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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."

Athens to Savannah Bike Ride is a 211 mile bike ride through rural Georgia. Funds from the ride will be used for the creation of the Georgia Hi-Lo Trail and initiatives to create economic development in Georgia's Rural Communities.

This year the ride will be held October 18th-20th. Pleasant Grove has been selected as a rest stop on Friday, the 20th, from 2-5 p.m.

The church will provide refreshments to any rider who will stop. If you are interested in volunteering during that time, please contact Shaun Veal!

Budget Receipts from Churches
8/1/2023 to 8/31/2023

Bethel		Jewell	188.10	Pl Grove	165.57
Bethlehem	200.00	Lake Cntry	1093.06	Powelton	
Black Spr		Lakeside (O)	333.00	Ridge Hgt	196.56
Church Ctl		Lakeside (S)	2574.72	Riverside	
Culverton		Lighthouse		S'ville FBC	1416.00
Darien		Long Creek	75.00	Sinclair	125.00
Davisboro		Marshall Mem	248.19	Sisters	
Devereux		M'ville FBC	645.84	Smyrna	300.00
Fairmount		Mineral Sprgs	250.00	Sparta BC	75
FriendshipG	150.00	Mitchell		Tennille	619.58
FriendshipW		Mosleyville	125.0	Union	
Grace		Mt. Stephens		Victory	
Hardwick	375.00	Northside	989.08	Westview	470.65
Harmony	125.00	Ohoopee	250.00	Word Comm	
Island Creek	1200.00	Olive Hill		FriendshipS	303.94

WBA Trip to Israel with Bro Q
ONLY 9 SPOTS REMAIN!!!

March 15-23, 2024
Cost $4,495
More Information:
http://www.go-yael.com/trips/5512
Password: mar24
Time to register & pay deposits!!

Dates Ahead:

October 8 Annual Meeting at Sparta Baptist Church 5:15 Meal/6:00 Worship & Business Meeting

October 27 6-8pm Island Creek Baptist Church Fall Festival
October 29 Lakeside Baptist Church (S) Fall Festival
November 6 6pm Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer at Sparta Baptist Church. Refreshments at 6pm, worship & prayer at 6:45pm
November 13 & 14 9am-2pm Drop off OCC Shoeboxes
November 19 Homecoming at Black Springs Baptist Church 11:00am
4pm Final meeting re: Kentucky Mission Trip

November 27-30 Backpacks Drop off at WBA
December 6: UHaul Backpack Loading Day
December 7-10 Whitley City, Kentucky Mission Trip and Backpack Distribution

October Newsletter Focus: Pastor Appreciation Month

Pray for your pastor

Print it out
Post it up
Pray each day

1. Walk with God. May he have a close walk with God and love the Lord with all his heart, soul, and mind. (Matt. 22:37, Prov 3:5-6)	**2. Passion for Scripture.** May he delight in Your Word and meditate on it day and night. (Ps 119:15-16)	**3. Prayer Life.** May he be a man of prayer, devoting himself to prayer and communion with You. (Col 4:2)	**4. Character and Integrity.** May he be a godly man, having integrity of heart and being a faithful doer of the Word. (Ps 78:72, James 1:22)	**5. Humility.** May he be kept from pride and self-interest, remain teachable and humble to your instruction. (Gal 6:14-15)	**6. Obedience.** May he obey your commands and faithfully follow Your leading in his life. (John 14:15, Rom 6:16)	**7. Health.** Give him good health and help him to care for his physical body, for it is your temple of the Spirit. (1 Cor 6:19-20, 3 John 1:2)
8. Thought Life. May he hold every thought captive for Christ and be continuously transformed by the renewing of his mind (2 Co 10:5, Rom 12:2)	**9. Peace and Joy.** Grant him peace, joy, hope, and a deep trust in You. Help him to not be anxious, but to be thankful and prayerful in all things. (Rom 15:13, Phil 4:6)	**10. Temptation.** May his heart be kept guarded and pure. Keep him from falling into temptation of body or mind. (Prov 4:23, Ps 119:9, Matt 26:41)	**11. Rest and Refreshment.** Help him find the rest he needs, and may he find refreshment in your presence. (Ex 33:14, Matt 11:28-30, Mark 6:31)	**12. Protection.** Protect him and his family. Bless the work of his hands, delivering him from the schemes of the enemy. (Job 1:10, Ps 34:7, Ps 91)	**13. Marriage.** Establish his marriage and protect it. May they put each other's needs above their own. (Eph 5:22-33, 1 Peter 3:7)	**14. Wife.** May she love and respect him. May she walk with You and find support and encouragement to thrive in her unique position. (Eph 5:22-33)
15. Children. Help him to keep the way of the Lord in his household and train up his children to love and follow you. (Prov 20:7, Gen 18:19, Prov 22:6)	**16. Finances.** Provide for his needs and keep him from a love of money. May he be generous and a good steward. (Prov 3:9-10, 1 Tim 6:10-11, Heb 13:5)	**17. Priorities/Time.** May he seek your kingdom above all else. Guide him in setting priorities and managing his time. (Matt 6:33, Eph 5:15-17, Ps 90:12)	**18. Love for Others.** May he love others with the love of Christ. Help him to humbly put his love into action. (John 13:34, Phil 2:3-4, James 2:14-17)	**19. Shepherd's Heart.** May he have a heart for those you have placed in his care and an appropriate sense of responsibility. (Acts 20:28-29)	**20. Heart for the Lost.** May he proclaim the gospel with compassion and truth. Help him to have Your heart for the lost. (Mark 16:15, Matt 28:19)	**21. Conflicts.** Help him to handle conflict biblically and with love. Give him discernment in difficult situations. (Matt 18:15-17, Prov 15:1, 1 Cor 13)
22. Elders/ Leadership. May they be godly, unified in purpose, good examples to others, and serving You joyfully. (Heb 13:17, 1 Cor 1:10, 1 Peter 5:1-4)	**23. Godward Focus.** Help him to keep his eyes fixed on you in every effort and in the face of any challenge. (Prov 4:25-27)	**24. Wise Counsel.** May the scripture be his first counsel. Support him through godly counselors who strengthen and guide him with wisdom. (Prov 24:5-6, 19:20-21)	**25. Encouragement.** May his hope be found in You. Bring encouragers into his life to build up and support him. (1 Thes 5:11, Is 41:10, 1 Tim 5:17)	**26. Discernment.** May he listen to your voice as you direct his path. Grant him godly wisdom and understanding. (Isa 30:21, Prov 3:13-18)	**27. Biblical Faithfulness.** May he understand and hold firm to the truth, teaching it and rebuking those who contradict it. (Titus 1:9)	**28. Sermon Preparation.** Grant him the time and focus to prepare his message, and give him the ideas and words to present it clearly. (Col 4:5)
29. Teaching. May Jesus be exalted in every message. May he rightly divide the word of truth and may the hearts of your people be open to it. (2 Tim 2:15)	**30. Vision.** May he lead the congregation by the Spirit. Impart to him your vision for the church (Jer 3:15)	**31. Blessing.** May the he be blessed by the Lord and by the congregation. May it be received humbly and for your glory. (1 Tim 5:17, 1 Thes 5:12-13, Num 6:24-26)				

How Are You Honoring Your Pastor & Staff This Month, in Particular?
Share with us online (FB, IG) or email us at washba1828@gmail.com so we can share with our church bodies!

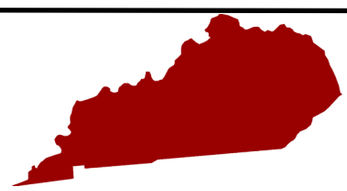
Annual Church Profile Surveys Due Promptly

The 2023 Annual Church Profile is coming due. In August the Georgia Baptist Mission Board sent a letter with a self-addressed stamped envelope to each of the 3400+ churches in Georgia. The letter contained the ACP statistical questions and had current organization and leadership data prefilled in the provided forms.

Annual Church Profile

Surveys can be returned in the self-addressed stamped envelope to the GBMB, or can be entered here: https://ga.sbcworkspace.com Additionally, if you have Vacation Bible School information you would like to provide, please do so here: https://vbs.lifeway.com/church-report/

The Washington Baptist Association requests that all surveys are returned by October 8th If yours has not been entered by October 8th, we will be contacting your leadership directly. If you want to enter online but have challenges please reach out to Rachael at the office at 478–453-8111.



Whitley City Mission Trip
$175/person double occupancy
$325 room single occupancy
October 8 Registration & Deposit Required
November 19 4pm WBA Office or Location TBD
Final payment by 11/19
Mission Projects In Whitley City Include:
*Backpack Distribution
*Salon Services for Crossroads Missions Clients
*Small Construction/Repair Projects at their Tiny Home Neighborhood "The Light Community"

Backpacks of Hope Goal—
1,000 Backpacks
Request Yours Here:
https://forms.gle/nVQqqXLceQYZKoFW7

BACKPACKS OF HOPE

Promised: 548 backpacks
Still to go: 452 backpacks
Every backpack filled, with a Bible and a Christmas Story Pamphlet, distributed by smiling faces who serve as the hands of Jesus to this community.