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ANNUAL REPORT

2021

145TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION

OCTOBER 17, 2021



Jason Loudermilk
Mission Strategist



Derek Berry
Moderator



Jeff Davis
Asst. Moderator



Randal Whitten
Clerk



Will Murray
Finance Chairman



Kevin McKoy
Treasurer



Cathy Whitten
Ministry Assistant

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Revitalization**

**Church
Planting**



**we are
witnesses**

2021 WMBA ANNUAL CELEBRATION



Message from the MISSION STRATEGIST



Welcome to the 145th 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 celebrating the calling we have been given to be witnesses for Jesus. We trust His power over all and we work together to accomplish the task of making disciples of Jesus Christ. As the church, we need to be an engaging community of believers that live out the gospel we believe. 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 indeed witnesses of what Christ has done, to the glory of God!

I would like to express thanks to J.J. Washington for his willingness to preach for us, and to Derek Berry and Aric Butler and Jeff Davis 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 Ministry Action Budget Monthly Report			
MINISTRY CATEGORY	2021 M.A.B.	Monthly Expenses	Year to Date Expenses Current
		AUGUST	
100 CHURCH PLANTING & MISSION ENGAGEMENT	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 20.82	\$ 1,168.48
200 CHURCH LEADERSHIP & REVITALIZATION	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 38.85	\$ 2,469.77
300-400 PERSONNEL EXPENSES	\$ 143,766.00	\$ 10,767.65	\$ 91,311.53
500 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$ 37,300.00	\$ 2,854.21	\$ 18,189.98
SUB TOTAL		\$ 13,681.53	\$ 113,139.76
Monthly Fees/Loss		\$ -	\$ 369.89
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 232,066.00	\$ 13,681.53	\$ 113,509.65
Monthly General Budget Receipts		\$ 18,187.10	\$ 170,154.60
Monthly Budget Expenditures Excess or (Deficit)		\$ 4,505.57	\$ 56,644.95

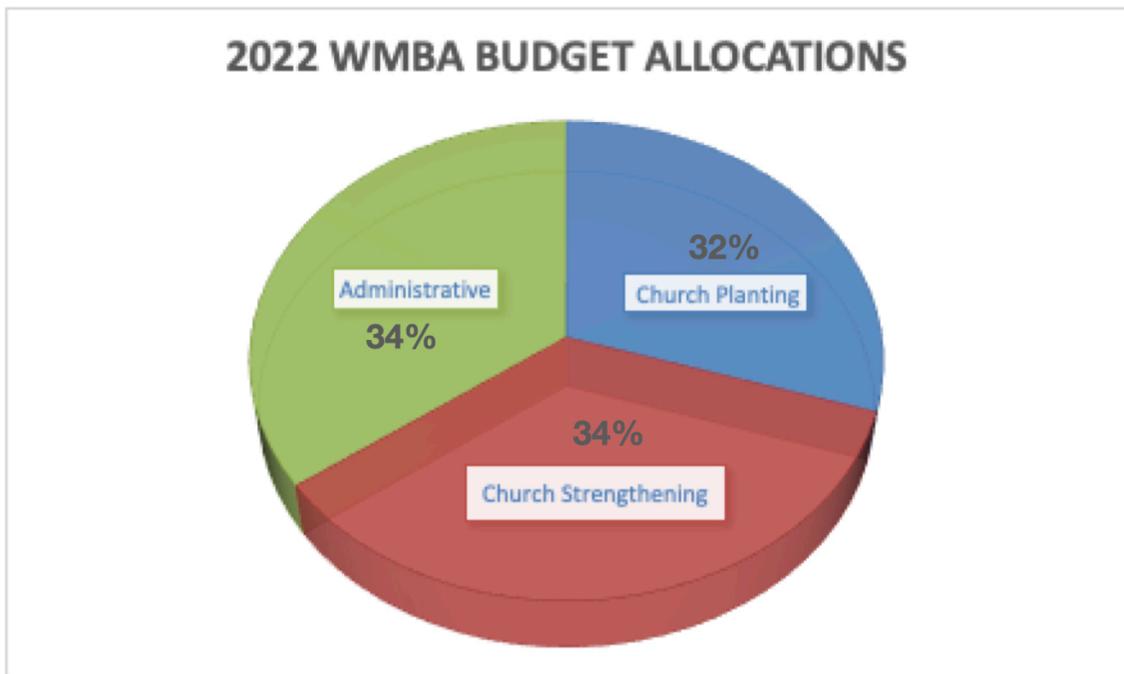
		<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>AVAILABLE</u>
GENERAL BUDGET & RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCES:			
PNC	Checking Budget Checking Operating	\$ 124,505.57	\$ 124,505.57
PNC	Checking-Reserve	\$ 26,631.75	\$ 26,631.75
GA Bapt. Found.	Managed Trust	<u>\$ 142,671.84</u>	<u>\$ 142,671.84</u>
Total of GB/R Accounts		\$ 293,809.16	\$ 293,809.16
DESIGNATED ACCOUNT BALANCE:			
Ga Bapt. Found.	New Work Trust	\$ 190,768.95	
PNC	Designated Checking DR	<u>\$ 11,480.07</u>	
Total of GB/R & Designated Accounts		\$ 496,058.18	\$ 293,809.16
DESIGNATED FUNDS:			
	Food Assistance	\$ -	
	Disaster Relief	\$ 10,635.71	
	New Work Fund	<u>\$ 24,209.65</u>	
Total of Designated Funds		\$ 34,845.36	
AVAILABLE OPERATING FUNDS:			
Total Operating Funds Available			\$ 461,212.82

West Metro Baptist Association Church Contribution List 2021

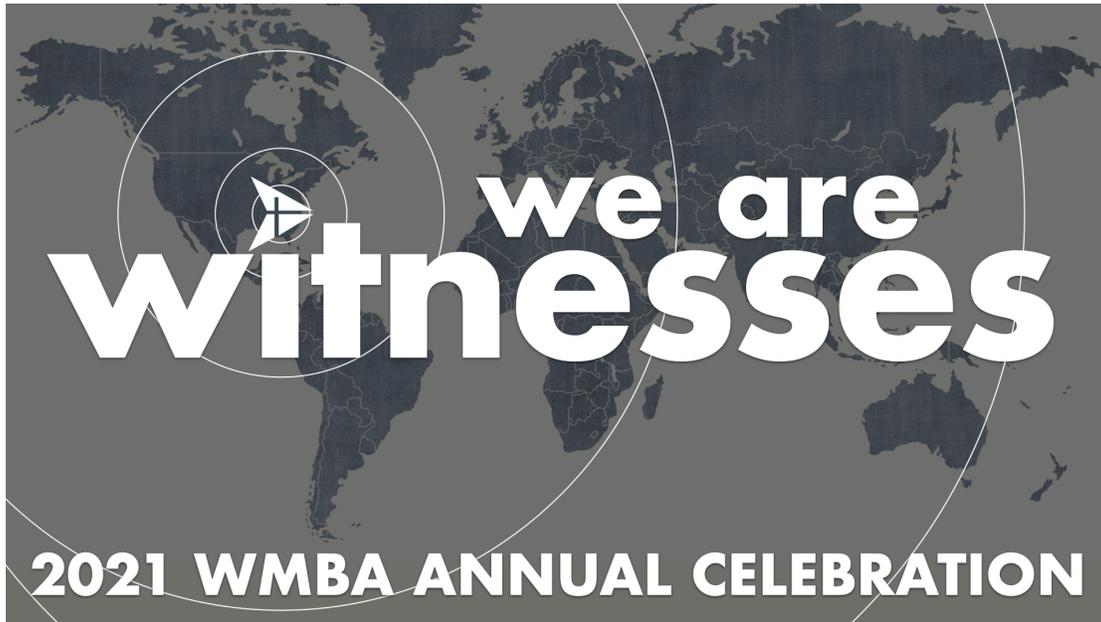
Church	AUGUST	Year to Date	Church	AUGUST	Year to Date
1 . Beulah	166.67	1,333.36	26 Highland Community Church	0.00	0.00
2 . Brownwood	0.00	366.00	27 . Iglesia de Mableton	0.00	0.00
3 . Calvary	409.36	4,193.40	28 . Mt. Harmony	0.00	6,231.38
4 . Central	416.63	3,333.32	29 . Mt. Pisgah Baptist	509.98	2,294.84
5 . Chapel Hill	0.00	300.00	30 . New Canaan	215.89	1,326.91
6 . Cheatham Hill	100.00	900.00	31 . New Georgia	1,083.35	8,666.60
7 . Clarkdale	50.00	400.00	32 . New Harvest	0.00	10,000.00
8 . Concord	0.00	2,788.00	33 . New Hope	30.00	270.00
9 . Comerstone	2,918.09	13,081.27	34 . New Life	0.00	2,400.00
10 . County Line	0.00	2,015.00	35 . On Mission Church	0.00	0.00
11 . Cowan Mill	0.00	0.00	36 . Pleasant Grove	832.91	4,038.54
12 . Dorsett Shoals	804.51	5,034.78	37 . Pleasant Hill	150.61	1,196.84
13 . Doss Memorial	0.00	610.27	38 . Poplar Springs	1,453.00	9,834.17
14 . Ebenezer	391.00	3,266.00	39 . Pray's Mill	0.00	0.00
15 . Eglise Baptiste Universelle de Dallas	0.00	0.00	40 . Pumpkinvine	71.38	590.46
16 . Ephesus	2,750.51	25,972.31	41 . South Cobb	0.00	0.00
17 . FBC Douglasville	0.00	6,666.35	42 . Sunset Hills	0.00	845.00
18 . FBC Hiram	0.00	8,230.45	43 . Sweetwater	150.00	1,200.00
19 . FBC Lithia Springs	1,716.92	9,748.38	44 . Tabernacle	0.00	1,200.00
20 . FBC Mableton	83.33	749.97	45 . Union Grove	354.17	2,833.36
21 . FBC Powder Springs	1,911.64	16,620.70	46 . Unity	876.30	3,043.09
22 . Friendship	0.00	0.00	47 . Victory	0.00	1,384.00
23 . Grace Christian Church (Haitian)	0.00	0.00	48 . Westview	81.96	863.25
24 . Harper Lake	0.00	0.00	49 . Word of Life	0.00	500.00
25 . Heritage	658.89	5,821.60	50 . Zion View	0.00	0.00
			TOTAL	\$ 18,187.10	170,149.60

2022 Ministry Action Budget

100 - CHURCH PLANTING & COMMUNITY MINISTRY	\$	69,000
200 - CHURCH LEADERSHIP & REVITALIZATION	\$	17,500
300 & 400 - MISSION STAFF & MINISTRY RELATED EXPENSES	\$	154,861
500 - MINISTRY SUPPORT	\$	37,800
TOTAL BUDGET	\$	279,161



Order of Business



Call to Order

Rev. Derek Berry, Moderator

Adoption of Annual Report

Rev. Derek Berry, Moderator

Presentation of 2022 Budget

Will Murray, Finance Committee Chair

Appointment of Nominating Committee

Rev. Derek Berry, Moderator

Election of Officers

Rev. Derek Berry, Moderator

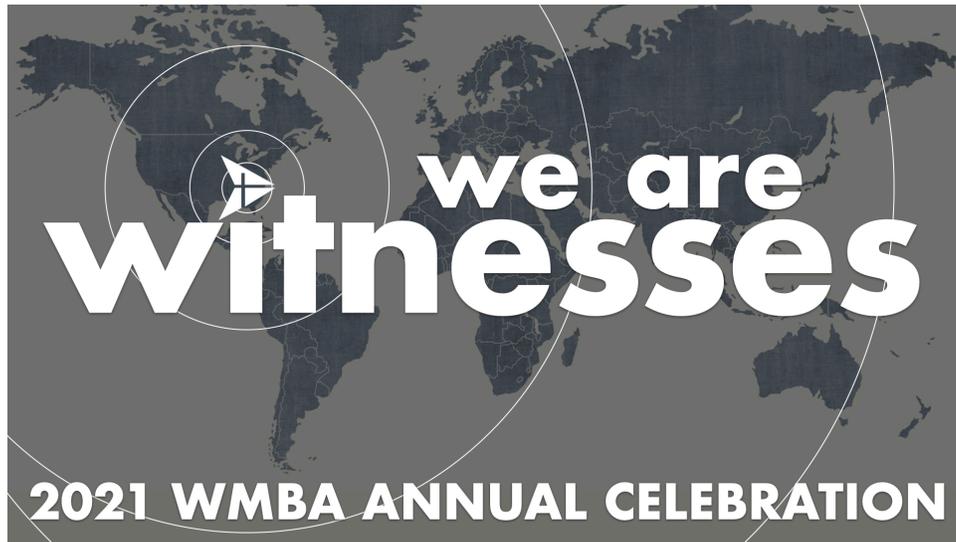
Miscellaneous Business

Rev. Derek Berry, Moderator

Adjournment
Closing Prayer

Rev. Derek Berry, Moderator

Worship Celebration



Pre Service Announcements

Introduction Video

Welcome, Scripture, and Prayer

Rev. Derek Berry, Moderator

Introduction of New Pastors

Dr. Jason Loudermilk, Mission Strategist

Congregational Worship
The Blood Medley

Rev. Aric Butler, Music Pastor, Tabernacle

Thank You Jesus for the Blood

Holly Friar

Mission Strategist Vision Casting

Dr. Jason Loudermilk, Mission Strategist

Choir Special
When I Think About the Lord
Solo

Tabernacle Baptist Church Choir
Holly Friar

Missions Offering

Introduction of Speaker

Rev. Derek Berry, Moderator

Message

Dr. J.J. Washington
Evangelism Catalyst, Georgia Baptist Mission Board

Closing Song
Congregational Worship
How Great Thou Art

Rev. Aric Butler, Music Pastor, Tabernacle

Closing Remarks

Dr. Jason Loudermilk, Mission Strategist

Benediction

Jeff Davis, Asst. Moderator

2020 SUMMARY REPORT
West Metro Baptist Association

CONGREGATION	Church / Mission	Total Bapt.	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	12	1,798	0	244	0	0	15	0	\$0	\$42,857	\$0	\$104,714
Brownwood Baptist Church	Church	0	25	0	6	0	0	4	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,274
Calvary Baptist Church of Austell Inc	Church	0	818	0	128	0	0	27	0	\$0	\$30,357	\$6,588	\$76,096
Central Baptist Church	Church	3	2,720	0	450	0	0	225	0	\$0	\$128,918	\$5,000	\$322,536
Chapel Hill Road Baptist Church	Church	0	53	0	12	0	0	15	0	\$0	\$600	\$0	\$1,800
Cheatham Hill Baptist Church	Church	0	67	0	25	0	0	17	0	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,200	\$4,200
Concord Baptist Church	Church	0	573	0	65	0	0	26	0	\$0	\$9,567	\$0	\$24,179
Cornerstone Baptist Church	Church	4	472	0	225	0	0	65	0	\$0	\$41,629	\$15,875	\$102,134
County Line Baptist Church	Church	0	384	0	40	0	0	3	0	\$0	\$15,556	\$1,575	\$36,680
Cowan Mill Baptist Church Inc	Church	0	430	0	8	0	0	5	0	\$0	\$1,100	\$0	\$2,327
Dorsett Shoals Baptist Church	Church	0	942	0	136	80	0	49	0	\$0	\$28,126	\$7,238	\$87,531
Doss Memorial Baptist Church	Church	0	159	0	9	0	0	14	0	\$0	\$1,838	\$1,344	\$7,145
Ebenezer Baptist Church	Church	0	251	0	10	0	0	2	0	\$0	\$4,133	\$3,906	\$15,574
Eglise Baptiste Universelle de Dallas	Mission	0	40	0	31	0	0	1	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ephesus Baptist Church	Church	14	2,072	0	503	0	0	100	0	\$0	\$187,394	\$38,088	\$496,588
Clarkdale First Baptist Church	Church	0	340	0	20	0	0	20	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$865
First Baptist Church Douglasville	Church	26	3,584	0	571	45	0	165	0	\$0	\$100,000	\$11,667	\$290,494
Hiram First Baptist Church	Church	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
First Baptist Church Lithia Springs	Church	4	408	0	175	20	0	35	0	\$0	\$74,819	\$7,487	\$162,409
First Baptist Church Mableton	Church	0	360	0	103	30	0	30	0	\$0	\$6,000	\$792	\$20,942
First Baptist Church Powder Springs	Church	12	3,405	0	661	150	0	222	0	\$0	\$188,837	\$24,898	\$543,843
Friendship Baptist Church	Church	0	2,270	0	14	0	0	7	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grace Christian Church	Church	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Harper Lake Baptist Church	Church	0	69	0	25	0	0	21	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Heritage Baptist Church	Church	3	665	0	185	0	0	62	0	\$0	\$22,857	\$9,370	\$55,688
Highlands Community Church	Church	0	163	0	50	0	0	10	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Iglesia de Mableton	Mission	15	123	0	36	0	0	10	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Mount Harmony Baptist Church	Church	0	744	0	111	0	0	54	0	\$0	\$35,267	\$13,495	\$90,214
Mount Pisgah Baptist Church	Church	2	944	0	74	39	0	25	0	\$0	\$10,258	\$3,292	\$25,546
New Canaan Baptist Church	Church	0	942	0	74	0	0	25	0	\$0	\$27,862	\$0	\$55,723
New Georgia Baptist Church	Church	3	1,020	0	158	42	0	48	0	\$0	\$10,000	\$13,000	\$37,700
New Hope First Baptist Church	Church	4	118	0	35	0	0	14	0	\$0	\$15,271	\$0	\$34,553
New Life Missionary Baptist Church	Church	0	360	0	60	0	0	5	0	\$0	\$3,500	\$0	\$7,000
On Mission Church	Church	0	100	0	72	0	0	1	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church	Church	11	344	0	122	0	0	25	0	\$0	\$13,105	\$6,354	\$33,959
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church	Church	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,352
Poplar Springs Baptist Church	Church	1	465	0	129	0	0	108	0	\$0	\$22,793	\$13,018	\$86,584
Pray's Mill Baptist Church	Church	0	341	0	421	0	0	35	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,798
Pumpkinvine Baptist Church	Church	0	200	0	80	0	0	7	0	\$0	\$6,466	\$0	\$17,222
South Cobb Baptist Church	Church	1	165	0	14	0	0	15	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	Church	1	65	0	26	0	0	6	0	\$0	\$1,199	\$1,645	\$5,963
Sweetwater Baptist Church	Church	23	566	0	160	0	0	67	0	\$0	\$6,000	\$1,800	\$14,700
Tabernacle Baptist Church	Church	16	415	0	150	200	0	40	0	\$0	\$10,200	\$3,000	\$23,400
Union Grove Baptist Church	Church	1	314	0	42	23	0	15	0	\$0	\$7,667	\$3,750	\$21,343
Unity Baptist Church	Church	0	471	0	94	0	0	12	0	\$0	\$6,463	\$9,989	\$28,838
Victory Baptist Church	Church	3	288	0	18	0	0	25	0	\$0	\$2,362	\$2,531	\$10,466
Westview Baptist Church	Church	2	200	0	55	0	0	20	0	\$0	\$9,358	\$643	\$19,704
Word of Life Baptist Church	Church	0	150	0	30	0	0	15	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Zion View Baptist Church	Church	0	125	0	25	0	0	21	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Totals		161	30,531	0	5,682	629	0	1,735	0	\$0	\$1,073,859	\$207,545	\$2,877,084

Memorial Observance

Beulah

Sue Gable
Sara Campbell
Geraldine Cheek
Cindy Edwards
Kathryn Williams
Margie Van Orden
Tammy Duhon

Calvary

Thomascina Sims
Dorothy Lowry
Alma Wheeler
Charles Smith
Violet Smith
Margie Rogers
Barbara Gowens
Ross Gowens
Jerry Fuller

Central

Herbert Butler
Alice Camp
Pat Dix
Hugh Horton
Charles Jenkins
Willie Long
Rose McLarty
Mickey Penland
Laura Williams
Bill Wood

Chapel Hill Rd.

Helen Zambo

Cheatham Hill

Douglas Mitchell
Sarah Reece

Concord

Gladys Hunt
Judy McKelvey
Stanley Massey
Sibyl Wheeler
Randall Preston
Evelyn Eubanks

County Line

Cynthia Joyce Logan
Betty Hanes
Jake Adams
Marvolene Perkins

Dorsett Shoals

Shirley Petty

Doss Memorial

Teresa J. Farmer

Ephesus

Bill Howard
Florence Stone
John Lancaster
Ronnie Mullinax
Bob Payne
Bob Guider
Harold Lamb
Richard Hendrix
Martha Kell
Al Pierce
Tom Sanders
Jerri Long
Jerry Philips
Maxine Floyd
Walter Sudduth, Jr.
Jeff Thompson

FBC Douglasville

Bonnie Bloodworth
Joey Bragg
Thomas Crouch
Ann Gable
Ernie Johnson
Bobby Lovin
Iris McLeod
Joyce Ogle
Levi Olowu
Jan Owens
Jack Pasley
Jim Phillips
Linda Pope
Edith Powell
Tammy Robinson
Douglas Sides
Smitty Smith
Jeraldine Walton
Sue Young

FBC Lithia Springs

Joyce Patterson Godfrey
Carl David Bolson
Zenna Disharoon
Edna Gore
Charles Duke
Barbara Gray

FBC Lithia Springs contd.

Elsie Rossow
Johnnie Ruth Sinyard
Gary Rossow

FBC Mableton

Elizabeth Ogburn
Kenneth Adams
Evelyn Sellers
Hal Akins

FBC Powder Springs

Bobby Alexander
Harold Caldwell
Rebecca Caruso
Joan Chambers
Travis Denney
Ken Fenstermaker
Diane Glosson
Joyce Gould
Susan Gravely
Burton Hendrix
Robert Hollingsworth
Jennifer Jeznach-Striplin
Comer Jones
Betty Little
Clemons Mitchell
Waver Mullins
Joe Ransbotham
Jim Richardson
Jill Schimenti
Harlan Smith
Bobby Stinchcomb
Jane Tidwell
Keith Tomlin
Arlene Turner
Kathryn Turner
Jeanette Wade
Amanda Williams
Melvin Wright

Heritage

Sarah Watts
Alice Nelson
Ruth Snelling
Bobbie Jean Stevens
Dan McIntosh
Hubert Reece
Evelyn Humphries
Irene Dwelle

Heritage contd.

Ouida Stubblefield
Howell Black
Highlands Community
James Richard Harrison

Mt. Harmony

Annette Whitmire
Dorothy Dewberry
Raymond Moody
Dorothy Miller
Dan Lindstedt
Clyde Spears
Virginia Peavy
Betty Flowers
Steve Dodd
Esther Walker
Robert Gardner
Lillian Gardner
Jack Williams
Mable Callaway
Pearl Pugh
Nancy Wayman

Mt. Pisgah

Tony Albright
Wilma Jones
Michael Randolph

New Hope FBC

George Hunt
Danny Allen
Sandra Moore
Shirley Farr
Jacob Cardone
Greg Dixon

New Georgia

Madge P. Robinson
Charles E. Sexton
Ray H. Collier, Sr.
Carolyn J. S. Brown
Wanda G. Lovell

Union Grove

Leotine Clackum
Gilbert Brown
Ron Williams
Buddy Rochester
Brenda A. Forester
Gus McFarland
Larry Kirby
Martha R. Calhoun

Pleasant Grove

Andy Anderson
Beth Selman
Gerry Jeffries
J.D. Hamby
Mark Payne
Pam Adams
Ray Carson
Steve Mitchell

Pleasant Hill

Doris Hunter
Bobbie Jean Grantham
Louise Collins
Kim Merritt

Poplar Springs

Brenda Holland
Willard Bowen
Gail Bowen
Barbara Hames
Wilma Holland
Larry Metts
Betty Skinner
Bennie Meadows
Ren Guite
Clifton Williams
Mary Jennings
Gerald Teal Sr.
Kenneth Strickland
Mary Stamps

Pumpkinvine

Geary Wayne Pate

Sunset Hills

Jimmy Kavanagh
Joyce Hoag

Sweetwater

Deborah L. Wells
Chuck Mote
Louis Earl Boyd
Ken Fricks

Unity

Steve Owen
Linda Vickery
Stan Lawrence
Kenneth Coggins

Nominating Committee Report

Current Associational Officers:

Moderator: Derek Berry,
Tabernacle
Assistant Moderator:
Jeff Davis, Mt. Pisgah
Finance Committee
Chairman: Will Murray
Beulah Baptist Church
Clerk: Randal Whitten,
Mt. Harmony
Treasurer: Kevin McKoy,
FBC Lithia Springs
Mission Strategist: Jason
Loudermilk

Administration Committee:

Moderator
Assistant Moderator
Chairman of Finance Comm.
Clerk
_____ 2022
Wally Bryson, Central 2023
Mission Strategist

Georgia Baptist Representatives:

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

Finance Committee:

Chairman: Keith Stell, New Georgia,
2022
Wes Williams, Tabernacle
2023
Tim Akin, FBC Douglasville
2024
Mission Strategist
Treasurer
Moderator
Assistant Moderator

Prison Ministry:

Douglas County:
Butch Wilson, Pleasant Grove

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

Credentials Committee:

Chairman: Mike Parker, Pleasant
Grove 2022
Major Dalton, Pleasant Hill. 2023
Justin Harris, New Canaan 2024

2022 Program Team:

Chairman: Assistant Moderator
Doug Thompson, FBC Mableton
FBC Mableton Staff
Moderator
Mission Strategist

WMBA 2022 Calendar

JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day—WMBA Missions Center Closed
- 3 WMBA Missions Center reopens
- 11 Builders for Christ Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.—Love Bridge Church, Austell
- 12 WMBA Finance Committee Meeting @ 9:00 a.m.—as needed
- 18 WMBA Administration Committee Meeting @ 2:00 p.m.
- TBA Pastors Day at the Capitol
- 27-28 GBMB Evangelism Conference, Central Regions—Turning Point at Mabel White BC, Macon
- TBA Legislative Prayer Bkfst.
- 27 WMBA Executive Committee Meeting @ 11:00 a.m.

FEBRUARY

- 7 Builders for Christ Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.—Love Bridge Church, Austell

MARCH

- TBA WMBA—WMU Spring Meeting
- 6-13 Week of Prayer and Mission Study for North American Missions & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- 7 Builders for Christ Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.—Love Bridge Church, Austell

APRIL

- 10 Palm Sunday
- 12 Builders for Christ Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.—Love Bridge Church, Austell
- 14 Maundy Thursday
- 15 Good Friday
- 17 EASTER
- TBD WMBA Bible Drill
- 27 Administrative Professionals Day
- TBA Baptist Women Spring Event
- 24 Regional Drill, Bible Skills Exhibition, and Student Speakers Competition—FBC Powder Springs

MAY

- 1 Senior Adult Sunday
- 5 National Day of Prayer
- 9 Builders for Christ Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.—Love Bridge Church, Austell
- 4 WMBA Finance Committee Meeting @ 9:00 a.m.—as needed
- 10 WMBA Administration Committee Meeting @ 2:00 p.m.
- 23 WMBA Executive Committee Meeting @ 11:00 a.m.
- 23 WMBA Annual Picnic @ 12:00 Noon—FBC Lithia Springs
- 30 Memorial Day—WMBA Missions Center Closed

WMBA 2022 Calendar

JUNE

- 14-15 Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting—Anaheim, CA
- 16-17 Bible Drill Nationals—FBC Brunswick
- 26 Mission Dignity Sunday

JULY

- 4-7 WMBA Missions Center Closed
- 4 Independence Day
- 30 WMBA PrayerWalk for Schools

AUGUST

- TBD GBMB SPARK Conference Online

SEPTEMBER

- 5 Labor Day—WMBA Missions Center Closed
- 14 WMBA Finance Committee Meeting @ 9:00 a.m.
- 20 WMBA Administration Committee Meeting @ 2:00 p.m.
- 29 WMBA Executive Committee Meeting @ 11:00 a.m.—WMBA
- 29 WMBA—GA Baptist Children's Home Truck Loading @ 3:00-5:30 p.m.—TBD

OCTOBER

- 9 Pastor/Minister Appreciation Day
- 17 Boss's Day
- 16 WMBA Annual Celebration @ Time 5:30 p.m. dinner/business mtg. 6:30 p.m. Worship Celebration Service—FBC Mableton
- 16-23 Week of Prayer for Baptist Associations

NOVEMBER

- TBD Christmas Backpacks—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—TBD
- 7-8 GBC Annual Meeting—TBA
- 21-24 WMBA Missions Center Closed
- 24 Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

- 4-10 Week of Prayer & Mission Study for International Missions & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- 25 CHRISTMAS
- 19-Jan. 3 WMBA Missions Center Closed—reopens 1/4/23

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. There will not be a mission trip this year due to the pandemic. We will be collecting backpacks filled with items for children ages 4 to 18. Please see our website <https://www.westmetrochristian.com/backpacks> for the list of suggested items to pack, how to pack your backpacks, and how to label your backpacks. Note that they are asking us **not** to send **food** due to an abundance of food that they already have for their ministry families. Candy is acceptable and would be appreciated, hard candy, lollipops, mints, or gum (no chocolate). **No** candy with **peanut butter or nuts**. Please double bag all candy. Please follow the specific guidelines. The collection date will be October 25, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Beulah Baptist Church, Douglasville.

The WMBA still 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@westmetrochristian.com to acquire your backpacks.

This is what the backpacks look like.



Baptist Collegiate Ministries Report

GSU Baptist Collegiate Ministry

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Baptist Collegiate Ministries (BCM) at Georgia State exists to make Christ known on our campus, seeing students come to faith in Christ and grow in Him. We are excited to see students back on campus this semester. Here are some highlights:

Welcome Week – School started back the last week in August, and we hosted Welcome Week the first week of classes. Welcome Week was a success as we had many new students come and many continue coming back! We had Safari Night, Worship Night, Movie Night, and Carnival Night. These fun events attracted many students and have engaged them further in worship, Bible studies, and community service.

Ignite – We meet each Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. for worship, preceded by a free meal at 6 p.m. We are studying 1 Corinthians. We have local pastors teaching with prayer circles afterward for discussion and prayer led by students.

Collegiate Week - We had 11 student leaders attend Collegiate Week in Oklahoma August 7-12. This time helped them bond as a team, provided teaching, and discipleship. It helped them be more prepared to serve campus when school started. We are grateful for the West Metro Association's provision of one of our vans which helped keep the cost to students low enough for them to attend.

International Lunch - We hosted the international student lunch in August as part of the orientation of the school. We had around 100 students there representing many countries: Nigeria, S. Korea, Japan, Turkey, India, China. The majority of these students want to be involved in BCM activities. Pray for our ability to continue relationship building and help them know the grace and truth of Christ.

Outreach on Campus - We have a committed group of students doing outreach, going on campus each week to share the gospel. Pray for students to come to faith in Christ and for our discipling them!

Thank you! - We are thankful for the West Metro Association for caring for BCM and praying for our ministry. Please continue to pray for our staff and student leadership, for open doors to share the gospel, and for our central focus of making disciples who make disciples.

Baptist Collegiate Ministries Report

Baptist Collegiate Ministry at Georgia Tech

By Eric Swenson, State Missionary



The Georgia Tech BCM has had a wonderful start to the fall semester! We have had a lot of new students begin to get involved as students have been desperately craving community. One thing in particular that I have noticed is that overall students have been more intentional about deeper relationships than they typically have been at this time of the semester. One story in particular I would like to share is about a new international student from India. He came to our welcome week events and told us that he was only coming for the fun events. He refused to come to our worship services or our small groups but was fine coming to dinners or other fun events that we had that week. After the welcome week events were over, a group of students invited him to go hiking on Stone Mountain on Labor Day. He went with them and one of our students shared the gospel with him while they were hiking. He responded by saying that he has heard a lot about Christianity before but had never heard it explained like that before and he found it interesting and wanted to think more about what our student had told him! Since then, he has had gospel conversations with many other students and has started asking questions about the gospel. Please be praying for him and the other students that we have been able to share the gospel with this semester. Pray that God would bring them to saving faith in Him.

We have also brought back our missions fundraiser cookouts on game days. We have had two cookouts so far and have already raised over \$1000 to help send students on mission trips over the summer through SendMeNow. We also have begun thinking through how we can better show the love of Christ on the campus of Georgia Tech and serve our campus better. We are partnering with Georgia Tech by cooking a meal every other week for over 50 students who are unable to purchase meals or groceries. Lastly, I would like to share that during our weekly worship services we are walking through the book of Acts. We are studying how the Holy Spirit works in the lives of believers and how we are used by God to fulfill the Great Commission. Please be in prayer for us as we seek to take the gospel to the campus of Georgia Tech and to the ends of the earth.

Builders for Christ Report

BFC Team Report

By Chris Ayers, Director



Our Mission Project at Connect Church of Algiers in New Orleans went well. Thirty-four (34) of us were there from June 19th thru June 25th.

This project was more of a renovation to the foyer in their Worship Center, to help make it look more modern, add welcome kiosk, and put in new lighting to brighten up area. Our crew did several other jobs such as paint choir room, fix some plumbing, tear out shelves and repurpose closet.



Pray for continued projects and the Lord to continue to Bless.

World Hunger Report

World Hunger Report

By Cathy Whitten



The WMBA received \$2,000 from the GBMB World Hunger Fund, which was \$1,000 less than the amount received in previous years. The WMBA supplemented the amount given by the GBMB by \$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

Paulding County: Helping Hands of Paulding County

First Quarter 2021: The combined agencies reported assisting 37,110 individuals with food, 7,325 evangelistic encounters, and 62 professions of faith.

Second Quarter 2021: The combined agencies reported assisting 28,990 individuals with food, 5,187 evangelistic encounters, and 45 professions of faith.

GA Baptist Children's Home Report

Georgia Baptist Children's Home Report

By Lynn Monroe, WMBA Children's Home Representative



West Metro Baptist Association thank you for your support, supplies, gift cards and monetary donations given to and for our Georgia Baptist Children's Home. West Metro Baptist Association, with your support the trailer was fully loaded. Cornerstone Baptist Church members and Pastor Lang, thank you again for allowing WMBA the use of your facility as a collection point. Georgia Baptist Children's Home provided their trailer, truck and 2 men. Overall \$1095.00 was given in gift cards, along with \$725.00 in cash and checks. Praise the Lord!

Cathy Whitten and Jason Loudermilk, thank you so much for your help and for communicating thru email and flyers to our WMBA churches, and your support to myself and Guy.

Such a delight to have Pastor Jamie Hobbs and members from New Hope Baptist, Mrs. Rooks from Ebenezer Baptist, Michelle Green from Central Baptist Church, and Jimmy Hildebrand from Victory Baptist join us and help. Your help was so appreciated. Lord willing, I will see you next year!

On behalf of my husband and I, we are so blessed to be able to help in coordinating and participating in a mission project that helps so many children. It is not possible without your contributions and love for the Lord.

Save the Date for the 2022 Children's Home Truck Loading to be held on **September 29, 2022!** Expecting great things!

Prayer Walk for Schools Report

PrayerWalk for Schools

Report By Cathy Whitten



The WMBA 2021 Prayer Walk for Schools was held on Saturday, July, 24, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. WMBA churches there encouraged to not only physically pray at school locations—socially distancing, but to also pray from their homes or churches and then share that they prayed on our Facebook page.

13 Churches Participated
71 Schools Prayed Over
232 People Prayed

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

Disaster Relief Report

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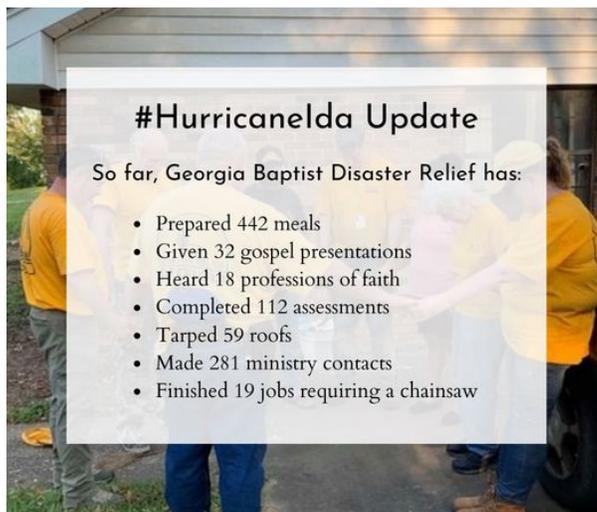
By Deborah Sides, Unit 10 R, WMBA Disaster Relief



Things have been busy for Disaster Relief for the last couple of weeks we have had teams volunteering in all areas in Louisiana. We have feeding teams on sight that have cooked meals for our volunteers and the community, and the most exciting news is there were 20 people who accepted Christ as their Savior in the first week! Praise God for their decision to follow Him. Our Clean up and Recovery chainsaw teams have volunteered and worked hard removing trees, tarping roofs, and helping to get people back into their homes as quickly as possible. Disaster Relief volunteers are also providing childcare for parents who need time to get things back on track in their homes. We

continue to pray for the people of Louisiana, and that God will continue to use these Disaster Relief Volunteers to share their faith and love. Volunteers are still on sight and working hard as there is still much to do to help those in need.

Pray that God will continue to use each and everyone of them for His glory! Please pray for a Texas chainsaw team last week in Louisiana while cutting a tree, it was roped, but as they cut it the tree twisted and fell on two men. They received injuries of broken legs and crushed ankles and were Life Flighted to Baton Rouge. Another team had injuries of broken fingers requiring surgery. The work we do is for the Gospel but it's no joke. Please pray for healing and protection for all volunteers.



- #HurricaneIda Update**
- So far, Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief has:
- Prepared 442 meals
 - Given 32 gospel presentations
 - Heard 18 professions of faith
 - Completed 112 assessments
 - Tarped 59 roofs
 - Made 281 ministry contacts
 - Finished 19 jobs requiring a chainsaw

Earlier this year I and 16 Relief and at least 6 others Southern Baptist Convention for parents who were blessing it was to serve and

safe while their parents were attending meetings and worship. Our Georgia team and a team from SC were entrusted to a group of two year olds, what a fun time we had playing and teaching them about Jesus!

others from Georgia Disaster states volunteered at the in Tennessee providing childcare attending the convention. What a keep those precious little ones

As Covid continues to grow Disaster Relief Volunteers have been proactive in doing all that we can to ensure the safety of our Volunteers while serving Christ in Crisis. Please pray that those who answer the call to serve remain healthy and safe as they are being the hands, feet, and voice for our Savior. We pray that this virus will soon be stopped, we pray for those who recovered, or are recovering, and for the loved ones of those who have passed away. God's comfort and strength for all of those affected.

As the West Metro Unit 10R Unit Director I continue to ask each of you to pray for our Volunteers and to consider becoming a Volunteer yourself and encouraging members of your churches to join us in Serving Christ in Crisis. You can go to www.gabaptist.org to register for the next training session, and to learn more about becoming a part of this ministry.

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 17 Vacation Bible Schools throughout the WMBA during the months of June, July, and August. This year eight different curriculums were used, Concrete and Cranes, Destination Dig, Press Play, I Wonder, Rocky Railway, Time Lab, Summer Blast Camp, and Mystery Island. No matter which curriculum is used our churches continue to share the Gospel of Christ.

Bible Drill Report

Bible Drill Report

By Maria Brannen, Executive Director, Georgia Baptist Bible Drill and Speakers



Since my years at the Georgia Baptist Mission Board, you may not be aware, but I currently serve as Executive Director of Georgia Baptist Bible Drill and Speakers, Inc., a new 501(c)3 ministry. In addition to Bible Drill and Speakers Competition, we are continuing to add to our ministries that help students grow in their discipleship including a new Bible Skills Exhibition and our College Essay Contests. This fall, Georgia Baptist Bible Drill and Speakers, Inc. is sponsoring High School and College Essay Contests. This essay provides the opportunity for students to grow as they write about their faith. The winners in each category will receive a \$500 college scholarship to the school of their choice.

Visit bibledrillandspeakers.com for more information.

GBMB Executive Director

Assistant Executive Director

By Mark Marshall



The Georgia Baptist Mission Board (GBMB) exists to serve churches. Three key statements drive us as we think about what this looks like. Pastors are our heroes. Churches are our priority. Georgia is our mission field. There are more than 25 consultants spread across our state having one on one conversations with pastors and church leaders every day. These consultants have been strategically placed across six regions to be able to personally connect with the 3500+ churches making up the Georgia Baptist Convention.

The GBMB continues to provide leadership training, conferences, and resources to serve and support the work of our churches. The GBMB knows we are not succeeding unless GBC churches are healthy. With over 9 million lost people living in the state, we must work together to get the gospel to everyone in Georgia.

Beyond individual consultations in Missions, Evangelism, Music & Worship, Discipleship, and Next Gen ministry, your Georgia Baptist Mission Board provides:

- Enrichment events for Georgia Baptist Women
- Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Georgia
- Church and Individual Finance Strategy
- Transitional Pastor Training
- Pastors and Wives Retreats
- Church Planting Ministry
- Church Research Services
- Evangelism Training
- Collegiate Ministry on 42 campuses across Georgia
- Community Missions and Disaster Response
- Cooperative Program resources
- Discipleship Ministry training
- Ethnic church planting and church leadership training
- Music & Worship ministry training
- Next Gen ministry training

In addition, your Mission Georgia Offering provides resources to tackle five key areas across Georgia. These areas include Pre / Post Natal Care, Childhood literacy, Human Trafficking, Refugees and Internationals, and Foster Care and Adoption.

You are encouraged visit the GBMB website to find out more about each of these ministry areas as we additional areas not mentioned. Please visit www.gabaptist.org.

You may contact Mark Marshall at 6405 Sugarloaf Parkway, Duluth, Georgia 30097 or call (615) 678-3512. You may also reach Mark at mmarshall@gabaptist.org. Please let us know how we can serve you or your church.

Inflatables Trailer



The Inflatables Trailer (IT), is once again available for use by our WMBA churches with the following understanding:

- Your church takes on all liability for use—including COVID-19
- Please socially distance those using the inflatables
- Inflatables must be sanitized by your church before returning to the WMBA

Below is a recap of the IT usage policy.

The WMBA has purchased two (2) new inflatable bounce houses, a new inflatable roller ball game, and a cargo trailer—to house & transport the inflatables in. All inflatables are checked out at one time because they must now be transported only in the WMBA Inflatable Trailer (IT), no exceptions. The vehicle pulling the trailer must be equipped with a 2" inch ball and a four-way, flat light connector.

*The detailed **Inflatables & Trailer Usage Policy Manual**, must be read by the person reserving the IT and the person picking up the IT.*

There is an Inflatables & Trailer Check-Out Agreement, that must be filled in by the person reserving the IT, before your reservation is firm. The person picking up the IT will be required to sign the agreement upon arrival at the WMBA before the IT is picked up. Please note that on the agreement the name of the church's insurance carrier & policy number are required as is a copy of the person's (who will be picking up the IT) drivers license and a copy of their insurance card.

*There are also links to videos on how to **set-up**, **roll-up**, and **clean** the inflatables that **must** be watched before pick up of the inflatables. Each church that uses the IT will be expected to sweep out and spray wipe down the inflatables and sweep out the cargo trailer, before returning.*