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MERCER-THOMAS BAPTIST NETWORK

CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

NOVEMBER 8-9, 2021

REFOCUS

GEORGIA BAPTIST CONVENTION ANNUAL MEETING
FIRST BAPTIST JONESBORO, GEORGIA



TAKE A PEEK!

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Dear Kingdom Servants,

Psalm 107:1, “Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever,” calls and invites us to practice giving thanks to the Lord intentionally, often, and boldly. God’s people should be known for this. What if we were known for giving thanks, particularly to the LORD for who He is and what He does? Let’s say yes to this call and invitation to give thanks to the LORD.

I am thankful for each of you, for each of the churches in these two Associations, and for the privilege and honor of serving with you in God’s Kingdom. Thank you for trusting and obeying the LORD as together we labor to fulfill the Great Commandment—love the LORD with all our heart, soul, and strength—and the Great Commission—make disciples of all people for Jesus Christ. Thank you for trusting the LORD’s heart and word as we Pray. Love. Serve. in southwest Georgia and beyond.

Thank you for taking time to view the following items and ask God what your role is related to each one. I encourage you to pray for each item as God directs your heart and mind.

- GBMB Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board and related activities will be November 7-9, 2021, at the First Baptist Church, Jonesboro, GA. More information can be accessed at www.gabaptist.org/annualmeeting/.
- Annual Church Reports [ACRs]. These reports are to our work and ministry as vital signs are to us physically. They tell us information which informs next steps. Thank you to each church who has completed the 2021 ACR. Thank you to each church yet to complete the 2021 ACR for doing so soon.
- Church Events/Activities. May we have dates and times of your church events/activities to promote in the Mercer-Thomas Baptist Network Newsletter? May we can help get word out and celebrate what God is doing in and through your church? Please contact Robin Owens, Karen Haineault, or me.
- Crossover 907. Saturday, March 26, 2022, is Crossover 907. Zip code 31907 in Columbus Baptist Association has been identified as the least evangelized zip code in the Southwest Region. Crossover 907 is an evangelistic endeavor to reach these communities with the gospel. Please mark your calendars. Please pray for these communities. More information will be coming.
- Needs/Resources. What needs are challenging your church and ministries in doing what God has called you to do? What resources would help you take next steps? Please share with me so that I may work with you to identify and secure God’s provision for you.

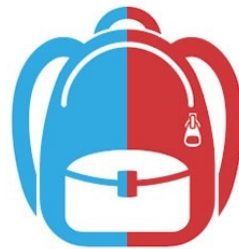
Giving thanks to the LORD for you,
Grant Hignight

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DON'T MISS
the DEADLINE

Thank you churches for packing backpacks!
Remember to follow the packing guidelines
so that each backpack contains the required
items. Anything else you want to include
above that is great! Just a reminder that
they are due at the Thomas County
Association office no later than
November 18th.

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Please join me in giving

Teresa Little a big THANK YOU!

Teresa has volunteered to serve as
Shoebox Drop-Off Site Coordinator at
the Thomas County Baptist
Association Office.



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

National Collection Week Nov. 15–22, 2021

Drop Off Hours

Mon, Nov. 15th 11:30am -3:00pm

Tue, Nov. 16th 3:00pm -5:00pm

Wed. Nov. 17th 11:30am -3:00pm

Thu. Nov. 18th 3:00pm -5:00pm

Fri. Nov 19th 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Sat. Nov. 20th 9:00am -12:00pm

Sun. Nov 21st 3:00pm -5:00pm

Mon. Nov 22nd 7:00am-9:00am



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Date / Location / Time/ Deadline to Register

Nov. 4, Warner Robins: Second BC (10 am – 2 pm) DTR Nov 2
(other locations available, listing one closest)

<https://gabaptist.org/public-affairs-trainings-2021/>

Topics and speakers include:

- ✓ Is There Not a Cause: Current Issues & Why Change Is Possible – Mike Griffin, Public Affairs Representative of Georgia Baptist Mission Board
- ✓ A Blueprint For Meaningful Engagement – Brad Hughes, Public Affairs Committee Chairman
- ✓ How To Protect Your Church From The Rising Attacks on Religious Liberty – Harrison Smith, Alliance Defending Freedom
- ✓ Understanding the Legislative Process and A Legislator's Perspective – former State Representative Kevin Cooke and former State Senator Josh McKoon

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GBMB Annual Meeting, November 7-9, 2021 First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

The GBC Annual Meeting is a yearly event to conduct the business of the Georgia Baptist Convention in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Convention. In addition, the Annual Meeting serves to provide inspiration for messengers from the member churches of the Convention as well as provide opportunities for networking among the member church representatives. It provides the opportunity for the Georgia Baptist Mission Board staff to increase the awareness of the ministries and resources available to the churches of the Georgia Baptist Convention.



THE BLESSING
A PREACHING CONFERENCE FOR GEORGIA BAPTISTS

FREE TO ATTEND

FIRST BAPTIST JONESBORO, GEORGIA
NOVEMBER 8, 2021 FROM 1-5 P.M.

GEORGE WRIGHT
Shades Mountain Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama

J. JOSH SMITH
Prince Avenue Baptist Church, Athens, Georgia

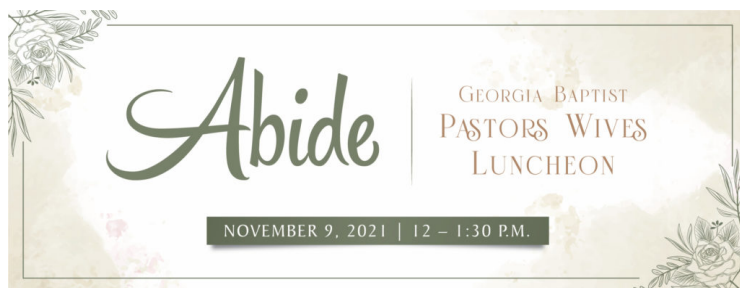
JOSH REAVIS
North Jacksonville Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Georgia

JACK STARKE
Compass Christian Church, Fort Worth, Texas

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2021
6-7:30 P.M. INSPIRATIONAL RALLY

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2021
1-5 P.M. PREACHING CONFERENCE
6-9 P.M. SESSION 1

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2021
9-12 P.M. SESSION 2
2-5:30 P.M. SESSION 3



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GEORGIA BAPTIST
PASTORS' WIVES
LUNCHEON

NOVEMBER 9, 2021 | 12 - 1:30 P.M.



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MEDICARE AND MEDICARE ADVANTAGE QUESTIONS?

Antioch is hosting an educational event for Medicare and Medicare Advantage. If you have questions regarding signing up or making changes to your Medicare policy, make plans to attend this informative meeting.

This is NOT a sales meeting.

Bring your friends and your questions!

Wednesday, November 17th at 3:00 pm
Antioch Baptist Church, Herndon Hall
1873 Hartsmill Rd, Pavo, GA



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Mercer Baptist Association Giving Report January 1-September 30, 2021

	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	July-Sept	Oct-Dec	YTD
Barney Baptist	\$ -		\$ -	\$	-
Barwick Baptist	\$ 488.45	\$ 606.65	\$ 514.54	\$	1,609.64
Beulah Baptist	\$ -		\$ -	\$	-
Dixie Baptist	\$ 903.60	\$ 883.32	\$ 764.40	\$	2,551.32
Elam Baptist	\$ 392.30	\$ 125.21	\$ 304.17	\$	821.68
Evergreen Baptist	\$ 243.62	\$ 268.22	\$ 216.10	\$	727.94
First Baptist	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$	6,750.00
Friendship Baptist	\$ 200.00	\$ 423.00	\$ -	\$	623.00
Morrison Baptist	\$ 314.07	\$ 405.87	\$ 394.10	\$	1,114.04
Morven Baptist	\$ 1,148.28	\$ 575.78	\$ 1,129.03	\$	2,853.09
Northside Baptist	\$ 405.41	\$ 397.79	\$ 349.17	\$	1,152.37
Ochlawilla Baptist	\$ 800.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$	1,800.00
Okapilco Baptist	\$ 527.00	\$ 679.00	\$ 438.00	\$	1,644.00
Pauline Baptist	\$ 873.12	\$ 1,130.60	\$ 989.07	\$	2,992.79
Philadelphia Baptist	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$	1,000.00
Union Baptist	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$	900.00
Totals	\$ 9,595.85	\$ 8,795.44	\$ 8,148.58	\$ -	\$ 26,539.87

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	Jan - Mar 21	Apr - Jun 21	Jul - Sep 21	TOTAL
Antioch Baptist Church	1,943.15	720.73	930.79	3,594.67
Barnetts Creek Baptist Church	483.36	555.13	546.87	1,585.36
Big Creek Baptist Church	454.77	540.80	524.53	1,520.10
Big Ochlocknee Baptist Church	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
Boston Baptist Church	506.02	241.52	717.06	1,464.60
Coolidge Baptist Church	3,500.00	0.00	0.00	3,500.00
Dawson Street Baptist	3,014.88	3,014.88	3,014.88	9,044.64
Enon Baptist Church	150.00	150.00	150.00	450.00
First Baptist Church of Thomas...	4,167.33	8,336.00	8,336.00	20,839.33
First Newark Baptist	3,000.00	3,000.00	4,000.00	10,000.00
Fredonia Baptist Church	380.34	468.76	473.39	1,322.49
Friendship	75.00	50.00	0.00	125.00
Gatlin Creek Baptist	738.48	1,982.00	1,814.44	4,534.92
Meigs Baptist Church, Inc.	1,768.34	1,459.09	912.54	4,139.97
New Day Christian Fellowship	75.00	25.00	125.00	225.00
New Shiloh Baptist Church	417.01	349.36	488.20	1,254.57
Ochlocknee	500.00	300.00	300.00	1,100.00
Pavo Baptist Church	0.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
Pineland Baptist Church, Inc.	1,249.98	1,249.98	833.32	3,333.28
Salem Baptist Church	1,001.40	936.36	822.21	2,759.97
Summerhill Baptist Church	219.00	211.00	231.00	661.00
TOTAL	23,944.06	23,890.61	24,220.23	72,054.90

NOVEMBER

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TUE
6:30 - 7 PM
MBA DEUT 1:15 MEETING
NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

7 - 8 PM
MBA EXEC BD MEETING
NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

3

WED
10 - 11 AM
PASTORS PRAYER TIME IN PERSON & ZOOM
TCBA OFFICE, 1020 REMINGTON AVE

4

THU
10 - 11AM
PASTORS PRAYER TIME - ZOOM ONLY
TCBA OFFICE, 1020 REMINGTON AVE

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SUN
GBMB ANNUAL MEETING
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, JONESBORO

8

MON
GBMB ANNUAL MEETING
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, JONESBORO

9

TUE
GBMB ANNUAL MEETING
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, JONESBORO

10

WED
10 - 11AM
PASTORS PRAYER TIME IN PERSON & ZOOM
TCBA OFFICE, 1020 REMINGTON AVE

11

THU
10 - 11AM
PASTORS PRAYER TIM - ZOOM ONLY
TCBA OFFICE, 1020 REMINGTON AVE

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MON
11:30 - 3 PM
OCC (SHOEBOXES) DROP OFF
TCBA OFFICE, 1020 REMINGTON AVE

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TUE
3 - 5 PM
OCC (SHOEBOXES) DROP OFF
TCBA OFFICE, 1020 REMINGTON AVE
9 - 10:30 AM
BROOKS COUNTY MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH QUITMAN, 509 W SCREVEN ST

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WED
11:30 - 3 PM
OCC (SHOEBOXES) DROP OFF
TCBA OFFICE, TCBA OFFICE, 1020 REMINGTON AVE

10 - 11AM
PASTORS PRAYER TIME IN PERSON & ZOOM
TCBA OFFICE, 1020 REMINGTON AVE

3 - 4:30PM
MEDICARE AND MEDICARE ADVANTAGE INFO EVENT
ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH, 1873 HARTS MILL RD, PAVO

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THU
3 - 5 PM
OCC (SHOEBOXES) DROP OFF
TCBA OFFICE, 1020 REMINGTON AVE

9:00 - 3:00 PM
BACKPACKS DUE IN ASSOCIATION OFFICE
TCBA OFFICE, 1020 REMINGTON AVE

10 - 11AM
PASTORS PRAYER TIME - ZOOM ONLY
TCBA OFFICE, 1020 REMINGTON AVE

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FRI
3 - 5 PM
OCC (SHOEBOXES) DROP OFF
TCBA OFFICE, 1020 REMINGTON AVE

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SAT
9 - 12 PM
OCC (SHOEBOXES) DROP OFF
TCBA OFFICE, 1020 REMINGTON AVE

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SUN
3 - 5 PM
OCC (SHOEBOXES) DROP OFF
TCBA OFFICE, 1020 REMINGTON AVE

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MON
3 - 5 PM
OCC (SHOEBOXES) DROP OFF
TCBA OFFICE, 1020 REMINGTON AVE

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WED
10 - 11AM
PASTORS PRAYER TIME IN PERSON & ZOOM
TCBA OFFICE, 1020 REMINGTON AVE

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THU
10 - 11AM
PASTORS PRAYER TIME - ZOOM ONLY

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