

# POBA associational ADVISOR

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*The Piedmont-Okefenokee Baptist Association, Inc. exists to glorify God.  
As a cooperating partnership of Southern Baptist churches, we mutually equip, engage, and expand disciple-makers of Jesus Christ.*



## Vacation Bible School

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## POBA Executive Committee Meeting

August 21, 2025  
Spring Hill Baptist Church  
6:30 PM Meal - 7:00 PM Meeting

RSVP:  
(912) 285-8161 or  
<https://bit.ly/AUG25ExecMeal>

## POBA Executive Committee Meeting

August 21  
Spring Hill Baptist Church  
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## Want To Stay Informed?



## Join our lists:

Text the list name (below)  
to **81010**:

Newsletter: **@pobanews**  
Events: **@pobaevent**  
Pastors: **@pobapas**

## VBS IN THE POBA



### When is your VBS?

The POBA Office would love to help you get the word out about Vacation Bible School. Please let us know the dates and theme for your church's VBS online at <https://bit.ly/WhenisVBS2025> or by calling the POBA office.

Dates	Church	Theme
July 13-17	Pineview	Magnified
July 14-18	Satilla	Magnified
July 17-18	Pleasant Hill	Magnified

## HOMECOMING

Contact the POBA office by phone or email to submit church information:

Dates	Church	Speaker(s)
July 6	Mt. Calvary	James Connor

## POBA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE AUGUST 21



The POBA Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 21, 2025 at Spring Hill Baptist Church in Hoboken. Spring Hill is located at 5792 Raybon Rock Road West in Hoboken.

A meal will be served at 6:30 PM and the meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.

Please register for the meal by calling the POBA Office at (912) 285-8161 or at <https://bit.ly/AUG25ExecMeal>.

## THE BAPTIST FAITH & MESSAGE: THE SCRIPTURES

The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. Therefore, all Scripture is totally true and trustworthy. It reveals the principles by which God judges us, and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. All Scripture is a testimony to Christ, who is Himself the focus of divine revelation.

*Exodus 24:4; Deuteronomy 4:1-2; 17:19; Joshua 8:34; Psalms 19:7-10; 119:11,89,105,140; Isaiah 34:16; 40:8; Jeremiah 15:16; 36:1-32; Matthew 5:17-18; 22:29; Luke 21:33; 24:44-46; John 5:39; 16:13-15; 17:17; Acts 2:16ff.; 17:11; Romans 15:4; 16:25-26; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-2; 4:12; 1 Peter 1:25; 2 Peter 1:19-21.*

You can read the Baptist Faith & Message here: <https://bfm.sbc.net/bfm2000/>.

## SPARK CONFERENCE



Your POBA will gladly assist POBA churches by covering the registration cost for you and your church members to attend the SPARK Conference. Contact the POBA Office at (912) 285-8161 to register.

### Sunday, August 24, 2025

4:00—8:15 PM

Brewton-Parker Christian University, Mt. Vernon

Keynote Speaker: Thom S. Rainer

<https://brushfire.com/gabaptist/spark2025-mtvernon/603369>

### Sunday, September 7, 2025

4:00—8:15 PM

Sherwood Baptist Church, Albany

Keynote Speaker: Mark Clifton

<https://brushfire.com/gabaptist/spark2025-albany/603338>

## CHURCHES SEEKING PASTORS

Remember these churches in prayer as they seek pastors:

Astoria	Manor Community
First Waycross	Pleasant Hill

## MINISTRY OPENINGS

Ministry openings are listed online. See them here:

[www.mypoba.org/ministry-openings](http://www.mypoba.org/ministry-openings)

## BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY

Take advantage of the opportunity to engage college students through the Baptist Collegiate Ministry.



POBA churches can host a meal (for 20) and share a devotional beginning in August during fall semester at *South Georgia State College*, Waycross campus. Contact the POBA Office at (912) 285-8161.

**SGSC Waycross Students:** See [mypoba.org/bcmmsgscwaycross](http://mypoba.org/bcmmsgscwaycross) for additional info.

## CHOIRFEST WILL BE SEPTEMBER 16



Choirfest will be held on Tuesday, September 16 at Sweat Memorial Baptist Church in Waycross, beginning at 6:30 PM.

Information will be mailed to churches soon.

## PRAY: SENT OUT OF POBA CHURCHES



**Aaron & Rebekah Harris (& Family)**  
(Laura Chapel Baptist)  
Bible Translation  
Fulani of West Africa  
[www.pioneerbible.org/aaronandrebekahharris](http://www.pioneerbible.org/aaronandrebekahharris)



**Scotty & Jadison Hayes (& Family)**  
(Emmanuel Baptist)  
Church Planting  
Peru

<https://ebchurch.net/ftm/>



**Chandler & Madelyn Watson** (Mershon Bapt)  
Church Planting  
Boston, MA

[www.kingshillboston.com/give](http://www.kingshillboston.com/give) (choose fund: "Watson Support")



**Will Emery**  
(First Blackshear)  
Church Planting  
Loveland, CO

<https://missionaries.namb.net/full/wilson-emery>



**Kayla Johnson**  
(Emmanuel Baptist)  
Indigenous Work &  
Teach Missionary  
Kids in Peru

<https://southamericamission.org/donate/johnson-kayla/>



## YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING

The table below reflects giving January—June 2025, as of 06/25/2025. This list does **not** include designated gifts:

Church	Contributions
Astoria	
Beulah	
Blackshear First	22,999.98
Bridge Community	2,350.75
Bristol	2,000.00
Browntown	
Calvary	1,434.00
Camp Pinckney	3,460.11
Central	4,750.02
CrossPoint Community	
Deenwood	2,404.40
Emmanuel	24,738.92
Folkston First	1,750.00
Grace Chapel	1,199.00
Hacklebarney	
Haywood	3,710.00
Hephzibah	600.00
Hickox	6,348.45
Hoboken	
Jamestown	7,671.01
King Memorial	
Laura Chapel	
Lees Chapel	3,367.00
Liberty	4,112.18
Lulaton	3,803.50
Manor Community	
Mershon	
Millwood	200.00
Mt Calvary	2,562.95
Nahunta First	
Newbern	1,341.85

Church	Contributions
Oak Hill	6,943.62
Offerman	4,173.26
Patterson	6,017.00
Pine Grove	1,014.88
Pineview	800.00
Pleasant Hill	596.75
Pleasant Valley	7,189.46
Rehobeth	1,500.00
Riverside Chapel	350.00
Sand Hill	1,471.77
Satilla	1,025.36
Set Free	
Shady Grove	
South Gate	400.00
Southside Nahunta	1,200.00
Spring Hill	75.00
St George First	600.00
Sweat Memorial	
SweetWater	618.85
Ten Mile	2,248.15
Twin Rivers	2,369.00
Walkerville	500.00
Waycross First	2,300.04
Waycross Community	
Waycross Second	878.16
Waynesville	2,764.36
West Carswell	
Williams Chapel	2,356.90
Winokur	339.46
Whosoever	500.00
Youmans Chapel	3,494.17
<b>Total Unrestricted Giving</b>	<b>152,530.31</b>

# CALENDAR

## July

4 Independence Day, office closed  
6 Religious Liberty Sunday  
15 Administrative Committee Meeting  
15 August Newsletter Deadline  
21 Music Minister Lunch  
22-24 BCM Leader Retreat

## August

3 Send Relief Sunday  
10 SBC Serve Sunday  
15 September Newsletter Deadline  
18 Music Minister Lunch  
18 BCM @ SGSC Waycross  
19 Administrative Committee Meeting  
21 POBA Executive Meeting  
24 Global Hunger Sunday  
24 GBMB SPARK Conference  
25 BCM @ SGSC Waycross

## September

1 Labor Day, POBA closed  
7 GBMB SPARK Conference  
8 BCM @ SGSC Waycross  
15 October Newsletter Deadline  
15 Music Minister Lunch  
15 BCM @ SGSC Waycross  
16 Choirfest  
16 Administrative Committee Meeting  
19-21 BCM Confluence  
22 BCM @ SGSC Waycross  
24 See You At The Pole  
29 BCM @ SGSC Waycross



## Celebrating in July

*Active pastors/staff & their spouses celebrating this month*



### Birthdays

Randy Ray—6  
Greg Carter—11  
Amanda Keene—12  
Jimmy Howard—14  
Tom Kennedy—14  
Jarrod Everson—15  
Sharon Ray—16  
Lori Shae Walker—22  
Annie Russell—31

### Anniversaries

Edward & Avis Harris—8  
Edmund & Robin Thrift—10  
Mike & Andrea Stone—15  
Phillip & Jessica Cochran—19  
Matt & Jessica Peters—19  
Jarrod & Courtney Everson—24  
Clint & Harriet Bowman—30



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