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# The PROCLAIMER

Polk-Haralson Baptist Association Newsletter

## November 2024

### ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION STRATEGIST

*Kevin McKoy*



November invites us to pause and reflect on the many blessings we have received both as individuals and as a network of churches. The Apostle Paul reminds us in Thessalonians 5:18, *“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for in Christ Jesus.”*

This command challenges us to maintain an attitude of gratitude—not just when things are going well, but in every season.

Reflecting on this past year, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the way God has been at work among us. He has given us the privilege of witnessing lives

transformed, marriages restored, and young people stepping forward to proclaim their faith. We have seen God’s provision through difficult times, His wisdom in challenging decisions, and His peace in moments of uncertainty. And through it all, He has strengthened our bonds with one another, reminding us that we are part of something much bigger than ourselves.

I am especially thankful for each one of you. Whether you are serving behind the scenes, teaching in a classroom, leading in worship, or praying for others, your faithfulness is a gift to our Association and to the communities we serve. Together, we have been able to extend the love and hope of Christ in tangible ways. I am grateful for the countless hours, prayers, and sacrifices each of you have given to advance the gospel.

This November, let's take time to intentionally thank God for His goodness. In our personal lives, let's practice gratitude daily, recognizing the small and large ways God provides. And as a network of churches, may we renew our commitment to serve Him with grateful hearts, knowing that every good and perfect gift is from above.

Thank you for your partnership in ministry and for the joy of serving alongside each other. I look forward with gratitude and excitement to all that God will continue to do among us in the months and years to come.

Better Together!



### 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](mailto:fbccedartownstudents@gmail.com).



## Pass It On.

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

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

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

**NOVEMBER  
2024**



- 3 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 4 Haralson WMU Fall Meeting, Waco, 6PM
- 5 Election Day
- 10-12 GA Baptist Convention, Statesboro
- 11 Veterans Day (Office Closed)
- 25-29 Office Closed (Thanksgiving)
- 28 Thanksgiving Day

**DECEMBER  
2024**



- 1-8 Week of Prayer for Intl Missions
- 3 Pastor-Spouse Christmas Dinner
- 18-Jan 3 PHBA Office Closed
- 25 Christmas Day

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.



[Schedule & Speakers](#)

[Register Here](#)

## Can't Attend the GBC? Stream it Live!





[Stream Here](#)



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

#### Community Opportunities:

-Homework Helpers happens on Monday afternoons during the regular school months for students in public, private, and homeschools. Caring volunteers work with students on their assignments (including virtual assignments) and encourage them to try hard and do their best. We have 4 new laptops donated to a community organization as well as 6 older desktop computers available for student use.

-Camp Antioch Library is open every Monday and other days as needed for students and adults to check out classic and modern books that are appropriate and acceptable for Christian reading. In August a number of local homeschoolers held "Literature Fair" which was a lot of fun!

-CPR/Basic Lifesaving Classes are now being offered for people ages 15 years and older! Certified instructors led a class on September 24th and will offer more classes throughout the year. These classes are a great opportunity for people in your church to get this training. The cost is \$40 to cover the manual and the official "certification" (instructors are volunteers). Our instructors are also willing to schedule "Heart Saver Classes" for younger people. These classes will include the same CPR instruction, but will not cover use of AED (the "heart shocking" equipment) or have a test at the end, however, they will receive a "Heart Saver Certificate".

#### **CAN YOUR CHURCH, YOUTH ORGANIZATION, OR FAMILY USE CAMP ANTIOCH....YES!**

-Monday thru Thursday are "Student Ministry Days" where legitimate community educational and youth organizations with positive values that match ours may use the camp at no charge for 2 hours (\$50 for each additional hour)

-Associational churches may schedule church-related events at no charge for 2 hours

\*Note: Our insurance no longer allows overnight activities due to the age of our building\*



-Approved family events (birthday party, reunion, etc. with some restrictions) \$50 per hour

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

**Unit Director: Jeff Carter**

We are currently still serving after hurricane Helene in South Georgia - specifically Vidalia and Statesboro. This hurricane is the worst damage ever from a hurricane in the US. We need more volunteers and heavy equipment.



2024 Georgia Deployment Results YTD:

2519 Volunteer Days,	1765 ministry contacts,
38951 Meals Prepared,	202 Assessments,
39 Roofs Tarpred,	239 Chainsaw jobs,
16 Children cared for,	49 Mud-outs,
288 Gospel Presentations,	582 Heavy Equipment hours,
2237 Showers,	21 Professions of Faith

Training Opportunity for 2024:

- December 6&7, 2024: Lakeside BC, Milledgeville
- FEE if received by the registration deadline 12/1: First Time Attendees: \$40  
Recertification: \$15

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.

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

tion.

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 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.



**GBMB  
& SBC  
NEWS**



## 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.

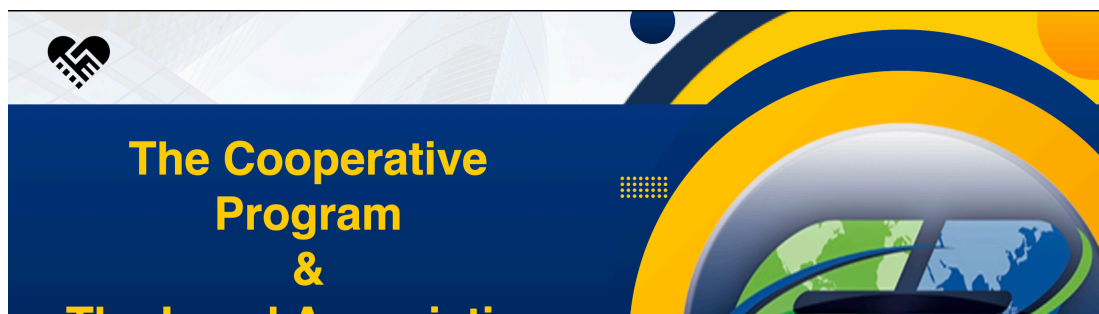
As part of its ongoing ministry assignment of assisting churches through elevating the ministry of prayer, the SBC Executive Committee has created the [prayer guide](#) link at the bottom of this article. The guide is also available in [Spanish](#), [Chinese](#) and [Korea](#). Would you pray with us 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](#)



## The Local Association

Polk-Haralson Baptist Association

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COOPERATIVE PROGRAM



## PHBA Churches Without Pastors

Eastview, Cedartown

Lake Creek Baptist Church, Cedartown

Southside Baptist Church, Cedartown

## PHBA Ministry Positions Available

*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

*Calvary Baptist, Bremen*

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



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