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The purpose of the Washington Baptist Association is to support member churches as they come together in the common bond of Christ.
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WBA Executive Committee Meeting Tuesday August 8, 2017

7:00 p.m. – Refreshments & Fellowship
7:30 p.m. – Business & Worship

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
8287 Linton Road
Warthen, GA 31094

The
Pastors
Roundtable
A peer learning group for pastors

Thursday
August 3
10:00 - noon
@ Lakeside

Island Creek will be holding Homecoming on August 13 and Revival on August 14, 15, and 16 at 7pm. Rev. Klay Aspenwall from Gray, GA, will be preaching Sunday thru Wednesday. We will have a covered dish dinner on Sunday and The Oconee River Boys will be performing one night, probably Tuesday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Leadership Training Near You!

Saturday, **September 9** 9:00 am to 12:00 pm **First Baptist Sandersville**

WHO: All Sunday School Teachers, Leaders, Workers, Directors, Pastors and Staff. Training is for all age groups.

WHY: Because all leaders should be learners. We should take advantage of quality training that is available so near to us.

HOW: Just navigate to 316 Mathis Lane and go to the Fellowship Hall. The training is of no cost to you.

All training sessions will consist of a question and answer time that can benefit your specific ministry.

Sponsored By:



GO Georgia

A TOTAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP EQUIPPING EVENT

August 18-19, 2017

**774 Roswell Street, Marietta
OR**

August 25-26, 2017

404 Love Avenue, Tifton

**REGISTER TODAY! \$35 until August 14
\$40 for Walk-Up Registrations**

**Friday dinner, Saturday continental breakfast,
lunch, and all breaks are included.**

To register or for information: <https://gogeorgia.net/>

Missionary Moment

David Self, Director of Missions

Doyle Middlebrooks was a pioneer of associational missions in the W.B.A. In 1959, records show that he began his work operating out of the trunk of his car and eventually created a small office in his rental home.

By 1964 the WBA began to discuss the building of a home. After four years, the Association built a house on the corner of Allenwood and Maplewood streets that would serve as the office of the Association and the personal dwelling for the Middlebrooks family. During this time, he developed the work of the Youth Camp at A.H. Stephens State Park. The Camp survives to this day due to the great organizational structure left by Doyle and his leadership team.

In February of 1985, the Association sold him the house at the construction cost of \$32,725. The provision of the home allowed us to keep the wisdom of his years among the churches and helped Dan Hodges and David Self to continue the work of the W.B.A.

Doyle retired in May of that same year but he and his wife Stella continued their support of the churches. In retirement, he became the pastor of Union Baptist Church until he and Stella moved to the Baptist Village in Macon. Remaining true to his calling, he ministered to many senior adults.

Today we stand on the shoulders of giants who help us see over the horizon. Thank you, Doyle Middlebrooks, for your kind service.

Doyle joins his wife Stella and the myriad of saints who walk the street of gold.

Doyle Clinton Middlebrooks

(April 3, 1921 - July 6, 2017)

Rev. Middlebrooks, most recently of Lilburn, Georgia, aged 96, passed into the presence of his Savior July 6, 2017. Rev. Middlebrooks was born in Jack County, Texas, April 3, 1921, the first son of late Columbus and Leona Middlebrooks of Jacksboro, Texas. He graduated from Perrin High School, Perrin, Texas in 1939, Weatherford (Junior) College, Weatherford, Texas in 1941, Hardin-Simmons, Abilene Texas, in 1944 and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, in 1948. Rev. Middlebrooks was a faithful minister of the Word serving in various locations in Georgia as: assistant pastor at Kirkwood Baptist Church, Atlanta; pastor of First Baptist Church, Austell; and Director of Missions for Washington Baptist Association, serving churches in Baldwin, Hancock and Washington counties. In his retirement, he served as pastor of Union Baptist Church near Sandersville. Rev. Middlebrooks is survived by three children and their spouses: Janice and Mike Rogers, Waxhaw, North Carolina; Larry and Susie Middlebrooks, Lilburn, Georgia; Charles and Mary Ann Middlebrooks, Waco, Texas; grandchildren and their spouses: in Georgia: Scott and Kerry, and Kevin and Andrea Middlebrooks and in Texas: Joe and Starla, Phillip and Maggie Middlebrooks, and David Middlebrooks; and three great-granddaughters and two great-grandsons in Texas. Rev. Middlebrooks is preceded in death by his wife of 70 years, Stella Lou, and by a grandson and spouse, Brian and Debbie Rogers.



A memorial service will be held at Hart's at the Cupola, 6324 Peake Road, Macon, Georgia, Saturday, August 5, 2017 at 2:00 pm with a reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested that memorial donations for Doyle Middlebrooks be made to one or more of the following: Baptist Village Retirement Communities, c/o Dr. J. Eric Mathison, 2650 Carswell Avenue, Waycross, GA 31503; Union Baptist Church, c/o Ronnie Peavy, 490 Peavy Lane, Warthen, GA 31094; or Georgia Baptist Children's Homes and Family (www.gbchfm.org).

Woman's Missionary Union

Harriett Amerson, Director

Let's talk about backpacks.... I know you are busy getting the **Backpacks of Hope** filled and ready to send to the children in Appalachia. We have committed 300 to go to Appalachian Outreach in Jefferson City, TN. The others will probably be going to Kentucky. You can turn these bags into the associational office or bring them to the Executive Committee Meeting at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church on **August 8th**. The associational office is open on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm if you want to bring your bags. Call 478-453-8111 to make sure someone is there before bringing to the office.

Our WMU team has a "Cora Peeler Fund" that is used to send girls to Camp Pinnacle. This summer, we sent one girl for a week of camp. God is Great!

Plan to attend the **Women on Mission Series & Pinnacle's 70th Birthday Celebration @ Pinnacle Retreat Center** on Friday & Saturday, September 15th & 16th. There are always great speakers and instrumentalist. This is also a great time of fellowship for our WMU women all over the state.

Cost \$90, includes all sessions, lodging and meals. Cost \$20 for birthday celebration on Saturday only.

To register, go to

<https://gabaptist.org/womensministry/>

Men on Mission

Morgan Bloodworth, Director

The July 11th meeting was held at Island Creek Baptist Church. There were 40+ gathered and we were served a great meal. Thanks to all who helped with that.

Brother Arthur Gunn opened the meeting with prayer and we sang a couple of songs. I spoke about the mission trip to Brenton, WW. Only 6 went but we got a lot done and had a great time with the people up there. Brother Eddy Turner spoke about the Carpenters for Christ mission trip to eastern Kentucky and the work they did there.

The next meeting will be at Sparta Baptist, October 17th.

See y'all there!
In God we trust.
Morgan

Coming Events

August 3 - Pastors' Roundtable, Lakeside,
10 a.m. - noon

August 8 – WBA Executive Committee Meeting,
Pleasant Grove, 7 p.m.

* Backpacks due

August 18-19 – GO Georgia, Marietta

August 25-26 – GO Georgia, Tifton

September 9 – Sunday School Workshop,
FBC Sandersville, 9 am – noon

September 15-16 – Pinnacle Retreat

October 10 – WBA Annual Meeting, Island Creek

October 16 – Pastors' Roundtable, Friendship W

October 17 – Men on Mission, Sparta, 7 pm