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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.*



WMU Summer Brunch

Saturday, June 8
West Carswell Baptist
11:00 am



Missions

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SBC Annual Meeting • June 11-12



Vacation Bible School

See page 5.
Send your VBS information
to : sarah.poba@gmail.com



Father's Day

Is
Sunday, June 16



Continuing Education

Interested in our continuing
education program? New
class begins in August!
See page 4.



Mission Dignity Sunday

Sunday, June 23
missiondignity.org



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Pastor/Staff Prayer

Tuesday, June 25
11:00 a.m.
Location TBA

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POINTS FROM THE MISSIONARY'S PEN...

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

Doctrine. What you really believe impacts all of your life. To say you believe a truth of God's Word but then live out your life in contradiction of that truth must indicate that you believe something different than you say you do. For instance if you tell me you believe in Jesus as the Lord of your life and the giver of eternal life but then fail to seek daily to live under His Lordship and His revealed will for your life, is that not a contradiction to what you say you believe? The Lord has called each of us who know Him to live out our lives as a Holy and peculiar people. In other words, our focus of life is to daily become more and more like Jesus in our thoughts, actions and total lifestyle. It is a contradiction to say Jesus is Lord of my life while at the same time condoning or practicing sins that are totally contrary to who Jesus is and what He taught. The Bible is clear that once we come to Jesus we through the power of the Holy Spirit begin a process of sanctification that will continue till we see Jesus face to face. This process of cleansing us from old habits and sins is often a painful process but is absolutely an indication that we truly know Christ in our hearts and is a necessary process for us to reflect the attitude of Philippians 2:5ff and character qualities of Galatians 5:22 and following. As for me, I am still in process of becoming like Christ and though I have been on this road for a long time I still must face change in habits and sin in my life daily. By the way some Christians are further along in this maturing process than others and need to assist those who may need encouragement in their walk with the Lord. Isn't that what discipleship is all about? We all need this kind of encouragement along the way. TILL WE See HIM.

A Word of Praise. You and I have been praying constantly for the abortion issue in our nation. We are grateful for the Heartbeat Bill that was signed by our Governor just a few weeks ago and we need now to thank God that the Alabama Governor has signed into law the strongest abortion bill in the USA. We have murdered over 70 million babies since Roe vs. Wade. Isn't it time that we as a nation bow our knee to the Giver of Life and hold up and protect life from the womb of a mother through all the processes of life until natural death. (Some who read this note may say this is old stuff Bro. Don. I would say to you the murder of the unborn is a stench daily in the nostrils of God. It is a wonder to me that God Himself has not rained down fire from heaven on our nation because of this vile and repugnant sin.)

A Word on Revitalization. For revitalization to occur in a church that is declining or plateaued, there must be a deep desire on the pastor's heart for God to intervene in his situation. This desire must demonstrate itself in personal prayer and in the prayers of the church he leads. The pastor must devote much time in contacting and visiting the folks of his church family and the people of his community. He needs to solicit the help of his people to carry out this task. Surveys are available for a church to use in efforts to find out what the needs of the community really are. These tools provide and avenue for the church to begin looking at the issues facing the community and its needs and then purposefully seeking to meet those needs.

Revitalization is hard work and not for the fainthearted. It can take as long as seven years to see the fruit of

the revitalization process. A pastor seeking to revitalize a church must set his sights on staying for a long tenure of pastoral care and community ministry to see barriers and difficulties overcome that will lead to a healthy church. Church members in the revitalization process must show themselves faithful and supportive of the leadership of their pastor and others who would lead them forward in revitalization. Let me suggest to our churches the book Revitalization in Rural America by Tom Cheney

Bro. Greg and I desire to help a church get out of the rut of being plateaued or declining by providing resources and support in this process of revitalization. If your church is doing well and you desire to be on mission in the association let me urge you to inquire of a church that may need a team (or one or two folks) to assist them in revitalization. What a great way to partner together for the Kingdom's cause.

Please keep these folks in your prayers:

John Wheeler as he battles leukemia.

Anna Bishop as she faces the healing process after a terrible car accident. She is battling with severe blood clots in her waist and legs.

Bryant Bishop as he recovers from his injuries at home

Please pray for the illegal immigrants fleeing into our nation. So much need to be met. Pray for our Congress to deal with this problem as it grows into a nationwide crisis.

The prison at Folkston is asking for volunteers to help sift through the over 1000 immigrants being detained at the prison to determine if they are genuinely seeking asylum and can be assimilated into the country.

NEWS AND INFORMATION:

- There were 275 people at the Senior Adult Gathering. The following churches were represented: Beulah, Brantley Senior Center, Bristol, Calvary, Camp Pinckney, Central, Deenwood, FBC Blackshear, FBC Brunswick, FBC St. Mary's, FBC Waycross, Grace Chapel, Hacklebarney, Haywood, Hebardville, Hickox, Jamestown, Kettle Creek, Lees Chapel, Millwood, Patterson, Pendleton Creek, Pine Grove, Pineview, Pleasant Hill, Pleasant Valley, Second, South Gate, Ten Mile, Twin Rivers, Waynesville, West Carswell, Williams Chapel, Youmans Chapel.
- There were 188 people at the VBS Clinic. The following churches were represented: Central, Community, Deenwood, FBC Blackshear, FBC Boulogne, FBC Folkston, Hacklebarney, Hebardville, Jamestown, Laura Chapel, Mershon, Mt. Calvary, Offerman, Pine Grove, Pineview, Pleasant Hill, Pleasant Valley, Red Oak, Second, Shady Grove, South Gate, Sweat Memorial, Ten Mile, Walkerville, Waynesville, West Carswell, West Carswell, Youmans Chapel.
- June 9: "Bubba" Wright will be at Calvary Baptist, 10:30 am and 6:00 pm.
- June 17-22: Surge 150 Music Camp, GBCC Toccoa. \$379, visit gabaptist.org/surge150 for details.
- CrossPoint Community is looking for a building suitable for a permanent church home. Please contact Kevin Barclift at (912) 550-3585.
- Manor Community has hymnals to donate: 33 Methodist hymnals, 21 Baptist Hymnals (1975 edition), 11 Baptist Hymnals (2008 edition), 16 Church Hymnals. Contact Rip Snow at 285-1868.
- Patterson is looking for a full time/bivocational youth minister. Email your resume to pattersonbapt@accessatc.net.
- Oak Hill is looking for a bivocational worship leader. Contact Johnny Wildes at (912) 550-3409.
- Offerman Baptist is accepting resumes for a bivocational Youth/Children's Pastor. Contact James Lightsey (550-6516) for more information.
- Bristol is accepting resumes for a bivocational Student Minister & a bivocational Music Director. Send resumes to Bristol Baptist Church, PO Box 506, Bristol GA 31518 or email bahowell68@gmail.com.
- Hacklebarney is looking for a youth minister. Contact Glynn Chancey at (912) 614-7912.

CHURCHES SEEKING PASTORS

Remember these churches in prayer as they seek pastors:

Emerson Park Liberty	Mt. Calvary Spring Hill	Youmans Chapel
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JUNE PRAYER FOCUS

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

Mt. Calvary: Randall Gunter (Edie)
 New Union: Glenn Bohannon (Sheryl)
 Newbern: Ralph Ramey (Tonya)
 Oak Hill: Ray McMillan (Cheryl)
 Offerman: James Lightsey (Tasha)
 Patterson: RC James (Myra)
 Pine Grove: Adam Walker (Lori Shae)
 Pineview: Randy Ray (Sharon)
 Pleasant Hill: IB Boyette (Joyce)
 Pleasant Valley: David Marshall (Briana)

MARY STREET MISSION

I pray that all is well with the churches of our association. We served seventy two (72) families in the month of April. In the eighteen and a half years that we have been open, we have seen 1,701 people come to trust Jesus Christ as their Savior. Praise God!!! We are just helping families with food this year due to our funds being so low. We are not receiving as much help with groceries as we have in the past. We are buying more food for now. We did make some adjustments in what we buy now so that our funds will last longer. We are doing our best at the mission to be good stewards of what God has blessed us with.

I would like to thank the team leaders of Rebuilding Together and all of the volunteers that dedicated their time and effort to this organization. They came out to Mary Street Mission to help us get some things fixed around there. We also had lunch on the grounds. I pray that our building will now stand in this community for many more years doing what God and people with a vision wanted us to do, provide for the spiritual and physical needs of the people that come through our doors at Mary Street Mission. We

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CONTINUING EDUCATION



(Buddy Griner) We have finished another full series of training. We have two men that have completed the three year course. We are excited to be part of their lives and ministries. Chad

Bristow and Ernie Thomas have really been studying hard these last few years. They have been keeping up with our class and also teach in the assemblies that they serve in. These men are doing great and have learned a lot and taught us a lot.

We will be starting up the series again on August 8th at the Association Office at 7:00pm. The lesson will be on Bible Study Methods and Rules of Interpretation. This will only be a 10-week study. This study will help to grasp passages quickly by understanding how to unpack the passage by answering specific questions. This will benefit all people. We will see and understand more about Jesus in the scripture the more we use these trusted principles.

These lessons are great for small groups to Sunday School Classes to equipping disciples. We have ten different books that we can chose from to help equip God's people for the work of the ministry and to coming to the fullness of Christ:

1. Bible Study Methods and Rules of Interpretation
2. Old Testament Survey
3. New Testament Survey
4. Preaching Biblical Messages and Pastoral Ministry
5. Bible Doctrine Survey
6. Personal Spiritual Life
7. Church Ministry and Administration and Education
8. Teaching Principles and Methods
9. Church History
10. Missions and Evangelism and Discipleship

Which one will best fit where your group is at in their lives?

Pick one and begin the exciting journey today. Today call the POBA Office (285-8161) or Buddy Griner (288-6712) to get more information.

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.

I. The Scriptures

The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. Therefore, all Scripture is totally true and trustworthy. It reveals the principles by which God judges us, and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. All Scripture is a testimony to Christ, who is Himself the focus of divine revelation.

Exodus 24:4; Deuteronomy 4:1-2; 17:19; Joshua 8:34; Psalms 19:7-10; 119:11,89,105,140; Isaiah 34:16; 40:8; Jeremiah 15:16; 36:1-32; Matthew 5:17-18; 22:29; Luke 21:33; 24:44-46; John 5:39; 16:13-15; 17:17; Acts 2:16ff.; 17:11; Romans 15:4; 16:25-26; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-2; 4:12; 1 Peter 1:25; 2 Peter 1:19-21.

MISSIONS



As part of POBA's partnership with the Bowen Baptist Association, in mid-April, a team of five people representing three different POBA churches partnered with Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Bainbridge, Georgia to paint their fellowship hall and the sanctuary. Mt. Olive Baptist Church sustained damage to its structure from Hurricane Matthew.



July 13-19

Mexico Mission Trip.

PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES OUT OF POBA

Lydia Harding

IMB Summer Sojourner
ESL and Interpreter Training
Oaxaca, Mexico
June - July 2019

Spencer Smith

IMB Summer Missionary
Research & Church Encouragement/Equipping
Refugee Camps
Uganda
June - July 2019

MARY STREET MISSION CON'T



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8 MOST NEEDED ITEMS

- Breakfast Cereals
- Grits
- Oatmeal
- Rice
- Canned Fruits & Vegetables
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Ramen Noodles
- Spaghetti Noodles & Sauce
- Other Non-Perishables

do still have some work that needs to be looked at in the near future. We are blessed to have volunteers at the mission that took time out of their weekend to provide lunch for the workers. I do regret that out of sixty six churches in the Piedmont - Okefenokee Baptist Association that the only ones that helped were the volunteers of Mary Street Mission and the ones from Rebuilding Together that has been doing this wonderful ministry for our community many years. I tried to reach out to our churches for help. I

know that we can get caught up in our own things in life. I do also. But God laid it on my heart to lead at the mission when Brother Johnny Ware decided to step down as director. I really do feel that I have been truly blessed through this wonderful ministry. This mission was put together by the churches in our association to help deter people from seeking help from many of our churches and abusing them by going to several churches in our community in a week or month even. This does include all churches. I will close with this in thought, based on Isaiah 6. Revive us again.

VBS IN THE ASSOCIATION

If your church's VBS is not listed, please send the information to sarah.poba@gmail.com.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Theme</u>
June 1	Pineview	Polar Blast
June 2-6	Hickox	In The Wild
June 2-6	Jamestown	In The Wild
June 2-6	Pine Grove	In The Wild
June 2-6	Pleasant Hill	In The Wild
June 2-6	Second	In The Wild
June 2-6	Waynesville	In The Wild
June 2-7	Sweat Memorial	In The Wild
June 3-8	Mershon	In The Wild
June 6-8	Calvary	The Lost Ark (Mission VBS—held at Laura Walker Park)
June 9-13	FBC Folkston	In The Wild
June 9-13	Hacklebarney	In The Wild
June 9-13	Hoboken	Incredible Race
June 9-13	Pleasant Valley	In the Wild
June 9-13	Walkerville	In The Wild
June 10-14	FBC Waycross	In The Wild
June 11-13	Deenwood	In The Wild
June 17-21	Riverside Chapel	In The Wild
June 17-21	Waycross Community	In The Wild
June 23-26	Bristol	In The Wild
June 23-27	Central	In The Wild
June 23-27	Youmans Chapel	In The Wild
July 14-17	Laura Chapel	In The Wild



CHURCH HOMECOMING

If your church's homecoming is not listed, please send the information to sarah.poba@gmail.com.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Church</u>
June 2	Satilla
July 7	Mt. Calvary
September 22	Sweat Memorial
October 6	Pleasant Valley



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CALENDAR

June

- 8 WMU Summer Brunch
- 11-12 SBC, Birmingham AL
- 16 Father's Day
- 18 Administrative Team Meeting
- 23 Mission Dignity Sunday
- 25 Pastor/Staff Prayer

July

- 4 Independence Day, office closed
- 7-11 Builders For Christ Mission Trip
- 13-19 Mexico Mission Trip
- 16 Administrative Team Meeting
- 23 Pastor/Staff Prayer

August

- 2-3 D Now
- 8 BTCP Classes Begin
- 10 Disaster Relief Orientation, Hinesville
- 20 Administrative Team Meeting
- 23-24 GO Georgia, Statesboro
- 27 Pastor/Staff Prayer



Celebrating in June

Active pastors/staff & their spouses celebrating this month



Birthdays

- Randy Carson—4
- Debbie Christie—4
- Myra James—16
- Jamie Giddens—27

Anniversaries

- Hershell & Michelle Spears—2
- Mark & Susan Williams—3
- Adam & Lori Shae Walker—8
- Richard & Debra Golden—9
- John & Melodie Boatwright—11
- Derwin & Debbie Griffin—14
- Larry & Delores Ray—16
- IB & Joyce Boyette—17
- Orvil & Donna Murray—18
- Tim & Donna Rowell—18
- Chris & Julie Smith—19
- Freddie & Vera Smith—23
- Greg & Darby Benfield—24
- Sam & Sue Stack—25



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