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ANNUAL REPORT

2020

144TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION

OCTOBER 18, 2020

Held virtually, via Facebook Live, Vimeo, & YouTube



Jason Loudermilk
Mission Strategist



Derek Berry
Moderator



Ryan McElheney
Asst. Moderator



Randal Whitten
Clerk



Kevin McKoy
Treasurer



Steven Moreland
Finance Chairman



Cathy Whitten
Ministry Assistant

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Church
Revitalization

Church
Planting

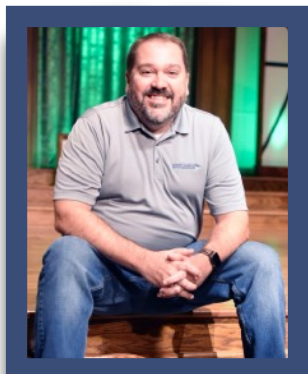


Peace IN THE STORM

▶ 2020 WMBA Annual Celebration



Message from the MISSION STRATEGIST



Welcome to the 144th 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. This year, we are celebrating the hope we have in Christ no matter the circumstances around us. Tonight's music and preaching are all centered around the theme "Peace in the Storm." As followers of 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.

I would like to express thanks to Thomas Hammond for his willingness to preach for us, and to Derek Berry and Aric Butler for their leadership in helping plan this evening's celebration. I would like to thank the following people who serve in music ministry for volunteering their talents in leading in worship: Aric Butler, Nelson Fleming, Joel Lanier, Joseph Mauldin, Niki McElroy, Mark Perry, and Alan Riley. Thank you to the music ministries of Ephesus and Poplar Springs for providing special music. Special thank you to Steven Moreland for all of his help in putting the technical aspects of the evening together. 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 Loudermilk

Finance Report

WEST METRO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION Ministry Action Budget Monthly Report			
MINISTRY CATEGORY	2020 M.A.B.	Monthly Expenses	Year to Date Expenses Current
		AUGUST	
100 CHURCH PLANTING & MISSION ENGAGEMENT	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 1,019.19	\$ 5,858.56
200 CHURCH LEADERSHIP & REVITALIZATION	\$ 22,000.00	\$ -	\$ 876.70
300-400 PERSONNEL EXPENSES	\$ 142,793.00	\$ 10,329.89	\$ 89,133.81
500 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$ 38,200.00	\$ 3,215.20	\$ 21,508.55
SUB TOTAL		\$ 14,564.28	\$ 117,377.62
Monthly Fees/Loss		\$ -	\$ 253.37
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 231,993.00	\$ 14,564.28	\$ 117,630.99
Monthly General Budget Receipts		\$ 16,549.41	\$ 152,809.38
Monthly Budget Expenditures Excess or (Deficit)		\$ 1,985.13	\$ 35,178.39

		<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>AVAILABLE</u>
GENERAL BUDGET & RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCES:			
PNC	Checking Budget Checking Operating	\$ 122,522.47	\$ 122,522.47
PNC	Checking-Reserve	\$ 26,526.28	\$ 26,526.28
GA Bapt. Found.	Managed Trust	\$ 117,246.54	\$ 117,246.54
Total of GB/R Accounts		\$ 266,295.29	\$ 266,295.29
DESIGNATED ACCOUNT BALANCE:			
Ga Bapt. Found.	New Work Trust	\$ 100,230.06	
PNC	Designated Checking DR	\$ 11,820.58	
Total of GB/R & Designated Accounts		\$ 378,345.93	\$ 266,295.29
DESIGNATED FUNDS:			
	Food Assistance	\$ -	
	Disaster Relief	\$ 11,820.58	
	New Work Fund	\$ 20,639.65	
Total of Designated Funds		\$ 32,460.23	
AVAILABLE OPERATING FUNDS:			
Total Operating Funds Available			\$ 345,885.70

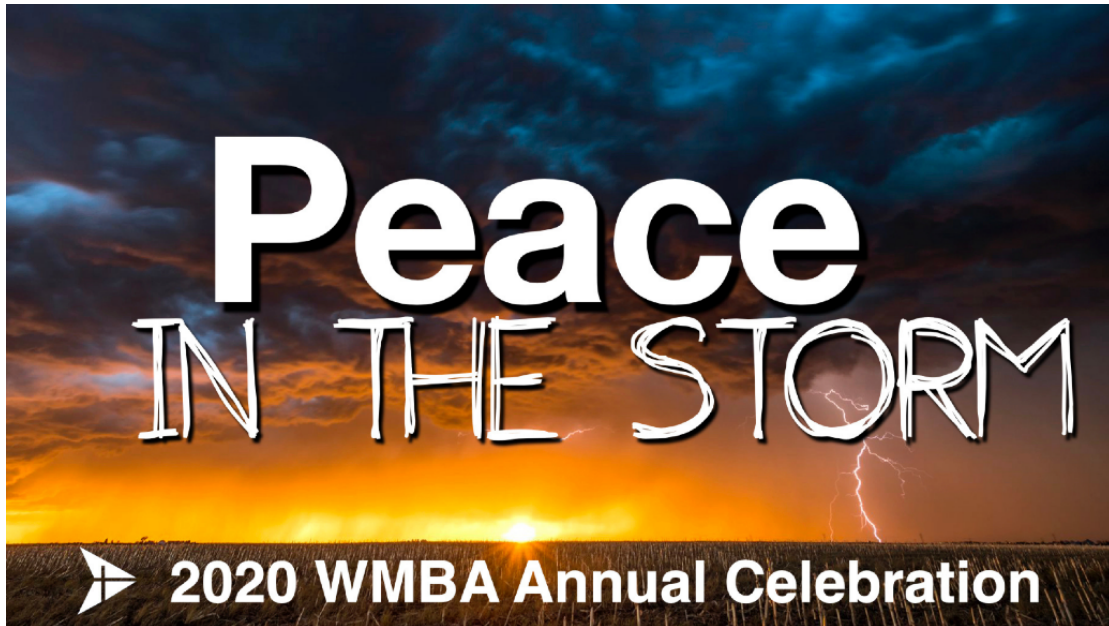
West Metro Baptist Association Church Contribution List 2020

Church	AUGUST	Year to Date	Church	AUGUST	Year to Date
1 . Beulah	166.67	1,666.69	26 Highland Community Church	0.00	0.00
2 . Brownwood	39.00	424.00	27 . Iglesia de Mableton	0.00	0.00
3 . Calvary	407.48	4,474.87	28 . Mt. Harmony	935.86	8,434.00
4 . Central	416.63	3,333.32	29 . Mt. Pisgah Baptist	271.60	2,527.47
5 . Chapel Hill	0.00	0.00	30 . New Canaan	168.08	1,604.87
6 . Cheatham Hill	100.00	800.00	31 . New Georgia	1,038.15	8,621.60
7 . Clarkdale	50.00	400.00	32 . New Harvest	0.00	350.00
8 . Concord	0.00	2,556.00	33 . New Hope	30.00	240.00
9 . Cornerstone	1,442.24	11,015.30	34 . New Life	0.00	400.00
10 . County Line	0.00	945.00	35 . On Mission Church	0.00	0.00
11 . Cowan Mill	0.00	0.00	36 . Pleasant Grove	357.80	4,265.84
12 . Dorsett Shoals	1,041.56	4,236.15	37 . Pleasant Hill	321.77	1,176.05
13 . Doss Memorial	0.00	911.12	38 . Poplar Springs	1,185.22	9,117.13
14 . Ebenezer	314.00	2,520.00	39 . Pray's Mill	0.00	0.00
15 . <i>Eglise Baptiste Universelle de Dallas</i>	0.00	0.00	40 . Pumpkinvine	91.95	749.60
16 . Ephesus	2,869.61	27,306.62	41 . South Cobb	0.00	20.00
17 . FBC Douglasville	833.33	7,286.84	42 . Sunset Hills	145.00	1,246.00
18 . FBC Hiram	0.00	4,905.81	43 . Sweetwater	300.00	1,350.00
19 . FBC Lithia Springs	478.33	4,872.52	44 . Tabernacle	0.00	1,200.00
20 . FBC Mableton	166.66	666.64	45 . Union Grove	312.50	2,500.00
21 . FBC Powder Springs	1,972.57	16,740.07	46 . Unity	0.00	2,374.47
22 . Friendship	0.00	0.00	47 . Victory	119.00	1,790.00
23 . Grace Christian Church (Haitian)	0.00	0.00	48 . Westview	120.86	1,186.52
24 . Harper Lake	0.00	0.00	49 . Woodstock Church Austell	0.00	2,160.00
25 . Heritage	486.68	6,060.02	50 . Word of Life	0.00	0.00
			51 . Zion View	0.00	0.00
				TOTAL \$	16,182.55
					152,434.52

2021 Ministry Action Budget

100 - CHURCH PLANTING & COMMUNITY MINISTRY	\$	29,000.00
200 - CHURCH LEADERSHIP & REVITALIZATION	\$	22,000.00
300 & 400 - MISSION STAFF & MINISTRY RELATED EXPENSES	\$	143,766.00
500 - MINISTRY SUPPORT	\$	37,300.00
TOTAL BUDGET	\$	232,066.00

Order of Business



The business portion of the meeting will be conducted on, January 28, 2021, at the WMBA Mission Center, during the Executive Committee meeting at 11:00 a.m.—send your messengers to this meeting.

Call to Order

Rev. Derek Berry, Moderator

Adoption of Annual Report

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Presentation of 2021 Budget

Steven Moreland, Finance Committee Chair

Credentials Committee Report

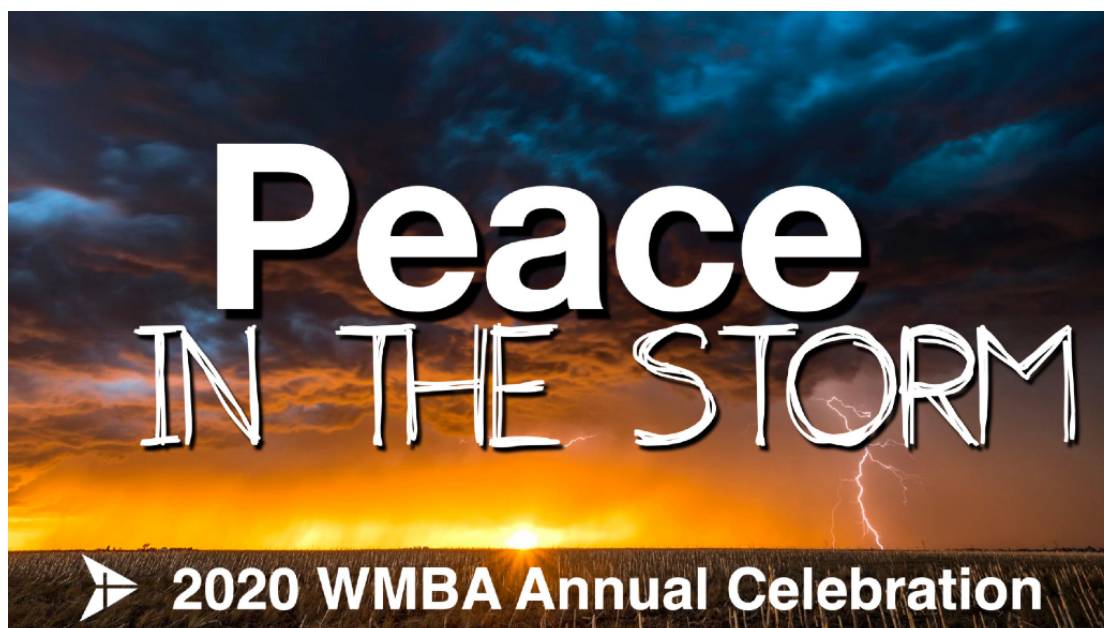
Rev. Gene Fields Chairman

Celebration of Hiram First Baptist Church as a full member of WMBA

Adjournment
Closing Prayer

Rev. Derek Berry, Pastor, Tabernacle Baptist Church

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

Living Hope
Cornerstone

WMBA Music Minister Praise Team

Special Music

Let the Church Arise

Poplar Springs Men's Ensemble

Mission Strategist Vision Casting

Dr. Jason Loudermilk, Mission Strategist

WMBA Missions Emphasis Offering

The Reason

Ephesus Baptist Church Choir

Introduction of Speaker

Rev. Derek Berry, Moderator

Message

Thomas Hammond
Executive Director, Georgia Baptist Mission Board

Closing Song

It is Well

WMBA Music Ministers Praise Team

Closing Remarks

Dr. Jason Loudermilk, Mission Strategist

Benediction

Derek Berry, Moderator

2019 SUMMARY REPORT

West Metro Baptist Association

CONGREGATION	Church / Mission	Total Bapt.	Other Add.	Total Church Mem.	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	6	12	1,803	319	520	152	25	142	\$1,090,255	\$55,069	\$8,170	\$63,239
Brownwood Baptist Church	Church	0	0	25	6	0	0	4	6	\$35,623	\$22	\$0	\$2,044
Calvary Baptist Church of Austell Inc	Church	4	11	812	142	352	60	25	15	\$425,609	\$27,811	\$7,252	\$47,454
Central Baptist Church	Church	12	20	2,722	516	528	22	250	150	\$2,159,772	\$133,644	\$4,200	\$190,995
Chapel Hill Road Baptist Church	Church	4	1	85	20	60	15	20	13	\$113,721	\$600	\$0	\$1,700
Cheatham Hill Baptist Church	Church	4	0	67	30	0	20	17	15	\$86,177	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$2,500
Concord Baptist Church	Church	0	0	573	65	0	0	26	20	\$257,080	\$10,207	\$0	\$17,818
Cornerstone Baptist Church	Church	3	0	460	200	0	100	65	50	\$616,153	\$40,045	\$15,227	\$55,272
County Line Baptist Church	Church	0	6	389	50	194	30	10	6	\$340,121	\$24,746	\$3,768	\$35,150
Cowan Mill Baptist Church Inc	Church	20	0	430	8	0	18	5	5	\$178,949	\$1,100	\$0	\$1,531
Dorsett Shoals Baptist Church	Church	2	7	930	142	448	53	50	20	\$493,394	\$29,062	\$7,271	\$61,298
Doss Memorial Baptist Church	Church	1	0	160	10	0	0	2	0	\$161,991	\$6,713	\$4,588	\$19,569
Ebenezer Baptist Church	Church	0	1	254	10	0	0	2	10	\$48,265	\$3,784	\$3,759	\$11,398
Eglise Baptiste Universelle de Dallas	Mission	0	0	40	31	0	0	1	0	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ephesus Baptist Church	Church	13	66	2,038	450	690	207	107	54	\$1,905,126	\$170,325	\$33,305	\$279,158
Clarkdale First Baptist Church	Church	2	0	340	20	0	0	20	0	\$95,905	\$0	\$0	\$1,161
First Baptist Church Douglassville	Church	11	37	4,907	629	1,252	10	188	25	\$2,476,648	\$100,000	\$10,000	\$202,203
Hiram First Baptist Church	Watchcare												
First Baptist Church Lithia Springs	Church	0	7	518	300	282	159	70	30	\$858,481	\$78,201	\$7,894	\$92,218
First Baptist Church Mableton	Church	2	2	360	114	262	116	95	12	\$668,017	\$7,515	\$500	\$16,052
First Baptist Church Powder Springs	Church	26	42	3,418	595	770	220	234	20	\$3,099,060	\$172,147	\$23,970	\$242,328
Friendship Baptist Church	Church	0	0	2,270	14	0	0	7	8	\$73,969	\$500	\$500	\$1,000
Grace Christian Church	Church	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Harper Lake Baptist Church	Church	0	0	69	25	0	0	21	5	\$29,462	\$0	\$0	\$0
Heritage Baptist Church	Church	4	21	660	100	284	90	88	40	\$461,938	\$29,899	\$8,718	\$53,607
Highland Community Church	Church	0	0	163	110	0	1,138	10	25	\$157,946	\$0	\$1,330	\$1,330
Iglesia de Mableton	Mission	12	13	104	45	0	63	11	22	\$36,912	\$0	\$0	\$0
Mount Harmony Baptist Church	Church	3	0	758	138	406	40	62	10	\$730,968	\$32,203	\$12,901	\$61,920
Mount Pisgah Baptist Church	Church	4	0	942	82	270	48	25	45	\$216,660	\$9,909	\$2,952	\$16,563
New Canaan Baptist Church	Church	9	9	942	74	182	16	25	21	\$317,250	\$17,248	\$1,674	\$21,147

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New Georgia Baptist Church	Church	3	15	1,026	162	376	140	48	50	\$625,015	\$10,000	\$13,667	\$30,135
New Harvest Baptist Church	Church	1	0	24	17	0	0	6	0	\$88,669	\$1,100	\$725	\$2,170
New Hope First Baptist Church	Church	2	0	175	37	0	0	20	8	\$180,436	\$15,870	\$0	\$22,579
New Life Missionary Baptist Church	Church	5	0	360	60	0	0	5	25	\$238,000	\$1,700	\$0	\$1,700
On Mission Church	Church	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church	Church	21	26	368	220	634	120	32	40	\$561,704	\$12,590	\$5,996	\$23,183
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church	Church	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	\$0	\$250	\$0	\$3,967
Poplar Springs Baptist Church	Church	4	27	436	208	0	116	123	65	\$839,126	\$21,363	\$12,381	\$73,331
Pray's Mill Baptist Church	Church	4	20	341	421	260	243	35	30	\$1,158,967	\$0	\$0	\$2,186
Pumpkinvine Baptist Church	Church	7	2	240	80	204	30	28	20	\$264,140	\$10,316	\$1,294	\$16,128
South Cobb Baptist Church	Church	4	0	165	20	0	0	15	8	\$52,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	Church	0	0	68	31	68	0	9	10	\$207,903	\$975	\$785	\$5,770
Sweetwater Baptist Church	Church	34	26	541	147	394	209	61	33	\$467,822	\$6,000	\$1,800	\$21,580
Tabernacle Baptist Church	Church	14	0	415	140	400	0	45	0	\$330,320	\$8,900	\$3,000	\$11,900
Union Grove Baptist Church	Church	1	7	313	37	94	0	15	8	\$154,328	\$6,482	\$3,750	\$11,637
Unity Baptist Church	Church	3	0	471	94	140	0	12	19	\$184,591	\$10,641	\$3,228	\$22,971
Victory Baptist Church	Church	5	10	285	36	104	7	25	7	\$128,798	\$3,521	\$3,254	\$12,431
Westview Baptist Church	Church	3	8	240	50	182	0	20	6	\$166,445	\$11,241	\$2,463	\$14,804
Word of Life Baptist Church	Church	0	20	150	45	84	95	18	50	\$111,000	\$1,000	\$800	\$1,800
Zion View Baptist Church	Church	0	0	125	25	0	0	21	15	\$26,769	\$0	\$0	\$0
Totals		253	416	31,985	6,075	9,440	3,537	2,006	1,163	\$22,933,485	\$1,074,199	\$212,122	\$1,776,927

Memorial Observance

Beulah

Don Yearwood
Bill Wallace
Jerri McNeal
Sudie Vaughn

Calvary

Ava Archer
Ruby Moles
Dorothy J. Smith
Helen Howard

Central

Myrtle Adams
Jeanette Brown
Hubert Butler
Alice Camp
Patricia Dix
Eddie Green
Hugh Horton
Charles Jenkins
Phyllis Jones
Willie Long
Rose McLarty
Nancy Moore
Raymond Newton
Mickey Penland
James Wigington
Laura Williams
Bill Wood

Chapel Hill Rd.

Gladys Jeffries

Concord

Carol Boyd
Ed Boyd
Cora Lee Porter
Polly Davis
Algia Tarrer
Robert Crow
Betty Ferguson
Arvis Shead
Leon Sells

Cornerstone

Rev. George Terrell

County Line

Kimberley Huckeba

Dorsett Shoals

Tracie Atlee
Linwood Lee
Wilma Barlow
Ron Cummings

Doss Memorial

Nora Warren
Shirley Wilson
Billy Martin
Cliff Rollins

Ephesus

George Rigby
Everett Cook
Lucy Lamb
Linda Rowland
Kelli Carroll
Jim Lee
Margaret Dutton
Joe Berger
Georgie Vansant
Earline Manes
Buddy Bell
Marc Thompson
Pam Rutherford
Ebenezer
Frances Morgan
Dean Mooney
Liz Reynolds

FBC Douglasville

Chuck Britt
Larry Cobb
Jan Cross
Jerry Hendrix
Kim Lyle
Minnie Kate Marlow
Brenda Matthews
Loyd McBrayer
Leamon Melton
Betty Noles
Sonny Nunnally
Duane Ostrom
Laura Parry
Don Phillips
Eva Robbins
Larry Robbins
Gary Siemen
Jim Smith

FBC Douglasville cont.

Betty Thurmond
Jeff Turner
Alice Wenger

FBC Lithia Springs

Betty Byrd
Elaine Garvey
Joe Meeks
Harold "Buck" Blair
Ruby Goodwin
Claude Foster
Vivian Harris
Betty Fannin
Flora Chesser
June Blankenship
Jimmie Eugenia Clark
Bessie Bennet
Marbura Young

FBC Mableton

Fred Hicks
Sandre Gayle Owen
Robert Jackson
Kenneth Moore
Junior Nesbitt
Sandy Roberts
Carolyn Perry
Sibyl Ragan

FBC Powder Springs

Joyce Adair
Betty Alexander
Susan Bell
Katheryn Brown
Betty Cowart
Vivian Green
Ann Ivester
Joe McCrickard
Sherri Morgan
Blanche Morris
Martha Parker
Timothy Phelps
Raymond Quigley
Bob Ramsey
Lewis Seagraves
Beverly Sears
Dustin Sundquist
Betty Vaughn
Jerry Webb

Heritage

James Priest
Billie Eidson
Rev. Pashiel Merrill (Pat)
Alfred Smith
Marjorie Mayfield
Kitty Askew
Henrietta Kilgore
Martha Smith

Mt. Harmony

Rose Spears
Dennis Hall
Robert Walker
Roma Fleming
Nellie Medlin
Elnora Turner
Leonard Harris
James "Boskey" Stanley
Mary Smart
Al Dodge
Jean Sinyard
Sherri Bentley Tomes
Carolyn Johnson
Allen Roach
Gloria Baxter
Mae Austin
Julie Daniel
Faye Thigpen
Virginia Blackwell

Mt. Pisgah

Frances Nation
Betty Finch
Ruby Smith

New Canaan

Edna Wigley
Lyndal Paris
Marvine Jones
Marjorie Watts
Nancy Stamps
Albert Clinton Davis
Genell Smith

New Georgia

John "Buddy" Rumph
Betty Faye R. Nantz
Woodrow Leggett
Catherine D. Conner
Lawrence Smith

New Georgia cont.

Casey Lee Agan
Dylan Morris
Janice N. Stewart
Pat Hall Langston
Harley D. Shelnett
Ruth Jones Cole
Corrie M. Pruitt
Robert Butler

New Hope FBC

Rosie Brooks
Eloise Staggs

Pleasant Grove

Aline Welham
Annette Everett
Jack Morris
Joe Apodaca
Sam Posey
Sarah Martin

Pleasant Hill

Grady Shuler

Poplar Springs

Clyde Walthour
Pat Thompson
Janice Morgan
Jean King
Mary Raketsraw
Ben Kolb, Jr.
Vitor Sims

Pumpkinvine

Frankie Fennell

Sunset Hills

Myrtle Duvall
Dale Clark
Allan Guest

Unity

Timothy Camp
Donna Drummond
Jimmy Strain
Diane Reeves

Westview

Web Turner

Nominating Committee Report

Associational Officers:

Moderator: Derek Berry,
Tabernacle
Assistant Moderator:
Ryan McElheney, Cheatham
Hill
Finance Committee
Chairman: Steven Moreland
FBC Powder Springs
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
Danny Horsley, County Line,
2021
Jeff Davis, Mt. Pisgah, 2022
Mission Strategist

Vacation Bible School:

Director: Scott Patrick,
FBC Douglasville

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: Steven Moreland
FBC Powder Springs 2021
Keith Stell, New Georgia,
2021
Wes Williams, Tabernacle
2022
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: Robert
Baker, Ephesus
Deborah Sides, FBC
Douglasville

Builders for Christ: Chris
Ayers, Woodstock Austell
WMU: Kim Jeffrey, Mt. Pisgah

Credentials Committee:

Chairman: Gene Fields,
Heritage 2021
Mike Parker, Pleasant Grove
2022
_____ 2023

2020 Program Team:

Chairman: Assistant Moderator
Derek Berry, Tabernacle
Tabernacle Staff
Moderator
Mission Strategist

WMBA 2021 Calendar

JANUARY

1	New Year's Day—WMBA Missions Center Closed
4	WMBA Missions Center reopens
12	Builders for Christ Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.—Woodstock Church Austell
13	WMBA Finance Committee Meeting @ 9:00 a.m.—as needed
19	WMBA Administration Committee Meeting @ 2:00 p.m.
TBA	Pastors Day at the Capitol
25-26	GBMB Evangelism Conference—Central BC, Warner Robbins
TBA	Legislative Prayer Bkfst.
28	WMBA Executive Committee Meeting @ 11:00 a.m.
28	2020 WMBA Annual Business Meeting—Immediately following Exec. Comm. Mtg.—@WMBA

FEBRUARY

8	Builders for Christ Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.—Woodstock Church Austell
TBA	Week of Prayer and Mission Study for North American Missions & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

MARCH

TBA	WMBA—WMU Spring Meeting
8	Builders for Christ Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.—Woodstock Church Austell
TBA	WMBA—VBS Training Clinic
28	Palm Sunday

APRIL

1	Maundy Thursday
2	Good Friday
4	EASTER
12	Builders for Christ Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.—Woodstock Church Austell
16	WMBA Bible Drill
21	Administrative Professionals Day
TBA	Baptist Women Spring Event
TBA	State Regional Bible Drill

MAY

6	National Day of Prayer
TBA	Senior Adult Sunday
10	Builders for Christ Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.—Woodstock Church Austell
5	WMBA Finance Committee Meeting @ 9:00 a.m.—as needed
11	WMBA Administration Committee Meeting @ 2:00 p.m.
17	WMBA Executive Committee Meeting @ 11:00 a.m.
17	WMBA Annual Picnic @ 12:00 Noon—FBC Lithia Springs
31	Memorial Day—WMBA Missions Center Closed

WMBA 2021 Calendar

JUNE

15-16 Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting—Nashville, TN
TBA Mission:Dignity Sunday

JULY

5-8 WMBA Missions Center Closed
4 Independence Day
24 WMBA PrayerWalk for Schools

AUGUST

TBA GBMB SPARK Conference Online

SEPTEMBER

6 Labor Day—WMBA Missions Center Closed
15 WMBA Finance Committee Meeting @ 9:00 a.m.
21 WMBA Administration Committee Meeting @ 2:00 p.m.
30 WMBA Executive Committee Meeting @ 11:00 a.m.—WMBA
30 WMBA—GA Baptist Children's Home Truck Loading @ 3:00-5:30 p.m.—Cornerstone BC

OCTOBER

10 Pastor/Minister Appreciation Day
15 Boss's Day
17 WMBA Annual Celebration @ Time 5:30 p.m. dinner/business mtg. 6:30 p.m. Worship Celebration
Service—Tabernacle Baptist Church, Hiram
17-24 Week of Prayer for Baptist Associations

NOVEMBER

TBD Christmas Backpacks—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—TBD
TBA GBC Annual Meeting
22-25 WMBA Missions Center Closed
25 Thanksgiving
TBA Week of Prayer & Mission Study for International Missions & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

DECEMBER

25 CHRISTMAS
20-30 WMBA Missions Center Closed—reopens 1/3/22

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

Christmas Backpack Report

Christmas Backpacks 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 14. Please see our website <https://www.westmetro baptist.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, as we are trying to make this as touch-less as possible of a process this year due to COVID-19. The collection date will be **October 26, 2020** from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Beulah Baptist Church, Douglasville.

The WMBA has 400 / 17 inch backpacks for our churches to reimburse us for use with the Christmas Backpacks, \$3.00 per backpack. Please contact Cathy at cw@westmetro baptist.com to acquire your backpacks.

This is what the backpacks look like.



Baptist Collegiate Ministries Report

GSU Baptist Collegiate Ministry

By Teresa Royall, State Missionary



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. Here are some highlights:

Welcome Week – School started back the last week in August, and we hosted Welcome Week events practicing social distancing and safety procedures. We are thankful we met several new students who starting to get involved in ongoing BCM activities – worship, Bible studies, community service. Since most of the students this semester are taking online classes, they are especially grateful for opportunities to have in person gatherings.

Ignite - Our weekly worship on Tuesday evenings, called Ignite, focuses this year on “Coming Out of the Fire.” We are focusing on people in the Bible who dealt with difficult times and to learn how to strengthen our faith in Christ even in tough times. We are grateful for many West Metro churches who provide meals, speakers, and equipment for our worship team. We are offering Ignite both in person and livestream through Facebook.

Bible Studies – We are offering Bible studies and small groups each day of the week. Some are in person and some are online. The pandemic has helped us realize online groups can work! Our groups have a good mix of returning and new students.

The Great Exchange – Since the campus is not allowing many tables to be reserved on campus, we are going to do The Great Exchange in front of our Center. Students pass by our building as they head to class. We look forward to connecting with students through doing the spiritual surveys offered by hosting The Great Exchange.

SendMeNow Missions – Thankfully, we were able to do our mission fund raising projects before the pandemic caused Georgia State to close last spring. We raised over \$12,000 for SendMeNow missions, which sent students to serve Christ this summer. Our students served in Georgia and in Houston.

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.



Builders for Christ Report

BFC Team Report

By Chris Ayers, Director



The BFC returned to Rock Island, TN, June 13-20 to work on Laurel Creek Baptist Church. Thirty (30) went on mission. Some changes were made due to the ongoing pandemic. We asked Laurel Creek BC to cook our meals for us, since most of our kitchen crew was unable to attend. LCBC happily agreed to cook for us and we gave them monies to purchase the food. Most made their own arrangements for lodging but we still had a few in host homes. Everyone's temp was taken each morning and we social distanced during meals and while working. A good bit of sheet rock was hung and the Lord blessed. We were able to have a small dedication service.



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: Sweetwater Mission

Douglas County: Good Samaritan Center

Paulding County: Helping Hands of Paulding County

First Quarter 2020, the combined agencies reported assisting 31,393 individuals with food and 6,273 evangelistic encounters.

Second Quarter 2020 the combined agencies reported assisting 23,579 individuals with food and 2,227 evangelistic encounters.

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 loaded, plus \$870.00 dollars in gift cards, \$1,311.00 in cash and checks. Praise the Lord!

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 to transport the items collected. 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 the youth/children, Pastor Jamie, his wife and members from New Hope Baptist join us and help during their fall break from school.

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.

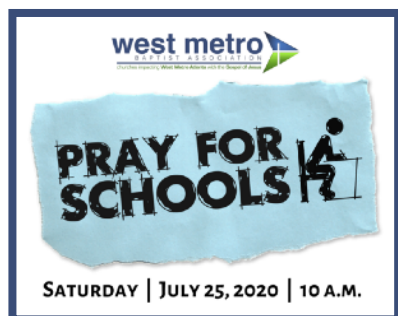
September 30, 2021

mark your calendars for the annual
WMBA Georgia Baptist Children's Home Truck Loading.
Expecting great things!

Prayer Walk for Schools Report

PrayerWalk for Schools

Report By Cathy Whitten



The WMBA 2020 Prayer Walk for Schools was refashioned into Pray for Schools, where we encouraged our WMBA churches 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.

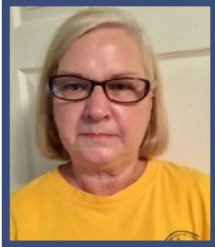
8 Churches Participated
32 Schools Prayed Over
107 People Prayed

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

Disaster Relief Report

Disaster Relief Report

By Deborah Sides, Unit 10 R, WMBA Disaster Relief



This year has been a difficult one for everyone with the unexpected COVID-19 virus. It has caused businesses to shut down, job loss, church closures, and stay at home orders for many.

It has also caused a slow down in our ability to serve Christ in Crisis. We have participated in two calls for help this year one in Rome and the Toccoa area where volunteers were instructed on how to social distance while working together to help those in need. Most recently we had teams to deploy to Alabama and Pensacola, FL helping homeowners get back into their homes after the devastating damages caused by hurricane Sally. Our volunteers worked tirelessly removing trees, putting tarps on roofs, and removing sheetrock and items inside the homes damaged by the storms all while practicing safe distancing and following the guidelines issued for COVID-19.

We thank God for the opportunity to serve Him by serving our brothers and sisters in need, allowing us even in times of uncertainty to be the hands, feet, and voice for Christ.

This year also brought a change in the leadership of Disaster Relief , our State Director Stuart Lang resigned as he answered the call to become the Senior Pastor at Hartwell First Baptist, we wish him well and thank him for the many years of leadership and hard work he devoted to Disaster Relief. We pray for Ricky Thrasher who is Interim Director until the position is filled through the Southern Baptist Mission Board. We pray that the ministry will continue to grow and have many more years of serving Christ in Crisis.

I ask our church leaders to pray for and support the Disaster Relief Ministry in our desire to serve Christ always. We ask that you encourage church members to volunteer and join us in our effort to spread the love of God in the after effects of the storms, so that we can help with Gods guidance provide hope for those who feel hopeless in the devastation of their homes and lives

The photos are of our volunteers serving Christ in Crisis in Pensacola, FL.



GBMB Executive Director

Executive Director / CEO

By Thomas Hammond



On January 1, 2019, W. Thomas Hammond, Jr. became the executive director of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board. Previously, he served as the lead pastor of Alpharetta First Baptist Church from 2013-2018. For several years during his leadership, Alpharetta First Baptist ranked among the top 10% of the fastest-growing churches in the Georgia Baptist Convention, planted three churches, began a Latino and Persian ministry, and increased their giving through the Cooperative Program from 1% to 6%. With a heart for evangelism, Rev. Hammond led Alpharetta First Baptist to baptize over 250 people. Prior to coming to Alpharetta First Baptist, Rev. Hammond served as vice president for Convention Advancement with the SBC Executive Committee; senior director of Church

Evangelism with the North American Mission Board; director of missions at the Metrolina Baptist Association in Charlotte, North Carolina; minister of evangelism at Hebron Baptist Church, Dacula, Georgia; and evangelism associate at the Ohio Baptist Convention.

Rev. Hammond has also served as president of the Georgia Baptist Convention (2015-2017); and as a trustee at King's Ridge Christian School in Alpharetta, Georgia, Truett McConnell University in Cleveland, Georgia and LifeWay Christian Resources in Nashville, Tennessee. He has been a guest lecturer at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Southwestern Theological Seminary, and Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary. He is also a chaplain for the Alpharetta police and fire departments.

Because of his passion for those who are without Christ, Rev. Hammond as Georgia Baptist Convention president led the Convention to implement The Big Invite campaign, which encouraged Georgia Baptists to invite their lost family and friends to church on Easter Sunday. The goal was to have 1 million Georgians in church on Easter Sunday in 2017. He is also the creator/originator of The NET, Evangelism Planter Software, TheBigDay.org, Praying your. Neighbors to Christ, The Visitor Friendly Church, 316 Prayer Card, and One Hour Witness Training. In addition to reaching the lost, Rev. Hammond loves pastors. He encouraged Georgia Baptist pastors to begin praying for one another through the Pastor Prayer Network during his time as the president of the Convention.

Rev. Hammond is a graduate of Augusta State University in Augusta, Georgia with a degree in Business Administration and is also a graduate of Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Memphis, Tennessee with a Master of Divinity. He is married to Kerri Russ Hammond and they have two daughters, Katie Elisabeth and Karley Marie.

Inflatables Trailer



The Inflatable 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.*