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## ANNUAL REPORT

2023

# 147TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION

OCTOBER 15, 2023



Jason Loudermilk  
*Mission Strategist*



Jeff Davis  
*Moderator*



Wayne Meadows  
*Assistant Moderator*



Marty Guy  
*Church Planting Catalyst*



Randal Whitten  
*Clerk*



Cathy Whitten  
*Ministry Assistant*



Will Murray  
*Treasurer*



Wes Williams  
*Finance Chair*

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**Church  
Revitalization**

**Church  
Planting**

answer **the call**



## **WMBA Annual Celebration**

**6:30 pm**

Sunday, October 15

**Central Baptist Church**

Douglasville, Georgia



# Message from the MISSION STRATEGIST



Welcome to the 147th Annual Celebration of the West Metro Baptist Association! I am so glad that you are able to join us to worship and celebrate together with fellow believers from our member churches. I am privileged to serve our churches as your Association Mission Strategist, and I am very excited about our opportunity to worship together tonight!

Our network of churches has a strong history of partnering together for the sake of the Kingdom. That partnership allows us to be witnesses both locally and globally, taking the gospel to the ends of the earth. This year, we are answering God's call to take the Gospel to our neighbors and the nations. We trust Him to bring in the harvest of souls as we pray for new leaders and share the gospel with the lost. As the church, we are to be an engaging community of believers that live out the gospel. As a network of churches, we support one another and work together to strengthen each other, plant new churches, and proclaim the good news of the gospel together. We are called to proclaim what Christ has done, to the glory of God!

I would like to express thanks to Dr. Jamie Dew for his willingness to preach for us, and to Matt Crowe, Vernon Thornton, and the staff and members of Central Baptist Church, Jeff Davis, and Wayne Meadows for their leadership in helping plan this evening's celebration. I would like to thank the all of those who are serving in music ministry and leading us to worship tonight. I am also thankful for Cathy Whitten for her countless hours preparing and organizing the details for tonight. Our gathering tonight is proof that we are stronger as we partner together to the Glory of God!

In Christ,

*Jason Lovdermilk*

# Finance Report

| WEST METRO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION<br>Ministry Action Budget Monthly Report |                      |                     |                               |
|---|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| MINISTRY CATEGORY   | 2023 M.A.B.          | Monthly Expenses    | Year to Date Expenses Current |
|   |                      | <b>AUGUST</b>       |                               |
| <b>100 CHURCH PLANTING &amp; COMMUNITY MINISTRY</b>                     | \$ 65,600.00         | \$ 6,900.00         | \$ 44,151.95                  |
| <b>200 CHURCH LEADERSHIP &amp; REVITALIZATION</b>                       | \$ 12,500.00         | \$ 179.76           | \$ 3,503.83                   |
| <b>300-400 PERSONNEL EXPENSES</b>                                       | \$ 156,369.00        | \$ 16,558.54        | \$ 105,975.38                 |
| <b>500 MINISTRY SUPPORT</b>   | \$ 36,100.00         | \$ 2,225.72         | \$ 18,129.39                  |
| <b>SUB TOTAL</b>  |                      | <b>\$ 25,864.02</b> | <b>\$ 171,760.55</b>          |
| Monthly Fees/Loss   |                      | \$ -                | \$ 570.97                     |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>  | <b>\$ 270,569.00</b> | <b>\$ 25,864.02</b> | <b>\$ 172,331.52</b>          |
| Monthly General Budget Receipts   |                      | \$ 22,142.42        | \$ 161,858.15                 |
| Monthly Budget Expenditures Excess or (Deficit)                         |                      | \$ (3,721.60)       | \$ (10,473.37)                |

|   |                                    | <u>ACTUAL</u>        | <u>AVAILABLE</u>    |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>GENERAL BUDGET &amp; RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCES:</b> |                                    |                      |                     |
| PNC   | Checking Budget Checking Operating | \$ 84,596.52         | \$ 84,596.52        |
| PNC   | Checking-Reserve                   | \$ 26,230.50         | \$ 26,230.50        |
| GA Bapt. Found.                                       | Managed Trust                      | \$ 137,994.78        | <u>\$137,994.78</u> |
| <b>Total of GB/R Accounts</b>                         |                                    | <b>\$ 248,821.80</b> | <b>\$248,821.80</b> |
| <b>DESIGNATED ACCOUNT BALANCE:</b>                    |                                    |                      |                     |
| Ga Bapt. Found.                                       | New Work Trust                     | \$ 226,293.68        |                     |
| PNC   | Designated Checking DR             | <u>\$ 11,231.27</u>  |                     |
| <b>Total of GB/R &amp; Designated Accounts</b>        |                                    | <b>\$ 486,346.75</b> | <b>\$248,821.80</b> |
| <b>DESIGNATED FUNDS:</b>                              |                                    |                      |                     |
|   | Food Assistance                    | \$ -                 |                     |
|   | Disaster Relief                    | \$ 10,386.91         |                     |
|   | New Work Fund                      | <u>\$ 29,509.65</u>  |                     |
| <b>Total of Designated Funds</b>                      |                                    | <b>\$ 39,896.56</b>  |                     |

**AVAILABLE OPERATING FUNDS:**  
**Total Operating Funds Available** \$446,450.19

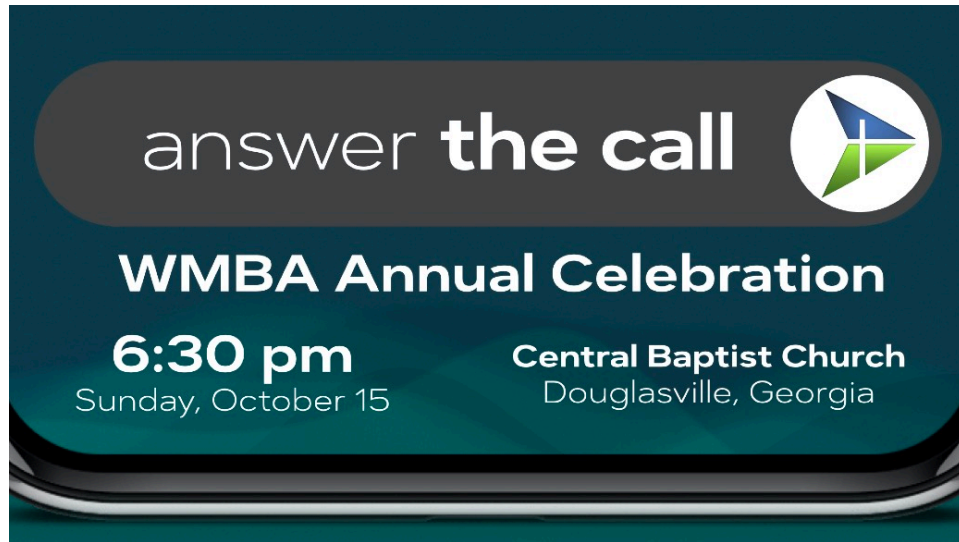
West Metro Baptist Association  
Church Contribution List  
2023

| Church  | AUGUST   | Year to Date | Church                         | AUGUST              | Year to Date      |
|---|----------|--------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1 . Beulah  | 0.00     | 2,500.02     | 24 . Harper Lake               | 0.00                | 0.00              |
| 2 . Brownwood                                     | 24.00    | 290.80       | 25 . Heritage                  | 564.68              | 3,678.17          |
| 3 . Calvary                                       | 125.00   | 1,000.00     | 26 . Highland Community Church | 0.00                | 0.00              |
| 4 . Central                                       | 1,208.33 | 9,666.64     | 27 . Mt. Harmony               | 2,195.47            | 10,553.78         |
| 5 . Chapel Hill                                   | 0.00     | 0.00         | 28 . Mt. Pisgah Baptist        | 253.09              | 1,815.42          |
| 6 . Cheatham Hill                                 | 100.00   | 800.00       | 29 . New Canaan                | 250.00              | 2,338.10          |
| 7 . Clarkdale                                     | 50.00    | 400.00       | 30 . New Georgia               | 1,000.00            | 5,000.00          |
| 8 . Concord                                       | 0.00     | 1,562.00     | 31 . New Hope                  | 416.67              | 3,333.36          |
| 9 . Cornerstone                                   | 2,372.57 | 11,457.09    | 32 . New Life                  | 0.00                | 1,000.00          |
| 10 . County Line                                  | 171.06   | 1,509.54     | 33 . On Mission Church         | 0.00                | 0.00              |
| 11 . Cowan Mill                                   | 0.00     | 0.00         | 34 . Pleasant Grove            | 791.58              | 3,804.25          |
| 12 . Dorsett Shoals                               | 1,070.03 | 5,595.94     | 35 . Pleasant Hill             | 106.65              | 861.73            |
| 13 . Doss Memorial                                | 32.00    | 374.86       | 36 . Poplar Springs            | 1,308.00            | 9,743.00          |
| 14 . Ebenezer                                     | 315.00   | 2,273.00     | 37 . Pumpkinvine               | 0.00                | 303.33            |
| 15 . <i>Eglise Baptiste Universelle de Dallas</i> | 0.00     | 0.00         | 38 . South Cobb                | 0.00                | 200.00            |
| 16 . Ephesus                                      | 3,111.26 | 28,301.03    | 39 . Sunset Hills              | 254.00              | 2,140.00          |
| 17 . FBC Douglasville                             | 416.66   | 3,333.31     | 40 . Sweetwater                | 150.00              | 1,200.00          |
| 18 . FBC Hiram                                    | 0.00     | 7,390.71     | 41 . Tabernacle                | 0.00                | 3,600.00          |
| 19 . FBC Lithia Springs                           | 2,218.92 | 9,589.29     | 42 . Union Grove               | 354.17              | 2,833.36          |
| 20 . FBC Mableton                                 | 166.66   | 666.64       | 43 . Unity                     | 1,027.39            | 2,941.98          |
| 21 . FBC Powder Springs                           | 1,741.70 | 16,282.73    | 44 . Victory                   | 0.00                | 1,529.00          |
| 22 . First Haitian BC Douglasville                | 0.00     | 133.00       | 45 . Westview                  | 227.23              | 1,224.48          |
| 23 . Grace Christian Church (Haitian)             | 0.00     | 0.00         | 46 . Word of Life              | 0.00                | 500.00            |
|   |          |              | 47 . Zion View                 | 0.00                | 0.00              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                      |          |              |                                | <b>\$ 22,022.12</b> | <b>161,726.56</b> |

# 2024 Ministry Action Budget

|   |    |            |
|---|----|------------|
| 100 - CHURCH PLANTING & COMMUNITY MINISTRY            | \$ | 67,238.00  |
|   |    |            |
| 200 - CHURCH LEADERSHIP & REVITALIZATION              | \$ | 12,500.00  |
|   |    |            |
| 300 & 400 - MISSION STAFF & MINISTRY RELATED EXPENSES | \$ | 163,710.72 |
|   |    |            |
| 500 - MINISTRY SUPPORT                                | \$ | 37,100.00  |
|   |    |            |
| TOTAL BUDGET  | \$ | 280,548.72 |

# Order of Business



Call to Order

Rev. Jeff Davis, Moderator

Adoption of Annual Report

Rev. Jeff Davis, Moderator

Presentation of 2024 Budget

Mr. Wes Williams, Finance Committee Chair

Appointment of Nominating Committee

Rev. Jeff Davis, Moderator

Election of Officers

Rev. Jeff Davis, Moderator

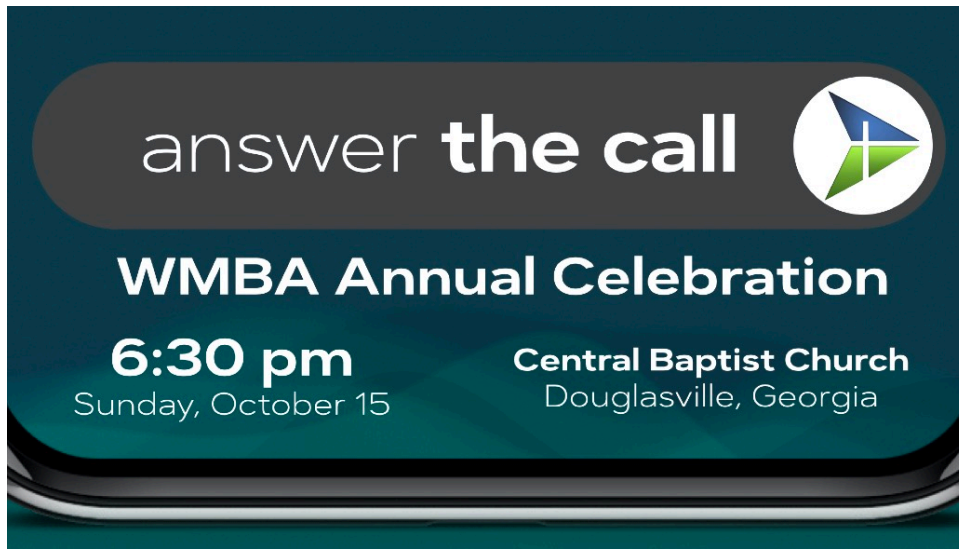
Miscellaneous Business

Rev. Jeff Davis, Moderator

Adjournment  
Closing Prayer



# Worship Celebration



Pre Service Announcements

Introduction Video

Welcome, Scripture, and Prayer

Rev. Jeff Davis, Moderator  
Rev. Matt Crowe, Pastor, Central Baptist Church

Introduction of New Pastors

Dr. Jason Loudermilk, Mission Strategist

Congregational Worship

Rev. Vernon Thornton, Worship Pastor  
Central Baptist Church

Mission Strategist Vision Casting

Dr. Jason Loudermilk, Mission Strategist

Choir  
Special Music

Central Baptist Church

Missions Offering

Dr. Jason Loudermilk, Mission Strategist

Introduction of Speaker

Rev. Jeff Davis, Moderator

Message

Dr. Jamie Dew  
President, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

Closing Song  
Congregational Worship

Rev. Vernon Thornton Worship Pastor  
Central Baptist Church

Closing Remarks

Dr. Jason Loudermilk, Mission Strategist

Benediction

Dr. Wayne Meadows, Asst. Moderator  
2024 Host Church Pastor

# SUMMARY REPORT 2022

West Metro Baptist Association

| CONGREGATION                                 | Church / Mission | Total Bapt. | Other Add. | Total Church Mem. | Sunday School Enroll. | Sunday School Avg. Att. | VBS Enroll. | Total Disc. Training | Church Music Enroll. | Total Men's Min. | Total Receipts | Total Coop Program | Total Assoc. Missions | Total Miss. Exp. |
|--|------------------|-------------|------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Beulah Baptist Church                        | Church           | 16          | 17         | 1,812             | 0                     | 146                     | 150         | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$74,413           | \$9,333               | \$102,746        |
| Brownwood Baptist Church                     | Church           | 0           | 0          | 0                 | 0                     | 0                       | 0           | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$0                | \$0                   | \$1,399          |
| Calvary Baptist Church of Austell Inc        | Church           | 3           | 10         | 791               | 0                     | 84                      | 125         | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$25,218           | \$5,903               | \$41,208         |
| Central Baptist Church                       | Church           | 16          | 7          | 2,668             | 0                     | 251                     | 206         | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$73,940           | \$14,500              | \$169,623        |
| Chapel Hill Road Baptist Church              | Church           | 0           | 2          | 80                | 0                     | 15                      | 0           | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$600              | \$400                 | \$2,600          |
| Cheatham Hill Baptist Church                 | Church           | 1           | 1          | 56                | 0                     | 25                      | 0           | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$1,500            | \$0                   | \$1,500          |
| Clarkdale First Baptist Church               | Church           | 0           | 0          | 0                 | 0                     | 0                       | 0           | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$0                | \$0                   | \$1,430          |
| Concord Baptist Church                       | Church           | 0           | 0          | 0                 | 0                     | 0                       | 0           | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$6,441            | \$0                   | \$10,403         |
| Cornerstone Baptist Church                   | Church           | 2           | 5          | 425               | 0                     | 250                     | 0           | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$32,846           | \$16,746              | \$52,092         |
| County Line Baptist Church                   | Church           | 0           | 0          | 378               | 0                     | 0                       | 0           | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$13,511           | \$5,127               | \$24,349         |
| Cowan Mill Baptist Church Inc                | Church           | 0           | 0          | 0                 | 0                     | 0                       | 0           | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$0                | \$0                   | \$0              |
| Dorsett Shoals Baptist Church                | Church           | 3           | 3          | 948               | 0                     | 93                      | 107         | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$37,643           | \$7,126               | \$63,236         |
| Doss Memorial Baptist Church                 | Church           | 0           | 0          | 159               | 0                     | 8                       | 0           | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$1,255            | \$1,324               | \$4,274          |
| Ebenezer Baptist Church                      | Church           | 1           | 0          | 242               | 0                     | 0                       | 0           | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$3,631            | \$3,622               | \$8,463          |
| Eglise Baptiste Universelle de Dallas        | Mission          | 0           | 0          | 0                 | 0                     | 0                       | 0           | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$0                | \$0                   | \$0              |
| Ephesus Baptist Church                       | Church           | 14          | 31         | 2,065             | 0                     | 329                     | 250         | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$186,569          | \$40,880              | \$345,497        |
| First Baptist Church Douglasville            | Church           | 28          | 46         | 3,322             | 0                     | 313                     | 173         | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$0                | \$5,000               | \$25,000         |
| First Baptist Church Lithia Springs          | Church           | 2           | 5          | 268               | 0                     | 128                     | 60          | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$9,155            | \$14,499              | \$31,416         |
| First Baptist Church Mableton                | Church           | 3           | 3          | 366               | 0                     | 65                      | 89          | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$11,319           | \$1,000               | \$16,645         |
| First Baptist Church Powder Springs          | Church           | 13          | 10         | 2,992             | 0                     | 366                     | 0           | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$130,949          | \$19,273              | \$292,934        |
| First Haitian Baptist Church of Douglasville | Church Plant     |             |            |                   |                       |                         |             |                      |                      |                  |                |                    |                       |                  |
| Grace Christian Church                       | Church           | 2           | 0          | 85                | 0                     | 25                      | 35          | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$0                | \$0                   | \$0              |
| Harper Lake Baptist Church                   | Church           | 0           | 0          | 0                 | 0                     | 0                       | 0           | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$0                | \$0                   | \$0              |
| Heritage Baptist Church                      | Church           | 2           | 7          | 217               | 0                     | 60                      | 0           | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$30,069           | \$9,744               | \$50,372         |
| Highlands Community Church                   | Church           | 0           | 11         | 85                | 0                     | 50                      | 0           | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$0                | \$0                   | \$0              |
| Hiram First Baptist Church                   | Church           | 0           | 0          | 0                 | 0                     | 0                       | 0           | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$0                | \$0                   | \$0              |
| Mount Harmony Baptist Church                 | Church           | 1           | 4          | 725               | 0                     | 88                      | 62          | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$25,754           | \$12,610              | \$46,829         |
| Mount Pisgah Baptist Church                  | Church           | 3           | 3          | 942               | 0                     | 45                      | 60          | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$8,135            | \$3,571               | \$12,549         |
| New Canaan Baptist Church                    | Church           | 3           | 9          | 527               | 0                     | 70                      | 0           | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$25,864           | \$3,279               | \$30,783         |
| New Georgia Baptist Church                   | Church           | 1           | 13         | 1,016             | 0                     | 88                      | 84          | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$6,667            | \$13,000              | \$26,877         |

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|------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| New Hope First Baptist Church      | Church           | 11          | 11         | 123               | 0                     | 42                      | 65           | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$18,083           | \$360                 | \$25,921           |
| New Life Missionary Baptist Church | Church           | 5           | 10         | 170               | 0                     | 45                      | 0            | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$0                | \$0                   | \$2,300            |
| On Mission Church                  | Church           | 0           | 0          | 0                 | 0                     | 0                       | 0            | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$0                | \$0                   | \$0                |
| Pleasant Grove Baptist Church      | Church           | 3           | 14         | 274               | 0                     | 70                      | 34           | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$8,929            | \$4,501               | \$14,014           |
| Pleasant Hill Baptist Church       | Church           | 0           | 0          | 0                 | 0                     | 0                       | 0            | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$0                | \$0                   | \$4,373            |
| Poplar Springs Baptist Church      | Church           | 2           | 12         | 457               | 0                     | 168                     | 77           | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$12,652           | \$14,471              | \$75,160           |
| Pumpkinvine Baptist Church         | Church           | 0           | 0          | 0                 | 0                     | 0                       | 0            | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$2,792            | \$0                   | \$6,332            |
| South Cobb Baptist Church          | Church           | 0           | 0          | 0                 | 0                     | 0                       | 0            | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$0                | \$0                   | \$0                |
| Sunset Hills Baptist Church        | Church           | 0           | 2          | 61                | 0                     | 29                      | 38           | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$913              | \$2,717               | \$6,530            |
| Sweetwater Baptist Church          | Church           | 16          | 33         | 460               | 0                     | 339                     | 114          | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$6,000            | \$1,650               | \$14,460           |
| Tabernacle Baptist Church          | Church           | 25          | 0          | 350               | 0                     | 120                     | 106          | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$6,000            | \$2,800               | \$8,800            |
| Union Grove Baptist Church         | Church           | 0           | 1          | 306               | 0                     | 30                      | 40           | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$8,667            | \$4,250               | \$16,017           |
| Unity Baptist Church               | Church           | 1           | 4          | 450               | 0                     | 19                      | 53           | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$11,857           | \$0                   | \$16,714           |
| Victory Baptist Church             | Church           | 2           | 12         | 298               | 0                     | 22                      | 50           | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$2,889            | \$2,745               | \$11,461           |
| Westview Baptist Church            | Church           | 0           | 0          | 0                 | 0                     | 0                       | 0            | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$8,644            | \$0                   | \$9,294            |
| Word of Life Baptist Church        | Church           | 0           | 10         | 160               | 0                     | 55                      | 12           | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$1,500            | \$800                 | \$2,300            |
| Zion View Baptist Church           | Church           | 0           | 0          | 0                 | 0                     | 0                       | 0            | 0                    | 0                    | 0                | \$0            | \$0                | \$0                   | \$0                |
| <b>Totals</b>                      |                  | <b>179</b>  | <b>296</b> | <b>23,278</b>     | <b>0</b>              | <b>3,438</b>            | <b>1,990</b> | <b>0</b>             | <b>0</b>             | <b>0</b>         | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$794,405</b>   | <b>\$221,231</b>      | <b>\$1,575,900</b> |

# Memorial Observance

## **Beulah**

Pat Patterson  
Betty Tozzo  
Linda Northcutt  
Billy Ray

## **Calvary**

James Murdock  
Helen Holladay  
Thomas Williamson  
James Pope  
Elizabeth Richards  
Joan Harper  
Margie Boone  
Syble Helms

## **Central**

Margaret Bennett  
Max Craft, Sr.  
Wylodine Crawford  
Ruth Ellison  
Erma Fair  
Sam Griffin  
Kelby House  
Jenny Lambert  
Nell O'Shields  
Belton Tucker  
Jim Ward  
Nena Wier  
Dot Yeager

## **Chapel Hill Rd.**

Patsy Hulse  
Charles Kimsey

## **Concord**

Mrs. Susan Ashley  
Mr. Bill Standridge  
Mrs. Pat Barron  
Mrs. Lee Rollins  
Mrs. Drew Massey

## **County Line**

Cindy Rosenlieb

## **Dorsett Shoals**

Carol Durham  
James Gammill  
Myra Lee  
Charles (Lee) Hill  
Patsy Martin  
Gayle Smith

## **Ephesus**

Andrea Dutton  
Hugh Grimmer  
Edie Gwaltney  
Clarice Helms  
Jerry Holbrook  
Brenda Holder  
Tim King  
Lee Pierce  
Iris Robinson  
Drew Slay  
Gary Smith  
Butch Streetman  
Clara Wilson  
Jean Wright

## **FBC Douglasville**

Gerald Benson  
Shirley Biggs  
Lee Bolen  
Vickie Burnett

## **FBC Douglasville contd.**

Doug Coats  
Hazel Daws  
Charles Fulmer  
Edna Gable  
Clark Gable  
Elaine Holtzclaw  
Harold House  
James Huffman  
Malcolm James  
Carol Jones  
Lucille Ostrom  
Chris Robbins  
Annette Sewell  
Steve Spencer  
Jacqueline Taylor  
Shirley Tucker  
Larry Weems  
Jane Yancey

## **FBC Lithia Springs**

Betty Jean Sikes  
Dorothy Callaway  
Ruby Nell Morris  
Olivia Clark  
Albert Still  
Rebecca Turner  
Rita McCray  
Sue Fields  
Gloria Ricci

## **FBC Mableton**

Harold Trotter  
Mary Dunn  
Virginia Parker  
Donald Hall

## **Mt. Harmony**

Mary Newman  
Bob Thomas  
Ron Hollingsworth  
Barbara Thomas  
Jane Carney  
Marion Buddy Oliver  
James Elkins  
Edna Bartlett  
Jane Langston  
Larry Allen  
Bobby Thomas  
Glenda Dodge  
Gene Benton  
George Elliott

## **Mt. Pisgah**

Joyce Conn  
Mark Foster  
Alice Jane Griggs  
Dorothy Griggs  
Leigh Ann Reynolds  
Alonza Sanders

## **Pleasant Grove**

Caroline "CJ" Baldwin  
Eleanor Powell  
Elizabeth Meredith  
Jim Powell  
Linda Nix  
Jack Pelt  
Maggie Robbins  
Melba Bagwell  
Ronnie Shipp  
Sharon Corman

## **Poplar Springs**

Tom Byerly  
Dolores Collier  
Mary Fitzgerald  
Richard Kirk  
Nancy Hightower  
Theresa Allen  
John Combs  
Linda Simmers

## **Pumpkinvine**

Barbara Edwards

# Nominating Committee Report

## **Current Associational Officers:**

Moderator: Jeff Davis,  
Mt. Pisgah  
Assistant Moderator:  
Wayne Meadows,  
Poplar Springs  
Finance Committee  
Chairman: Wes Williams  
Tabernacle  
Clerk: Randal Whitten,  
Mt. Harmony  
Treasurer: Will Murray,  
Beulah Church  
Mission Strategist: Jason Loudermilk

## **Georgia Baptist Representatives:**

The Christian Index: James  
Cook, Victory  
Georgia Baptist Children's  
Home: Lynn Monroe,  
Victory  
Baptist Collegiate Ministries:  
Ben Lang, Cornerstone

## **State Executive Committee Member:**

Derek Berry,  
Tabernacle, 2021-2025

## **Ministry Leadership**

### **Disaster Relief:**

Deborah Sides

### **Builders for Christ:**

Chris Ayers, FBC Mableton

**WMU:** Kim Jeffrey, Mt. Pisgah

## **Leadership Team:**

Moderator  
Assistant Moderator  
Chairman of Finance Comm.  
Clerk  
\_\_\_\_\_ 2024  
Keith Stell, New Georgia 2025  
Mission Strategist

## **Finance Team:**

Chairman: Tim Akin, FBC Douglasville,  
2024  
Wayne Phipps, Unity, 2025  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2026  
Mission Strategist  
Treasurer  
Moderator  
Assistant Moderator

## **Membership Team:**

Chairman: Justin Harris, New  
Canaan, 2024  
Billy Godwin, Ephesus, 2025  
Ben Lang, Cornerstone, 2026

## **Prison Ministry:**

Douglas County:  
Butch Wilson, Pleasant Grove

## **2024 Program Team:**

Chairman: Assistant Moderator  
Wayne Meadows, Poplar Springs  
Poplar Springs Staff  
Moderator  
Mission Strategist

# WMBA 2024 Calendar

## JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day—WMBA Missions Center Closed
- 2 WMBA Missions Center reopens
- 10 WMBA Finance Team Meeting @ 9:00 a.m.—as needed—via email
- 16 WMBA Leadership Team Meeting @ 2:00 p.m.
- TBD Builders for Christ Meeting @ TBD.—Love Bridge Church, Austell
- TBD Pastors Day at the Capitol
- TBD Legislative Prayer Bkfst.
- 25 WMBA Executive Committee Meeting @ 11:00 a.m.

## FEBRUARY

- 25-26 Georgia Baptist Evangelism Conf.-FBC Conyers

## MARCH

- TBD Builders for Christ Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.—Love Bridge Church, Austell
- 3-10 Week of Prayer and Mission Study for North American Missions & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- 24 Palm Sunday
- 28 Maundy Thursday
- 29 Good Friday
- 31 EASTER

## APRIL

- TBD Builders for Christ Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.—Love Bridge Church, Austell
- 24 Administrative Professionals Day

## MAY

- 2 National Day of Prayer
- TBD Builders for Christ Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.—Love Bridge Church, Austell
- 8 WMBA Finance Team Meeting @ 9:00 a.m.—as needed
- 14 WMBA Administration Team Meeting @ 2:00 p.m.
- 20 WMBA Executive Committee Meeting @ 11:00 a.m.
- 20 WMBA Lunch & Learn @ 12:00 Noon—FBC Lithia Springs
- 27 Memorial Day—WMBA Missions Center Closed

## JUNE

- 11-12 Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting—Indianapolis, IN



# WMBA 2024 Calendar

## JULY

- 1-4 WMBA Missions Center Closed
- 4 Independence Day
- 27 WMBA PrayerWalk for Schools

## AUGUST

- TBD GBMB SPARK Conference

## SEPTEMBER

- 2 Labor Day—WMBA Missions Center Closed
- 11 WMBA Finance Team Meeting @ 9:00 a.m.
- 17 WMBA Leadership Team Meeting & Officer Picture Day @ 2:00 p.m.
- 19 WMBA Executive Committee Meeting @ 11:00 a.m.—WMBA
- 19 WMBA—GA Baptist Children’s Home Truck Loading @ 3:00-5:30 p.m.—TBD

## OCTOBER

- 13 Pastor/Minister Appreciation Day
- 16 Boss’s Day
- 20 WMBA Annual Celebration @ 5:30 p.m. dinner/business mtg. & 6:30 p.m. Worship Celebration Service—Poplar Springs BC, Hiram
- 20-27 Week of Prayer for Baptist Associations
- TBD Christmas Backpacks—10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. —TBD

## NOVEMBER

- 4-5 GBC Annual Meeting—TBD
- 25-28 WMBA Missions Center Closed
- 28 Thanksgiving

## DECEMBER

- 1-8 Week of Prayer & Mission Study for International Missions & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- 25 CHRISTMAS
- 23-Jan. 2 WMBA Missions Center Closed—reopens 1/6/25

Dates are subject to change, please check with the WMBA office.

# Christmas Backpack/Mission Report

## Christmas Backpacks/Mission Report

By Cathy Whitten



We hope that your church is planning to participate in the Christmas Backs this year. The West Metro Baptist Association will be partnering with Hale Community Ministries in Elizabethton, Tennessee, again this year. We will be collecting backpacks filled with items for children ages 3 to 18. Please see our website <https://www.westmetrobaptist.com/backpacks> for the list of suggested items to pack, how to pack your backpacks, and how to label your backpacks. Please follow the specific guidelines. The collection date will be October 23, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Beulah Church, Douglasville.

The WMBA has 17 inch backpacks for our churches to reimburse us for use with the Christmas Backpacks, \$3.00 per backpack. Please contact Cathy at [cw@westmetrobaptist.com](mailto:cw@westmetrobaptist.com) to acquire your backpacks.

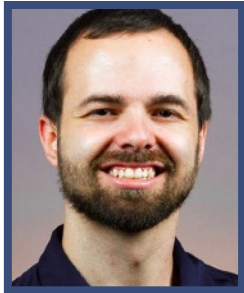


# Baptist Collegiate Ministries Report

## Baptist Collegiate Ministry at Georgia Tech

By Eric Swenson, State Missionary

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Georgia Tech BCM has had a wonderful spring semester that just wrapped up a couple weeks ago! One of our primary goals going into this semester was to greatly increase our evangelistic presence on campus. I am pleased to report that we have accomplished that goal. There has been great progress in reaching our campus and there is also much more work to be done!

By myself alone, we have had over 500 gospel conversations with students on campus. Our BCM has become much more intentional and bold with sharing their faith. This has come through prayer

meetings that we have held 3 times a week to pray for our campus as well as we have introduced having at least one organized evangelistic outreach on campus every single week. This focus that we have put on prayer and evangelism has reaped great fruit both on campus and in the lives of our BCM students. 14 students have placed their faith in Christ this semester! We also currently have 9 students who have accepted a call to vocational ministry/missions and 16 of our students are serving in some sort of summer missions opportunity this summer.

I want to thank the association and all of our churches for supporting us, praying for us, and getting involved in the day to day ministry of discipling students at Georgia Tech. I would ask that you pray for our students over the summer as they go back home or are serving on mission trips. Pray that they keep their focus on Jesus and continue to seek Him and make disciples wherever the Lord has them this summer. Also pray for our new incoming student leadership team for the fall as they make preparations to lead and serve us in the fall.

# Baptist Collegiate Ministries Report

## Baptist Collegiate Ministry at Georgia State

By Austin Reaves State Missionary

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The Georgia State BCM is amid a significant change as Teresa Royall has retired as campus minister after 43 years of service on campus and Austin Reaves has recently stepped into the role of campus minister at Georgia State. Austin recently graduated from Southeastern Seminary with a Master's of Divinity with a focus in Christian Ministry. Austin and his wife Savannah were heavily involved in BCM during their time in college and he has used his experience as a student and as an intern at Georgia Southern University to hit the ground running at Georgia State. Austin and Savannah's 9-month-old daughter, Emerson, has been dubbed "Baby Pounce" by students as she is the new mascot of the BCM.

God has truly been at work on the Georgia State campus, and we are so excited to get to do ministry everyday here. The semester kicked off with an International Student lunch in which over 100 students from all over the world visited our ministry center. We have since been able to follow up with them and pair them with families from local churches to be friendship families and invite them to events such as a hike to Kennesaw Mountain and future international events we will have throughout the semester.

This year we have placed an emphasis on evangelism and sharing our faith at the BCM. Each week we gather at the BCM and scatter around our campus in groups of two with the intention of sharing the good news of the gospel with others. So far, we have been able to share the gospel in its entirety with 143 students on campus, have seen 3 students make professions of faith, and have been able to get them plugged in to our discipleship pipeline!

We cannot thank the West Metro Baptist Association for the ways you have loved and served the BCM at Georgia State throughout the years! As we enter this new season of ministry, we are looking forward to partnering with local churches. If you would like to sign up for our Georgia State BCM monthly newsletter, please visit our website at [bcmgsu.org](http://bcmgsu.org) and click on the link to connect with us and we will send you monthly updates of our day-to-day ministry. If you would like to partner with the BCM by providing a meal for one of our Ignite worship services or serving in another way, please contact Austin at [areaves.bcm@gabaptist.org](mailto:areaves.bcm@gabaptist.org). Additionally, if Austin can help serve your church in any way, whether it be pulpit supply or helping create a strategy for your church to reach college students, please contact him via email or phone at (678) 633-1290.

# Builders for Christ Report

## BFC Team Report

*By Chris Ayers, Director*



The Builders for Christ went to Mt. Vernon Kentucky and worked on Mt. Vernon Baptist Church. We went June 24th thru June 30th. We helped demo in turning their Gym area into the new Sanctuary. We had 19 people go to help with the work.

Pray the Lord continues to Bless the Ministry they have.



# Prayer Walk for Schools Report

## PrayerWalk for Schools

*Report By Cathy Whitten*



The WMBA 2023 Prayer Walk for Schools was held on Saturday, July, 30, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. The WMBA is encouraged our churches to not only physically pray at school locations, but to also pray from their homes or churches and then share that they prayed on our Facebook page.

15 Churches Participated  
51 Schools Prayed Over  
325 People Prayed

Thank you, for your partnership in praying for our schools in Cobb, Douglas & Paulding counties!

# VBS Report

## Vacation Bible School Report

By Cathy Whitten



Children continue to hear God's Word through the West Metro churches Vacation Bible Schools. This year there were 22 Vacation Bible Schools throughout the WMBA during the months of June and July. This year six different curriculums were used, Stellar, Wild Life, Twists & Turns, Ready Set Move, Keeper of the Kingdom, and Summer Blast. Though different curriculums were used our churches continue to share the Gospel of Christ.

# World Hunger Report

## World Hunger Report

By Cathy Whitten



The WMBA received \$3,000 from the GBMB World Hunger Fund, which was \$1,000 less than the amount received in 2022, so the WMBA added \$1,000 so that each agency would receive \$1,000. The WMBA distributed the funds to the following agencies for food assistance:

**Cobb County:** Warehouse of Hope

**Douglas County:** Good Samaritan Center

Samaritan Center

**Paulding County:** Helping Hands of Paulding County

**All 3 counties:** Grace Transformed

**First Quarter 2023:** The combined agencies reported assisting 58,074 individuals with food, 4,840 evangelistic encounters, and 888 professions of faith.

**Second Quarter 2023:** The combined agencies reported assisting 38,586 individuals with food, 6,731 evangelistic encounters, and 149 professions of faith.



# GA Baptist Children's Home Report

## Georgia Baptist Children's Home Report

By Lynn Monroe, WMBA Children's Home Representative



What a wonderful fall day the Lord gave us for the WMBA annual Children's Home Truck Loading.

Thank you to everyone for your faithfulness you show in supporting the Georgia Baptist Children's Home each year. Two 15 passenger vans, seats removed, were completely full. Gift cards amounting to \$1,045 and Checks amounting to \$1,250 were given.

Cornerstone Baptist Church is so gracious to allow us the use of their facility as a collection point. PTL!

Cathy Whitten, thank you for keeping the churches informed and Marty Guy, you are awesome and I appreciate the help in loading the vans. Again the Lord has blessed!

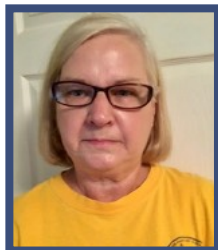
**\*\*\*SAVE the DATE Thursday, September 19, 2024\*\*\***

Mark your calendars for the 2024 WMBA Georgia Baptist Children's Home Truck Loading.

# Disaster Relief Report

## Disaster Relief Report

By Deborah Sides, Unit 10 R, WMBA Disaster Relief



This year has already been a busy year for Disaster Relief. We had Units respond to Griffin , West Point , and most recently to Valdosta. For 3 weeks Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief converged on Valdosta, GA in the immediate aftermath of a CAT 2 hurricane. Over 30,000 meals prepared, 309 residential help requests with trees and tarps, 1200+ ministry contacts and 10 salvations. What a time of ministry. None of this could have been completed without our volunteers! A huge shout out to Northside Baptist Church for their openness to host our teams.

We could not continue this ministry without the support of our churches and those that are willing to go when God calls.

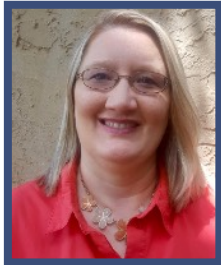
There are several upcoming training opportunities( <https://gabaptist.org/ministries/disaster-relief/> )please encourage your church to participate and become a volunteer during one of these training events. We are looking forward to seeing more and more of you to reach out bringing Help, Hope, and Healing to those in need.

# Rising Oak Missions Report

## Rising Oak Missions Report

By Kim Jeffrey, MSC Missionary with NAMB

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## Summer Praises

I had a very busy summer with backyard Bible clubs, TeenScene, Vacation Bible School, distributing school supplies and Camp Pinnacle. In June, I hosted Bible clubs at Kingsley Village and Parkview. We zoomed around Australia learning how we are each fearfully and wonderfully made. This was a very powerful message for these students as there is a lot of confusion in society

about this issue. As an overflow of BYBC, several students also attended VBS at Mt. Pisgah with me. I love that these students had two full weeks of being immersed in God's word. I also hosted a three day event for teens at Parkview. I'm excited to report that over 20 students came each night. We had a lot of fun digging into God's word, eating junk food and playing games and

games. This was a wonderful opportunity to connect with students and share Christ with them.

I was also able to take five teen girls from church to Camp Pinnacle this summer. I was able to share with the teens about apartment house ministry.

I'm **praising God** because of his continued work in the hearts of students that four students **made decisions for Christ this summer** at BYBC and VBS.



Kim Jeffrey is a Missions Service Corp (MSC) missionary with NAMB. She leads on-site ministry in Parkview, Hunter's Grove and Kingsley Village Apartments in Cobb County, Georgia. She also transports several children/families to church with her at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church. For more information or to volunteer, contact her at 770.605.8673 or [risingoakmissions@gmail.com](mailto:risingoakmissions@gmail.com). She is also available to speak to your Sunday school, missions organizations, prayer meeting, etc. about what God is doing in apartment house ministry. MSC missionaries are self-funded. All donations are tax-deductible. Please make checks payable to NAMB with Acct: #8999 in the memo section and mail to Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church. Like us on Facebook at Rising Oak Missions.