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# The PROCLAIMER

Polk-Haralson Baptist Association Newsletter

## October 2024

### ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION STRATEGIST

*Kevin McKoy*



I hope that you are already making plans to join us for the PHBA Annual Meeting on Monday, October 28 at First Baptist Church Cedartown!

We are going to have a great time of worship, fellowship, and celebration as we focus on what God is doing in and through our network of churches! Our theme this year is “Equipping Leaders, Advancing the Kingdom.”

Churches can bring up to 10 voting messengers. Please click the “[Register Now](#)” button below to let us know that you are coming.

As Southern Baptists, we believe we can accomplish more together than we can separately for the Lord. Even before there was a Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) or a GBMB (Georgia Baptist Mission Board), local church associations were the cornerstone of cooperation among Baptist churches in America. This month each of us have a special opportunity to pray for your Polk-Haralson Baptist Association during the week of October 13-20.

This year, the emphasis for **Week of Prayer for Associations**, is **Community Engagement**.

Each of us can strengthen the work of the gospel with a simple commitment to pray and engage others. Evangelism is simply the sharing of God’s love by engaging our communities. Each of us has a community: our neighbors, our workplaces and even our families. We are each called to engage the world.

Be sure and check the website for Resources and Prayer Guides.

# PHBA 2024 ANNUAL

# Meeting



FBC Cedartown  
101 N. College St, Cedartown, GA 30125

**OCTOBER | 28<sup>th</sup> | 2024**

Meal Begins @ 5:30PM  
Worship Begins @ 6:30PM

[Register Now](#)

# NEXT GEN

MS & HS Students...

Plans are underway to have an Associational Youth Camp for the Summer of 2025.

The dates are set for June 6-9.

If you (or your students) are interested in attending the camp, please email Will Anderson, PHBA Next Gen Leader, at fbccedartownstudents@gmail.com.



## Pass It On.

Do you know someone in your church, a friend, or a neighbor that needs to get this monthly newsletter?

Forward it to them now and tell them to Sign-Up.

Miss a past issue? Find it [Here](#).

## Missions.

The Georgia Baptist Missions Board is excited to partner with Woodlawn Baptist Church for this exciting event! What a great way to introduce your churches to the many ways they can engage in missions!

Join us for a Global Impact Conference Friday evening, October 18 and Saturday, October 19.

Friday will feature a missions fair with displays from regional, state, national and international ministries as well as a

missions banquet featuring a keynote by Dr. Buck Burch, GBMB Missions Catalyst and fourteen year IMB missionary in Russia.

On Saturday, The display area will be open again with breakout sessions before and after lunch covering raising up leaders, disaster relief, women in missions, cross cultural missions, human trafficking, community missions, and developing a missions strategy in your church.



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- 12 PBC Men's Night, Providence
- 13-20 Week of Prayer for PHBA
- 18-19 Global Impact Conference, Woodlawn BC
- 23 Polk FCA Fields of Faith, Rockmart High 6PM
- 24 Public Affairs Training, Roopville
- 28 PHBA Annual Mtg, FBC Cedartown
- Meal: 5:30PM - Family Life Center
- Worship: 6:30PM - Worship Center
- 30 East Coast Ambassadors' Academy 4PM



- 3 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 4 Haralson WMU Fall Meeting, Waco, 6PM
- 5 Election Day
- 10-12 GA Baptist Convention, Statesboro
- 11 Veterans Day
- 28 Thanksgiving Day



# EAST COAST AMBASSADORS' ACADEMY

October 30th - November 2nd

*a* LIVING WATERS EUROPE  
*Outreach Conference*

a conference being hosted by FBC Bremen



EXALT. EQUIP. ENGAGE.

# MEN'S NIGHT

Providence Baptist Church  
Tallapoosa, Georgia  
Saturday, October 12  
Meal Begins@4:30PM  
Worship@6PM  
Tickets: \$10  
[www.pbctallapoosa.com](http://www.pbctallapoosa.com)



Speaker: Rick Burgess



### **Camp Director: Janice Stewart**

Camp News...OCTOBER 2024

Fall is here and we are as busy as ever loving and serving the churches and community!

Last month our Homework Helpers and American Sign Language Classes started back on Mondays.

We also held our monthly Saturday Day Camp combined with WMU Children's Missions Day on September 21st where we learned about the Amazon River and Rainforest and the missionaries serving

the people there. We made popsicle stick "tiles" as part of the WMU/Cooperative Program "Houseboat Project".

For the first time, we offered a community CPR/Lifesaving Class taught by certified instructors and hope to offer this again in the future.

One other highlight of last month was that our Sign Language instructor, Dr. Adonia Smith, and I attended the Georgia Baptist SPARK Conference together. It was a wonderful experience worshipping with many deaf people (with plenty of fluent interpreters on hand) and learning about needs and challenges of ministering to deaf people in our community.

## CAMP ANTIOCH OCTOBER ACTIVITIES:

Monday Mornings: American Sign Language Class, 10:30am-noon

Monday Afternoons: Homework Helpers, 1:30-4pm

(TEXT 770-846-7760 for a time slot)

\*additional days can be added, if needed

Thursday, October 17th- Community/Homeschool 4-H Meeting, 10am-noon

Saturday, October 19th- Saturday Day Camp, 10am-noon

Here are some other activities we support along with some of our community partners:

Saturday, October 12th-

“Rivers Alive” with Keep Polk Beautiful at Seborn Jones Park in Rockmart

Community Cleanup project, 8:30am-noon

-Keep Haralson Beautiful Recycling Event, West GA Tech at Waco

Wednesday, October 23rd-

“Fields of Faith” by Polk Fellowship of Christian Athletes,

Rockmart High School, 6pm

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

for Nov. 9th when our American Sign Language Class students will “showcase” what they have learned in a fun and educational community event in downtown

Cedartown at Anamachara Art Gallery (419 College Street) from 11am-2pm.

(This will be a good WMU/Missions group activity for your church!)

Please “like” and “follow” us on Facebook for latest info and pictures!

<http://www.facebook.com/campantioch> .

TEXT Janice at 770-846-7760 (quickest response) for info, to volunteer, or donate supplies.





### **Unit Director: Jeff Carter**

Disaster Relief continues to be very busy. After getting the unit cleaned, sanitized, and reset from the Statesboro callout it didn't have to wait long before callout to duty again. Hurricane Helene roared through Georgia causing all kinds of destruction.

Thank God it spared our area mostly.

On 9/28 Our Disaster Relief group served in Rome helping a church that flooded from all the rains before and during the storm.

On 9/29 Glenn Robinson left with the unit headed to serve in Alma, Georgia. After reaching Alma Sunday afternoon, he was redirected to Vidalia Monday morning. Alabama and Mississippi came to Alma to handle everything there.

On 9/30 the rest of the team arrived in Vidalia. The town was without power but thanks to Arkansas for bringing in a large generator to power the church. The team has been wide open cutting trees and tarping roofs. This will be an extended period of work for a long time.

Baptist Disaster Relief kitchens are preparing about 50,000 meals a day in Georgia alone. Southern Baptist Disaster Relief is operating 20 disaster relief sites in the southeast. 6 states are here helping Georgia. 64 counties were damaged in Georgia and we have teams serving in 5 different cities. Storm Responses like this are when we really need people like you to be able to serve. We have 1.5 teams manned. People need help badly.

Also, on 9/30 a group of Disaster Relief men and women helped a homeowner in Cedartown. They had a huge oak fall on their home during the storm. The tree destroyed the roof. After clearing the tree from the roof these men and women tarped the roof to help prevent further damage. Disaster Relief needs more volunteers.

We especially need younger people to get involved. The average age of the people tarping the roof Monday was 75. Ages ranged from late 50s to late 80s. 3 were in there 80's.







Thanks to the PHBA, individuals, and churches for supporting disaster relief financially.

A SPECIAL thanks to everyone who prays for us.

If you know of an opportunity for Disaster Relief to serve please notify myself or the Association Office.

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Mission Georgia is partnering with Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief to urgently respond to the needs throughout our state caused by Hurricane Helene. It's time to come together as we assess,

feed, counsel, and rebuild lives and communities.



100% of donations through Mission Georgia to this effort will go directly into the field.

Please join us today in sharing and sending hope to those in need. Select the "give" option at the top of [missiongeorgia.org](http://missiongeorgia.org).

In the middle of storms, God moves. He calls His people to compassionately respond to those who are most affected, and He moves in the heart of those who are saddened, angry, and lost. It's in moments like this that the Church has the opportunity and privilege to be the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus. Keep watching the [Christian Index](#) for additional news and stories as they come in.

## Disaster Relief: Find Out If It's Right for You

Curious about how you can help during disasters? Join us for a free webinar to learn about volunteer opportunities with Georgia Baptists in disaster relief. This introductory session is designed to provide you with all the information you need to decide if this rewarding volunteer role is right for you. You'll gain insights into the training process and hear inspiring stories from current volunteers. Register today and discover how you can contribute to meaningful change in times of need.

### What You Will Learn On This Free Webinar:

#### Learn What Disaster Relief Does Across Georgia (And Around the World)

You will get up to speed fast on how Disaster Relief moves into action, what their capabilities are and how it gets funded.

#### Discover Compatible Ministry Opportunities That Suit Your Gifts

Your mind and heart will be stretched as you learn the myriad of ways anyone can get involved with this life-changing ministry. It's far more than you think!

#### Find Out How To Enroll, Engage and Advance Disaster Relief Ministry

You'll learn exactly what next steps to take in this gospel-driven "hands and feet of Jesus" ministry, and how your church can get involved, too.



## Living for Christ in the Public Square

2024 Public Affairs Training Events



# Living for Christ in the Public Square: Roopville Road Baptist Church

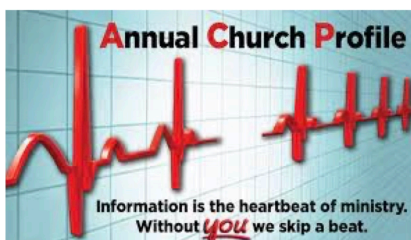
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These training events are about educating pastors and church members on ethical issues in our culture and why it's important that a witness to the life changing power of the gospel be seen in our local, state, and national government.

You will learn why it's important and how ministry leaders and churches can be engaged in the policy making process and why local, state, and national leaders need your ministry and support.

This training is for pastors, ministry leaders and students. The event and meals are FREE!

[Register Here](#)



In August, every PHBA church received, via USPS mail and email, a letter from the Georgia Baptist Mission Board that included Annual Church Profile (ACP) completion instructions, with the paper form and an online link to the forms, your church's username, password, and a self-addressed stamped envelope.

The letter should contain the ACP statistical questions and have all current organization and leadership data prefilled in the provided forms. The deadline for completion is October 15, 2024.

Login Here

11/10/2024 - 11/12/2024

# 2024 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GEORGIA BAPTIST CONVENTION

Join Georgia Baptists from across the state as we gather for the 2024 Georgia Baptist Convention Annual Meeting. Over the course of three days this November, we'll worship and celebrate the Lord's work through Georgia Baptist churches. We'll also look forward as we prepare for what He intends to do through us in the years ahead.



Register Here

**REGISTER TO VOTE**

**WHAT YOU NEED TO REGISTER**

To register to vote you must be:

- A citizen of the United States.
- A legal resident of Georgia and of the county in which you wish to vote.
- At least 17 1/2 years of age to register and 18 to vote.

**ONLINE REGISTRATION**

To register to vote online, you must have:

- a valid driver's license or
- identification card issued by the Georgia Department of Driver Services.

[Register To Vote Online >>](#)

**Check Your Registration**

- Check to see if you are registered to vote on [My Voter Page](#).
- This page will also tell you where you can vote.

"We shouldn't allow political outcomes to consume our thoughts, direct our emotions, or dull our hope. Government may change, but our mission remains the same: love God and love others."

## Do Your Part.

State of GA Voter Guide:

<https://georgia.gov/register-vote>

Online Registration:

<https://mvp.sos.ga.gov/s/voter-registration...>

My Voter Page:

<https://mvp.sos.ga.gov/s/>

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## PRAY FOR THE MIDDLE EAST

The intense conflict in the Middle East is a reason for Christians to pray. Thousands of people have been killed since Hamas attacked Israel on Oct. 7.

As part of its ongoing ministry assignment of assisting churches through elevating the ministry of prayer, the SBC Executive Committee has created the [prayer guide](#) linked at the bottom of this article. The guide is also available in [Spanish](#), [Chinese](#) and [Korean](#). Would you pray with us as we ask God to comfort those who are grieving, bring peace in the Middle East and guide political leaders to act with Godly wisdom?

Please join in praying through:

- Romans 13 where we learn that God has given governing authorities to protect the innocent and bring justice to evil doers.
- Romans 9:15-16 as we ask God to show compassion on those suffering because of the ongoing war in Israel and Gaza.
- Micah 6:8 as we learn how the Lord desires for humanity to live.
- Psalm 34:14 where God's people are called to pursue peace.
- John 14:6 as we ask the Lord to draw Israelis and Palestinians to Jesus Christ.

May God bring peace to the Middle East.

[DOWNLOAD GUIDE](#)

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# *The Struggle* with *Israel*

a biblical response to  
antisemitism



## **The Cooperative Program & The Local Association**

Polk-Haralson Baptist Association

Presented By:  
Kevin McKoy, AMS

*COOPERATIVE PROGRAM*



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## Welcome New Pastor!



Chad Morgan accepted a call to be the Pastor of New Harmony Baptist Chapel in Cedartown on September the 8th. Chad and his wife, Stephanie, were previously serving New Harmony in Heflin, Al.

Join us in praying for Bro. Chad and his ministry at NHBC.

## PHBA Churches Without Pastors

Eastview, Cedartown

Lake Creek Baptist Church, Cedartown

Southside Baptist Church, Cedartown

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## PHBA Ministry Positions Available

*Corinth Baptist, Bremen*

Part-time Worship Leader. Contact Pastor Barry @ [barrytaylor@cbcbremen.org](mailto:barrytaylor@cbcbremen.org)

*Mount Olivet Missionary Baptist, Dallas*

Part-time Pianist. Contact Pastor Derrick @ 404.867.7459

*Corner Stone Baptist Chapel*

PT Worship Leader. Contact Pastor Dave @ [David.pollard@raymondjames.com](mailto:David.pollard@raymondjames.com)

*Calvary Baptist, Bremen*

In need of a Pianist, a Choir Director and an Organist. Contact Pastor Woody @  
770.823.7789

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