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Still seeking small group Bible study leaders, helpers for the kitchen, security team members, and recreation team leaders!

Do you know a college student who loves Jesus and will come serve with us? This can be a great unpaid week-long opportunity to add to their resume' while using their gifts for the Kingdom! Please put them in touch with us in the WBA Office or have them directly contact Q at 912-777-9382 or brotherq714@gmail.com.



# The Washington News

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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."**

- May 1st: Full-price registration for WBA Summer Camp Begins: \$160 rate including \$50 and forms submitted
- May 10: Deposit for Israel Trip due.
- June 1st: All Forms & \$\$ 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 3/1/2023 to 3/31/2023

Bethel		Jewell	82.80	PI Grove	182.25
Bethlehem		Lake Cntry		Powelton	
Black Spr		Lakeside (O)	333.00	Ridge Hgt	
Church Ctl		Lakeside (S)	2232.78	Riverside	
Culverton		Lighthouse		S'ville FBC	1416.00
Darien		Long Creek	75.00	Sinclair	125.00
Davisboro		Marshall Mem		Sisters	537.82
Devereux	300.00	M'ville FBC	1291.68	Smyrna	300.00
Fairmount		Mineral Sprgs	250.00	Sparta FBC	75.00
FriendshipG		Mitchell		Tennille	565.95
FriendshipW		Mosleyville	125.00	Union	550.00
Grace		Mt. Stephens	250.00	Victory	
Hardwick	375.00	Northside	989.08	Westview	406.85
Harmony		Ohoopee	245.00	Word Comm	
Island Creek		Olive Hill		*FriendshipS	209.88

**WBA Trip to Israel with Bro .Q**  
March 15-23, 2024  
Cost \$4,495  
More Information:  
<http://www.go-yael.com/trips/5512>  
Password: mar24



**National Day Of Prayer:**  
**Thurs May 4**  
First Baptist Milledgeville is hosting a prayer vigil from 9am-5pm 330 S. Liberty St

**How Can I Minister to Teachers & Professors as the School Year Ends?**  
**\* Teacher Appreciation Day May 9th\***



- Take a professor to lunch; demonstrate Christian living through prayer before the meal, kindness toward the server, a generous tip, and intentional, caring conversations.
  - Send a care package to the teacher or professor; include a hand-written note ensuring them of your prayers. Encourage them to "finish well."
  - Coordinate with the Booster Club, PTO, or another organization to host a Teacher Appreciation Breakfast. Enlist members of your church to provide the breakfast or lunch AND to serve if allowed by the school.
  - \*Anyday, Everyday\*
  - Text a teacher or professor to let them know you're praying for them. It's the fuel they need to take the next step.
  - Offer to help them pack & clean their classroom, as allowed.
  - Give as the Lord prompts; are you blessed to have lake house a teacher friend could borrow for the weekend? Could you place a grocery order of staple items so that they start the summer with a well-stocked pantry?
- These and so many more ministry ideas open the door to Gospel conversations. Step out in faith and reach these who serve our children and teens. P.S. These are great ideas for back to school, too, if you are planning outreach for the fall!

May 18th 8am-9am  
Online Prayer Service for the June Southern Baptist Convention  
[Sign up for a reminder here](https://gabaptist.org/prayforsbc/) or visit  
<https://gabaptist.org/prayforsbc/>



May 27th 11:30am—until  
Family Fun Day for WBA Pastors, Staffers, and their families. Free of charge, but pre-registration required! [Get registered today](https://forms.gle/qqZ3pNrH8CsJoGA9A) so we can properly plan for this event!  
<https://forms.gle/qqZ3pNrH8CsJoGA9A>



**Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting**

# May's Mission Focus: Ministering to College Students, Professors & Staff



Georgia Baptist  
Collegiate Ministry



## Collegiate Ministries

Significant life choices are made during the college years more than any other time of life. Decisions about vocation, relationships, and lifestyles, as well as habits formed during these days chart a trajectory for person's life for the rest of his/her life. It is also one of the most critical times when a person decides about faith. Sometimes that decision about whether their childhood faith will be their own, or if faith in God has any relevance for them at all. Some of the current statistics are startling, suggesting that nearly 90% of students who were active in church before college, won't be after college. This just underlines for us (as the church) to do all we can to reach and disciple students during these formative years. WBA churches have a great opportunity to affect the lives of collegians since we have multiple college campuses so close to us. The mission field of the college campus is literally in our backyard, and it may one of the most strategic mission fields of all.



### So what can churches do and how can you be involved in the effort to reach into this mission field?

The WBA already supports the ongoing efforts of the Baptist Collegiate Ministries (BCM) to reach collegians. Many years ago the Georgia Baptist Convention saw the wisdom of putting a campus minister here to reach students where they are. Our active local BCM reaches out to the campuses every week in multiple ways attempting to share the transformative power of the Gospel with students. Recently our BCM did spiritual interest surveys on campus which helped many of the BCM leaders gain a deeper understanding of the lostness of the campus. We had over 40 significant faith conversations in 4 hours and 4 students came to faith in Jesus Christ!

David Kirkland is the currently BCM Campus Minister for the area. He and his wife Elaine have been involved with college students for 27 years. To contact David call 706-892-6172 or email [dkirkland.bcm@gabaptist.org](mailto:dkirkland.bcm@gabaptist.org). Katie Hill is currently serving as the Campus Missionary. She was very active in the BCM during her college years. She and her husband Trey love pouring into college students. Katie can be reached at 678-634-9270 or at [khill.bcm@gabaptist.org](mailto:khill.bcm@gabaptist.org).



Beverly Skinner is the Georgia Baptist Mission Board Collegiate Ministry Catalyst. We asked her to tell us why ministering to college-age students is important.



College students are the most reachable, trainable, sendable group of people on the planet and your local college campuses are the most accessible mission field in your community! We have an incredible opportunity to reach students with the truth of Jesus and disciple them to become life-long followers of Jesus who impact their families, communities and the world. The future leaders of business, technology, education, government, military, churches, and families are on campus today. NOW is the time in their lives when they are most open to hearing the truth of Jesus and responding to Him in faith! NOW is our opportunity!

In addition to partnering with Baptist Collegiate Ministry at GCSU and GMC, your church can minister to students through Bible studies in the homes of church members, adopt a student programs, multi-generational mission trips that include students, engaging students as volunteers in children and youth ministries, and so much more. If students are home for the summer, plan a cookout for them one Sunday evening & let them brainstorm with you about how your church can best minister to them and involve them in the whole ministry of your church. It will be life-changing for them and for your church!

Have questions about Collegiate Ministry? Contact Beverly at 4295 Brogdon Exchange, Suwanee, 770-936-5321, [bskinner@gabaptist.org](mailto:bskinner@gabaptist.org)

Although I clearly heard the Holy Spirit speak to my heart about serving in ministry when I was in high school, I avoided obedience until college. In the fall of 1995 as a freshman at the University of Georgia, I was climbing the stairs in the Baptist Student Union building (now known as BCM) when I very clearly heard the Holy Spirit.



### "It's time."

I climbed the last step, walked into my campus minister's office, and counseled with him and others in the hours, days, weeks, and years to follow. It was in this Baptist Student Union building that I connected with other college students walking the same walk of faith as me, in a secular University setting. We bonded as lifelong friends, served the community around us, and worked to connect the students of the University of Georgia with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This setting was the launching point for my ministry to youth. As a ministry leader in the BSU I directed students from UGA who would spend an afternoon serving children in a local trailer park.



We played games, helped with homework, fed snacks, and taught Bible accounts. Many of my friends found their spouse among fellow Believers at the University of Georgia's Baptist Student Union, including Rachael & me. We met at the BSU and served together on mission trips, in the New Life Trailer Park ministry, and on other missions projects. The time we spent in discipleship and growing together at the BSU/BCM was a valuable foundation to our ministry together which continues today as we are serving the churches, pastors & members of the Washington Baptist Association.



In 2019 when we moved our oldest child to college, we were excited to see churches who served the students as they moved in. When we hastily moved him out just six months later due to the COVID pandemic, we were equally thrilled to find bulletins and study material, including books the churches gave to students among his belongings. There are many ways your church can minister to the campus population in Milledgeville. Some methods involve collaborating with the local Baptist Collegiate Ministry or the Georgia Baptist Mission Board. Some ideas for serving this population can involve only your church, and some could be community-wide. We have two colleges in our sphere of ministry. Let's not miss the opportunity to serve them.



~Bro. Q

The Georgia Baptist Mission Board hosts a page online where you can get all sorts of information about BCM & Serving college students. One pastor wrote about his church's experience serving this age group. You can find his [article here](#).

Inspired to Serve This Demographic? Here are six areas where you can serve college students this fall. Plan now!

- 1. Pray.** New student leaders have just been put into place and new plans and strategies are being made to best reach students next year. Pray for God's wisdom. Pray that revival would break out among the college students. Prayer walk the campuses.
- 2. Prepare a lunch.** The BCM hosts an impact lunch for student leaders to connect with friends to whom they are ministering. Churches can use this opportunity to connect with students and invite them to ministry events. Lunches take place September-April. Let David know your church wants to host a meal.
- 3. Assist with the BIG Cookout in August.** The beginning of the year is so important to reaching new students. The cookout is a vital part of the first 2 weeks of ministry activities. Your church could provide burgers, sides, or servers. It's a great way to meet and connect with students. Reach out to David to assist.
- 4. Have a student testimony.** Would you like to have a student come to your church and share a brief testimony about what God is doing on the campus and how you can pray specifically for ongoing ministries? To have a student to share in your church contact Katie Hill (678-634-9270 or [khill.bcm@gabaptist.org](mailto:khill.bcm@gabaptist.org)).
- 5. Plan a mission project.** The BCM Center is often needs landscaping, painting, or other small projects. The BCM Center, located just across the street from the GCSU campus, has been a ministry hub since 1978.



Contact David to check on current projects or needs.

