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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.

Week of Prayer *for* Piedmont Okefenokee Baptist Association

October 19-26

Will you pray for the Associational Leaders and Pastors of the POBA?
Prayer Guide: <https://bit.ly/2025AMEPrayerGuide>

appreciate those who diligently labor
esteem them very highly in love
because of their work.
1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

Pastor Appreciation Month

October is
Pastor Appreciation Month!

EQUIP

EQUIP Conference

October 23, 2025
First Baptist Waycross
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POBA 57th Annual Meeting

Thursday, October 9
Central Baptist Church
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Fall Revivals

If your church will have revival
or homecoming in the upcoming
months, please let us know.

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to **81010**:

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

POBA'S 57TH ANNUAL MEETING



The 57th Annual Meeting of the Piedmont-Okefenokee Baptist Association will be held on Thursday, October 9 at Central Baptist Church. Central Baptist is located at 201 Ava Street in Waycross.

The meal will be held at 6 PM and the meeting will begin at 7 PM. You can RSVP for the meal by calling the POBA office at (912) 285-8161 or at <https://bit.ly/Oct25AnnMeal>.

EQUIP CONFERENCE

Piedmont-Okefenokee Baptist Association's EQUIP conference will be held on October 23, 2025 at First Baptist Waycross. FBC Waycross is located at 702 Elizabeth Street in Waycross.

There are four breakout sessions to choose from:

Evangelism: "Reaching the lost in a small town" led by Marty Youngblood

Disciple-Making: "Transformational teaching for experienced group leaders" led by Ray Sullivan

Missions: "Strategic planning for missional engagement" led by Sam Ayala

Ministry Wives: "The minister's wife" led by Jennifer Williams



Schedule:

6:00 PM light meal

6:30 PM Breakout 1

7:25 PM Break

7:35 PM Breakout 2

8:30 PM Dismiss

There is NO COST for this conference, but please register by calling the POBA Office at (912) 285-8161 or online at <https://bit.ly/POBAequip2025>

BEULAH CELEBRATES 120 YEARS



Beulah Baptist Church will celebrate 120 years at their annual Harvest Day on November 2, 2025.

THE COST OF CONVICTION

The Cost of Conviction: A Pastoral Reflection on Charlie Kirk (*submitted by: Tom Kennedy*)

"The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him" – Nahum 1:7.

"Day of trouble." Not a poetic phrase, but a piercing reality. On September 10, 2025, Charlie Kirk, just 31 years old, was shot and killed while speaking at Utah Valley University. For some, he was a hero, for others a lightning rod. He stirred culture, moved minds, and provoked thought and reaction. Love him or hate him, we can be certain that his life left a mark, and his death has jolted a nation.

And now, as Pastors, as Christians, as the Church, we must ask some questions. How do we respond? What should God's people say? What does this moment demand of us?

There is one word that rises above the rest: clarity. The world does not need more noise. It needs the clear, convictional sound of Truth.

Read the complete article at:

<https://pobanewsletter.blogspot.com/2025/09/the-cost-of-conviction.html>

DISASTER RELIEF INTRO TRAINING



October 3-4

Northside Baptist, Valdosta

Registration Deadline: September 28

Register:

<https://gabaptist.org/event/disaster-relief-introduction-valdosta/>

2025 ANNUAL CHURCH REPORT

ACR materials have been mailed to each church. If you have not received them, please contact the POBA Office. **Deadline: October 6**

CHURCHES SEEKING PASTORS

Remember these churches in prayer as they seek pastors:

Manor Community
Newbern

Pleasant Hill
Spring Hill

MINISTRY OPENINGS

Ministry openings are listed online. See them here:

www.mypoba.org/ministry-openings

BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINSITRY



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 during the fall semester at *South Georgia State College*, Waycross campus. Contact the POBA Office at (912) 285-8161.

SGSC Waycross Students:

See mypoba.org/bcmmsgscwaycross for additional info.

REVIVALS IN THE POBA

If your church's information is not listed, contact the POBA Office.

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Speaker(s)</u>
October 5-8	Camp Pinckney	Jonathan Wilburn
October 12-15	Hacklebarney	JT James
October 19-22	Riverside Chapel	Zach Watson

HOMECOMING IN THE POBA

<u>Date</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
October 5	Laura Chapel	
October 5	Hoboken	
October 19.	Riverside Chapel	
October 19.	Hacklebarney	Monroe Gill

PRAY: SENT OUT OF POBA CHURCHES



Aaron & Rebekah Harris
(Laura Chapel Baptist)
Bible Translation
Fulani of West Africa
www.pioneerbible.org/aronandrebekeharris



Scotty & Jadison Hayes
(Emmanuel Baptist)
Church Planting
Peru
<https://ebchurch.net/ftm>



Chandler & Madelyn Watson (Mershon Baptist)
Church Planting
Boston, MA
www.kingshillboston.com/give
(choose fund: "Watson Support")



Will Emery
(First Blackshear)
Church Planting
Loveland, CO
<https://missionaries.nam.b.net/full/wilson-emery>



Kayla Johnson
(Emmanuel Baptist)
Indigenous Work &
Teach Missionary Kids
Peru
<https://southamericanmission.org/donate/johnson-kayla/>



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CALENDAR

October

3-4 Disaster Relief Training, Valdosta
6 POBA Annual Church Report Deadline
6 BCM @ SGSC Waycross
9 POBA 57th Annual Meeting
13 BCM @ SGSC Waycross
15 November Newsletter Deadline
19-26 Week of Prayer for Associational
Missions
20 BCM @ SGSC Waycross
20 Music Minister Lunch
21 Administrative Committee Meeting
23 POBA EQUIP
27 BCM @ SGSC Waycross
28 GBMB Transitional Pastor Training

November

2 Daylight Saving Time Ends
3 BCM @ SGSC Waycross
4 Election Day
10-11 GBC Annual Meeting
10 BCM @ SGSC Waycross
11 Veterans Day
15 December Newsletter Deadline
17 Music Minister Lunch
17 BCM @ SGSC Waycross
18 Administrative Committee Meeting
24 BCM @ SGSC Waycross
27 Thanksgiving, POBA closed

December

1 BCM @ SGSC Waycross
15 January Newsletter Deadline
15 Music Minister Lunch
16 Administrative Committee Meeting
24 Christmas Eve
24-1 Christmas Holidays, POBA closed
25 Christmas Day
28 GBMB MOVE Conference
31 New Year's Eve

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

James Perry - 3
Justin Thomas - 3
Randy Jacoby - 6
Ben Glosson - 7
David Marshall - 11
Darby Benfield - 13
John Boatwright - 15
Amy Fountain - 19
Donna Rowell - 20
Shirleen Dunn - 21
Harriet Bowman - 24
Kami Roberts - 26
Jimmy Thrift - 29

Anniversaries

Greg & Shay Carter - 21



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