



Smyrna Baptist Association

April 2024

A Word from your Associational Missions Strategist

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Dr. Ray Coleman, our former Associational Missionary, and his son, Chris, in the loss of his wife, Glennis. Pray for Ray, as he is still in a complex medical situation, and Chris, as he makes the arrangements for the funeral.

As our churches have celebrated Easter, we pray it has been a time for sowing the seeds of the gospel and seeing the harvest firsthand. The resurrection is something we celebrate on Easter, yet it is central to the gift of salvation that we enjoy and have the privilege of sharing with others. Our association is committed to helping churches involve their people in taking the gospel to others as healthy, growing congregations. Upcoming events in our association will help you and your church accomplish these things.

The Church Strengthening Team has an excellent lineup for our Spring Training event on April 25th at Morningside. We have conference leaders from around the state to help our church leaders with the specific areas in which they might serve. I hope you will bring a group from your church. Register your group, so we can be prepared for you.

The Great Commission Team has a wonderful opportunity for your church to have a foreign mission experience. We will travel to Puerto Rico on October 19-25 to do light construction and help a church plant begin its new work. If your church could have two persons go on this trip, they could bring back a sense of mission and evangelism that the church has not experienced before.

The Stewardship Team would like to remind you of our Executive Committee meeting, which will be held at Northside Baptist on April 11th, beginning at 6:00 PM. This meeting is for the pastor or his staff designate and one layperson representing your church. (Guests are welcome.) We will have a meal, hear reports from our teams, and vote on our new Constitution and Bylaws. Please plan to attend as we conduct the business of the association.

It is evident that all three of our teams have been serving well as they seek to help our churches be healthy in order to reach people with the gospel.



Glennis Coleman Service and Visitation

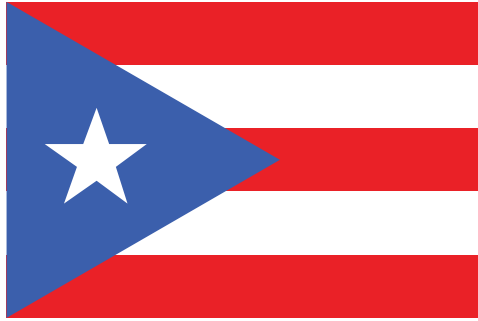
The funeral will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, April 6th, at Northside Baptist Church in Douglas.

(The Pastors of the Association have been asked to be Honorary Pallbearers.)

Visitation is Friday, April 5th, from 6 - 8 PM
Sims Funeral Home in Douglas



great commission



Associational Puerto Rico Mission Trip October 19-25, 2024

May 15th \$300 deposit
June 15th \$300 Payment
July 15th \$300 Payment
Sept 15th \$300 Payment

If you'd like more information, please get in touch with Chris and Amy Ferris, our project leaders at ferrischic1@gmail.com



Our association believes that it's time for the church to do more than just talk about reaching people outside its walls. We believe in taking action to make it happen. While many churches prioritize reaching their local communities, we believe it's important to also pay attention to the nations, which are equally important, and be obedient to the Great Commission.

That's why we're organizing a trip that will help churches get a taste of foreign missions and possibly lead to their own mission trips in the future. We're inviting a pastor and a layperson, or a couple of laypersons from your church to join us on this trip. We have reserved 20 spots, 10 for men and 10 for women. If you're interested, please let us know as soon as possible; so we can reserve your spots.

We'll offer training and informational meetings as the trip develops. The cost per person will be \$1200. Our work will be focused on light construction and supporting a church plant. For any financial matters, please make your checks payable to the Smyrna Baptist Association and indicate that they're for the mission trip. Once we receive your initial deposit, we'll provide you with more details as we proceed with the trip. We hope to hear from you soon!



Baptist Collegiate
Ministries

April 2nd - FBC Douglas
April 9th - DeBerry
April 16th - NO BCM
April 23rd - Stokesville
April 30th - NO BCM

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.



church strengthening



SPRING TRAINING



Morningside Baptist in Douglas

April 25th, 2024

This training event will provide opportunities for leaders to learn and grow in their specific areas of ministry.

A grab-and-go meal begins at 5:00 PM, with sessions starting at 6:00 PM.

You can remain in your workshop for both sessions or select something different.

Topics to Include

Deacon Ministry - LG Aldredge - Saginaw Baptist

How to Better Your Deacon Ministry

Audio Visual Training - Kenny Powell - Trinity Technical Solutions

Helps to make your Services Better through your Sound and Projection Systems

Children's Leaders - Krista Staton - GBMB

Teaching Techniques and Classroom Management with Children and Preschool

Student Leaders - Tim Kilgore - GBMB

The Future of Student Ministry in our Culture

Adult Sunday School Training - Mike Taylor - SBA

How to Have a Great Group

Social Media Training - Amber Bounds - Morningside Baptist

Using Social Media Effectively in Your Church

Ministry to Women - Barbara Taylor - SBA

Planning an Effective Ministry to the Women of Your Church

Please register here or email us at
mike@sbachurches.org so we can be
prepared for you

<https://tinyurl.com/4dtcdj9w>





**Spring Executive
Committee Meeting
April 11th at 6:00 PM
Northside Baptist Church,
Douglas**

We will be sharing important information about the association and voting on our new constitution and bylaws.

The church is providing dinner, so please register. This will enable us to know how much food to prepare.

Churches are represented by the pastor or a staff member and one layperson. Guests are always welcome.

Register here or email us at mike@sbachurches.org

<https://tinyurl.com/4fm4jZ6y>



SBA Team Meetings



Church Strengthening
April 22nd @ 2 PM



Great Commission April
22nd @ 7:00 PM



Stewardship
April 23rd @ 5:00 PM

**Pray for these Churches
Without Pastors**

Providence Baptist Church
Westwood Baptist Church
La Primera Iglesia
Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
Nicholls Baptist Church
Big Creek Baptist Church

**We are thankful for these
churches who gave to
the mission of our Association
in February.**

Alma, First · Burkett · Central ·
Avenue · Douglas Chapel ·
Douglas, First · New Harmony
Grove · Mt. Pleasant · Nicholls ·
Northside · Reedy Branch ·
Stokesville · Unity · Green ·
Westwood · GracePointe · New
City Church



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