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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."

June 1st: All Forms & Money Due for WBA Camp

July 10-15 WBA Youth Camp at A.H. Stephens

August 27 SPARK Conference & Executive Committee Meeting,
First Baptist Sandersville

October 8 Annual Meeting at Sparta Baptist Church

December 7-10 Whitley City, Kentucky Mission Trip
and Backpack Distribution

Budget Receipts from Churches 4/1/2023 to 4/30/2023

Bethel		Jewell	85.20	PI Grove	87.87
Bethlehem	400.00	Lake Cntry	840.30	Powelton	
Black Spr		Lakeside (O)	334.00	Ridge Hgt	273.27
Church Ctl		Lakeside (S)	2167.41	Riverside	
Culverton		Lighthouse		S'ville FBC	1416.00
Darien		Long Creek	75.00	Sinclair	
Davisboro	300.00	Marshall Mem	205.62	Sisters	
Devereux		M'ville FBC	645.84	Smyrna	300.00
Fairmount		Mineral Sprgs	250.00	Sparta FBC	75.00
FriendshipG	87.00	Mitchell		Tennille	
FriendshipW	574.00	Mosleyville	125.00	Union	
Grace		Mt. Stephens		Victory	
Hardwick	375.00	Northside	989.08	Westview	411.85
Harmony	250.00	Ohoopee	207.00	Word Comm	
Island Creek	2800.00	Olive Hill		*FriendshipS	260.37

Vacation Bible School Schedule for the WBA

Please check FB & Websites of these churches to confirm details
or find any missing details!

Pleasant Grove & Union (joint): May 31—June 3

First Baptist Milledgeville: June 5-8
9am-Noon



Marshall Memorial: June 5-9: 6pm—8:30
K-5th grade

Bethlehem Baptist: June 9 6-8pm; June 10 9am-2pm Nursery—
finished 5th grade



Sisters Baptist: June 11-16; 5:00pm

Northside: June 11-15 5:30pm—8:30pm

Lakeside Oconee: June 12-15 8:30am—Noon

First Baptist Sandersville: June 18-22

Black Springs: June 19-23: 5:30pm—8:45pm

Island Creek: June 21-23 10am—2pm

Lakeside Sinclair: June 25-28: 6pm—
8:30pm

Friendship (W): June 28-30:

Lake Country: July 23-27 6pm—8:30pm



Tag the Washington Baptist Association in your VBS posts on
Facebook and we'll share them for our community to see!

We're praying that many children will come to know Jesus as their
Savior, and trust Him with their future, beginning this summer!



WBA Trip to Israel with Bro .Q

March 15-23, 2024

Cost \$4,495

More Information:

[http://www.go-yael.com/
trips/5512](http://www.go-yael.com/trips/5512)

Password: mar24



The office will be closed Monday June 5th to Thurs-
day June 8th. It will re-open Monday, June 12th!

June Mission Focus: Discipleship

As you're moving through the summer in ministry, it's important to keep an eye on the future—making plans for the ministry your church body will be involved in in the fall!

The Georgia Baptist Mission Board has a whole department dedicated to Discipleship! Visit them [here!](#)

From Ministry Overviews for Small Groups to Sunday School or Men's Ministry, and so much more, there are so many resources available at gabaptist.org/discipleship/#resources. Make plans now to use these resources in setting up your ministry functions for the fall for success!



The Watershed Principle is a Discipleship & Leadership concept that is explained through an online course offered at the Georgia Baptist Mission Board Website (gabaptist.org/discipleship/#resources). It's free and so beneficial!



Matthew Gibbs is the Georgia Baptist Mission Board Discipleship representative for the East Central Region. He's ready, willing, and able to assist your church body with Discipleship ideas, plans, strategies, and more! You can reach him by emailing mgibbs.rep@gabaptist.org or calling 478-923-7101.

The Georgia Baptist Mission Board has a Church Assessment Tool that helps church bodies determine ways to focus, based upon characteristics of the church body right now. Head over [here](#), pastors or leaders, to get started!
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?>

CHURCH ASSESSMENT TOOL

What should our church be focused on right now?



Fall Events? Bible Studies? Share these with us so we can help promote them to the community and within the Association! Email information to washba1828@gmail.com.

As we prepare the June newsletter, it's been over a year since I was called here to the Washington Baptist Association to serve as the Associational Missionary. In that year, I have learned a lot, made many visits, and begun the process of encouraging us all toward "Better."



In the last 11 months I personally visited 31 of the Association's 44 churches—roughly 70%—at least once. I have made contact through other means with an additional 10% of the churches.

The Association supported its first mission trip to Whitley City, Kentucky, to deliver backpacks and the Gospel message to families there, and helped connect the ladies ministry of one of our Associational churches with opportunities to serve in Kentucky. Our Disaster Relief unit, one of my early goals, is off the ground—with the Lord providing trailers, money for equipment, and a \$10,000 grant toward a shower trailer. We will soon be ready to respond when disaster strikes! In fact, members of the WBA who are Disaster-Relief-certified already responded to the January tornado in Sandersville and the March tornado in Milledgeville. The WBA has grown by three church bodies and has another under Watch-care currently! We hosted our first Missions Fair in several years and I have taken exploratory trips to Michigan and Nicaragua to look for ways to serve people there and partner with pastors in those areas!

If you're not sure how your church body can benefit from close involvement with the WBA, please reach out to me! My phone # is 912-777-9382; my email is brotherq714@gmail.com. I would love to talk with you about the ways that working together in an Association supports the staff and the church body, and also assists them in reaching the community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

SAVE THE DATE!

SPARK
CONFERENCE

TOTAL CHURCH EQUIPPING CONFERENCE

Near You!
Sunday, August 27, 2023



First Baptist Sandersville
316 Mathis Lane
Sandersville GA 31082
4:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Who is this for?

All Volunteers, Lay Leaders, Children's Workers, Youth Workers, Women's Ministry, Men's Ministry, Pastors and Staff

The Georgia Baptist Mission Board has assembled a diverse team of practitioners prepared to give you insight and wisdom from their fields of expertise. For more details click the link below.

<https://www.thesparkconference.com/2023insider>

WBA CAMP CANTEEN

Beginning Monday, June 12th, we'll be receiving any WBA Camp donations for snacks, soda, bottled water, sports drinks, etc., at the WBA Office. Any snack-cake items we receive will be used for lunchtime desserts! New this year—we're a **NUT FREE** campus! Please don't purchase items with peanuts, peanut butter, or tree nuts like almonds. Thank you in advance for the yummys you'll provide for our campers!



WBA Camp Meal Donations

For churches that responded wanting to donate food toward our Camp Meals, Rachael & Stacey will be reaching out shortly with specific donation needs.

Items should be dropped off between June 12 & July 1st.

Thank you for giving!