Smyrna Baptist Association November 2026

Grateful to the Lord, and to You

Thank you. That is the first thing I want to say after our Fall Meeting on Sunday, October 25, at First Baptist Church Douglas. Thank you to the pastor and people of First Douglas for opening their church to us and providing the meal. Thank you to our worship leaders and choirs, who gave much of their weekend to Saturday's Worship Leader Training and the Sunday's Choir Retreat before leading us as a mass choir that evening. Much thanks to Steve Foster for bringing us God's Word.

Gatherings like this remind me what an association is: churches choosing to do together what none of us could do alone.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I find myself looking back over this year and giving thanks to the Lord. He has been faithful to this association. Here is some of what He has done through our churches this year:

- Disaster relief: our shower trailer and truck responded to the Brantley County fire, served South Georgia State College during a water problem, showered 130 college students at Confluence, and supported the first rebuild team in Lumber City. Our DR trained volunteers also helped with flood clean out in Texas and ice storm recovery in Mississippi.
- State disaster relief training prepared our volunteers to serve.
- A church revitalization event at our spring training with Dr. PJ Dunn.
- VBS training for our churches.
- The Spring Fling for our senior adults.
- Church safety training.
- A summer partnership with the Columbus Baptist Association, helping with VBS and other outreach activities.
- Eight churches welcomed into watchcare as they press toward becoming part of our association.

None of it happened by accident, and none of it happened without you---the churches who give, pray, and serve.

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Happy Thanksgiving

From Mike and Barbara, with thanks to God for each of you and your church family.

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever." Psalm 107:1

Upcoming Team Meeting

Stewardship
Nov. 17 @ 5:00 PM

Pastors & Staff Fellowship

Friday, November 13, 6:30 PM

Country Cabin Steakhouse
829 Mary Batten Road, Pearson

No agenda, just a meal, time together, and dessert at the Taylors' home down the same road. The meal is provided by the association. This is for pastors/staff and the family that lives under their roof.

RSVP to Barbara by November 7
706-618-8576

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Lottie Moon Offering

Each December, Southern Baptists give through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to support missionaries who share the gospel around the world. Every dollar given goes to the mission field.

As you plan your Christmas services, please promote this offering and pray for those who serve far from home.

Watch for offering materials from your church and give generously.





Pray for these Churches Without Pastors

Providence, Rockwell, Pridgen, Reedy Branch, Nicholls, La Primera Iglesia, Siloam

Georgia Baptist Convention

204th Annual Meeting

WIDE OPEN

Sunday–Tuesday, Nov. 8–10, 2026
Second Baptist Church of Warner Robins
2504 Moody Road

Join Georgia Baptists for powerful preaching, worship, and encouragement to refuel for the ministry God has called you to.

Theme: WIDE OPEN | 1 Corinthians 16:9

Register: gbcannualmeeting.com



Your generosity helps us serve our churches, encourage our pastors, and take on new ministries like the Recovery Trailer. We truly appreciate your support of the association. As you prepare your annual budgets, please remember to include the association of which your church is a member.

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

Alma First, Burkett, College Avenue, Douglas First, Grace Pointe, Lumber City, Nicholls, Northside, Reedy Branch, Saginaw, Stokesville, West Green, and Westwood

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Disaster Relief Update

Shower Trailer

Confluence: The trailer went to Confluence, the state college ministry event, at a church in the McDonough area and provided showers for 130 college students.

Lumber City: It served a disaster relief rebuild team callout, helping crews rebuild homes damaged by Hurricane Helene.

Churches: It has also been out to a couple of our churches to show how it works and talk about what it does for ministry.

Recovery Trailer

Our Executive Committee approved up to $50,000 to build and equip a 16-foot trailer with chainsaws, pole saws, mud-out gear, and debris tools for flood, fire, and storm recovery. David Knight of First Douglas is our team leader.

If you can run a saw, swing a hammer, or simply show up and work, we need you.

Volunteers Needed
25 to 30 men and women

Getting Ready for the Next Call

Train the Volunteers

Disaster Relief Training, *January 15–16, First Baptist Church, Waycross.* churches get trained volunteers ready to serve. To serve with GA Disaster Relief, people in our churches need to be officially trained. Currently, there are needs for more volunteers for feeding, recovery and clean outs, chainsaw, shower and laundry, and administrative support.

Ready the Church

Disaster-Ready Church, *January 21.* Every one of our churches sits in a community that could be hit by a storm, a wildfire, or a flood. This event helps a congregation prepare before something happens---with a plan for its people, its building, and its neighbors. Every SBA church is encouraged to send a representative to this training.

Our truck and shower trailer are out serving churches and communities, and we would love to bring them to your church on a Sunday or Wednesday evening! We will share about disaster relief, show you how the trailer works, and talk about how disaster relief can be a part of your church's ministry. To schedule a visit, contact Mike Taylor at 912-384-0473.

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SOUTH GEORGIA STATE



If you want to be included in the rotation text, call Leikle Roberts at 912-850-1846. 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 Speakers and Meals

Date	Speaker	Meals
Nov. 3	Andrew R	Sand Hill
Nov. 10	Travis W	Stokesville
Nov. 17	Kevin Towns	Northside
Nov. 24	Thanksgiving Break	No BCM

Final Reminder: ACP Due Nov. 15

Report online at ga.sbcworkspace.com with your church's username and password, or give your information to Barbara Taylor, and she will enter it. The profile helps inform our association, state, and national leadership in making future decisions. To be a cooperating church that can vote at the state convention, a church must complete the ACP and give at least $500 in mission gifts within a year.

Resources: gabaptist.org/acponline

