

The Vision

Of

The Appalachian Baptist Association

"A family of churches on mission"

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Prayer Conferences with Common Thread Ministries August 11th & 12th

How is your prayer life going? Are you currently struggling? Are you experiencing richness in prayer like never before? Do you want to go deeper in prayer? This summer, on August 12th, the Appalachian Association will be hosting a prayer conference for pastors and church leaders at First Baptist Social Circle. The conference is free of charge and is being held in conjunction with Mark Mirza and Common Thread Ministries. At the event, you will hear from a group of pastors who have cultivated a powerful prayer life over their years of ministry. Our hope is that this will be a time of encouragement and blessing that will lead our leaders into a deeper walk with God. Please invite any and all pastors and church leaders to join us. Additionally, on Aug. 11th Mark will be speaking at First Baptist Winder. Everyone is invited to attend. Look for more details on the 11th and the 12th in the days ahead.

Common Thread Ministries

Committed to getting into the trenches with churches that WANT to have a prayer ministry

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PASTORS CONFERENCE

August 12, 2013
9:00 am — 1:45 pm

HELPING YOUR
PRAYER LIFE

COME ALIVE

Encouraging You Into Passionate Personal Prayer,
By Inviting You Into Our Personal Prayer Closets.

PRAYER
MADE
Alive

LOCATION:
195 N Cherokee Rd,
Social Circle, GA 30025

CONFERENCE COSTS:
NONE
Lunch Provided
We ask you to
pre-register at
www.ctmprayer.org

SCHEDULED SPEAKERS:

Retired Pastor Clark Stubbs
Pastor Todd Coble
Dr. Harris Malcom
Pastor Fabio Lemus
Mark Mirza

Church Notes & Updates

Pray for your following sister churches in our Association family as God blesses them:

- ✚ *Mars Hill & Alcovy Mountain:* As they seek interim pastors.
- ✚ *Fellowship:* They have called a new interim pastor, Jonathan Stertzbach.
- ✚ *LifeSprings:* They have called a new pastor, Rev. Rodney Peavy.
- ✚ *Statham First* They have called a new pastor, Rev. Mike Vernatt.
- ✚ *Bishop, Bethel, Bold Springs:* These churches are in various stages of seeking a new pastor. Please continue to pray that God will bless each church, their Interims & search committees.
- ✚ *Freeman Creek:* As Pastor Ken Jennings continues to lead the church through a revitalization process.

Appalachee Association Church Planting News

'The River' continues to grow at a rapid pace as they reach out to their surrounding community. They recently held a baptismal service and an ordination service. Also, 'Crosswalk Connect' has received funding from the GBC and Appalachee Association. They have found a place to meet on Hwy. 78 in Loganville and will be launching there soon! Additionally, our ethic/people group church planting plans are moving forward. At the last executive committee meeting a designated fund was set aside to help future African American church plants. We have also opened our Association office to Pastor James Mitchell and Bethsaida Word of Faith Ministries on Sunday mornings. One of our Association churches is discussing providing a home for this African- American church plant. God is blessing! Through SEND Atlanta and other avenues every week we are meeting with new and potential church planters!

Have You Registered For the 2013 Sunday School Training Workshop? August 3rd at Walker Baptist

Have you set aside Saturday, August 3rd for the 2013 Sunday School Training Workshop? The GBC and Appalachee Association sponsor this annual event. It will feature group training & breakout sessions designed to grow your Sunday School enrollment and attendance. The event provides training to help your leaders and teachers understand how to create stronger disciples through Sunday School. Training will be provided for leaders in your preschool, children, youth, adult areas as well as pastors and Sunday School directors. Early registration is \$10 per person and can be completed online at sssg.gabaptist.org or through registration forms that can be downloaded at the website. If you have any questions please call the Association office. In addition, churches should be on the lookout for more information, by email & snail mail, directly from the GBC.

Great Night at the Appalachee Association Bible Drill

The Appalachee Associational Bible Drill was held at FBC Monroe on April 8th. Several of the children and all youth and high school drillers advanced to the Regional/State Drill at Mountain Park Baptist on April 18th.



Wonderful Associational Mission Trip with Haitian Christian Outreach

Thank you for your prayer support during the April Associational Mission trip to Haiti! The group had a great time together. We had safe travels. We had ample time to spend with the Haitian people. Most importantly, we had plenty of opportunities to minister and work to the glory of God and for the expansion of His Kingdom. During the week, our team worked closely with the local Haitian population and the staff at the Haitian Christian Outreach campus in Peredo. Some members of the team-taught English in the camp school while others helped frame windows in the newest dorm. We also helped paint in one of the buildings on campus. Additionally, some team members worked in the clinic and pharmacy at the HCO hospital in Peredo. However, our greatest blessings came during the time spent sharing Jesus as we labored and worshiping with the local Christians on Sunday morning. Once you have heard the people of Peredo gathered in worship and singing praises to God, you never forget it. You need to join us on one of these mission journeys! PS: If you get a chance ask Pastor Jeff Box about his once in a lifetime chance to travel down a mountain with a Haitian woman in labor. It is a story worth hearing!



Thank You to Bethlehem Church For Hosting our Spring Meeting!

As an Association, I hope we will join and thank Bethlehem Church for graciously hosting our Annual Spring Meeting on May 2nd. Brandon Stubbs led us in worship. Julia Wellborn, who blessed everyone in attendance with her beautiful voice, joined him on the program. Our speaker was Rev. Brian Widmer. Brian delivered a powerful message on the importance of ministering to youth and young adults. The evening was topped off by a report from our Haiti team and reports on our church plants. Thank you to everyone who attended!



National Day of Prayer Meeting At the Historic Monroe Court House

On May 2nd, at noon a group of pastors and local leaders from the Walton county area joined together in a time of prayer for our nation and community. They lifted prayers for our government, our schools, our families and many other areas that affect our daily life.



The Vision is published monthly except for **July & August**. The Vision's purpose is to inform, encourage and share the story of the Appalachian Baptist Association of churches. Please share your Church's noteworthy activities and news items. Information should be received by the 21st of each month. You can send information by e-mail at administration@appalachee.org or mail to Appalachian Baptist Association, P.O. Box 1064, Monroe, Ga. 30655. The Vision is mailed free by request. If you wish to receive it, simply contact us and give us your name, church and mailing address.

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I Thessalonians 5:25,
“Brethren, pray for us.”

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Pastor Ted Tedders
~Bold Springs Baptist
~Braswell Baptist
Pastor Allen Whitley
~Briarwood Baptist
Pastor Rick Standard
~Calvary Baptist
Pastor Bryan Armour
~Campton Baptist
Pastor Deland Roberts

June 2013

TBA Girl's Summer Mission Camp Camp
Pinnacle, Clayton, GA
4 Minister's Meeting - Office - 11:00 am
10-12 SBC Annual Meeting – Houston, TX

July 2013

1-5 Office closed for 4th of July
9 Budget and Finance Meeting - Office
10:00 am
9 Associational Council - Office
11:00 am
9 Mission Development Meeting - Office
2:00 pm
11 Executive Committee Meeting - Office
7:00 pm
14 Appalachian WMU Leadership Meeting
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