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POBA

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POBA Mission Statement: *The Piedmont-Okefenokee Baptist Association exists to equip, enable, serve, and encourage a cooperating partnership of Southern Baptist Churches to effectively build the kingdom of God through evangelism, missions, discipleship, ministry and prayer.*



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Pastor/Staff Prayer
Tuesday, November 27
11:00 a.m.
FBC Folkston



GBMB Annual Meeting
November 12-13
gabaptist.org/annualmeeting

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POINTS FROM THE MISSIONARY'S PEN...

Rev. Don Patterson, cell (912) 288-7594

If you remember in last month's newsletter I urged us all to pray diligently for Judge Kavanaugh in his hearings and investigations that would proceed an approval of his being appointed to the Supreme Court. We witnessed one of the worst hearings and efforts by the Democrats and others to absolutely destroy Kavanaugh's excellent record and life as a judge, a father, a husband, as a man deeply committed to his faith and committed to the interpretation of the constitution of the U.S. of America. For those of us who watched those who would move our nation to the left and away from the Founding Father's plan for this nation, our hearts were more deeply troubled than ever before. But praise the Lord he was confirmed and approved, and I watch as our President swore him in as an assistant judge of the Supreme Court of this great nation. Another answer to prayer.

I had the awesome privilege of voting an absentee ballot on the 17th of October since I knew I would be out of pocket on election day. I was blessed to see so many at the voting booth when I arrived to vote. My prayer is that we will see in the voting a reflection of the citizens of our nation coming to grips with an effort to demoralized and defeat the foundations on

which this nation stands. Say what you will we have been a blessing to other peoples and nations because of God's blessings to us as a nation. Time and time again our young men and women have gone into the battlefields to defend our freedoms and time and time again we have poured resources into to other nations to assist them in securing their freedoms and to help rebuild what war and poverty have destroyed. Please know that if our nation moves towards socialism and away from being the Republic God intended, (one nation under God with liberty and justice for all), no longer will we be strong and prosperous and vigilant and able to help other nations, we will become weak and self-centered and unproductive as a people, depending on the government for handouts and resources. The voting booth determines the outcome in a republic where the government and its structures are by the people and for the people. For those who would be tempted to believe that the government is our source of strength and resources, you must remember it is your taxes and your involvement in political issues that make this nation strong by Gods help and grace.

Many of you have expressed concern

for the people impacted by the Hurricane Michael in Florida and southwest Georgia. Greg and I are working with Bro. Ken Cloud, Associational Missionary of Bowen Association, to determine how we can partner with him to meet the great and vast need of the Bowen Association. Pray for us as we look closely at partnering with churches in the area that have damaged facilities and members who have experience severe damage to their homes and properties, as well as meeting needs of the general population.

On Monday, October 22-24 Greg and I began our work at Bowen Association by meeting with Bro. Cloud and having him show us a number of churches with facility needs. One of the churches we visited has the whole educational facility destroyed another is looking at the education facility being condemned. Homes need roof repairs and yards cleaned up. There is much to be done. Greg served with a Disaster Relief team Tuesday and Wednesday removing trees on homes and I served as chaplain at the distribution area of the Disaster Relief set up. So many needs and so many hurting people. It will take years of recovery for this area. Pray for God's leadership as we become mission-minded at home to assist Bowen Association. Urgently pray for Bro. Ken who is presently struggling with an irregular heartbeat and physical issues.

Just a Word of Celebration on Bro. Greg's 9th year as Mission Strategist of POBA.



CHURCHES SEEKING PASTORS

Remember these churches in prayer as they seek pastors:

Beulah Spring Hill
Mt. Calvary Youmans Chapel

NEWS AND INFORMATION:

- There were 83 people who signed in at M-Night. The following churches were represented: Beulah, Bethel, Bristol, Calvary, Camp Pinckney, Central, Emmanuel, FBCB, FBCF, FBCSG, Hacklebarney, Haywood, Hickox, Jamestown, King Memorial, Lees Chapel, The MALL, Mershon, Millwood, Newbern, Pineview, Pleasant Hill, Pleasant Valley, Second, Set Free, South Gate, Shady Grove, Sweat Memorial, Sweet-Water, Walkerville. Thank you, Bro. Mike Stone for sharing with us on M-Night. An outline and notes on his message will be available soon.
- Calvary Baptist will have revival services November 5 -7. Rev. Ben Glosson, speaking.
- November 27: Men’s Ministry Vision Casting, Central Baptist, 6:30 p.m.
- December 18: Voices of Mobile will be at Sweat Memorial Baptist Church.
- January 26: South Georgia Men’s Training Conference, FBC Blackshear
- Offerman Baptist is accepting resumes for a bivocational Youth/Children’s Pastor. Contact James Lightsey (550-6516) for more information.
- The Baptist Village Chapel has 3 light oak wood pews available to a church. Contact Eric Mathison (912-283-1234 ext 13).
- Bristol is accepting resumes for a Music Director. Send resumes to Thomas Wright, 905 Grady Street, Blackshear, GA 31516.
- Jamestown has 47 choir robes available: cream colored, light teal stoles, and red/purple reversible stoles. Contact Lamar Christie if interested (283-6762 or 337-6182).
- Deenwood Baptist has a 1998 GMC 3500 Bus (31 passenger, 47k miles, \$7500) for sale. Contact 283-7168.
- The POBA has Communion Trays available to donate to a church. Contact the POBA Office.

NOVEMBER PRAYER FOCUS

This month, please remember these pastors and their families in prayer.

Liberty: Matt Tuttle (Jennifer)
Lulaton: Steve Beal (Melanie)
Manor: Rip Snow (Becky)
Mershon: Mitch Hall (Rein)
Millwood: Hershell Spears (Michelle)
New Union: Glenn Bohannon (Sheryl)
Newbern: Ralph Ramey (Tonya)
Oak Hill: Ray McMillan (Cheryl)
Offerman: James Lightsey (Tasha)
Patterson: RC James (Myra)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS:

The following IMB missionaries from Georgia have birthdays during the month of November. Please remember to pray for them throughout the month. Please remember to pray for Last Frontier Personnel that we are unable to list here.

11/1 Mrs Kasey D Lewis, European Peoples
11/5 Miss Cherry E Faile, Sub-Saharan African Peoples
11/8 Rev Wade C Bowman, Sub-Saharan African Peoples
11/11 Mr Kevin L Darnell, European Peoples
11/17 Mrs Jennifer L Dove, European Peoples
11/21 Mrs Laurel O Jeremiadoss, Sub-Saharan African Peoples
11/22 Mr Kevin T Baggett, American Peoples
11/27 Mrs Kyra L Karr, European Peoples

REVIVAL IN THE POBA

Send your revival information to: sarah.poba@gmail.com.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
Nov 5-7	Calvary	Ben Glosson
Nov 5-7	Lees Chapel	Brad Waters
Nov 9-11	Pineview	Algernon Tennyson

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



National Collection Week for Operation Christmas Child is November 12-19, 2018.

Collection Center and Times:

Second Baptist

(301 Tomberlin Rd, Waycross)

Monday, November 12: 10 am—1 pm

Tuesday, November 13: 6-8 pm

Wednesday, November 14: 10 am—1 pm

Thursday, November 15: 6-8 pm

Friday, November 16: 10 am—1 pm

Saturday, November 17: 9-11 am

Sunday, November 18: 2-5 pm

Monday, November 19: 7-9 am

Offerman Baptist

(Hwy 84, Patterson)

Monday-Friday (November 12-16) 6:00-8:00 pm

For more information about how to pack a shoebox, go to www.samaritanspurse.org/occ.

CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS

Your POBA is participating in the collection of CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS alongside other Georgia Baptists through **Appalachian Mountain Ministry**.



POBA will be receiving backpacks through **November 7, 2018**.

NOTE: New packing and tagging instructions for this year. For updated backpack information, visit: goo.gl/z1eNi5

We plan to deliver backpacks to the Georgia Baptist Convention. They will then distribute them where needed throughout Appalachia. The plan is to take 100 backpacks to the area in southwest Georgia affected by Hurricane Michael.

JOIN THE ASSOCIATIONAL CHOIR

A choir comprised of POBA churches will rehearse on Tuesday, January 22 at Sweat Memorial in preparation for the 50th Anniversary Annual Meeting to be held on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at Sweat Memorial.

Please let Sam Stack (283-2577) know how many from your choir will be able to participate in the POBA joint choir.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS SUMMIT IN WAYCROSS ON NOVEMBER 2-3

GEORGIA BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday School Director's Summit
November 2-3, 2018
Second Baptist Church

Cost: \$39

Register: <https://goo.gl/nzQNXm>

If you are a Sunday School Director you need to attend the Georgia Baptist Sunday School Director's Summit! This event will provide you with the tools needed to lead your Sunday School and you will gain insights in your role of leading all age groups in your church.

Some of the sessions that will be offered are: The Purpose of Sunday School, Starting New Groups, Move Beyond the Lesson to Mission, The Three Doors of Your Group, Helping Teachers become Better Teachers, Leading a RUTless Sunday School, How to Have a Sunday School that Connects with Students, How People Learn, Develop Life Changing Bible Study.

MEET SOUTHERN BAPTISTS: SBC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Visit this link:

SBC Executive Committee

<http://www.sbc.net/aboutus/entities/sbcec.asp>

WHAT WE BELIEVE AS SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

Each month we focus on a different topic in the Baptist Faith and Message (BFM). You may obtain a copy of the BFM (in print or by email) by contacting our office.

XII. Education

Christianity is the faith of enlightenment and intelligence. In Jesus Christ abide all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. All sound learning is, therefore, a part of our Christian heritage. The new birth opens all human faculties and creates a thirst for knowledge. Moreover, the cause of education in the Kingdom of Christ is coordinate with the causes of missions and general benevolence, and should receive along with these the liberal support of the churches. An adequate system of Christian education is necessary to a complete spiritual program for Christ's people.

In Christian education there should be a proper balance between academic freedom and academic responsibility. Freedom in any orderly relationship of human life is always limited and never absolute. The freedom of a teacher in a Christian school, college, or seminary is limited by the pre-eminence of Jesus Christ, by the authoritative nature of the Scriptures, and by the distinct purpose for which the school exists.

Deuteronomy 4:1,5,9,14; 6:1-10; 31:12-13; Nehemiah 8:1-8; Job 28:28; Psalms 19:7ff.; 119:11; Proverbs 3:13ff.; 4:1-10; 8:1-7,11; 15:14; Ecclesiastes 7:19; Matthew 5:2; 7:24ff.; 28:19-20; Luke 2:40; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Ephesians 4:11-16; Philippians 4:8; Colossians 2:3,8-9; 1 Timothy 1:3-7; 2 Timothy 2:15; 3:14-17; Hebrews 5:12-6:3; James 1:5; 3:17.



THE GATHERING (YOUTH)

THE GATHERING.....Local churches gathering young people together to fellowship, worship, disciple, evangelize, and do ministry all in the name of Jesus Christ. Join us for an amazing time of fellowship, games, food, and worship!



November 4
December 2

The GATHERING will be held in the new ministry building at FBC Blackshear. Activities begin at 5pm.

REVITALIZATION STRATEGY—PARTS 7-8

This is the concluding segment of "Sample Church Revitalization Strategy for "Any" Baptist Church." You can find the **entire** document at: <https://gabaptist.org/churchrevitalization/>.

7. Connect with the community.

- Connect with the schools in your area. Provide breakfast for teachers on teacher work days. There are women in the church who would be glad to cook biscuits to take to the teachers.
- As pastor learn where the local hangout is for the men of the community. It will probably be a local store. Be visible.
- Organize your people to buy gifts for needy children at Christmas. It may be one neighborhood or one grade level at school.

8. Resources

- Georgia Baptist Convention, gabaptist.org
- Like minded pastors
- North American Mission Board, namb.net
- LifeWay

MARY STREET MISSION THANKSGIVING

Dear Church Family:

This is to inform you that we will not prepare the Mary Street Mission Thanksgiving Dinner as we have in previous years. We have decided to give food baskets to the people that come to the mission instead of serving the dinner. If each church would prepare two or more boxes, we will be able to reach our goal of 150 boxes. You may bring your boxes to the Mary Street Mission located at 517 Mary Street, Waycross, Georgia any Wednesday between the hours of 9:30 am and 4:00 pm before November 16. There will also be someone at Mary Street Mission on Friday, November 16 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm to receive boxes.

A member of the food committee will call our contact person at your church to let them know about this change and then follow up with them to try and get an estimate of how many boxes the church expects to collect. We need food to feed 4-6 people in each box. Below is a list of what should go in each box.

Food List

1 Turkey (8-10 lbs), frozen
 Canned green beans
 Box of dressing or ingredients to fix homemade dressing (ex. Stovetop)
 Canned yams
 Macaroni and Cheese, boxed
 Cranberry Sauce
 Rolls
 Dessert (ex. cake, pie, cookies)

We appreciate all you have done in the past to provide food for the dinners and we know we can count on your help with the boxes this year. For additional information please contact Mary Street Mission Director, Phillip Barnes, at (912) 614-8508.

Thank you,
 Mary Street Mission Food Committee

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING® ——— for international missions ———



The Week of Prayer for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is December 2-9. You can download or order resources at imb.org/lmco.

REMEMBER TO VOTE NOVEMBER 6



50TH ANNIVERSARY SHIRTS

2019 marks the 50th anniversary of the POBA. We are taking orders for short sleeved, long sleeved, and polo style 50th anniversary shirts. Deadline to order is **November 15, 2018.**

Prices are:

Short Sleeved: \$10

Long Sleeved: \$12

Polo: \$20



MEN'S MINISTRY VISION CASTING

Is Men's Ministry struggling at your church? Does it exist? Does it function biblically? Do you simply want to challenge the men to be in ministry through your local congregation? Join with Glen McCall of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board on November 27th at 6:30 pm at Central Baptist in Waycross as we seek to help you cast a vision of biblical men's ministry.

HURRICANE MICHAEL DISASTER RELIEF

The Piedmont Okefenokee Baptist Association is planning to partner with the Bowen Association in Southwest Georgia (Bainbridge) through the associational missionary, Ken Cloud following Hurricane Michael to assist sister churches and their communities recover by working in partnership.

1. Clean up and chainsaw crews can be used immediately to clear debris from property and premises. Each team will need to supply their own equipment (rakes, gloves, ladders, hammers, chainsaws-fuel-oil).
2. Clean up crews may also place tarps on roofs. There are a few tarps available at the POBA office in Waycross. We use 16' x 20' and 20' x 40' size tarps and the plastic cap nails.
3. We are working with **Rocky Ridge Baptist** in Donalsonville, Georgia to repair their fellowship hall. Service Masters was there Wednesday, October 31 to evaluate the damage and begin the tear-out process. They will be employing a roofing company to replace the roof. Once the fellowship hall is dried in and the ceiling torn out we will be sending drywall and insulation teams to finish to work toward allowing Rocky Ridge to have a place to worship again. Rocky Ridge will let us know when they are ready for insulation and drywall teams.

POBA is receiving tarps (16' x 20' or 20' x 40'), and boxes of plastic cap nails. Donations can be made to the POBA with DISASTER RELIEF indicated on the memo line.

If you are interested in receiving updates, upcoming projects, and information related to this partnership, join us in REMIND. Here is the link to use to join: <https://www.remind.com/join/dk2ka7>

PLEASE let **Ray Sullivan** (229-392-1494 /

dellrayberries@gmail.com) or **Greg Benfield** (912-285-8161 / greg.poba@gmail.com) know when you send teams or to coordinate work assignments for your team. We want a coordinated effort so we do not waste precious resources, time, nor energy.

Your church can help in the following ways:

1. **PRAY** – For the churches in the impacted area to reach out in their community with the love of Jesus Christ. For lost people to trust Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior. For strength and encouragement for church members and their leadership as they move toward restoring the community.
2. **GIVE** – You can contribute donations through your POBA and designate the resources for DISASTER RELIEF. They also need tarps (16' x 20' and/or 20' x 40') and the round plastic grip cap nails to secure the tarps. The tarps will be distributed by the Bowen Baptist Association located in Bainbridge, Georgia. POBA wants to bless these churches and their leadership. You can also give online through *Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief* at: <https://gabaptist.org/shop/disaster-relief-donation/>
3. **GO** – You can put together teams to travel to the affected area **in coordination with the associational missionary** in the Bowen Association, Ken Cloud. Ken Cloud can be reached by phone at **229-221-7837** or by email at: **bowenassoc@mediacombb.net**. **Do not deploy without communicating with Ken Cloud.** Your lodging and meals will need to be planned and coordinated.



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CALENDAR

November

- 2-3 GBMB Sunday School Director's Summit
- 4 The Gathering
- 4 Daylight Saving Time ends
- 6 Election Day
- 7 Christmas Backpack Deadline
- 11 Veterans Day
- 12-13 GBMB Annual Meeting
- 12-19 Operation Christmas Child Collection Week
- 15 50th Anniversary Shirt Order Deadline
- 16 MSM Thanksgiving Meal Deadline
- 20 Administrative Team Meeting
- 22-23 Thanksgiving Holidays, office closed
- 27 Pastor/Staff Prayer , FBC Folkston
- 27 POBA Men's Vision Casting, Central

December

- 2-9 Week of Prayer and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- 2 The Gathering
- 10 50th Anniversary Shirts available for pickup
- 18 Administrative Team Meeting
- 24-1 Christmas Holidays, office closed

January

- 1 New Year's Day, office closed
- 5 Pastor/Deacon Training
- 15 Administrative Team Meeting
- 17 VBS Jumpstart
- 20 Life Chain ??
- 22 Pastor/Staff Prayer
- 22 POBA Choir Practice
- 24 POBA Annual Meeting, 50th Anniversary
- 24-27 Jacksonville Pastors Conference
- 26 Men's Ministry Training
- 28-29 GBMB Evangelism Conference



Celebrating in November

Active pastors/staff & their spouses celebrating this month



Birthdays

- Bill Young—1
- Phillip Cochran—1
- Cheryl McMillan —2
- Vance Colley—4
- Raquel Corey—5
- Sue Gill—10
- Butch Hickox—11
- Carol Colley—13
- Jake Baum—13
- Vera Smith—15
- Ed Hurst—16
- Sue Price—22
- Connie Colley—27
- Johnny Ware—27

Anniversaries

- Ray & Cheryl McMillan—9
- Ralph & Tonya Ramey—9
- James & Nancy Perry—22
- James & Tasha Lightsey—22
- Terry & Karen Jackson—26
- Randy & Paula Jacoby—30



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