



Smyrna Baptist Association

January 2023

A Word from your Associational Missions Strategist

As we look toward the new year of 2023, a question to ponder is "Where will my church be on January 1, 2024?". Will we reach new people? Will we mature in our faith? Will we face the unknown challenges ahead by walking with God and not in our own strength? We have an association organized to support our churches in achieving success in multiple areas of ministry. We do not need to face the challenges of the next year alone. Through working together, our churches can accomplish the work of the Great Commission better. Scripture reminds us that "Two are better than one...A cord of three strands is not easily broken." (Ecclesiastes 4: 9-12)

God uniquely created each of us with gifts, abilities, backgrounds, and experiences; so that when we come together as the church, great things can be done for the sake of His Kingdom. "...the body is not one part but many...God has put the body together..." (1 Cor. 12:12-26) One key word in this passage is "together." Most of what is done through the association is done as members of separate church bodies come together and exercise the gifts and abilities that God has given them. As we start 2023 with a new associational structure and renewed direction, I pray that all we accomplish will be with the involvement of our churches, their leaders, and pastors coming together. This coming together is not just at meetings but in serving together to see all of our churches become healthy and reach people with the gospel.

As we begin our work together, I ask that you pray for our teams as they start their work in January. Pray that God would prepare hearts to be willing to serve on the many workgroups that will be formed. These teams and workgroups consist of pastors, staff, and laypersons from our churches. Below is a listing of our teams.

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

January 22, 2023

This is the first Sanctity of Life Sunday
without Roe vs. Wade

Stand with the unborn and their
mothers, adoption, and foster care
families.

Our First Team Meetings with the New Structure

We will have these meetings at the old office and then determine where and when we will meet.



Church Strengthening
January 10th @ 7PM



Great Commission
January 12th @ 7PM



Stewardship
January 17th @ 7PM

Stewardship Team

Moderator: Christian Colson – Eastside, Douglas
Vice-Moderator: BJ Holliday – Reedy Branch, Broxton
Treasurer: Ruth Christian – DeBerry, Broxton
Clerk: Anne Smith – Providence, Broxton
Assistant Treasurer: Lynn Fussell – Northside, Douglas
Assistant Clerk: Eileen Maxwell – Saginaw, Nicholls
Chair-Elect of the Great Commission Team
Chair-Elect of the Church Strengthening Team

Great Commission Team

Joel Auger – Pridgen, Baptist
Javier Gonzalez - Palabra de Vida, Pearson
Ken White – Northside, Douglas
Chris Sheffield – GracePoint, Douglas
Andrew Roberts – Carver, Douglas

Church Strengthening Team

Brooks Haddock - New City Church, Alma
Kevin Bounds – Morningside, Douglas
Charles Hutcheson - Douglas Chapel, Alma
Diane Roberson - FBC Douglas
L.G. Aldridge – Saginaw, Nicholls
Jerry Worzella - FBC Pearson



church strengthening

D-Life Boot Camps are designed to equip common people to be Christ-like disciplers. In D-Life training, we don't just talk about discipleship; believers will learn how to make disciples who make disciples as a way of life.



February 5, 2023
FBC Douglas
4:00-7:30 PM



Learning Community & Lunch

January 9, 2023 at 11:00AM
Douglas Chapel, Nicholls

Church Financial Conference 2023

Topics

- Creative Tools for Fueling Your Mission
- Budgeting to Build the Kingdom
- Reporting Revenue Above Reproach
- Don't Let Your Pastor Labor in Vain



Feb. 23, 2023
FBC Waycross
702 Elizabeth Street
Waycross, GA 31501



Join our Facebook Group for regular updates about what God is doing in our churches

www.facebook.com/groups/624001872259948/



great commission



DISASTER RELIEF INTRODUCTION

Required for all first-time volunteers
Recertification required every three years to remain an active volunteer

FEBRUARY 24-25, 2023

Kingsland First Baptist Church
295 E Chester Avenue
Kingsland, GA 31548

Register by
February 19, 2023

MARCH 24-25, 2023

Central Baptist Church
1120 Lake Joy Road
Warner Robins, GA 31088

Register by
March 19, 2023

Register: <https://gabaptist.egnyte.com/dl/ah5iPE8Z9J>



stewardship

Churches Without Pastors

Providence Baptist Church
New Hope Baptist Church
La Primera Iglesia
Bethel Missionary Baptist Church

We are thankful for these churches who gave to the Mission of our Association in November

Burkett, Douglas Chapel, FBC Alma, FBC Douglas, FBC Pearson, FBC Willacoochee, Gracepoint, Nicholls, Northside, Mt. Pleasant, New City, Providence, Reedy Branch, West Green, Westwood