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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."

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Feb 26-27 GBMB Evangelism Conference
Information here: <https://gbcevangelismconferences.com/>

March 12 Missions Fair & Executive Team Meeting
Lakeside Baptist Church (Sinclair)

March 24-25 Disaster Relief Training, Warner Robins
Deadline to Register 3/19 Info here: [Disaster Relief - Georgia Baptist Mission Board \(gabaptist.org\)](http://Disaster Relief - Georgia Baptist Mission Board (gabaptist.org))

March 25 Vacation Bible School Training, Dublin
Information here: <https://ga.sbcworkspace.com/Pub/Event/Register/55235548>

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



Thank You From the WMU

What an awesome party we had for Dianne Popp on January 8th. We had a lot of people, great food, and fellowship. I thank God for having her as an important part of the work of the Washington Baptist Association. I can't believe we are in the year 2023. We once saw movies that were dated for times in the year 2000, never knowing that we would actually see that year in our lives. We are here for a purpose and you know what that is. We need to pray for the lost, tell others about Jesus, and walk as closely to God as we can. Our WMU team will be meeting in the near future. We hope to have some great mission projects that you can help with. Please pray for Dianne and her family and friends. Please pray for the lost. We will plan to see many of you in the new year of 2023.

I pray the Lord's blessings on all of you.

Love, Harriett Amerson, WBA WMU Director

Missions Fair & Executive Committee Meeting March 12 4:30

Lakeside Baptist Church (S)
1023 Milledgeville Hwy

4:30pm Missions Fair

Does your church have community missions outreach opportunities that can be replicated by other churches? Do you have a mission trip open to those from outside your church body? Come share with our association! Register [here](#) to reserve a table! Everyone is welcome!

5:30 Executive Committee Meeting
Join us in the sanctuary for the quarterly meeting. The Annual Book of Minutes will be distributed to each church.

Budget Receipts from Churches

12/1/2022 to 12/31/2022

Bethel	Jewell	52.05	Pl Grove	183.60
Bethlehem	200.00	*Lake Cntry	Powelton	
Black Spr		*Lakeside (O)	300.00	Ridge Hgt
Church Ctl		Lakeside (S)	1932.38	Riverside
Culverton		Lighthouse		S'ville FBC
Darien		Long Creek	75.00	Sinclair
Davisboro	600.00	M'ville FBC	1819.84	Sisters
Devereux		*Marshall Mem		Smyrna
Fairmount		Mineral Sprgs	250.00	Sparta FBC
FriendshipG		Mitchell		Tennille
FriendshipW		Mosleyville	125.00	Union
Grace		Mt. Stephens		Victory
Hardwick	375.00	Northside	1119.58	Westview
Harmony	150.00	Ohoopee	206.00	Word Comm
Island Creek	1000.00	Olive Hill		

Summer Programming for Youth (6th to 12th Grade)

You may have just looked at the title on this page "Summer Programming for Youth," and thought "Summer? It's just February!" That's true – but two things are happening right now. Family calendars are filling up. So are the spots where the teenagers of your church can spend time immersed in Gospel-centered teaching, praise time, and friendships at camp this summer. It was during his time at Centrifuge Youth Camp at Union University in the summer of 1991, between 8th & 9th grade, that Bro. Q first felt God calling him into ministry. Many ministers have the same experience. It's important to get your students into a setting where they're immersed in the things of God for a few days. We're going to share information about some camps we know of; learn more using the contact information provided. The WBA will still sponsor its own summer camp in July. The other camps we mention are for informational purposes. Take this information and get your youth group to a place where they can learn more about Jesus this summer! If you need assistance in connecting with one of these camps, visit <https://gabaptist.org/summercamps/> or please reach out to Bro. Q at 912-777-9382.

Washington Baptist Association Youth Camp

A.H. Stephens State Park

July 10-15, 2023

Students finished 6th grade through 12th grade

Registration Opens: March 1st, 2023

Cost: TBD

(See the March issue & social media sites for this info!)

Staffing needs include Bible Study leaders, Kitchen staff, Security, Recreation Leader, and more.

Want to volunteer? You'll need to talk with Q about potential places to serve and have a current background check performed by the WBA; email washba1828@gmail.com.



SUPERWOW is an evangelistic summer camp for teenagers. This week features powerful worship services, group recreation, mission projects, and fellowship all designed with one core purpose – allowing every student to hear and respond to the gospel.

At the end of SuperWow, your group will go home united in a shared passion for Jesus and a shared commitment for making Him known. This camp is for students who have completed 6th-12th grade. It's held July 11-15, 2021 at Village Baptist Church, Destin, FL, and more information can be found here: www.sbcworkspace.com/Pub/Event/Register/55235701. Early bird rates end 2/16, when \$50 deposits are due.

JUNE 6-10 IMPACT

A NEXT LEVEL DISCIPLESHIP AND LEADERSHIP CAMP

AT SHORTER UNIVERSITY

Each year the Georgia Baptist Mission Board hosts "[IMPACT](#)," a discipleship and leadership camp. This year, it's held at Shorter University June 6-10. Early bird rate is available through 2/16. Visit this site for more information: [https://www.sbcworkspace.com/Pub/Event/Register/55235702](http://www.sbcworkspace.com/Pub/Event/Register/55235702)

Todd Jones serves as the NextGen Catalyst for the East Central Region (that's us) with the Georgia Baptist Mission Board. His role is to assist youth ministers, pastors, and layleaders as they serve the next generation! If your church body needs assistance in planning for and discipling this group, called by [Barna Research](#) the "Open Generation," please reach out to him. He's available by email at Tjones.rep@gabaptist.org, by phone at 770-598-8280.



If you'd like more information to help your church body understand the importance of reaching these preteens, teens, and young adults, visit the Barna Research site at <https://www.barna.com/the-open-generation/> for articles, helpful infographics, and more.



SURGE 150

The Georgia Baptist Mission Board sponsors three levels of Music Camps for students who love to praise the Lord, called [Surge 150](#). Students can look forward to musical training, encouragement, and opportunities for spiritual growth from well-qualified faculty in a safe environment. They'll sharpen their musical skills, whether it be vocally or on a variety of instruments. The dates for these camps are June 20-25. The camp is held at Shorter University here in Georgia. More information here: gabaptist.org/surge150

March Ministry Focus

Next month we'll be focusing on Children's Ministry and summer programming. Does your church host a Vacation Bible School or other outreach opportunity?

Please email Rachael at washba1828@gmail.com to tell her the dates and times for these mission opportunities at your church.

We'd also like to establish a sharing network for left-over decorations and re-useable material. If your church would be willing to donate your items to another church body whose VBS takes place after yours, please indicate that in the email along with contact information.

[Centrifuge and MFuge](#) (Mission-based) are two exciting camps that are pre-structured and just require you to get the kids there, primarily. Both of these are Biblically-sound, safe camps that will allow your students to grow closer to Jesus during the time they're there. For more information about Centrifuge or MFuge, please visit this site: <https://fugecamps.lifeway.com/find-a-camp/>. There are locations throughout the U.S. with dates all summer!

