



Spring 2024 Executive Committee Meeting

Tennille Baptist Church
Tennille, Georgia
Missions Fair 4 PM
Business Session 6 PM

Agenda

Welcome and Prayer	Brother Jerry Pickard
Worship in Song	Praise Team
Call to Order	Geoff Mangus, Moderator
Approval of 2023 Book of Minutes	Rachael Mercer, Ministry Assistant Deb Scranton, Clerk
Reports	
Please review the written reports found in your packet. If you have any questions regarding the reports, please see the appropriate Ministry Leader. Not all reports will be given from the platform.	
Financial Report	Lee Anne Allen, Treasurer
AMS Report	Rev. Quillian "Q" Mercer, AMS
Old Business	
Update on future meetings	Rev. Q Mercer, AMS
New Business	
Introduction of New Pastors	Rev. Q Mercer, AMS
Update from The Georgia Baptist Convention	Rev. Tim Oliver, WBA Executive Committee Rep & GBMB Administrative Team Member
Introduction of our Speaker	Rev. Q Mercer, AMS
Message	Dr. Jamie Smith, Lead Pastor Ebenezer Baptist Church, Toccoa, Georgia
Worship in Song	Praise Team
Motion to Adjourn	Bryce Jeffcoat, Vice-Moderator
Closing Prayer	



Rachael and I share a phrase with every new mom and dad we see. We tell them, "The days are long but the years are short." What is true of our children is also true of ministry. It seems like a week ago that we began a conversation with the WBA Search Committee about the possibility of coming to serve here in the Washington Baptist Association. That was over 3 years ago! Yesterday we were celebrating the New Year of 2025 and we are already through the first quarter of year. It is hard to believe.

Since we closed out 2024 with our Annual Meeting, we have been active in Disaster Relief, OnMission in Kentucky with the Backpack Ministry and various other local missions opportunities. What an honor it is for me to sit at the "30,000 Feet Level" and see God at work in and amongst us. We are gearing up for a vision trip to Nicaragua VERY soon. Our Disaster Relief Unit 35R will have just gotten home from their second deployment this year. And our Disaster Relief Shower unit will be used again this week supporting Northside's DNow in partnership with other WBA Churches. And though you may have not know about all that is happening, you are a part of it all. As you give, as you pray, as you encourage, you are a part of ALL the WBA has and will accomplish.

So here's my ask. Tonight we have celebrated the Missions and Ministries of the WBA and the churches of the WBA. When and where will you GO? How will you get beyond the walls you have for yourself and GO into God's world and make a difference for HIS Kingdom? As Thomas Hammond, Georgia Baptist Executive Director says, "Will you put your YES on the table?" The number of people I have talked to in the last year that have said, "I thought I was too _____ (the excuse that's kept them from GOing) and I've missed so much." You are never too old (or whatever else fills in that blank for you) to be used by God. Will you let Him work in you to do what He's called you to? We want to give you that chance. Let's be #OnMissionTogether #WBA

Q

Washington Baptist Association Annual Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2024 @ First Baptist Church Milledgeville

On October 13, 2024, at 5:15 PM, 56 representatives from 19 Washington Baptist Association member churches gathered at First Baptist Church Milledgeville for refreshments and fellowship prior to the Annual Meeting.

At 6:01PM, Moderator Lee Lacy called the meeting to order. Rev. Jeffrey Morgan, pastor of First Baptist Church Milledgeville, opened the meeting with prayer, and worship leader, Tommy Webster, led the congregation in singing *To God Be the Glory* and *Thou Art Worthy*. The written minutes from the Fall Executive Committee Meeting were reviewed and approved as presented by clerk, Deb Scranton.

REPORTS:

- Financial Budget and 2025 Proposed Budget submitted by Lee Anne Allen, Treasurer
Lee Anne presented the 2025 Proposed Budget noting that amounts in red indicated an increase or decrease from the prior year's budget. She pointed out specific increases in the following line items: Insurance, AMS Expense Travel, and Convention Expense. The floor was opened for questions, and the proposed budget was ratified with no discussion.
- Nominating Committee Report
- Underwriting Forged Camp submitted by the Youth Team
- Baptist Collegiate Ministries
- WMU submitted by Harriett Amerson, Team Leader
- 2024 Mission Trip to Whitley City, KY

OLD BUSINESS:

- There was no old business to address.

NEW BUSINESS:

- AMS, Quillian "Q" Mercer, drew attention to the Nominating Committee Report by noting additions to the following positions: Men on Mission filled by Rev. Andy Yates, Youth filled by Rev. Grayson Oliver, Women on Mission filled by Merilyn Davis, and Moderator filled by Rev. Geoff Mangus. The Nominating Committee Report was approved as presented.
- Q presented a request from the Youth Ministry Team for associational churches to underwrite Forged Youth Summer Camp to prevent a price increase in the cost of student registration. He suggested that an annual amount of \$500 per church would be sufficient to prevent raising the cost.
- Q presented two new mission opportunities for the association's participation and encouraged member churches to consider spearheading projects introduced by the WBA. He outlined the first opportunity as an association-to-association partnership in Flint, MI, focused on pastor training and Vacation Bible School assistance, and the second in San Rafael, Nicaragua, which involved food distribution and building a mission house. On behalf of the Missions Committee, Q recommended adding a new budget line item to allocate \$500 per month to support the San Rafael Mission Trip. The recommendation to support these mission projects and establish the fund for the San Rafael Mission Trip was approved.
- Q introduced Rev. Billy Carrol, pastor of Zebulon Community Church, and reported that the church submitted a letter of intent to become a member of the WBA. He further reported that Rev. Scott Brown and Black Springs Baptist Church would sponsor Zebulon Community Church under watch care for one year when Zebulon Community Church would be presented to the association for full membership. The recommendation to accept Zebulon Community Church under watch care was approved.

After concluding new business, Q reminded churches to submit their Annual Church Profile and provided an update on disaster relief efforts following Hurricane Helene. He reported that the GA Baptist Disaster Relief completed 400 chainsaw jobs, with 3,300 more work orders still pending. He expressed gratitude to God for 37 salvations and numerous rededications resulting from the relief ministry. Additionally, he noted that several WBA churches assisted First Baptist of Louisville in serving their community after the hurricane.

Q encouraged churches interested in participating in relief efforts to contribute through the association, Disaster Relief, the cooperative program, or by partnering with local churches in affected areas. He also informed the assembly that the Disaster Relief training, initially scheduled at Lakeside Baptist Church in Milledgeville this month, had been moved to the first weekend in December.

Q Mercer concluded the business session by presenting a gift to Rev. Lee Lacey in appreciation for his service as the association's moderator. The Amen Sisters then performed "All Because of God's Amazing Grace," followed by Q delivering a message from 1 Peter 4:7-11. He reminded attendees that God's love and grace should motivate us to address what Dr. Paul Chitwood, President of the IMB, describes as the world's greatest challenge: lostness.

Tommy Webster led the congregation in singing *Serve the Lord with Gladness* and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Scranton, Clerk

Washington Baptist Association
Financial Budget
Year To Date: January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025

	Expenses	Reimbursed	YTD Expenses	Budget	Balance
AMS Salary/Benefits					
Base Salary	\$ 5,387.42	\$ -	\$ 5,387.42	\$ 38,531.32	\$ 33,143.90
Housing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Retirement-WBA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,308.68	\$ 35,308.68
Subtotal	\$ 5,387.42	\$ -	\$ 5,387.42	\$ 91,840.00	\$ 86,452.58
AMS Expense					
Travel	\$ 159.89	\$ -	\$ 159.89	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,840.11
Convention Expense	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
GBC Salary Supplement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Subtotal	\$ 259.89	\$ 100.00	\$ 159.89	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,840.11
Support Staff					
Salary	\$ 455.10	\$ -	\$ 455.10	\$ 12,812.80	\$ 12,357.70
Payroll Taxes	\$ 230.96	\$ -	\$ 230.96	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,769.04
Subtotal	\$ 686.06	\$ -	\$ 686.06	\$ 14,812.80	\$ 14,126.74
Honorarium/Contingency					
Honorarium	\$ 184.70	\$ -	\$ 184.70	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,215.30
Contingency	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ 30.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,220.00
Subtotal	\$ 214.70	\$ -	\$ 214.70	\$ 3,650.00	\$ 3,435.30
Administrative Support					
Utilities	\$ 516.47	\$ -	\$ 516.47	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 7,483.53
Insurance (office bldg)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Advertisement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Equipment	\$ 593.99	\$ -	\$ 593.99	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,406.01
Office Supplies	\$ 150.03	\$ -	\$ 150.03	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,849.97
Maint./Cleaning	\$ 125.00	\$ -	\$ 125.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,875.00
Ministry Safe	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -
Alliance Defend Freedom	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Subtotal	\$ 1,785.49	\$ -	\$ 1,785.49	\$ 24,800.00	\$ 23,014.51
Missions Program					
Baptist Collegiate Ministry	\$ 625.00	\$ -	\$ 625.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 6,875.00
Nicaragua	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Subtotal	\$ 625.00	\$ -	\$ 625.00	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 12,875.00
Church Development/Christian Education					
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Brotherhood	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Church Training	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Evangelism	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Leadership Training	\$ 190.23	\$ -	\$ 190.23	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 809.77
Sunday School	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
WMU	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Youth	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Subtotal	\$ 190.23	\$ -	\$ 190.23	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,809.77
Total	\$ 9,148.79	\$ 100.00	\$ 9,048.79	\$ 159,602.80	\$ 150,554.01

Washington Baptist Association

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

Account	Balance	Deposits	Expenses	1/1/2025 Balance
Benevolence for Pastors	\$ 271.07	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 271.07
Brotherhood	\$ 5,833.66	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,833.66
Christian Social Ministry	\$ 536.66	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 536.66
Disaster Relief	\$ 15,573.52	\$ -	\$ 1,710.11	\$ 13,863.41
General Savings	\$ 10,964.70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,964.70
Hispanic Ministry	\$ 304.43	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 304.43
Local Mission Projects	\$ 1,781.46	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,781.46
New Office	\$ 4,475.72	\$ 3.31	\$ -	\$ 4,479.03
Prison Ministry	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Nicaragua	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
Property Improvement	\$ 624.82	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 624.82
Special Mission Projects	\$ 26,804.42	\$ 4,218.55	\$ 1,863.02	\$ 29,159.95
Strategy Planning Funds	\$ 432.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 432.50
WMU - General	\$ 417.43	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 417.43
WMU-Cora Peeler Fund	\$ 115.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 115.00
Youth Camp	\$ 784.19	\$ -	\$ 22.35	\$ 761.84
Youth Mission Team	\$ 1,619.02	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,619.02
Totals	\$ 75,638.60	\$ 4,221.86	\$ 3,595.48	\$ 76,264.98

Regular Operating Acct. \$161,285.14

Other Accounts:	Account #: 500035386	
CD at Exchange Bank at a rate of .750% -Matures		12/30/2025
Cason Endowment		\$6,335.02
Hospital & Emergency		\$224.23
New Mission Site		\$600.00
Special Mission Projects Fund		\$21,871.69
Total CD at Exchange Bank		\$29,859.83

	12/31/2024
Investments with Georgia Baptist Foundation:	
General Funds / 11698	\$ 60,133.63
Fellowship Hall / 11699	\$ 35,664.88
Special Mission Projects / 11700	\$ 27,108.34
Total Investments with GA BAPT Foundation:	\$ 122,906.85

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Washington Baptist Association
 Fund Totals by Envelope
 For Period: 01/01/2025 to 02/24/2025

	100 Tithes	200 Youth Camp/Special	Total
101 - Bethlehem Baptist Church	400.00		400.00
106 - Davisboro Baptist Church	300.00		300.00
109 - Friendship (O) Baptist Church	550.00		550.00
110 - Friendship (S) Baptist Church	430.54		430.54
111 - Friendship (W) Baptist Church	524.00		524.00
113 - Hardwick Baptist Church		500.00	500.00
114 - Harmony Baptist Church	250.00		250.00
115 - Island Creek Baptist Church	2,400.00		2,400.00
116 - Jewell Baptist Church	162.98		162.98
117 - Lake County Baptist Church	2,027.99		2,027.99
118 - Lakeside (O) Baptist Church	4,083.00		4,083.00
119 - Lakeside (S) Baptist Church	7,433.75		7,433.75
121 - Long Creek Baptist Church	150.00		150.00
122 - Marshall Memorial Baptist Church	704.54		704.54
123 - Milledgeville First Baptist Church	1,337.12		1,337.12
124 - Mineral Springs Baptist Church	500.00		500.00
126 - Monticello Baptist Church	200.00		200.00
127 - Mosleyville Baptist Church	250.00		250.00
129 - Northside Baptist Church	1,914.56		1,914.56
130 - Ohoopoe Baptist Church	573.00		573.00
132 - Pleasant Grove Baptist Church	245.90		245.90
134 - Ridgeland Heights Baptist Church	528.50		528.50
135 - Sandersville First Baptist Church	2,833.34		2,833.34
138 - Sisters Baptist Church	1,305.81		1,305.81
139 - Smyrna Baptist Church	600.00		600.00
140 - Sparta Baptist Church	150.00		150.00
141 - Tennille Baptist Church	387.50		387.50
145 - Westview Baptist Church	1,164.43		1,164.43
Total	31,914.94	500.00	31,914.94

WBA WMU ASSOCIATIONAL REPORT
EXECUTIVE MEETING MARCH 9, 2025

It is my privilege to serve as the new Associational Director of WMU/ Ladies' Ministry. I would like to give a huge shoutout to the Leadership Team who has shown me much love, support, and guidance since I began this job.

Our team is in the process of trying to reach as many churches as possible to help set up or enhance the WMU/Ladies' Ministry in the churches. We are building a Social Media page for WBA WMU and increasing our communication through quarterly newsletters and emails to each church.

We hold Leadership Team meetings on a regular basis to ensure the work of WMU/Ladies' Ministry continues and will hopefully grow. We welcome new ideas from our churches and are willing to help in any way.

WBA WMU is active in many facets of WBA Missions:

- We have representation on the Executive Board and attend these meetings
- We participate in the Missions Fair held each March
- We have representatives to State Events such as the Spring Event (April 25-26 in Augusta)
- We sponsor a Spring Fling for the associational WMU (this year May 3 at Gin Branch in Tennille)
- We helped pack 3828 shoeboxes for Samaritan Purse
- We helped pack over 800 backpacks for Backpacks of Hope for Appalachia
- We celebrated the World Women's Day of Prayer for missions in November

We are looking forward to working with these projects and more in 2025.

In closing, the WBA WMU Leadership Team and our WMU/Ladies' Ministry leaders throughout the association are working hard to make sure the Lord's work through missions stays strong through service as we keep our focus on doing what we can to spread the word.

Merilyn Davis, Director

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Leadership Team: Harriett Amerson, Lee Anne Allen, Gloria Burke, Janie Dunn, Toni Holloway, Deb Scranton

BCM Report March 1, 2025

Winter Retreat-We had a great winter retreat to Camp Pinnacle the first weekend of February. We had just under 100 at the event. It was a powerful time in God's Word.

Evangelism Week-In mid-February we dubbed one week, Evangelism week. We have several evangelistic events, prayer, and training. Nearly 80 students were trained in evangelism that week. They were challenged to engage in some creative ways to start conversations with several success stories. And we intentionally shared the gospel with 23 students on Thursday of the week.

Called to Ministry-We have 20 GC students who feel called to the ministry. They are looking for opportunities to serve and get some experience. We have been meeting with them regularly to help them explore "calling" and how to respond to it.

Serve Saturday-The first Saturday of each month the BCM is doing **SERVE SATURDAY** to serve the community and local churches in any way they need. At the last event we served 3 churches and the local pregnancy center.

Summer Missions-We have 10 students that have been appointed to serve this summer through the BCM Summer Missions program called **Sendmenow**. They will be serving in Korea, Romania, Texas, Panama, Norway, Czech Republic, and Arizona.



MORE

FORGED Camp 2025 is upon us! Registration is Officially OPEN!

Our camp Pastor for the week will be Tim Oliver, Pastor of Lakeside Baptist Church, Milledgeville. Our worship leader for the week will be Mike Rogers, Minister of Music and Youth at FBC Sandersville.

Our theme for the week is MORE. The Theme verse is James 4:1-6. Here's a brief synopsis of the material:

Even though we may feel like failures because of our past, God has good news for us! His grace is greater than our past. Because of what Jesus did on the cross for us, our failures don't have to define us! The grace of God says that we are completely and thoroughly loved and accepted because of our faith in Jesus. Not only does God's grace pardon us, His grace empowers us to impact others for Him and leave a legacy of faith in others. In this curriculum, you will be challenged to conquer the sins that so easily trip you up and run the race God has set before you. Yes, God has brought you far already but He has even more in store for your future!

Here is the Link to register for this exciting week:

<https://portal.campnetwork.com/s/FORGEDCAMP2025>

This link will take you to the registration for Students & Staff!

Cost: \$150/student if you register BEFORE 05/01
\$175/student if you register AFTER 05/01
Families with more than two students can receive a discount. Please call the office for details

Everything is there in one simple place. You can register and pay for everything on the site. If you have any questions, please let Q know. His number is: (912) 777-9382.





Underwriting Forged Camp

As costs for food, snacks, fuel, and everything else increases, the WBA wants to continue to keep our Forged Camp affordable! Please consider making an annual contribution to the Forged Camp/Youth Camp Line Item by budgeting a contribution in your annual budget.

How does our church body or members of our church body make this underwriting donation?

Mail a check to WBA P.O. Box 476, Milledgeville, GA 31059 at any time during the year.

Mark the memo section for "Forged Camp Underwriting" and your contribution will defray the overall operating costs for Forged Camp.

NEXT STEP—VERY IMPORTANT

If your church body or members of your church wish to support this underwriting effort, please let us know so that our overall budget and financial planning can be accurate & successful!

Yes! I'll pledge to support Forged Camp!

Name: _____

Amount: _____

Date I'll Donate: _____