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Creating Strategic Partnerships between the Association Pastors and the Churches of the WBA to reach our area and beyond with the Gospel and live "On Mission Together."



Thursday, May 2nd

May 2, 2024 at Baldwin County Courthouse, 121 N. Wilkinson St. at the Peace Monument, from 8-9am.

Please email us if your church body hosts something on May 2nd.

**Budget Receipts from Churches
3/1/2024 to 3/31/2024**

Bethel		Lake Country		Ridgeland Hgts	143.82
Bethlehem	200.00	Lakeside (S)		Riverside	
Black Springs		Lakeside (O)	500.00	S'ville FBC	1416.67
Church Central		Lighthouse		Sinclair	
Culverton		Long Creek	75.00	Sisters	
Darien		M'ville FBC	668.56	Smyrna	300.00
Davisboro		Marshall Mem	162.81	Sparta	75.00
Devereux		Mineral Springs	250	Tennille	348.74
Fairmount		Mitchell		Union	550.00
Friendship (S)	349.20	Monticello	100.00	Victory	
Friendship (G)	180.00	Mosleyville	125.00	Westview	374.64
Friendship (W)		Mt Stephens		Word Comm	
Grace		Northside	881.30		
Hardwick		Ohoopee	246.00		
Harmony	125.00	Olive Hill			
Jewell	82.95	Pleasant Grove	164.42		
Island Creek	1200.00	Powelton			



**New Pastors & Staff (and family)
Fun Day
May 25, 2024 Noon—until**



We have 13 new pastors in the WBA either through their church bodies being added to the association or because they're newly hired at the church they're serving. Additionally, the churches who have joined the WBA in the last year have new-to-us staff.

Have you been in the WBA for many years? Come meet some of these new pastors, staff members, and families! Just use the same link to indicate you'll be there!

Sign up at the link below to join us May 25, 2024 beginning at noon! If you'll bring your family, and a dessert or some drinks, we'll provide the deck chairs, the fellowship, and the food!

<https://forms.gle/bGCfmBBowDevCMZC9>



**Executive Meeting
August 4th
Annual Meeting
October 13th**

Pastors, if your church was not represented at the Executive Meeting March 10th please reach out to us. We have the 2024 Annual Book of Minutes and the Executive Meeting packet for you at the WBA Office!

Register now for Fall
Disaster Relief Training:
August 23-24 Social Circle, Ga
September 20-21 Jesup, Ga
**October 18-19 Milledgeville Ga
Lakeside Baptist Church**
[https://gabaptist.org/ministries/
disaster-relief/](https://gabaptist.org/ministries/disaster-relief/)



April Newsletter Focus: Vacation Bible School & Summer Outreach

WBA Camp July 8-13

Hosted at Friendship Baptist Campground Ellaville, Ga

*Self-contained bunk/bathhouses *Indoor worship area

**Renovated, functional kitchen **Sparkling Pool **Disc Golf

*Air-conditioned facility *Kayaking *Basketball Court Indoor

Early Bird Rate of \$150/person ends 4/30; Cost is \$175 beginning 5/1

Join us for this all-new experience for the Youth of the WBA!



Vacation Bible School: Many Churches' Most Evangelistic Week All Year

1. Ensure volunteers are properly screened and backgrounded for the protection of children, church, and ministry.
2. Ensure volunteers are properly trained on the material, church's policies regarding children, and are not unprepared for teaching.
3. Develop a safety plan and brief teachers/volunteers on enacting it.
4. Publicize!!! Invite!!! Incentivize if necessary!
5. Pray. Pray constantly. Ask others to pray. Develop a prayer ministry that is ongoing during VBS; enlist those who can no longer serve AT church.
6. Develop a follow-up plan NOW. Small gift bags, with a follow-up visit on Sunday after VBS, and a mailed postcard inviting the children to regular church activities can go a long way in follow-up.
7. Plan a night of celebration & Baptism NOW, trusting the Lord to fulfill His promises!



When Is Your VBS?

What's Your Theme?

How can fellow WBA churches help, or pray for your ministry?

Do you need Q to attend something at your church? Do you have a special event ahead? Please let Rachael know in the office—you can call or email and she can check schedules!

SPRING FLING

Let's Get Together

Featuring Karen Pace, GA Baptist Women's Ministry

and Special Music

MAY 4TH 10AM-1PM

BRING YOUR FAVORITE SALAD
AT THE HOME OF KEN/KAY EADY
210 BUTLER RD, MILLEDGEVILLE

Sponsored by the WMU of the WBA

Does your church body or small group want to "Adopt a Meal" for FORGED Camp?

Email Rachael at and let her know!
washba1828@gmail.com

Additionally—snacks and drink donations are welcome for our "Camp Canteen."

As many of you receive this newsletter, I will be leaving for Nicaragua with other pastors for a Mission Vision Trip. The goal of this trip is to show pastors & lay leaders ways to be involved with the spread of the Gospel in Nicaragua. We will be presented with practical needs that must be met as well as spiritual needs that God will equip us to meet. Maybe your church body will join me or Geoff Mangus in returning to minister to the people in Nicaragua in the years to come.

I want you to be challenged to do more—to join me, and to bring your leaders and congregation who love Jesus to serve locally and beyond. What does that look like?

*Join me for the National Day of Prayer May 2nd at 8am at the Baldwin County Courthouse May 2, 2024, 121 N. Wilkinson St. at the Peace Monument. Join me in prayer for our country and our local communities.

*Join us for Forged Camp July 8-13. We need adults who are willing to lead and serve in numerous positions including security, dining services, recreation and more.

*Join me in serving through Disaster Relief. There's a training in October at Lakeside Baptist Church (S) —registration link on the opposite side of this page.

*Join me by serving on a Mission Trip to Michigan in August with the North American Mission Board's Send Relief Tour (similar to the February event here in Augusta, GA).

*Join me on the Mission Trip to Whitley City, Kentucky in December. It will be here before you know it! Start stuffing backpacks now and make plans to go to Kentucky with us!

There are so many opportunities that our sister churches are using to reach the community—learn about them on our social media pages and JOIN them—or ask how to replicate these ministries, so that we are #BetterTogether as we keep reaching the Lake Country with the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Sincerely—Q