasson remarked that he always tells people that we're really ministry heavy with the Savannah Baptist Center, the BCM ministry, the Savannah Baptist Assembly, and the Disaster Relief units. "You have a part of it, you're good at that. For every child or every adult that gets saved at the Assembly, you have a part of that."

At the spring meeting, we voted on a recommendation to give some property to the International Bible Christian Fellowship.

They did a quick deed, and they actually now have the property. They are very excited about that, so thank you very much.

It is my honor and privilege to introduce our speaker.

Dr. Philip Palmer is the pastor of Corinth Baptist Church, and I've known Philip for at least 10, 12 years. He was a member of Southside Baptist Church. Philip went to Pt Wentworth Baptist Church as their interim before he went to Corinth, and he's also done a lot of supply preaching.

Congregational singing was led by Dr. Johnny Bowen.

Dr. Philip Palmer spoke from Second Timothy 3 .16. He spoke on unity being very important to God. He also spoke on Psalm 133 and 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians, chapter 1. Paul was telling the church that they were divided, and it needed to stop. We have got to be united in our churches, or Satan will sift us like wheat.

Rev. Buddy Wasson thanked Pastor Palmer for the sermon. "Unity. Unified cooperation. That's what the association seeks through purpose. We can do more together than we can individually. Wonderful words."

Rev. Buddy Wasson closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
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 Admin Team.

Section 2: SPECIAL SESSIONS: Special sessions of THE ASSOCIATION may be held at the call of the Admin Team. The Admin 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 Admin 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 Admin 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 Admin Team.

(B) Special Meetings: When necessary, the Chairman and the Secretary may call a special meeting of the Executive Committee, after consulting with the Admin 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.