

The associational ADVISOR

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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.*

who's your **1**ONE?

Who is the person for whom you are praying and with whom you are seeking to share the gospel?



Mary Street Mission is open

Mary Street Mission (517 Mary Street, Waycross) is open on Wednesdays from 1-3pm. Food will be distributed from the side door (marked in yellow to the left) that faces Tebeau Street until further notice.



#PrayGeorgia

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Missions

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Prayer 365

We are now 3 months
from election day.

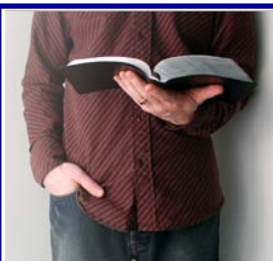
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Pastor/Staff Prayer

Tuesday, August 25

11:00 a.m.

POBA Office

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POINTS FROM THE MISSIONARY'S PEN...

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

Over the past 21 years that the Lord has given me the privilege to serve as your associational missionary I have been particularly blessed by the stand the association has taken in supporting the *The Baptist Faith and Message, 2000 ed.* as well as a number of resolutions passed by the Southern Baptist Convention and our State Convention. Article XVIII of *The Baptist Faith and Message, 2000 ed.* places a strong emphasis on the biblical definition of marriage and family. It states, "God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. It is composed of persons related to one another by marriage, blood, or adoption." It continues by stating, "Marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. It is God's unique gift to reveal the union between Christ and His church and to provide for the man and the woman in marriage the framework for intimate companionship, the channel of sexual expression according to biblical standards, and the means for procreation of the human race."

As you and I have listened to the news over the past year we have heard over and over again from both the white spiritual leaders of our nation's churches and the black spiritual leaders of our nation's churches the great need to see renewal and exaltation of the family. Our nation is a reflec-

tion in many ways of the sad state of affairs related to families and their moral and spiritual decay. Someone said, "So goes the family and marriage so goes the nation." Strong churches and strong nations are built on the foundation of God's plan and purpose for the family. This is God's design for man and society.

I must confess as your associational missionary, that I have not put nearly enough emphasis on marriage and the family in working with our pastors and leaders. It is my desire to do so as we move forward. I am so encouraged to hear our pastors telling me that they are taking more time with their wife and with their children and families. From experience, I can tell you that time flashes by with your children, and before you know it the time you have to invest in their values and moral compass is gone. Norman Wright in his book on values notes that values are not taught they are caught. For values to be caught it requires time spent with children.

We are blessed in our association of having strong leadership from Mrs. Debra Giddens representing us on moral and civic issues. Her concern for issues related to abortion, alcohol, drugs, gambling, and a host of other pressing and disturbing issues facing us as counties, as a state, and nation are exceptional. I am grateful for her

diligence from year to year in seeing that the Sanctity of Life Chain is promoted and carried through within the counties and towns of our association. We sometimes become callous to the deaths of hundreds of thousands of unborn babies whose lives are sacrificed on the alters of the abortion clinic in our nation from day to day and year to year. If this despicable practice were on our hearts daily, we would express it in our prayers and our actions. I am so grateful for a President who has made exemplary efforts to support the Right to Life Movement in this land called the USA.

Where are we headed as an association in the years ahead?

I pray we will stay on course related to the moral and spiritual issues that have brought glory to God and preserved our deep beliefs in the precious and infallible Word of God.

Please be reminded that the main battle for Southern Baptist, the Georgia Baptist Mission Board, our association, and churches will always be the maintaining of the integrity of Scripture in our beliefs and practices.

Till We See Jesus.

NEWS AND INFORMATION:

- Winokur has called Ronnie Foster as pastor.
- Astoria has called Donnie Tuten as interim pastor.
- New Union has called Dennis Deen as interim pastor.
- Waynesville has called Vance Colley as interim pastor.

CHURCHES SEEKING PASTORS

Remember these churches in prayer as they seek pastors:

Astoria	Millwood	Waynesville
Haywood	New Union	
Hephzibah	Pleasant Hill	
Jamestown	Spring Hill	

POBA OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

<u>Church</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Bristol	BIVO Student Minister	Brett Howell (bahowell68@gmail.com)
Bristol	BIVO Music Director	Brett Howell (bahowell68@gmail.com)
Hacklebarney	Youth Minister	Glynn Chancey (614-7912)
Millwood	BIVO Pastor	Send Resume to Church, Attn: Deacons
Oak Hill	BIVO Worship Leader	Johnny Wildes (550-3409)
Offerman	BIVO Youth/Children's Pastor	James Lightsey (550-6516)
Pleasant Hill	BIVO Pastor	Send Resume to: phbcpastorsearch-comm@gmail.com
Waycross Community	Youth Pastor	Trey Keene (266-0285)

PRAY: MISSIONARIES OUT OF POBA



Aaron & Rebekah Harris
 (Laura Chapel Baptist Church)
 Bible Translation
 Fulani of West Africa
www.pioneerbible.org/aaronandrebekahharris

Jes & Cindy Smith are home in Statesboro for a season. Recently they have been located in East Asia.

AUGUST PRAYER FOCUS

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

- 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 Valley: David Marshall (Briana)
- Rehobeth: Phil Jordan (Elaine)
- Riverside Chapel: Randy Wainright



Annual Church Report materials will be mailed the first week of August. If your church does not receive it, please contact the POBA Office.



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

HYMN STORIES: ALAS AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED

(Sam Stack, POBA Music Director) We never know how deeply our actions affect the lives of others. Isaac Watts' great hymn – Alas and did my Savior Bleed, has certainly touched the lives of many throughout the centuries. Isaac Watts first wrote the hymn in 1707.

The original last line of the first verse was “for such a worm as I.” Many newer hymnals have changed the line to “For sinners such as I.” The original Verses 2 and 4 have also been omitted from most hymnals. I have included them in the text.

In this hymn, Watts draws the stark contrast between the sacrificial death of the mighty Maker and the unworthiness of sinful man. The final words of the text ‘Here Lord, I give myself away—’tis all that I can do.’

This hymn appears in two forms in most hymnals. The older version usually is included with verses 1, 3, 5 and 6 using the tune AVON by Hugh Wilson.

It also appears in a newer version usually found with the title “At the Cross.” This version has music written in the 1800’s, by Ralph E. Hudson, who also added the chorus.

During a revival meeting a 30 year old blind woman heard the choir sing this great old hymn. Verse after verse stirred her heart, but when the choir came to this final line, she gave her life to the Lord as well.

That blind woman was none other than Fanny Crosby, who went on to become the greatest writer of gospel songs in the late 19th and early 20th century.

We never know how deeply our lives will touch the lives of others.

⁵ But He *was* wounded for our transgressions,
He was bruised for our iniquities;
The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him,
And by His stripes we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
We have turned, every one, to his own way;
And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:5-6 (NKJV)

Alas And Did My Saviour Bleed

Verse 1

Alas and did my Saviour bleed
And did my Sov'reign die
Would He devote that sacred head
(For sinners such as I)
(For such a worm as I)

Verse 2

Thy body slain sweet Jesus Thine
And bathed in its own blood
While all exposed to wrath divine
The glorious suff'rer stood

Verse 3

Was it for crimes that I had done
He groaned upon the tree
Amazing pity grace unknown
And love beyond degree

Verse 4

Well might the sun in darkness hide
And shut His glories in
When Christ the mighty Maker died
For man the creature's sin

Verse 5

Thus might I hide my blushing face
While His dear cross appears
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness
And melt my eyes to tears

Verse 6

But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe
Here Lord I give myself away
'Tis all that I can do

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 or visit: <http://www.sbc.net/bfm2000/>

XI. Evangelism & Missions

It is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations. The new birth of man's spirit by God's Holy Spirit means the birth of love for others. Missionary effort on the part of all rests thus upon a spiritual necessity of the regenerate life, and is expressly and repeatedly commanded in the teachings of Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ has commanded the preaching of the gospel to all nations. It is the duty of every child of God to seek constantly to win the lost to Christ by verbal witness undergirded by a Christian lifestyle, and by other methods in harmony with the gospel of Christ.

Genesis 12:1-3; Exodus 19:5-6; Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 9:37-38; 10:5-15; 13:18-30, 37-43; 16:19; 22:9-10; 24:14; 28:18-20; Luke 10:1-18; 24:46-53; John 14:11-12; 15:7-8, 16; 17:15; 20:21; Acts 1:8; 2; 8:26-40; 10:42-48; 13:2-3; Romans 10:13-15; Ephesians 3:1-11; 1 Thessalonians 1:8; 2 Timothy 4:5; Hebrews 2:1-3; 11:39-12:2; 1 Peter 2:4-10; Revelation 22:17.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



VBS Resources are available on mypoba.com. Sweat Memorial Baptist Church has produced VBS lessons to be used by churches or individuals.

SIGN UP FOR EVENT REMIND TEXTS

We have Remind 101 lists so that we can send quick texts with information about meetings and pastor prayer time. To join, text the list name (in bold below) to **81010**.



Remind Lists you can join:

- @pobapas:** For Pastors only.
- @pobaevent:** Event Reminders.
- @pobanews:** Newsletter by text.

THE MISSIONARY TASK: PART 4

HEALTHY CHURCH FORMATION

A church is a group of baptized believers in Jesus Christ who are committed to each other to be the body of Christ to one another and who meet together regularly to carry out the functions of a biblical church. IMB is committed to planting healthy churches that multiply. We will follow the "Church" definition and guidelines in church planting, in the way we report on our work, and in teaching national believers and other partners. As we plant churches, our doctrinal foundation will align with the Baptist Faith and Message 2000.

(Matthew 16:13–20, 18:15–20, 28:16–20; Acts 2:42–47, 5:1–11, 9:31, 13:1–3, 14:21–28, 15:1–6, 41, 16:5, 20:17–35; Romans 16:1–23; 1 Corinthians 3:1–17, 5:1–13, 6:1–11, 10:14–22, 31–33, 11:17–34, 12:1–31, 13:1–13, 14:1–40, 16:1–4; 2 Corinthians 8:1–15; Ephesians 1:15–23, 2:11–22, 4:1–32, 5:22–32; Colossians 1:15–20, 24–29, 3:1–17; 1 Timothy 3:15, 5:1–25; 2 Timothy 4:1–5; James 5:13–20)

Source: IMB Foundations p.91

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Pierce County

Date/Time: August 9, 2020, 7:30 p.m.
Location: At Each PC School

Bacon County

Date: August 9



Let's make a *commitment*:
Whenever we see
a public school,
a private school,
or homeschooled children.....
we *pray* for them.

TheBetterMom.Com

TIME TO EVALUATE

(Greg Benfield) Churches have had four months of real life experience to evaluate, at least an initial response, to how the church (the people of God) would operate in an environment of persecution, isolation, and restricted movement. Acts 8:1-8 describes what and how the persecuted Christians of their time responded. The Christians in Acts 8 thrived in spite of being persecuted.

So, in your context, how did the people of God (the church) respond these last four months?

Did they preach the Word (Acts 8:4)? Were they a witness (Acts 1:8)? Did the church heed what they heard from their pastor and spiritual leaders (Acts 8:6)? Did the church see God move in mighty and powerful ways (Acts 8:7)? Has there been great joy in the city because people saw God at work and responded to Christ (Acts 8:8)?

What was the response of the people of God where you worship? Did everything turn inward and focus on the effect it was having only on the church? Or did the focus turn outward and focus on those without Christ?

We have had a drill - a practice run. If the church did not respond biblically, it is time to address the appropriate response head on. It is time to equip the saints for ministry (Ephesians 4:11). It is a good time to get back to the basics of the Christian faith - prayer (1 Thessalonians 5:17), Bible study (Acts 17:11), seeking God first (Matthew 6:33). It is time to make disciples (Matthew 28:19) that are wholly dependent on God (John 15:5; Ephesians 6:10) and that are ready for spiritual battle (Ephesians 6:11) regardless of the circumstances.

As a leader, now is a good time to evaluate. How did the congregation you lead do? I pray you were pleasantly surprised at the response of the church (the people of God). If not, it should be clear what the focus should be for the balance of 2020 and until the people of God are complete and thoroughly equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:17) as they are instructed in God's Word (2 Timothy 3:16).

CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS



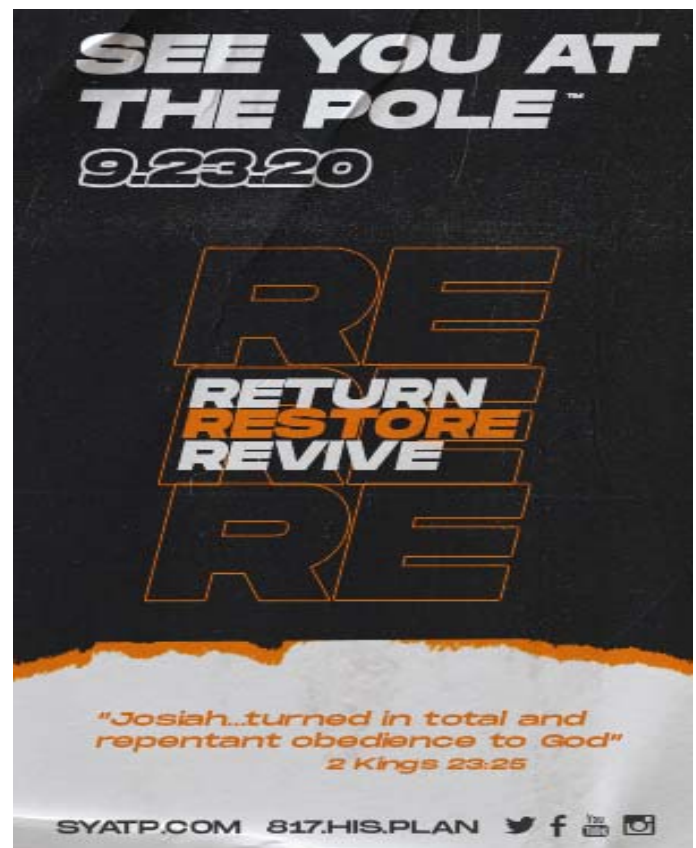
CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS

FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

Piedmont Okefenokee Baptist Association, Inc. will be collecting **Christmas Backpacks** in cooperation with the Georgia Baptist Mission Board. The GBMB goal is 25,000 backpacks. POBA's goal is **300 backpacks**. The backpacks collected by POBA churches will be *distributed to areas where they are needed most in Georgia*.

PLEASE SEE INSTRUCTIONS on the Georgia Baptist Mission Board website: <https://gabaptist.org/backpacks/>

Christmas Backpacks MUST BE BOXED in medium boxes 18"x18"x16" (4 per box preferred) and delivered to the POBA office (2104 Alice St, Waycross) no later than **Wednesday, November 4, 2020**.



LULATON HOSTS 2ND ANNUAL BIBLE CONFERENCE IN SEPTEMBER

Lulaton Baptist Invites all the POBA family to the second annual Bible Conference

THEME: "The Story of Jesus"
 DATES: September 13-16, 2020
 TIME: 6:30pm nightly

GUEST SPEAKERS:

9/13: Robby Foster (Pastor of FBC Valdosta)
 9/14: Brad Waters (Pastor of FBC Hazlehurst)
 9/15: Mike Everson (Baptist Leader & Preacher)
 9/16: Don Hattaway (Pastor of FBC Douglas)

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Sam Stack (Worship Leader for Pleasant Valley Baptist, Wayx)

Lulaton Baptist Church is located on Hwy 82 in Brantley County, GA (just 5 miles EAST of Nahunta). Our physical address is 18581 US-82, Nahunta. For further information, contact Pastor Steve Beal at 912-550-8362.

BTCP CLASSES BEGIN IN AUGUST

NEW: Now available remotely!



Old Testament Survey

August 27, 2020
 7:00 p.m.
 Virtual Class
 Cost \$20

Contact the POBA Office at (912) 285-8161 by August 17 to register. The cost of the book is \$20, which you can pay at the POBA Office. Once you have registered, you will be sent the information to log into the virtual class via Zoom.

PRAISEFEST 2020



(Sam Stack) Who would have thought just a few months ago that our nation would be in such a disarray. Since many of our POBA Churches have not resumed choirs and it is unknown when we will have choir once again, we are changing ChoirFest for this year. Many of our churches are using Praise Teams and Ensembles to lead in worship during this time, so for this year we will have a 'virtual Praise Team/Ensemble' festival.

Each church that wants to participate will make a video of your Praise Team/Ensemble singing. As with Choirfest, we will limit each church to 2 songs up to a total of 10 minutes. You may submit the video of your songs as a separate video for each song or the video may include both songs on one video.

These videos will be compiled into one video that will be broadcast on the internet on the date set aside for ChoirFest, Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 7:00 PM

As many of us have discovered, video editing takes time, so we are asking that you submit your videos no later than **August 15, 2020**. Stacy Wells at Emmanuel has graciously agreed to compile the videos.

Please upload your videos to dropbox. If you do not have a dropbox account, you can set up a free basic account at dropbox.com. Once you upload your video(s) follow the instructions on dropbox to share the files. Please share the files with me at: sam@pvbcwaycross.org and I will get them to Stacy.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 912-283-2577 (church) or 912-309-2905 (cell).

YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING

The table below reflects giving January—July 2020, as of 07/28/2020. It does **not** include designated gifts:

Church:	Amount:
Astoria	650.00
Beulah	
Blackshear First	12803.00
Bridge Community	3995.00
Bristol	1500.00
Browntown	
Calvary	2925.94
Camp Pinckney	3393.05
Central	
Crosspoint Community	
Crawford Street	350.17
Deenwood	2598.10
Emmanuel	26877.84
Emerson Park	
Folkston First	2800.00
Grace Chapel	1399.00
Hacklebarney	478.37
Haywood	3006.03
Hebardville	485.03
Hephzibah	
Hickox	5809.05
Hoboken	1166.69
Jamestown	10855.93
King Memorial	
Laura Chapel	
Lees Chapel	3177.00
Liberty	
Lulaton	2081.00
Manor Community	1524.80
Mershon	
Millwood	800.00
Mt Calvary	3192.55
Nahunta First	
Newbern	
New Union	380.88
Oak Hill	6063.49
Offerman	6115.34
Patterson	3110.78

Church:	Amount:
Pine Grove	851.30
Pineview	600.00
Pleasant Hill	1000.00
Pleasant Valley	6959.79
Rehobeth	1250.00
Riverside Chapel	700.00
Sand Hill	1145.10
Satilla	1821.85
Set Free	1123.19
Shady Grove	2100.00
South Gate	
Spring Hill	120.00
St George First	350.00
Sweet Memorial	1456.00
SweetWater	526.46
Ten Mile	1357.26
Twin Rivers	932.00
Walkerville	600.00
Ware Terrace	560.45
Waycross First	2800.00
Waycross Community	1000.00
Waycross Second	2898.76
Waynesville	2742.08
West Carswell	1877.75
Williams Chapel	3372.75
Winokur	942.53
Whosoever	
Youmans Chapel	2968.80
Total Unrestricted Giving	149595.11

JOIN THIS PRAYER MOVEMENT!

#PrayGeorgia

August 3-9, 2020

www.gabaptist.org/prayerweek

2020 has brought great challenges and crises. In desperate times like these, God's people are to cry out to Him for forgiveness, guidance, and hope.

Will You Join?

The Prophet Joel said: *"Declare a holy fast; call a sacred assembly. Summon the elders and all who live in the land to the house of the Lord your God, and cry out to the Lord"* (Joel 1:14).

To join text "intercede" to (706) 408-9899. Visit gabaptist.org/prayerweek to join, find resources, and ways to get involved.

365+ PRAYER PROJECT



We are three short months from November 3, 2020, election day, here in the USA. You still have time to make an incredible impact...you can PRAY and FAST!

Will you take time to pray and fast for our nation?

Let 365+ Prayer Project know you are setting time apart to impact this nation and its election through prayer and fasting at:

<https://prayer365plus.org/>

There are also prayer and fasting resources available at this web address.

Rise up; this matter is in your hands. We will support you, so take courage and do it. -Ezra 10:4

365+ Prayer Project: Each church enlist a minimum of ONE person on ONE day but for EVERY day until November 2, 2020 to pray & fast for the 2020 election and elected officials locally, statewide, and nationally.

MINISTER RETREATS

Georgia:

Stillwater - stillwaterpastorretreat.com

Pinnacle Retreat Center - pinnacleretreatcenter.com

Georgia Baptist Conference Center - mytoccoa.com

Tennessee:

Eden Ridge - edenridge.org

Colorado:

Shekinah Ranch - shekinahranch.org

GOGEORGIA IS NOW CALLED SPARK 2020 AS IT REACHES BEYOND GEORGIA



August 28, 2020

This event is a free online-training experience with over 50 breakout sessions and training for every church leader.

This is a free event, but registration is required to access the materials.

Registration: thesparkconference.com

Who Is This For?

Pastors, Lay Leaders, Discipleship Leaders, Childrens' Leaders, Student Pastors, Worship Leaders, Sunday School Directors, Missions Coordinators, anyone involved in ministry and equipping.

What Makes This Event Different?

You can attend all day August 28 as the session releases in real time. After that, during the free portion of the event, you can watch online anytime. Each presentation will be available via free access for 3 weeks.

CALENDAR

August

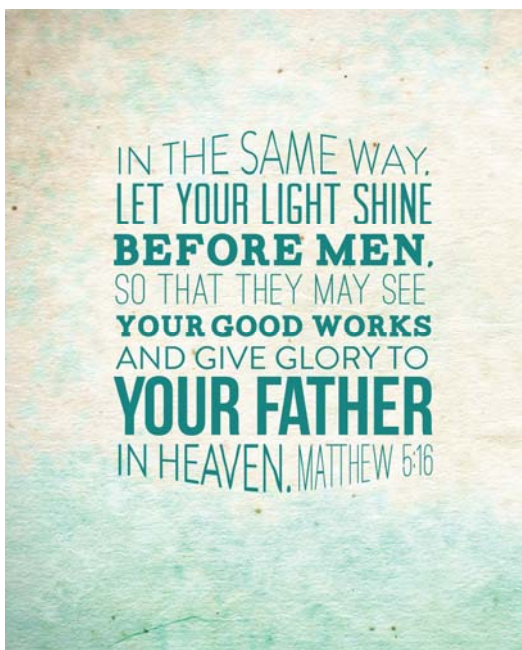
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9 Back to School Prayer
15 PraiseFest Submission Deadline
17 Music Minister Lunch
18 Administrative Team Meeting
25 Pastor/Staff Prayer
28 Spark 2020 Conference

September

7 Labor Day, office closed
15 Administrative Team Meeting
21 Music Minister Lunch
23 See You At The Pole
24 PraiseFest 2020
29 Pastor/Staff Prayer

October

16-17 GBMB Pastors Retreat
18-25 Week of Prayer for Baptist Associations
20 Administrative Team Meeting
22 M-Night
27 Pastor/Staff Prayer



Celebrating in August

Active pastors/staff & their spouses celebrating this month



Birthdays

Tonya Ramey—2
Trey Keene—5
Nancy Perry—8
Shay Carter—8
Briana Marshall—13
Charlie Mayberry—16
Debbie Griffin—17
Elaine Hickox—18
Edward Cady—23
Richard Johnson—23
Paula Jacoby—26
Randy Wainright—27
Ronnie Foster—29
Tasha Lightsey—31

Anniversaries

Trey & Amanda Keene
Larry & Deborah Altman—14
Donnie & Nina Jo Tuten—17
Monroe & Sue Gill—22
Edward & Carol Colley—23
Phil & Elaine Jordan—24
Buddy & Danielle Griner—28



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