



# Smyrna Baptist Association

January 2026

## A Word from your Associational Missions Strategist

As we step into a new year, we do so with gratitude for God's faithfulness and with great anticipation for what He will do through the churches of the Smyrna Baptist Association. We are excited about the opportunities ahead and look forward to continuing to work alongside our churches to strengthen ministry, expand Gospel impact, and be ready to respond when needs arise.

One of the most significant opportunities at the beginning of this year is Disaster Relief Training on January 16–17 at First Baptist Church, Douglas. This training is essential as we prepare not only individuals but our association to respond quickly, effectively, and compassionately in times of crisis.

This training is especially important because it helps position us to be ready to launch and deploy our Smyrna Baptist Association Disaster Relief Shower Trailer. The shower trailer is a powerful ministry tool—providing dignity, care, and a tangible expression of Christ's love to those affected by disasters. However, the trailer is only as effective as the volunteers who are trained and willing to serve with it.

The January training is required for volunteers to understand Disaster Relief protocols, team operations, and the heart behind this ministry. We are actively looking for men and women who are willing to serve as part of the shower trailer team. Our prayer is that God will use this training to raise up this team from our churches who are ready to say "yes" when the call comes.

As we look forward to the new year, we are grateful for each church, each volunteer, and each act of faithfulness. We are excited about what God is doing among us and confident that, together, we can be ready to respond—bringing help, hope, and the love of Jesus wherever it is needed.



# Disaster Relief Training for the Shower Trailer

January 16–17

First Baptist Church, Douglas

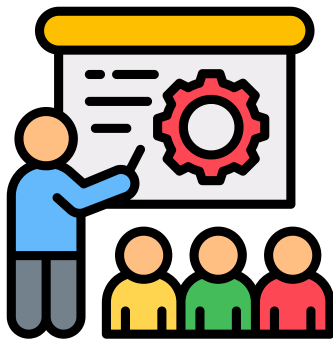
As we place the trailer into service that day, we also want to equip volunteers to serve through Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief. All individuals who desire to serve as Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers are required to complete training and credentialing.

Required for All First-Time Volunteers: Disaster Relief Introduction (DRI)  
This is the foundational course for Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief. Choose this training if you are a first-time volunteer, or if you are currently credentialed and would like to cross-train in one of the primary ministry areas: Assessment, Chaplaincy, Cleanup and Recovery, Family Care, Feeding, Shower Trailer/Laundry Unit, or Heavy Equipment.

**Register here by January 11th!**

<https://gabaptist.org/event/disaster-relief-introduction-douglas/>





Our Spring Training focus is:  
Reaching the Next Generation  
March 24, 2026  
Nicholls Baptist Church

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January 13 Pastor Roundtable

January 16-17 DR Training

March 24 Spring Training

April 18 VBS Training

May 21 Spring Fling



## 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](http://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.



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Visit our website at [sbachurches.org](http://sbachurches.org) to sign up for this newsletter.

# THANK YOU!

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

Alma FBC, Bethel, Big Creek, Burkett, Central, College Avenue, Douglas FBC, Morningside, Mt. Pleasant, Nicholls, Northside, Reedy Branch, West Green, Willacoochee FBC, Westwood, Grace Pointe, New City

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## Pray for these Churches Without Pastors

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

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## SBA Team Meetings



Church Strengthening  
January 13th @ 6:00 PM



Great Commission  
January 8th @ 7:00 PM



Stewardship  
January 19<sup>th</sup> @ 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](mailto:davidandkim07@yahoo.com)

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

## January Churches Serving

13th - Sand Hill  
20th - Denton  
27th - GracePointe

# HAPPY NEW YEAR