

# The associational ADVISOR


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**POBA Mission Statement:** *The Piedmont-Okefenokee Baptist Association exists to equip, enable, serve, and encourage a cooperating partnership of Southern Baptist Churches to effectively build the kingdom of God through evangelism, missions, discipleship, ministry and prayer.*



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**Sunday School Training**  
Saturday, September 8  
Central Baptist Church  
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**M-Now**  
August 3-4  
Sweat Memorial  
“Selfless”


Josh Reavis      Matt Papa




**Choirfest**  
Thursday, September 27  
Pleasant Valley Baptist  
6:30 p.m.



**GO Georgia**  
August 17-18  
Macon, GA  
Visit: [gogeorgia.net](http://gogeorgia.net)



**Christmas Backpacks**  
Get the details on  
Page 6!



**Pastor/Staff Prayer**  
Tuesday, August 28  
11:00 a.m.  
POBA Office



**Vacation Bible School**  
Remember to send in your  
Final Report after VBS!

**WE WILL BE  
CLOSED ON  
LABOR DAY**

**Labor Day**  
Monday,  
September 3  
Office Closed

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## POINTS FROM THE MISSIONARY'S PEN...

Rev. Don Patterson, cell (912) 288-7594

As I write this note to the association I am reminded that my wife will go back to school at Center Elementary with another year of teaching the children that she deeply loves and cares for. Barbara is like so many of those who are educators in our communities who have devoted themselves to not only teaching principles of math, English, history, social studies, music, art and a host of other studies that will help students develop in to sound productive citizens of this great nation but also to live their lives for the cause of Christ seeking to live out their faith before their pupils on a daily basis. Yes, demonstrating what it is to be a follower of Jesus Christ through patience, discipline, sacrificial love, gentleness, joy, and genuine care for those they teach. May I say that we are so blessed in our educational system to have those who genuinely follow Christ on a daily basis. Not only those who teach in the class room but those as well who serve in administration of the schools. For your profound commitment to loving and teaching the greatest blessing our nation has our children we thank you and we pray for you. The closest many students will get to knowing Jesus in through the life and love they see in their teachers. Because

of the hours you spend shaping the children and youth of our communities we pray for you and for your protection in the troubled world we live in. Thanks for your selfless service to our children.

As I listened to the horrific massacre that occurred in Florida just a few months ago, a word was shared concerning one of the coaches of the school who to save his students rushed the shooter to prevent him from killing or disabling other students and teachers. He was killed in an effort to disarm the assailant. "Greater love has no man than he would lay down his life for his friends." Let me encourage all of us reading this newsletter to be vigilant to pray for the protection of what is called a soft target for a terrorist and that is our schools. Let us not only pray but may we be vigilant to listen to the conversations of those who may vent their desires to harm others. May we be watchful of our neighbors who may suspiciously act in ways that are not normal and may indicate through their behavior a movement towards carrying out a death blow to the community. May we pray and share with those who seem angry and hostile, with the intention of bringing those persons to Christ and to the transformation we

have experienced. May our churches and ministries offer hope to the hopeless and care for those who are spiritually dead and sin sick.

As pastors and spiritual leaders of the churches of our communities may we be diligent to disciple those who are members of our fellowships to be reproducing themselves in this perverse society. Christ is the hope we have and the only source of True guidance for the hour we live. And He is able. Look at the change he brought to the Apostle Paul and in your own life. God's grace is beyond our comprehension and is available to all who will repent of their sin and turn to Christ in childlike faith. Amen.

See our prayers being answered.

President Trump has selected Judge Kavanaugh to be the next Supreme Court Justice. He will go through the process of confirmation over the next several weeks. Pray for him and his family as this process takes place and that he will be confirmed as a Supreme Court Justice.

Please know he is pro-life and deeply conservative in his views. He believes that the judges on the court are to interpret the constitution and to make their judgments on a clear understanding of the constitution. Just think how many unborn babies could be saved if in the near future the Supreme Court were to override Roe vs. Wade. With Kavanaugh's confirmation, the great opportunity lies before our nation that this could well happen. To God be the Glory. (Do not think for one moment that God has forgotten the murder of the unborn. Neither should we.)

Don't tell me that God doesn't hear his people cry out to Him.



**POBA**

*50 Years*  
*Making a Difference Through Christ*

*1969 - 2019*

Celebrate with us at the  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
 January 24, 2019  
 Sweat Memorial Baptist Church

## CHURCHES SEEKING PASTORS

Remember these churches in prayer as they seek pastors:

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Beulah          | Spring Hill    |
| Bristol         | Youmans Chapel |
| Crawford Street |                |

## NEWS AND INFORMATION:

- Bristol is accepting resumes for a Music Director. Send resumes to Thomas Wright, 905 Grady Street, Blackshear, GA 31516.
- Jamestown has 47 choir robes available: cream colored, light teal stoles, and red/purple reversible stoles. Contact Lamar Christie if interested (283-6762 or 337-6182).
- The POBA has Communion Trays available to donate to a church. Contact the POBA Office.
- August 24-25: ESL Training, Greenbriar Church in Albany, \$25.00. Register by August 10. Contact Juana Smith (229) 773-2770 or Fred Smith (229) 436-5068.
- December 18: Voices of Mobile will be at Sweat Memorial Baptist Church.
- Offerman Baptist is accepting resumes for a bivocational Youth/Children's Pastor. Contact James Lightsey (550-6516) for more information.
- Deenwood Baptist has a 1998 GMC 3500 Bus (31

## MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS:

The following IMB missionaries from Georgia have birthdays during the month of August. Please remember to pray for them throughout the month. Please remember to pray for Last Frontier Personnel that we are unable to list here.

Mr Ryder C Lewis, Southeast Asian Peoples  
 Ms Kathy A Daniel, Sub-Saharan African Peoples  
 Mrs Renae E Oue, East Asian Peoples  
 Mrs Deborah Y Hoskins, Sub-Saharan African Peoples  
 Mr Eric C Reese, American Peoples  
 Mr James B Eager, American Peoples  
 Mrs Lori J Starkey, East Asian Peoples  
 Mr Richard M Oue, East Asian Peoples

## WHAT WE BELIEVE AS SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

Each month we focus on a different topic in the Baptist Faith and Message (BFM). You may obtain a copy of the BFM (in print or by email) by contacting our office.

### X. Last Things

God, in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end. According to His promise, Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in glory to the earth; the dead will be raised; and Christ will judge all men in righteousness. The unrighteous will be consigned to Hell, the place of everlasting punishment. The righteous in their resurrected and glorified bodies will receive their reward and will dwell forever in Heaven with the Lord.

*Isaiah 2:4; 11:9; Matthew 16:27; 18:8-9; 19:28; 24:27,30,36,44; 25:31-46; 26:64; Mark 8:38; 9:43-48; Luke 12:40,48; 16:19-26; 17:22-37; 21:27-28; John 14:1-3; Acts 1:11; 17:31; Romans 14:10; 1 Corinthians 4:5; 15:24-28,35-58; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Philippians 3:20-21; Colossians 1:5; 3:4; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18; 5:1ff.; 2 Thessalonians 1:7ff.; 2; 1 Timothy 6:14; 2 Timothy 4:1,8; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 9:27-28; James 5:8; 2 Peter 3:7ff.; 1 John 2:28; 3:2; Jude 14; Revelation 1:18; 3:11; 20:1-22:13.*

## AUGUST PRAYER FOCUS

This month, please remember these pastors and their families in prayer.

Williams Chapel: Mike Aldridge (Sheila)  
 Winokur: Charlie Dunn (Shirleen)  
 Youmans Chapel: Jerry Chancey  
 Astoria: Bryant Bishop (Angie)  
 Bold: Teke Dixon (Michelle)  
 Bridge: Chris Roberts (Kami)  
 Bristol: Brett Howell (Tammy)  
 Browntown: Mark Patterson (Diane)  
 Calvary: Randy Carson (Tammy)  
 Camp Pinckney: Tim Hall (Sherri)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TRAINING



PIEDMONT OKEFENOKEE  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

**2018 SUNDAY  
SCHOOL  
LEADERSHIP  
TRAINING**

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8  
CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH  
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

RSVP at [pobaonline.com](http://pobaonline.com)



(Submitted by Randy Ray) We are looking forward to our annual Sunday School Leadership Training on September 8, 2018 at Central Baptist Church in Waycross. This year's team is ready to serve you and your church family.

Please mark your calendar and we will see you there. We would like to help you in reaching, teaching and discipling. Come spend a few hours with some of the most gifted trainers in Sunday School. They understand both large and small groups. Every group has a purpose in God's plan - that includes you!

There is no cost for this event, but please let us know you are coming by Thursday, September 6, 2018. You can RSVP by calling the POBA Office at (912) 285-8161 or online at [pobaonline.com](http://pobaonline.com).

Theme: Commitment

Leaders:

Pastors/Directors: Steve Kegley

Adults: Greg Benfield

College & Career: Vance & Connie Colley

Youth: Scotty Hayes

Children Grades 1-6: Diane Roberson

Preschool-Kindergarten: Marie Ulmer

Schedule:

8:30 Registration & Continental Breakfast  
9:00 Welcome & Prayer  
9:15 Breakout Sessions  
12:00 Conclude

## MEXICO PARTNERSHIP MISSIONS

*There are 3,206 UUPG's remaining in the world* and YOUR CHURCH can adopt and begin embracing these lost, unreached people. Your POBA Missions Team would love the opportunity to come and assist your church in this process.



As of October 2014, your POBA adopted a UUPG in southern Mexico in the state of Oaxaca. The **Mixtec** population is 241,383.

Twelve teams involving 39 people from seven Piedmont Okefenokee Baptist Association churches have joined in this partnership to date. On our most recent trip in July 2018 two people were baptized.



## M-Now 2018

**M-Now 2018 | August 3-4, 2018**

Location: Sweat Memorial Baptist Church  
(510 W. Blackshear Ave, Waycross)

Session 1 (Friday): 7:00 p.m.

Session 2 (Saturday): 10:00 a.m.

Session 3 (Saturday): 7:00 p.m. \*(Parent Night)

Cost: \$30, includes Mission Event and Conference.

\*Giveaways for Parent night

For more information, contact (912) 807-7283 or email: [cochranphillip@hotmail.com](mailto:cochranphillip@hotmail.com)

## THE SMALL CHURCH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Small Church Leadership Conference we hosted at Camp Pinckney Baptist Church was unique, at least in my experience. Karl Vaters, the guest speaker, came with a word of encouragement for small church pastors and those serving in a small church setting. He is a man that has been “in the trenches” of a small church for the past 25+ years. He understands the struggles of the small church pastor and he brought a message of affirmation, encouragement, and challenge to those in attendance. Throughout the conference Vaters affirmed the small church pastor that he is not a failure, inferior, nor being punished as a pastor. Each small church pastor is intentionally gifted and commissioned for the church he is serving. This is a message that is too often overlooked and/or not mentioned in a church leadership conference. In addition, Vaters encouraged the attendees as he discussed the struggles unique to the small church and gave practical insights into how to address these struggles constructively while recognizing the limitations that we small church pastors face. Finally, each pastor and conference attendee was challenged to focus on the true goal for their church; i.e. being a healthy church. This is achieved by loving God, loving others, and equipping the saints for the work of ministry (discipleship). These are the realistic (and Biblical) goals for each church whether small or large.

In attendance were 70 individuals from our association and beyond. Attendance included people from the following churches:

|                         |                         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Beulah                  | Bristol                 |
| Calvary                 | Calvary (Homeland, GA)* |
| Calvary (Ludowici, GA)* | Camp Pinckney           |
| Faith (Claxton, GA)*    | FBC Blackshear          |
| FBC Folkston            | FBC Nahunta             |
| Jamestown               | Manor Community         |
| Mershon                 | Odum (Odum, GA)*        |
| Pineview                | Pleasant Valley         |
| Sand Hill               | Satilla                 |
| Set Free                | South Gate              |
| SweetWater              | Waynesville             |
| West Carswell           |                         |

\*Church not in POBA.

I am grateful for the Piedmont Okefenokee Baptist Association partnering together with us to make this conference possible. Thank you, Bro. Don, for your encouragement and support.

Respectfully,  
 Tim Hall, Pastor  
 Camp Pinckney Baptist Church

## SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS SUMMIT IN WAYCROSS ON NOVEMBER 2-3



Sunday School Director’s Summit  
 November 2-3, 2018  
 Second Baptist Church

Cost: \$39

Register: <https://goo.gl/nzQNXm>

If you are a Sunday School Director you need to attend the Georgia Baptist Sunday School Director’s Summit! This event will provide you with the tools needed to lead your Sunday School and

you will gain insights in your role of leading all age groups in your church.

Some of the sessions that will be offered are: The Purpose of Sunday School, Starting New Groups, Move Beyond the Lesson to Mission, The Three Doors of Your Group, Helping Teachers become Better Teachers, Leading a RUTless Sunday School, How to Have a Sunday School that Connects with Students, How People Learn, Develop Life Changing Bible Study.

See page 7 for the full schedule.

## REVITALIZATION STRATEGY—PART 4

Over the next several months we will be including segments of “Sample Church Revitalization Strategy for “Any” Baptist Church.” You can find the **entire** document at: <https://gabaptist.org/churchrevitalization/>.

### Part 3: Prepare the church for guests

- a. Look at the church through the eyes of those who will be visiting.
- b. People decide about your church in the first 8 minutes of their visit to your property. This occurs before a sermon or song is heard.
- c. Cleanliness and neatness is important. This is especially true in the preschool and children’s area. Do these areas look like the church is anticipating children?
- d. Train your people how to welcome guests. Repeatedly remind church members how uncomfortable it is for new people to attend and not be personally welcomed by those who have been there for a long period of time.
- e. Consider having a secret shopper attend your church to assess the friendliness level of the church. This can be friends who the people do not know.
- f. Do not be afraid to ask guests after they attend for an honest evaluation of the church.
- g. [Namb.net/evangelism](http://Namb.net/evangelism) has a power point for teaching a church how to prepare for guests.

## CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS

Your POBA is participating in the collection of CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS alongside other Georgia Baptists through **Appalachian Mountain Ministry**.

POBA will be receiving backpacks through **November 7, 2018**.

For additional backpack information, visit: [goo.gl/z1eNi5](http://goo.gl/z1eNi5)

We plan to deliver backpacks to Appalachia in December 2018.



## EVANGELISM TRAINING



sharing your faith starts here

Three layers:

1. **Connect Life:** In this layer Evangelism Explosion simply teaches people how to more effectively connect with others. Your congregation will learn how to build relationships based on trust.
2. **Share Life:** Evangelism Explosion’s goal in this layer is for people to learn a gospel conversation they make their own. They will start by learning how to share their story, some engaging questions, analogies and scriptures to share.
3. **Multiply Life.** Most importantly, Evangelism Explosion teaches the 2 Timothy 2:2 model, encouraging people to train others to share their faith. This layer includes topics on how to help new believers grow.

By signing up for a XEE launch, Evangelism Explosion will give you the tools needed to facilitate this training in your local church. The next launch will be August 23-25 in St. Augustine, FL hosted by Axis Point Church.

More details and register online at:

[www.evangelismexplosion.org/ministries/xee](http://www.evangelismexplosion.org/ministries/xee) or contact Zach Melton (904) 657-8182.

## MEET SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

Visit this link:

<http://www.sbc.net/pdf/meetsouthernbaptists.pdf>



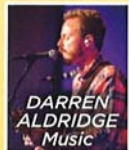
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# 2018 GEORGIA BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS SUMMIT

NOVEMBER 2-3, 2018 · SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH, WAYCROSS, GA

***If you are a Sunday School Director you need to attend the Georgia Baptist Sunday School Directors Summit!***

At this event you will learn the skills and tasks that make a great Sunday School Director. You will hear from some of the finest Sunday School leaders and you'll get to network with other Georgia Sunday School Directors. This event will provide you with the tools needed to lead your Sunday School and you will gain insights in your role of leading all age groups in your church.



**DARREN ALDRIDGE**  
Music



**ERIC RENTZ**  
Speaker

**Cost: \$39** *Through 10/29/18*  
**At the Door: \$49**

GEORGIA BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL



DIRECTORS SUMMIT



**Georgia Baptist Mission Board**  
Groups and Faith Development

*Gifts of Georgia Baptist through Mission Georgia and the Cooperative Program enable us to partner together in fulfilling the Great Commission.*

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2018

3:30 P.M. **Registration**

4-4:50 P.M. **Session #1** *Welcome*  
*The Purpose of the Sunday School*  
*The Role of the Sunday School Director*  
*The Sunday School Planning Team*

4:50 - 5:00pm **Transition to Breakout Sessions**

5:00 - 6:00pm **Breakout Sessions**

**Tim Smith** *Starting New Groups*  
**Jonathan Jordan** *Move Beyond the Lesson to Mission*  
**Mike Taylor** *The Three Doors of Your Group*  
**Wayne Poling** *Helping Teachers become Better Teachers*  
**Richard Edfeldt** *The Top 10 Things to Do to Make Sure Your SS Is Reaching New People*  
**Greg Benfield** *Leading a RUTless Sunday School*  
**Ricky Smith** *How to Have a Sunday School that Connects with Students*  
**Diane Roberson** *Helping Young Families Feel Welcome in Your Sunday School*

6:00-6:45 P.M. **Supper (provided at the church)**

6:45-7:00 P.M. **Transition to Worship**

7:00-8:15 P.M. **Worship: Music - Darren Aldridge and Speaker - Eric Rentz**

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018

8:00 A.M. **Registration w/Continental Breakfast**

8:30-9:45 A.M. **Session #2** *Know Your Possibilities*  
*Enlarge the Organization*  
*Enlist & Train Leaders*

9:45-10:00 A.M. **BREAK**

10:00-11:45 A.M. **Session #3** *Provide the Space*  
*Go After the People*  
*Develop Life Changing Bible Study*  
*How People Learn*  
*Sunday School Growth/Evaluation Plan*

12:00-12:45 P.M. **Lunch (provided at the church)**

12:45-2:00 P.M. **Session #4** *Sunday School Growth/Evaluation Plan*  
*Vision*  
*Evaluation and Needs*

2:00-2:15 P.M. **BREAK**

2:15-3:30 P.M. **Session #5** *Priorities*  
*Improvement Desired*  
*Actions*

3:30 P.M. **DISMISS**

For more information call 1.800.746.4422 ext 286 or to register, visit: [gabaptist.org/groups](http://gabaptist.org/groups)



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# CALENDAR

## August

3-4 M-Now  
17-18 GO Georgia, Macon  
21 Administrative Team Meeting  
28 Pastor/Staff Prayer

## September

3 Labor Day, office closed  
6 RSVP Deadline for Sunday School Training  
8 Sunday School Training  
18 Administrative Team Meeting  
25 Pastor/Staff Prayer  
27 Choirfest

## October

14 Global Hunger Sunday  
16 Administrative Team Meeting  
18 M-Night  
30 Pastor/Staff Prayer



## Celebrating in August

*Active pastors/staff & their spouses celebrating this month*



### Birthdays

Tonya Ramey—2  
Trey Keene—5  
Nancy Perry—8  
Shae Carter—8  
Briana Marshall—13  
Michelle Dixon—14  
Charlie Mayberry—16  
Debbie Griffin—17  
Elaine Hickox—18  
Hershell Spears—21  
Paula Jacoby—26  
Randy Wainright—27  
Tasha Lightsey—31

### Anniversaries

Trey & Amanda Keene—13  
Larry & Deborah Altman—14  
Donnie & Nina Jo Tuten—17  
Charlie & Shirleen Dunn—19  
Monroe & Sue Gill—22  
Teke & Michelle Dixon—23  
Edward & Carol Colley—23  
Phil & Elaine Jordan—24  
Buddy & Danielle Griner—28



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