

*The Vision*  
Of  
*The Appalachian Baptist Association*  
*"A family of churches on mission"*  
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**Annual Session of the  
Appalachee Baptist Association  
October 10<sup>th</sup>, Statham First**

The Fall Annual Session of the Appalachee Baptist Association is set for October 10, 2013 at Statham First Baptist church. You should mark your calendar today and join your fellow Appalachee Baptist for this time of Fellowship, Celebration and Worship. The afternoon business and celebration session of our Annual Meeting starts at 4:00 pm and will conclude at 5:45 pm. During this session, we will be sharing plans for the future and celebrating what God has done for us over the past year. Following that, we will have our fellowship meal. The evening worship and dedication session will start at 7:00 pm. Our speaker that evening will be Mark Mirza of Common Thread ministries. Mark will lead us through a time of prayer, dedication, repentance and renewal. He will also be speaking on prayer and the Christian life as God leads his heart.

**COMMON  
THREAD**  
MINISTRIES



**Looking for Team Members for the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Appalachee Association  
Mission Trip to Haiti with Haitian  
Christian Outreach**

Are you ready to take part in an incredible mission opportunity? Haitian Christian Outreach has set aside the week of February 22 to March 1, 2014 for a mission team from Appalachee Baptist Association. You need to be part of that team. This will be a construction trip to Peredo, in the southwestern area of Haiti just off the Caribbean Sea. Our Haiti Team will need individuals with carpentry, plumbing, and electrical skills as well as those willing to serve as helpers. On the mission journey you will worship, minister and fellowship with local Haitians. The camp we will be staying at includes a full service medical clinic, schools and strong church all sponsored by HCO. This mission trip is open to anyone in our Appalachee Baptist churches. Our last trip to Peredo in April 2013 included members from three of our churches. For more information about this and future trips, please contact the Association Office as soon as possible at 770-267-8278 or by email at [eric@appalachee.org](mailto:eric@appalachee.org).



## Appalachee Association September Church Plant Prayer Points

God has blessed our Association with four strong church plants over the last year and half. As these plants grow and reach out they will need your support in many ways. One way that you can support them daily is through your constant prayers. With that in mind, please consider and pray over the following prayer points from our four church plants:

### ***The River – Planters Brian & Joey Brock***

- That they will effectively reach the lost and unchurched in their community
- That God will lead a church to be their sponsoring partner ASAP
- That in addition to a sponsoring church that God will open the doors to supporting churches that will bless the church plant

### ***Crosswalk Connect – Planter Larry Fuller***

- God's continued provision and wisdom as they prepare to launch
- That God will send people with servant's hearts to build the ministry
- God will use them to reach the lost in their community
- That God will provide a sponsoring church

### ***Satham Community Church – Planter Spencer Breedlove***

- Core group families to be equipped
- The Breedlove family (Spencer, Lisa, Tyler, Jared & Elizabeth)
- For the 1<sup>st</sup> pre-launch service on Christmas Eve to be blessed
- For community connections to continue to grow
- Lost in Satham to receive the Gospel

### ***Bethesda – Planter James M. Mitchell***

- That God will continue to grow the core group of the church

- That the ministry will continue to build ties with the community
- That God will continue to open doors of partnership with the established churches of the Appalachee Association

## Seeking Bi-vocational Youth Pastor

Walker Baptist Church of Monroe, GA is seeking a bi-vocational youth minister. For more information or to send resumes for the position, please contact Sherrie Lancaster at [tidey26@aol.com](mailto:tidey26@aol.com)

## ***9<sup>th</sup> Annual Omega Trail At The Summit***

***Omega Trail is a 45-minute walking tour through the woods about the end of times.  
(Not recommended for children)***

***October 18, 19, 20 & 25, 26, 27***

***First tour begins at 7:15pm with groups leaving every 15 minutes after until 9:15pm***

***Tickets are \$5.00  
For more information or to reserve tickets at a specific time call 678-372-3406 or [www.theomegatrail.com](http://www.theomegatrail.com)***

Pastor's Round Table  
Peer Learning and Fellowship for  
Our Pastors & Staff Members

Starting in October, we hope to have monthly meetings of the Pastor's Round Table in the Appalachee Association. On September 25<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am, at the Association office there will be a preview meeting. What is the Pastor's Round Table? I will let Greg Williams, founder and CEO of the ministry explain:

**"Welcome to The Pastors Roundtable!** We are passionate about sustaining and perhaps rekindling the pastor's passion and commitment to the Lord's call to ministry. We are alarmed by the many statistics that show how many pastors are literally suffering in their current situation. Most statistics say that 60% to 80% of those who enter the ministry will not still be in it 10 years later, and only a fraction will stay in it as a lifetime career. Many pastors—I believe over 90 percent—start off right with a true call and the enthusiasm and the endurance of faith to make it, but something happens to derail their train of passion and love for the call. With that in mind, we would like to offer an alternative. We would like to see pastors flourishing in their call, passionate about their Kingdom Work, preserved and renewed in their personal relationships, balanced in their work and home life, effectively dealing with the strategic issues at their church, dealing with and building on the challenging interpersonal experiences they have, and thriving in ministry."

Thank You to Walker Baptist  
For Hosting the 2013  
Sunday School Training Workshop

Thank you Pastor Jeff Box, Gerald Malcolm and the wonderful people of Walker Baptist church for hosting the regional Sunday School

Training Workshop on August 3<sup>rd</sup> this year. Out of the 23 locations that hosted training workshops across the state of Georgia, the event at Walker was the 7<sup>th</sup> largest with 149 people in attendance. Also, thank you to all of the churches that had groups at the event.

Thank You to First Baptist Social Circle  
For Hosting the Association  
Prayer Conference

Please join me in saying thank you to Pastor Mike Hardy and the wonderful people of First Baptist Church Social Circle for hosting our Associational Prayer Conference with Common Thread Ministries and Mark Mirza on August 12<sup>th</sup> this year. Also thank you to those who were able to attend the prayer conference. I have heard from many who were there concerning the blessing and encouragement they received as we focused our day on prayer.

***Judgement House at  
Faith Baptist Church***

***'Masquerade:  
Sometimes we all wear masks'  
A walk through drama***

***October 18, 19, 20 & 25, 26, 27***

***Open at 6:00 on Fridays  
Open at 3:30 on Sat. & Sun.***

***Admission is 1 non-perishable  
food item and \$5.00***

***For reservations & directions  
call the church office at  
770-267-6603***

***or visit the church website  
faithbaptistmonroe.org***

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The Apostle Paul put it simply in  
I Thessalonians 5:25,  
“Brethren, pray for us.”

~Alcovy Baptist  
~Annie Mary Baptist  
Pastor Buster Brown  
~Bethabara Baptist  
Pastor Rob Bray  
~Bethel Baptist  
Interim Pastor Frank Johnson  
~Bethlehem FBC  
Pastor Jason Britt  
~Bishop Baptist  
Pastor Parrish Myers

October 2013

- 8 WMU Assn Leadership Team Meeting  
Areta Graham's home – 9:30 am
- 10 Engage 24 – BCM Outreach - UGA  
UGA Campus – all day
- 10 Executive Committee Meeting - First Baptist  
Statham -3:00 pm
- 10 Annual Meeting – First Baptist Statham -  
4:00-9:00 pm  
Continuing Education –Every Tuesday Night  
7:00 pm

November 2013

- 4 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer  
Annie Mary Baptist – 7:00-8:30 pm
- 11 Pre-Convention GBC Rally –Hebron Baptist  
Dacula, GA – 6:00-9:00 pm
- 12 GBC Annual Meeting / Preaching Conference  
Hebron Baptist, Dacula, GA – 9:00-5:00 pm
- 27-29 Office Closed for Thanksgiving