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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.

Jubal Ministries

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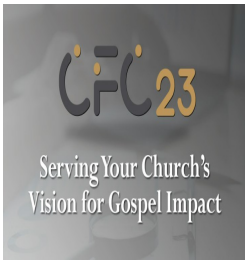
for concert dates
and locations



Church Financial Compliance Workshop

Thursday, February 23
FBC Waycross
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Royal Ambassadors Derby

February 11, 2023
Pleasant Valley Baptist Church
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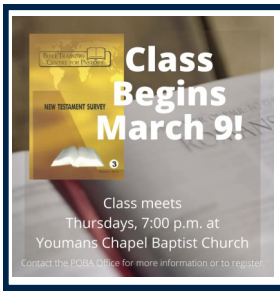
Focus on WMU Sunday

God's mission.
Our passion.

Sunday, February 19



New Testament Survey

Class begins
March 9
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Church Financial Compliance Seminar at FBC Waycross

February 23, 2023
First Baptist Waycross
5:00—8:15 PM

Register or more info: https://events.idonate.com/cfc23-waycross

Is your church finance team following best practices? Come to the Church Financial Conference to discover a wealth of critical financial matters that will affect your church.

Breakout Sessions include: Creative Tools for Fueling Your Mission, Reporting Revenue Above Reproach, Budgeting to Build the Kingdom, Don't Let Your Pastor Labor in Vain.

Tickets are $20, which includes admissions, a conference packet, dinner, and more.

Annual Meeting Highlights

The 54th Annual Meeting of the Piedmont Okefenokee Baptist Association was held on Thursday, January 19, 2023. Williams Chapel Baptist Church graciously hosted the Annual meeting and provided a delicious meal between sessions.

*Rev. Mike Aldridge brought a challenging message from Matthew 28:16-20 during the worship session.

*POBA Messengers approved the 2023 leadership, budget, and Bylaws during the business session

*POBA messengers welcomed Southside Baptist Church in Nahunta into the POBA.

*POBA's theme for 2023 is "Treasure the Word of God" based on Job 23:12

Ministry Safe Opportunity

(Greg Benfield) It is imperative that POBA churches take intentional steps to protect the children that are engaged in the ministries provided through your local church. MinistrySafe is an excellent resource that is designed to help you provide the best possible protection. This protection begins with background checks as a first step. Equipping those who minister to children is also essential. MinistrySafe can help with background checks, comprehensive online training and establishing processes, policies and procedures.

To this end, I contacted MinistrySafe to see how your POBA can assist churches in pursuing excellence in protecting children under our care.

HERE is their response:

We (MinistrySafe) are willing to come alongside POBA to help equip your 63 churches. If your church is already a MinistrySafe member, 'well done' (you can take advantage of the discounted background check pricing).

Through the MinistrySafe system, your churches have access to online Sexual Abuse Awareness Training (and many other trainings), sample Policies & Procedures, screening forms and the ability to initiate and review background checks.

MinistrySafe membership is typically $250 annual fee and $5 per person on the Awareness Training. There is an existing coupon code for Georgia Baptists that will knock $100 off the first year's annual fee: GBMB2023.

Per your request, we will partner with you to go deeper on the discounting until March 31, 2023.

Until March 31st, churches that are not already MinistrySafe members can sign up and use a coupon code. Using that code at the time of sign-up (between now and March 31st) will waive the cost of the first year's annual fee ($250 value).

Additionally, this code will generate discounted pricing for our background checks. These prices are typically reserved for volume purchasers. These background check prices will not expire after March 31st. Contact the POBA Office at (912) 285-8161 for the coupon code.

Churches Seeking Pastors

Remember these churches in prayer as they seek pastors:

Jamestown
Liberty
Patterson
Riverside Chapel
West Carswell

Ministry Opportunities in POBA

Ministry opportunities are listed online. See them here: www.mypoba.org/ministry-opportunities

The Baptist Faith & Message

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

Pray: Missionaries out of POBA

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

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

Hymn Stories: Saved, Saved (I've Found a Friend Who is All to Me...)

(Sam Stack) Both the text and music for this hymn were written by Jack P. Scholfield. He was born in 1882, In Kansas. In his early days, he was an educator. After teaching for a time, he became a traveling Evangelistic singer. In 1912, he joined the staff of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention (now NAMB).

After leaving the Mission Board, he moved to Kansas, where he went into Real Estate. After retiring in 1950, he moved to Missouri, where he lived until his death in 1972. During his years as a Music Evangelist, he wrote many gospel songs, including this one. These songs were purchased and published by Robert H. Coleman, Publisher of many gospel song collections.

According to the author, this hymn was written in 1911. Scholfield stated that the melody came to him first. He then wrote the text to fit the melody. Robert Coleman published the hymn in several of his collections. It is still found in most current hymnals including the 'Red Back' hymnal and every Baptist Hymnal going back to the Broadman Hymnal published in 1940.

Verse 1
I've found a Friend Who is all to me
His love is ever true
I love to tell How He lifted me
And what His grace Can do for you

Verse 2

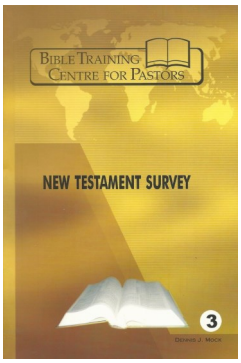
He saves me from Ev'ry sin and harm
Secures my soul each day
I'm leaning strong On His mighty arm
I know He'll guide me All the way

Verse 3
When poor and needy And all alone
In love He said to me
Come unto Me And I'll lead you home
To live with Me eternally

Chorus
Saved by His pow'r divine
Saved to new life sublime
Life now is sweet
And my joy is complete
For I'm saved saved saved

Source: Companion to Baptist Hymnal (Broadman 1975) William J. Reynolds

New Testament Survey Class Begins March 9



The class "New Testament Survey" will begin on March 9, 2023. Classes will meet on Thursdays at Youmans Chapel Baptist Church in Blackshear, 7:00 PM. The cost of the book for this class is $20.

Please contact the POBA Office at (912) 285-8161 for more information or to register.

Royal Ambassadors Derby will be February 11

The POBA RA Derby will be held on February 11 at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church in Waycross.

Registration will begin at 8:30 AM. The cost is $5/car.

The POBA RA Camporee will be March 10-11. Mark your calendars!

For more information, contact Joey Fitzgerald at (912) 490-2224 or jfitzgerald@ccawaycross.com.

Disaster Relief Training

February 24-25, 2023
Kingsland First Baptist Church
Registration Deadline: February 19, 2023
Cost: First Time Attendees $40, Recertification $15

Disaster Relief Introduction (DRI) is required for all first-time volunteers and all Disaster Relief Volunteers who have not recertified since September 2017.

The DRI consists of two sessions:

*Session 1: Friday 6:30—9:00 PM. This is an introduction to the ministry of Disaster Relief

*Session 2: Saturday 8:00—10:00 AM. Training in the specific ministry area. During the online registration, choose from one of the following ministry areas: Cleanup & Recovery, Family Care, Feeding, Shower Units.

For more information or to register: https://gabaptist.egnyte.com/dl/ah5iPE8Z9J

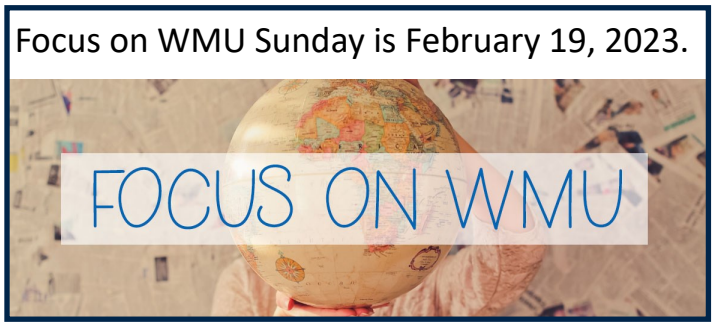
Jubal Ministries Concerts

There are three opportunities for Jubal Ministry concerts in our area during the month of February. All concerts begin at 7:00 PM with Prelude music beginning at 6:30 PM. All concerts are free. A love offering will be taken for Jubal Ministries. For more information about Jubal Ministries go to the website: https://jubalministries.org/

February 2, 2023 Jubal Brass Concert
Sweat Memorial Baptist Church

February 16, 2023 Sons of Jubal Concert
Pleasant Valley Baptist Church

February 17, 2023 Jubalheirs Concert
First Baptist Church, Jesup



POBA Churches Can Access the SPARK Vault

The churches of the POBA now have access to all the content of The Spark Conference archives.

The Spark Conference is a total church equipping conference aimed at training church leaders across nearly every ministry in the life of a church. There are over 40 breakout sessions on everything from children's ministry, to leadership, to church security.

Every church leader in your church is welcome to create their own personal login at no cost to them.

To create your login, simply navigate to the login setup page here: https://www.thesparkconference.com/2022-vault1661956357142/0b74ca47262

For ease of entry back into the vault later, bookmark this page: http://www.thesparkconference.com/2022vault.

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CALENDAR

February

2 Jubal Brass, Sweat Memorial
5 George Liele Church Planting, Evangelism & Missions Sunday
10-11 Pastors & Wives Retreat, Jekyll Island
11 POBA RA Derby
14 Valentine's Day
15 March Newsletter Deadline
16 Sons of Jubal, Pleasant Valley
19 Focus on WMU Sunday
20 President's Day
20 Music Minister Lunch
21 Administrative Team Meeting
23 Church Financial Conference, FBC Waycross
26-27 GBMB Evangelism Conference

March

5-12 Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
9 BTCP New Testament Survey
10-11 POBA RA Camporee
15 April Newsletter Deadline
16 BTCP New Testament Survey
20 Music Minister Lunch
21 Administrative Team Meeting
23 BTCP New Testament Survey
30 BTCP New Testament Survey

April

6 BTCP New Testament Survey
9 Easter
13 BTCP New Testament Survey
15 May Newsletter Deadline
17 Music Minister Lunch
18 Administrative Team Meeting
20 POBA Regular Meeting
27 BTCP New Testament Survey
28 Scholarship Application Deadline
30 POBA Piano Scholarship Competition

Celebrating in February

Active pastors/staff & their spouses celebrating this month

Birthdays

Trent Long—7
Larry Finley—9
Phil Jordan—10
Sonia Delk—12
Julie Smith—19
Greg Benfield—19
Monroe Gill—20
Tammy Carson—22
Jason Weathersby—22
Sherri Hall—23
Daniel Harris—23

Anniversaries

Tommy & Jana Youmans—16
Randall & Edie Gunter—21