

*The Vision*  
*Appalachee Baptist Association*  
*“A Family of Churches on Mission”*  
*July 2015 Newsletter*

## **NEWS AND NOTES FROM APPALACHEE ASSOCIATION**

**July 30, 2015**

The summer is still in full swing as far as the heat is concerned but the start of school is right around the corner. My prayer is that you have had a great summer break with all the activities and ministries going on. Of course, the big thing each year is Vacation Bible School. There have been some great reports from our churches regarding this year's VBS efforts. **Please send us your VBS report so we can share in the joy of what has happened this year.**

Congratulations to the **East Side Baptist Church** family and their Pastor Darrell Gilmer as they celebrate their **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** on **Sunday, August 2**. The service is at 10:45 and there will be a covered dish dinner following the service. Darrell writes: “East Side was constituted with a vision to reach the city of Winder. This Sunday we will remember God’s faithfulness to our church. We will also celebrate God’s continued blessing on our future.”



This is the time to have your Sunday School and Small Group Leaders trained for more effectiveness as leaders and teachers. This is the only conference being held in our area this year for this purpose and sponsored by the Georgia Baptist Convention.

Cost: \$25 until Monday before the event; \$35 regular/walk up

**August 8, 2015**

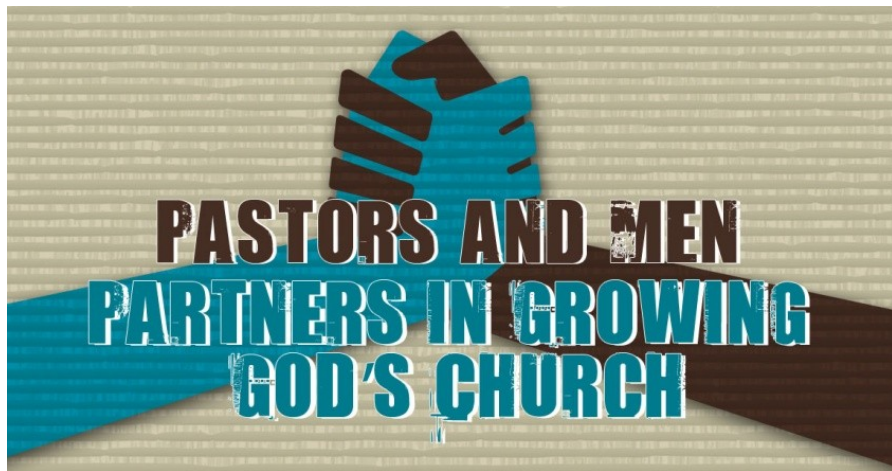
Hebron Baptist Church, Dacula, GA – [REGISTER NOW](#)

Bob Mayfield, Sunday School & Adult Discipleship Specialist, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma

**Schedule for All Conferences:**

7:30 a.m. Breakfast and LifeWay Bookstore  
7:45 a.m. Registration  
8:55 a.m. General Session/Instructions  
9:30 a.m. Age Level Teachers/Leaders Session  
10:45 a.m. Break/Bookstore  
11:15 a.m. General Session/Plenary Speaker  
"How Groups Grow the Church"  
12:15 p.m. Lunch/Bookstore  
1:15 p.m. Special Interest Session #1  
2:15 p.m. Break/Bookstore  
2:30 p.m. Special Interest Session #2  
3:30 p.m. Dismiss

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**STATE MEN'S CONFERENCE**

Saturday, August 8, 2015  
8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Eagle's Landing First Baptist Church  
2400 Highway 42 North  
McDonough

REGISTER TODAY AT [mens.gabaptist.org](http://mens.gabaptist.org)

Keynote Speakers: Dr. Frank Cox, Pastor, North Metro Baptist Church

Mr. Kelvin Cochran, Former Atlanta Fire Chief and active Baptist Layman



Goal for Appalachee Association: 500 Backpacks

The Administration Team and the Missions and Ministry Team met this week to develop our partnership with Appalacia and to choose the location for our backpacks to go this year. We have chosen two ministry sites to partner with for backpacks this year. **Servolution Ministries** in Speedwell, TN (200 backpacks) and the **Powell River Baptist Association** in Jonesville, VA (300 backpacks). Although these ministries are in two states they are both in the Powell Valley Region and fairly close to each other. We plan to take a team to this area to help in distribution of the backpacks.

Servolution Ministries



Powell River Valley Association





**Next Sons of Jubal Concert**

**August 20, 2015**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Zion Baptist Church**

**Covington, GA**

The Sons of Jubal will be traveling in October to Israel to share the gospel through powerful and inspirational concerts of praise. Come and share in this great time of worship as we prepare as Georgia Baptists to send these men on this mission endeavor to Israel.

**Associational WMU Leadership Training**

**Center Hill Baptist Church**

**2940 Gratis Road, Monroe, GA 30656**

**August 22, 2015**

**10:00 AM to 1:00 PM with registration at 9:45**

**AM Training for Church Leadership Teams: WMU Director, WMU Assistant Director, Prayer Coordinators, Age Level Leaders and any other leadership positions.**

**Conference Personnel**

**WMU Leadership – Evelyn Blount, Assistant Director/Training Specialist, Appalachian Association WMU**

**Preschoolers (Mission Friends) – Joye Smith, Team Leader and Ministry Consultant, Preschool Resource Team, National WMU**

**Children (GA's, RA's, CA's) – Areta Graham, Children's Consultant, Appalachian Association WMU**

**Youth (Acteens, Youth on Mission) – Grace Woodard, Georgia WMU Youth Leader Trainer**

**Adults (WOM, myMISSION, Adults on Mission) – Saconda Hadaway, Women's Consultant, Appalachian Association WMU**

# 2015 Minister's Wellness Retreat

September 10-12

Georgia Baptist Conference Center – Toccoa

October 8-10

Georgia Baptist Conference Center – Norman Park



**Free for each Minister and Spouse - Registration Required**

To Register and for more information contact Ruth Smith at 770-936-5364 or [rsmith@gabaptist.org](mailto:rsmith@gabaptist.org)

## MissionGeorgia Offering

The Mission Georgia Season of Prayer and Offering is an annual emphasis which supports the ministries, missions, and evangelism work of the Georgia Baptist Convention. The 2015 theme is "AWAKEN" and the offering goal is 1.75 million with emphasis dates of September and year-round.



To order free materials and resources go to the following web site:

<http://missiongeorgia.org/offering-order-form/>

## Important Dates and Events: More information forthcoming

**September 8:** Classes begin for the Appalachian Association Christian Education Extension Center. The classes meet each Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM through the Fall. Teachers this Fall are Rev. Allen Hill and Dr. James "Buster" Brown.

**September 10:** Pastors Roundtable, 10:00 AM, led by Dr. Harris Malcom and Rev. Stacey Dyer. All Appalachian pastors are invited to attend.

**September 17:** Budgeting and Finance Conference, 6:00 PM, Appalachian Association Ministry Center. Discover ways to budget for increased giving. We will be contacting directly Finance Committee Chairmen and Budget personnel to invite them to this event.

**October 5:** "TOP 10 Evangelism Event" in partnership with Sarepta Association. Dr. Randy Mullinax will be leading this event highlighting the work of some of the fastest growing churches in Georgia. These are churches who have led the GBC in baptisms and evangelism. The event will be held at Green Acres Baptist Church in Athens at 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

**October 22:** Appalachian Baptist Association Fall Annual Meeting – Grace Baptist Church in Monroe. Watch for more information as we plan for this important gathering of Appalachian churches for the Lord's business and for Inspirational worship.

Final Note: Check out our new **Appalachee Baptist Association Facebook Page**. This will simply be another way to stay in touch with what God is doing in our churches and through our association in these challenging days.

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