



Smyrna Baptist Association

November 2025

A Word from your Associational Missions Strategist

We are grateful for a wonderful Fall Meeting held at First Baptist Church in Alma. Their hospitality was truly outstanding. We appreciate their volunteers and kitchen team for providing a warm welcome, a great meal, and a meaningful time of fellowship.

Great training in evangelism and missions, equipping our churches to serve their communities better and reach the lost was experienced. We are thankful for those who led these sessions and for all who participated.

In addition, we were blessed by incredible worship led by Daniel Steel of First Baptist Church, Douglas, and Halston Taylor of New City Church. Their leadership helped set our hearts and minds on Christ and prepared us for a meaningful time in God's Word.

The message from Dr. Tim Jones of the Columbus Baptist Association encouraged us to better serve the Savior. We look with great anticipation toward the ministry partnership developing between our associations. In the coming months and years, teams from Columbus will serve in our region through preaching, missions, and support ministries. We will have opportunities to serve alongside them in Columbus as well. This spirit of cooperation advances the Kingdom and strengthens our mission engagement.

A highlight of the evening was seeing our new Disaster Relief Shower Trailer in person for the very first time. We are excited about the possibilities this ministry tool will bring as we continue preparing it for deployment. The work is progressing well, and we look forward to soon placing it into service to meet needs and open doors for gospel ministry.

We are thankful for a great report from our recent mission trip to Puerto Rico. It is exciting to see how the Lord is working there and how our team has partnered with local churches to advance the gospel and strengthen ministry efforts on the island. Amy Ferris led the team well and her report is in this newsletter.

As we enter this season of thankfulness, we want to wish each of you a wonderful and meaningful Thanksgiving. May your time with family, friends, and church family be filled with gratitude, rest, and reflection on the Lord's blessings. We are truly grateful for your partnership and faithfulness.



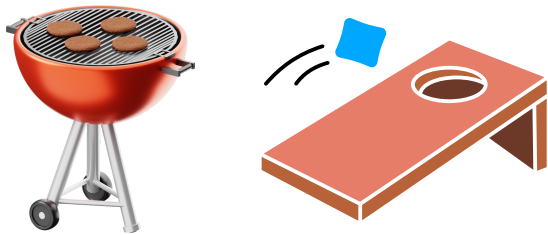
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Welcome

We welcome Rev. Mike Lee as the new pastor at Big Creek Baptist in Alma. Pray for him and his wife, Becki, as they begin this new ministry.



Pastor/Staff Tailgate

Bring your entire family. We will have food, fellowship, and fun together as we connect as a family of churches.

General Coffee State Park
begins at 4:00 pm.
Shelter #1



Annual Church Profile

In August of this year, your church clerk or pastor should have received information regarding your ACP. Thank you to those churches that have already completed their ACP. The shortened version of the ACP consists of only eight questions and can be completed online.

This information is used to help the association and state convention serve your leadership and your church. It also allows us to rejoice with you about God's work among you.

If you know your church's username and password, you may complete the eight questions at: ga.sbcworkspace.com

If you need help, don't hesitate to contact Barbara Taylor, Associational Clerk, at 706-618-8576; she will be glad to assist you.

*HAPPY
Thanks
Giving*

THANK YOU!

We are thankful for these churches that gave to the mission of our Association in September.

Alma, First; Burkett; College Avenue; Eastside; Douglas, First; New Harmony Grove; Nicholls; Northside; Providence; Reedy Branch; Saginaw; Stokesville; West Green; Westwood; Grace Pointe; New City Church

Pray for these Churches Without Pastors

Providence Baptist Church
Westwood Baptist Church
La Primera Iglesia
Bethel Baptist Church
Northside Baptist Church
First Baptist, Alma

SBA Team Meetings



Church Strengthening
November 20th @ 2:00 PM



Great Commission
November 6th @ 7:00 PM



Stewardship
November 20th @ 5:00 PM

BCM

Baptist Collegiate Ministries

**South Georgia State College,
Douglas**

If you want to be included in the rotation text, call Gillis Roberson at (912) 850-1395. BCM meets every Tuesday from 12:15 pm to 12:45 pm. Speaking time is 20 minutes plus time for dialogue.

If your church would like to provide a meal to help reach college students, contact Kim Knight at 912-381-4191 or davidandkim07@yahoo.com

Please have the food at the college no earlier than 11:45 AM. The meeting starts at 12:15 PM.

November 4th - Knights
November 11th - No BCM
November 18th - St. Illa
November 25th - Deberry



Shower Trailer Update

We're excited to share that our Disaster Relief Shower Trailer is now very near completion! Final touches are underway, and soon we'll begin equipping and preparing it for service. The trailer has officially received its new identity with Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief, and we're looking forward to putting it to work — serving alongside others across the country and using it in local outreach efforts as well.

As we move toward launching this ministry, we've encountered an unexpected challenge: insurance coverage. We learned that you cannot insure a trailer unless you also own a vehicle, building, or home under the same policy. Since the Association currently doesn't have those, the trailer is presently uninsured.

To resolve this, we're praying for the provision of a truck dedicated to the trailer's ministry use. We're seeking a donated vehicle—something in the 250 class or larger (preferably a 350)—to safely and reliably pull the trailer wherever it's needed.

If you or someone you know might be able to help provide or connect us with such a vehicle, please let us know. Your generosity could make a lasting difference in our ability to serve communities in crisis and share Christ's love in practical ways.

As we prepare to place the trailer in service, we also want to equip volunteers to serve through Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief. We'll be hosting a local training event January 16–17 at First Baptist Church, Douglas.

Go ahead and mark your calendars and make plans to join us! This will be a great opportunity to get trained, recertify if you have been trained in the past, meet others serving in disaster relief, and learn more about how to use the shower trailer and other ministry tools effectively.

Our goal is to get as many people as possible involved so that, together, we can be ready to respond when the call comes to serve.





Puerto Rico Missions Report

Send Relief is a part of the International Mission Board and North American Mission Board coming together. Send Relief is the Southern Baptists' global compassion ministry. They respond to crises and strengthen vulnerable communities around the world by meeting the physical and spiritual needs in Jesus' name. Send Relief Puerto Rico has two ministry sites. One is the Ponce Ministry Center on the south side of the island, and the other is in San Juan, Guaynabo. Four volunteers from St Illa were able to help in Ponce ,Puerto Rico.

We were teamed up with groups from North Carolina and Texas. Each team was assigned a project in a community in crisis.

We were able to help a homeowner who had damage from hurricanes and an earthquake by pressure washing her roof and resealing it so there would be no leaks inside. We also prepped and repainted the outside of the entire home . This opened the door to share Jesus with her and her family. Relationships were built, Christ was shared, and we also prayer walked the neighborhood. This was another great opportunity to speak with neighbors and pray with them. Ponce, Puerto Rico, is a beautiful facility. They supply your team with a vehicle to travel to and from the job site. The Send Relief ministry Center has a kitchen, beds and proper showers. The septic system is a little different but there are plenty of bathrooms. They also have an air conditioner!! This would be an awesome trip for a first time mission team. It has a tropical feel as one sees mangos growing on trees and iguanas, yet it has some of the comforts of the States. Please pray with us as to where God would have us serve again, soon .



Give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering