



Smyrna Baptist Association

April 2026

A Word from your Associational Missions Strategist

As we enter this season of Easter, we are reminded of the greatest truth we proclaim—that Jesus Christ is risen. The resurrection is not just something we celebrate one Sunday a year; it is the foundation of our hope, our message, and our mission. Because He lives, we have the privilege of sharing that hope with a world in need.

I am especially thankful in this season for the opportunity we have to serve alongside our pastors, staff, and churches across our Association. It is a joy to see how God is working through your faithfulness—whether through Disaster Relief efforts, collegiate ministry at South Georgia State College, preparing for VBS, or engaging your communities in outreach.

We are also grateful to welcome the churches of the Telfair Association into watchcare with our Association. This is a meaningful step of partnership and cooperation, and we look forward to walking alongside these churches in the days ahead as we serve together for the sake of the gospel.

Our Disaster Relief Shower Trailer ministry continues to open doors, currently serving students at South Georgia State College during a time of need. At the same time, we are preparing for a busy summer with mission teams arriving in June and ministry opportunities like Connect Camp at First Baptist Douglas.

We are also excited about our growing partnership with the Columbus Baptist Association. This June, mission teams will be coming to serve alongside our churches in outreach and ministry. If your church would like to be part of this opportunity, please note that the deadline to get involved is the end of April.

We are also grateful for how our churches continue to give and support the work of the Association. Your generosity allows us to respond quickly, serve effectively, and expand ministry opportunities. As we look ahead, there are continued needs as we are asking our churches to give a special gift toward the recently approved truck that will support our Disaster Relief efforts. We are confident God will provide through His people.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege to serve you. It is an honor to walk alongside our pastors and churches as we work together for the sake of the gospel.

Because He lives, we press forward together.

Mike Taylor
AMS, Smyrna Baptist Association

THANK YOU!

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

Alma First, Central, College Avenue, Douglas First, Morningside, Mt. Pleasant, Nicholls, Northside, Providence, Reedy Branch, West Green, Westwood, Grace Pointe, New City Church Alma, Lumber City

Pray for these Churches Without Pastors

Providence
Pridgen
Reedy Branch
Westwood
La Primera Iglesia
Bethel
First, Alma

SBA Team Meetings



Church Strengthening
April 28th @ 2:00 PM



Great Commission
TBA



Stewardship
April 16th @ 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.

March Churches Serving

April 7 – Burkett
April 21 – Northside
April 28 – Reedy Branch
May 5 – New Harmony Grove



Spring Fling for Senior Adults

Thursday, May 21
5:30 - 7:30 PM

Nicholls Baptist Church

Guest Speaker
Dr. Gerald Harris
former Editor of the
Christian Index

Music: Saginaw Sounds



VBS Workshop

Prepare for Summer Ministry!

Now is the time to begin preparing for Vacation Bible School, one of the most effective evangelistic ministries of the year. Join us for a VBS Workshop designed to equip and encourage your leaders with ideas, training, and practical resources for a successful summer.

April 18, 2026

First Baptist Church Douglas

9:00–11:30 AM

Churches are encouraged to bring their VBS leadership teams and begin preparing now to reach children and families in your community this summer.



April 13th - Engage Six Evangelism Training

April 18th – VBS Training

April 27th - Pastor/Staff Roundtable

May 21st – Spring Fling

June - Mission Teams are Here

June 8th-10th - Southern Baptist Convention



Columbus Baptist Association Partnership

Summer Mission Teams Are Coming

We Welcome these Churches into Watchcare with our Association

Helena Baptist Church – McRae-Helena
Lumber City Baptist Church – Lumber City
McRae First Baptist Church – McRae-Helena
Fishing Creek Baptist Church – Lumber City
New Hope Baptist Church – McRae-Helena
Siloam Baptist Church – Milan
Rockwell Baptist Church – Milan
Blockhouse Baptist Church – Jacksonville

The Executive Committee voted to receive these churches into watchcare for a period of one year, after which the Committee will vote on their full membership into our association.

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We are excited to share a growing partnership between the Smyrna Baptist Association and the Columbus Baptist Association—a partnership built on a shared heart for the gospel, missions, and reaching our communities together.

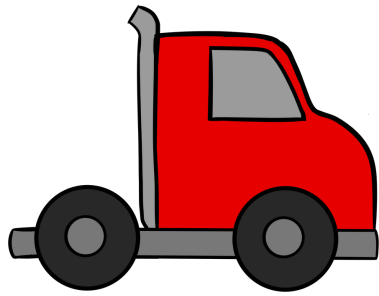
In June, Columbus Baptist Association will be sending both student and adult mission teams to come alongside our churches. These teams are ready to serve in practical and impactful ways—helping with storm cleanup, leading and supporting Vacation Bible School, hosting block parties, and assisting with a variety of outreach efforts in your community. They will even bring a party trailer with inflatables and resources to help create fun, welcoming environments for families.

This is a unique opportunity for your church to accomplish ministry goals that might otherwise be out of reach. Whether your church is large or small, these teams are here to partner with you to make a gospel impact.

We are beginning to connect now with the churches that are coming our way. If your church is interested in hosting a team this June, the deadline to get involved is April 23rd.

Let's take advantage of what God is providing through this partnership. This is Baptist cooperation at its best—churches working together to reach people with the gospel.

If you would like more information or have questions, contact Mike Taylor at the Association office.



Giving Toward the Truck for Disaster Relief Ministry

We are grateful for how God continues to expand the reach of our Disaster Relief Shower Trailer ministry. As this ministry grows, so does the need for safe, reliable equipment to support it.

Recently, an opportunity became available to purchase a truck that meets the specific requirements for towing and deploying the shower trailer effectively. Due to the urgency of the need and the value of the opportunity, the truck has already been secured with the Executive Committee's approval, using funds temporarily drawn from the Association's general fund.

With the truck scheduled for delivery soon, we are now asking our churches to help replenish those funds.

This is a critical investment in ministry. As we enter the spring storm season and look ahead to multiple mission opportunities already on the calendar, having this truck in place ensures that we can respond quickly, safely, and effectively—whether in times of disaster or in support of ongoing outreach efforts.

This truck is more than a vehicle—it is a tool that enables gospel ministry. It allows us to serve communities in crisis, support churches in their outreach, and meet practical needs while sharing the hope of Christ.

We invite every church to prayerfully consider how you can be a part of this effort. Together, we can ensure this ministry continues to move forward without placing a strain on the Association's general resources.

Thank you for your continued partnership in making a difference through Disaster Relief.



Shower Trailer and Disaster Response Update

We continue to see God open doors through our Disaster Relief efforts as churches work together to meet both physical and spiritual needs.

Our shower trailer is already making an impact and is currently deployed to South Georgia State College, where it is serving students due to the dorms being without hot water. It's a great example of how this ministry can respond quickly to real needs in our community.

Looking ahead to June, a mission team will be serving at Lumber City Baptist, and Connect Camp at First Baptist Douglas will bring students together for a week of growth, outreach, and discipleship—both key opportunities for ministry and partnership.

We are also grateful that the Executive Committee has approved the purchase of a new truck to support the shower trailer. This will allow us to safely and effectively deploy it wherever needed.

Thank you for your continued prayers, support, and partnership in making this ministry possible.



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