

February 2022

# The Light

For many DBA churches this year began a bit slow due to Covid, but the faithfulness of the saints is still evident.

One of our good brothers and a choice servant of our Lord, Bruce Conner, Pastor of East Gordon Baptist, went home to live in the presence of Christ. The saints at East Gordon Baptist and many in our area who have been blessed by God through Rev. Conner are saddened that Bruce is no longer with us. The saints at East Gordon continue to persevere and remain faithful. They know Bruce wants them to stay the course, worship and serve.

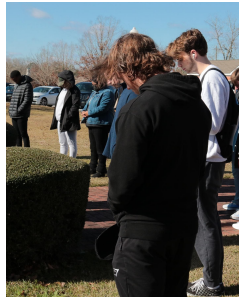
God has continued to open the door for the churches of the DBA to spread the gospel in the Hindu nation of India. Although there are forces that would hinder the work, the saints from the churches continue to give sacrificially to purchase Bibles, fund massive evangelistic crusades and train church leadership for the new churches being planted in southeast India. In the face of opposition, God continues to call us to go and our courageous saints, like Bobby Thompson, continue to obey the call and go to the nations.

Although The Satan tries to discourage the followers of Christ, the saints continue to labor and to organize opportunities for our youth and children to get away from the influence of the world and allow the Word and the Spirit to do its work of renewal and refreshing for these young disciples. We had over 90 participate in Winter Surge and 2022 youth summer Surge and DBA Adrian Children's Camp are on the way. We see the faithfulness of the saints to love our children and youth.

I would need several pages to describe the manifold missional activities of the saints in our community. Amid the challenges we face today the called of God continue to provide opportunities for children and students to develop a personal relationship with God, work for the deliverance of the addicted, fight for the life of the unborn, heal the sick, provide food for the hungry, deliver the Word of God to our neighborhoods and to the nations, disciple and equip the saved and gather to worship the Lord and creator of heaven and earth.

Against the current opposition to the church and the mission of Christ, the faithfulness of Christ in the endurance of the saints is inspiring and glorious. May the saints of God continue to serve with a grit and determination produced from love for God and his kingdom and love of neighbor, in the manner and likeness of our Master, Jesus Christ.

Martin Luther  
King, Jr.  
Prayer Walk  
2022



BPC - FBC Mount Vernon - Montgomery County Courthouse

### India Crusade 2022

During the three day crusade over 26,000 people attended and over 16,000 came forward in response to the gospel. Pandu and his team collected over 16,000 cards with contact information for follow up, Bible distribution and church planting effort. It's amazing! Our God is amazing! And our Father is so gracious to open the door to us that we can participate in the establishment and growth of his church in India, which is one of the most populated places on the planet and also one of the most unreached with the gospel.

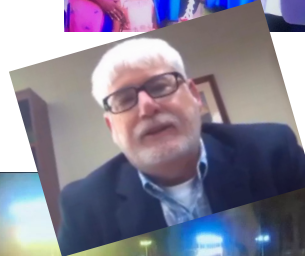
Since 2017, over 1200 house churches have been planted through the work of the Victory Baptist Association!

Think of this: Through our partnership with Pandu and the Victory Baptist Association, we are standing on the shoulders of, William Carey (1761-1834). Carey is known as the "father of modern missions." His essay, An Enquiry into the Obligations of Christians to Use Means for the Conversion of the Heathens, shaped our baptist missionary spirit to take the gospel to every tribe tongue and nation.

Pandu and the Victory Baptist Association is a result of the work of William Carey's missionary work in India. Join together in celebrating what God is accomplishing in India! Let's give thanks and ask Christ to continue to allow us to be part of this awesome opportunity to do kingdom work in India! Also, pray for Pandu and the brothers and sisters in India as they follow-up and plant churches!

To God be the Glory!

*Please do not spread videos or updates about the work in India on social media because it could potentially hinder our involvement.*



# WINTER SURGE 2022





Shared THE true story of Christmas and THE true meaning of Christmas today with these sweet children. They helped build a manger scene, sang Happy Birthday to Jesus and enjoyed some pizza! These kids are a joy!  
 -Sherry Ann Dyal, Cornerstone Baptist  
 If you would like to participate in local missions at Raymonia Apartments, please contact Gaynor Ridgill.



**DBA CHILDREN'S CAMP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE**

Adrian Camp & Conference Center  
 June 27-July 1, 2022  
 Ages 8-14  
 Cost - \$210.00

**Applications due by June 12, 2022.**

Visit

<https://dbachurches.com/summer-camps/dba-childrens-camp/>

for applications

CEDAR CROSSING BAPTIST CHURCH

# THE ROARING TWENTIES

## Valentine Banquet

Hosted by CCBC Youth

Saturday, February 19, 2022  
 6-8 PM

Family Life Center

\$20 per person donation appreciated

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:  
 TAYLOR & LAURA DOWD OR MANDY BEASLEY



FBC Alamo invites everyone to come meet and hear from Allen Rae and the Rae family about God's call on their lives to go full-time to the mission field. Come to FBC Alamo Sunday, February 13 at 6pm.

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### Rea Family

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Eastern Asia

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# ANNUAL BANQUET FOR *Life*

**WITH ABBY JOHNSON**

FBC VIDALIA

TUESDAY, MARCH 15  
6:30 PM

The DBA has purchased a table for this event for our pastors to attend with their spouse. Please let us know if you would like to attend.



Former Director of Planned Parenthood and author of the book "Unplanned"

# MISSIONS SUMMIT

SAVE THE DATE  
FRIDAY, MARCH 25  
Brewton-Parker College, Gilder Recital Hall

DANIELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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## Soul-winning station: Brewton-Parker College reports 350 professions of faith

By ROGER ALFORD, The Christian Index  
MOUNT VERNON, Ga. – Not all students at Brewton-Parker College, the conservative Southern Baptist school in southern Georgia, are Christians when they enroll, but, says President Steven Echols, the hope is that they will be by the time they graduate.

Some 350 students have made professions of faith on campus in the past seven years, Echols told the Georgia Baptist Mission Board's Education Committee on Tuesday.

"That's about 50 students per year, which amounts to about 10 percent of our student body making professions of faith," he said.



Brewton-Parker, the only accredited four-year Christian college between Macon, Ga., and Jacksonville, Fla., has a long history of educating the children of Southern Baptists. The large number of professions of faith is testament to the fact that even unchurched families choose to send their children to the 118-year-old institution because of its Christian values and because of the individualized attention students receive.

Echols said the school has seen 12 straight enrollment increases.

In the briefing to members of the Education Committee on Tuesday, Echols said faculty and staff are intentional in their efforts to make sure that every student hears the gospel and is given an opportunity to respond.

That happens not only in chapel services and Bible studies, but in special events, as well.

Last fall, Brewton-Parker held a tent revival on campus with "a couple dozen professions of faith," Echols said.

"We just want to be faithful," he said.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**GEORGIA BAPTIST WOMEN'S**  
*Spring Event*  
**APRIL 22-23, 2022**  
**CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**WARNER ROBINS**  
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 OPTIONS AVAILABLE

FEATURING  
*Lisa Harper*

GEORGIA  
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 WOMEN

**WOMEN'S SPRING EVENT**  
 April 23

Nothing refreshes our souls like His Spirit and laughter! We get to experience both as Lisa Harper brings her quick wit and encounters with God to women of ALL AGES.

Register today at <https://georgiabaptistwomen.org/springevent/>.

Georgia Baptist

**PASTORS AND WIVES**

**RETREAT**

FEBRUARY 11-13, 2022

~~\$149 PER PERSON~~

\*\*\*Please let the DBA know if you would like to attend\*\*\*

This retreat is designed specifically for Pastors and their wives. Each participant will receive personalized coaching by some of the finest pastors in the Southern Baptist Convention. It is a time to be renewed and fed spiritually, emotionally and physically. You will even be assisted with pulpit supply if requested.

LOCATION: Jekyll Island Club Resort Jekyll Island Club Resort, 371 Riverview Drive, Jekyll Island, GA, USA

# The Week of Prayer for North American Missions & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

The Week of Prayer for North American missions is annually observed by SBC churches to pray for missionaries, their ministries and their families. Prayer is the fuel for spiritually sustaining missionaries in places where the gospel is greatly needed, but often opposed.

The official date is the first Sunday in March through the second Sunday. This year it is March 6-13, 2022. Your church can choose this date or another time during the Easter season to participate. The offering goal for this year is \$70 million. Visit [AnnieArmstrong.com](http://AnnieArmstrong.com) and learn more!



Annie Armstrong was born in Baltimore at a time when women were not expected to lead. She served, challenged churches to action and rallied support for missionaries. Ultimately, Annie was recognized as a national Southern Baptist trailblazer renowned for visionary missions leadership.

## Contributions

- Started Bay View Mission for Baltimore's poor and addicted
- Served as the first executive of Woman's Missionary Union
- Raised support for missionaries to Italian and Jewish immigrants
- Initiated fund-raising "brick cards" to build churches in Cuba
- Gained support for the first black, female missionaries
- Secured funds to relieve China missionary, Lottie Moon, who had served for 11 years without a furlough
- Advocated for Native Americans and impoverished mountain people
- Traveled across America in the late 1800s encouraging missionaries and inspiring churches to pray, give and act
- Honored in 1934 when The Home Missions Offering was re-named for her to encourage more to follow her sacrificial example

## How Your Gifts Equip North American Missionaries

**\$25** Meal with an unreached person

**\$100** Subscriptions for training resources

**\$300** Bibles and discipleship materials

**\$500** Neighborhood outreach event

**\$1,000** Emergency travel assistance for missionary family

**\$1,500** Monthly worship facility rent

**\$10,000** Worship and office equipment for a new church plant

**\$30,000** One year of support for a church planter



In Canada,  
**54%**  
of all existing  
Southern Baptist  
churches were  
planted since 2010.

These churches are responsible for more than half the baptisms in Canada.



In metro **San Juan, Puerto Rico**, Southern Baptists have planted **16 churches since 2016**—no SBC churches were planted there in the previous 20 years.

Estimated lost:  
**275 Million**

NAMB and Southern Baptists came together to add **857 New Congregations** in 2020

And since 2010, have planted more than **8,700 churches** across North America

About **60%** of the SBC churches planted in 2020 were non-white or multiethnic congregations.



In 2021, 258 GenSend student missionaries had 2,612 gospel conversations and logged 445,032 ministry hours in 14 locations across North America.

## Ways to Give

Gifts are accepted all year. 100% of your Annie Armstrong Easter Offering gifts support thousands of missionaries in church planting and compassion ministry.

- Through your local church
- [Online \(no transaction fee withheld\)](#)
- Mail a check to NAMB  
PO Box 116543 Atlanta, GA 30368-6543  
(designate to AAEO in the memo line)
- Text Annie to 888123\*Reply STOP to cancel, HELP for help. Msg&data rates may apply.



# UNTIL ALL HEAR

SOUTHERN REGIONS EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

**MARCH 6-7, 2022**

First Baptist Church, Tifton  
404 Love Avenue, Tifton, GA

CONFERENCE  
SPEAKERS



**DR. JJ WASHINGTON**  
Georgia Baptist Mission Board



**DR. HERB REAVIS**  
North Jacksonville Baptist Church  
Jackson, FL



**REV. BRAD WATERS**  
First Baptist Hazlehurst  
Hazlehurst, GA



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Bellevue Baptist Church  
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**REV. H.B. CHARLES, JR.**  
Shiloh Metropolitan Baptist Church  
Jacksonville, FL



**DANIEL CREWS**

WORSHIP  
LED BY

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Register for free at: [gbcevangelismconferences.com](http://gbcevangelismconferences.com)

RACIAL RECONCILIATION SUNDAY

February 27, 2022



He is our peace,  
**WHO MADE BOTH  
GROUPS ONE**

and tore down the  
dividing wall of hostility.

EPHESIANS 2:14 (CSB)

BREWTON-PARKER  
SOUTHERN  
CLASSIC  
TOURNAMENT

SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>

2022

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METTER, GEORGIA

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you would like to participate.



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FOCUS ON WMU

Focus on WMU is an intentional time to celebrate what God is doing through WMU in your church to reach the world with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Ideas for celebrating Focus on WMU Sunday:

- Ask your pastor for time during the morning worship service to have someone share a WMU testimony/story. Look for someone whose life has been impacted by her mission involvement. Keep the testimony limited to the time the pastor gives you.
- Create a slideshow to share with your church using photos that tell the story of your mission groups and recent missions efforts.
- Design a bulletin insert, social media presentation, bulletin board or other display showing the big picture of WMU in your church. Highlight support of mission work and missionaries, special missions offerings, mission action projects, details about missions discipleship group meetings, upcoming events, prayer prompts, etc.
- Kick off Focus on WMU Sunday with a churchwide missions project that gets church members outside the walls of the church giving hands-on missions experience.
- Invite a Tennessee WMU staff member or another state WMU officer/leader to share with your church in person or virtually during worship or during a gathering of your women.

Start making plans now for Focus on WMU Sunday, February 20, 2022. For more information visit [WMU.com](http://WMU.com).

# WMU celebrates record-setting year, announces building sale

By JULIE WALTERS, Woman's Missionary Union

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP) – Despite pandemic-related challenges in 2021, Woman’s Missionary Union (WMU) ministries grew, and the Southern Baptist Convention auxiliary entered 2022 on strong footing, leaders heard at a meeting last month.

“In spite of everything, 2021 was a record-setting year,” said Sandy Wisdom-Martin, national WMU executive director/treasurer. “Our comprehensive international ministry touched 49 countries through WorldCrafts; Pure Water, Pure Love; Christian Women’s Job Corps; missions resource collaboration; international WMU; and partnership with the WMU Foundation through HEART Fund grant requests. From Bangladesh through Zambia, WMU provided compassion ministries and connection opportunities for our sisters around the world.”

The meeting joined executive board members and national and state leaders via Zoom Jan. 8-9 to hear updates and testimonies.

One major update is the impending sale of the WMU’s building in Birmingham. After several downsizings in recent years and incorporating a remote work policy, WMU leadership has determined the 137,000-foot building that serves as WMU’s national headquarters is a larger footprint than needed. The property is on the market, and the replacement of a 37-year-old HVAC system across the complex is complete.

Wisdom-Martin also reported that donations to Pure Water, Pure Love enabled WMU to provide 1,372 water filters and replacements to International Mission Board personnel and missions teams during the 2020-21 fiscal year. In addition, WMU awarded nearly \$400,000 in Pure Water, Pure Love global grants to supply clean water resources, and a full semi-truckload of water was sent to New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Ida.

Another record was set with HEART (Humanitarian Emergency Aid for Rebuilding Tomorrow) Fund grants. National WMU and the WMU Foundation established this fund in response to the tragic events of 9/11. To honor the 20-year anniversary, the WMU Foundation set a goal to grant 20 HEART Fund grants throughout 2021. A total of 25 HEART Fund grants were approved, distributing more than \$256,000 – the largest total amount and total grants given in a single year in the history of the fund. Aid was provided following damage from tornadoes, hurricanes, wildfires, floods, winter ice storms and volcanoes.

In a financial update, Wisdom-Martin reported that despite continued fluctuations in sales in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, WMU “was blessed to close out 2020 in the black” thanks to significant gifts, grants and donations, and a robust stock market. She added that closing the gap between sales and expenses continues to be a priority.

## **Partners in missions**

Bob Cardinal, chair of the WMU Foundation board, presented a check from the Vision Fund to national WMU for \$500,000, the largest single grant ever made from that fund.

Wisdom-Martin expressed gratitude for the gift and for sacrificial giving among Southern Baptist churches.

“The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering surpassed the goal and landed at \$177.62 million,” she said, “and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering hit an all-time high of \$66.5 million, and cumulative gifts passed \$2 billion. In the midst of challenges, amazing things are happening.”

Paul Chitwood, president of the International Mission Board, brought greetings and a report via prepared video.

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## *WMU record year continued*

“IMB’s mission is to serve Southern Baptists in carrying out the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations,” Chitwood said. “Together, we get to be a part of the most important work in the entire universe and no group has been a more dedicated partner than Woman’s Missionary Union. The IMB isn’t the IMB without WMU. Hundreds of missionaries serving today can trace their call to missions back to WMU and we are so grateful.”

Chitwood closed saying that IMB needs the continued partnership of WMU. “We need leaders who keep the work of missionaries on the hearts of the churches,” he said, “those who teach the children to listen for the voice of God, those who raise support and then send generation after generation of workers to the harvest fields.”

Kevin Ezell, president of the North American Mission Board, also thanked WMU leaders via prepared video.

“The effort you put in at the national and state level, as well as each church-based WMU group, is making such an important impact,” Ezell said. “Of course, you also make a huge difference in the lives of our missionaries through your prayers, encouragement, and the tangible gifts that you provide for them literally all year round. The support you provide for our missionaries keeps them fueled and on the field in the places they are needed the most.”

In two of 23 different workshops offered in conjunction with the board meeting, participants heard testimonies from IMB field personnel Richard and Karen Lee in Tanzania and NAMB field personnel Bobby and LaKeisha Williams in New Orleans.

## **Stay focused**

Connie Dixon, national WMU president, challenged participants to stay focused on Jesus.

“Storms are all around us,” Dixon said, “but storms aren’t new to WMU. There is a storm in the Bible we can learn so much from. In Matthew 14:22-33, we read about the disciples dealing with a storm. Jesus called out to them and told them not to be afraid.

“We must be willing,” Dixon continued, “just like our foremothers were, to get out of the boat ... to do things differently, to take risks, to step out of our comfort zones. We need to dream and dream big, and fix our eyes on Jesus.”

Dixon welcomed the following new executive board members: Shirley Smith (Alabama), Laura Bramlett (Arkansas), Chris Conrades (Indiana), Deb Speas (Iowa), Vashti Jones (Kansas/Nebraska), Teresa Howard (New Mexico) and Janora Skeens (West Virginia). She also welcomed new WMU executive directors: Christine Gill (Louisiana), Cheryl Stahlman (Missouri), and Melissa Lamb (New Mexico).

Roetta Vaught (Kentucky) and Carla Bell (Montana), two board members who end their tenure in early 2022, were also recognized.

In other business, the executive board approved:

The 2022 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal be set at \$190,000,000.

The 2023 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goal be set at \$70,000,000.

The next WMU board meeting is scheduled for June 3-4, 2022, via Zoom.

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# CALENDAR

# PRAYER

## FEBRUARY

- 7-9 GBMB AMS Retreat
- 11-13 GBMB Pastors & Wives Retreat
- 20 SBC Focus on WMU Sunday
- 27-28 GBMB Evangelism Conference, Macon
- 27 SBC Racial Reconciliation Sunday
- 28 DBA Pastors Round Table, DBA Office, 11:30pm; Zoom 8pm

## MARCH

- 6-7 GBMB Evangelism Conference, Tifton
- 6-13 SBC Week of Prayer for North American Missions & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- 13-14 GBMB Evangelism Conference, Cumming
- 21 DBA Pastors Round Table, DBA Office, 11:30pm; Zoom 8pm
- 25 DBA Mission Summit, BPC
- 27 SBC Church Planting Emphasis Day

Each pastor in our association and around the world struggles with physical, spiritual, and family health. Everyone please commit to pray for the following pastors who are currently having physical health issues (shared with permission)

*Bill Black, Joe Siman, Don Moye*  
*All are persevering through physical trials and covet our prayers.*

Commit to prayer the following churches as they seek God's wisdom in searching for a pastor:  
**Bethel ~ East Gordon~FBC Vidalia, Interim Steve Echols ~ Friendship, Interim Walter Jarrel ~ Higgston ~ Normantown ~ Ohoopee lead by Johnny McCullah ~ Stuckey ~ Vidalia Baptist Temple**

**Let's celebrate these churches that have participated financially in our cooperative effort. We hope you are encouraged by your fellow churches that have partnered with you!**

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|-------------------------|------------------|
| Alamo FBC               | Lyons FBC        |
| Alston                  | Mount Vernon FBC |
| Cedar Crossing          | Normantown       |
| Cedar Crossing Hispanic | Ohoopee          |
| Fairview                | Providence       |
| Faith Missionary        | Soperton FBC     |
| Friendship              | South Thompson   |
| Harmony                 | Springhill       |
| Higgston                | Stuckey          |
| Hope                    | Tabernacle       |
| Journey                 | The Way Hispanic |

- Trinity
- United Fellowship
- Vidalia Baptist Temple

YTD Gen. Fund Checking	
GF Income:	10,660.57
GF Expenses	7,420.73
YTD Net	
Budgeted Exp	<b>3,239.84</b>
Excess Funds	0.00
Prev. Yr. Bal. Fw	35,537.52
GF Cash/Hand	<b>38,777.36</b>

*Please note that participation quarterly, biannually, or annually will be listed in the month it was received.*

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