

The Light

DANIELL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION
September 2025 ♦



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11:30am, August 11, 2025
DBA office
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**"Go Into All the
World and Preach
the Gospel ..."
Mark 16:15**

*Stay Involved in
Kingdom Work*

*- Be Informed -
then...*

*Pray, Give, and
Go*

From the AMS:

Romans 8 tells us to walk according to the Spirit and not according to the flesh. I think a key aspect of the flesh is the evil desire to be equal to God. This seems to be what the snake offered Adam and Eve in the garden. This corrupt desire has been passed down to all of us. The desire to be equal to God manifests itself in many ways. The deeds of the flesh are listed in Galatians 5:19. It's an ugly list of behaviors that flow from the evil longing to dethrone God and take his place.

Romans 8 tells us that if we live by the Spirit we don't have to submit to the desires of the "flesh," this desire to be equal to God. It also tells us that this powerful Spirit is the Spirit of Christ.

Philippians 2 gives us some insight into the Spirit of Christ. Philippians 2 says that, although he was in the form of God, Jesus did not regard equality with God something that he should have. The Spirit of Christ is a Spirit that does not desire to be equal to God. When we are born again and are a new creation in Christ by faith, we receive the Spirit of Christ inside of us. We can now walk by this Spirit, and not the flesh. We can be humans who do not walk around acting like we are little gods, but instead, we can be truly human, with the peaceful and joyous humility that is befitting what we are.

My friends, let us walk by the Spirit of Christ, and we will not gratify the desires of the flesh, but we will produce the fruit of the Spirit.

Billy Puckett



**“SPARK conferences
open with record
participation,
powerful messages”**

By HENRY DURAND,
The Christian Index

The testimony of many is that the SPARK Church Strengthening Conference was an encouraging edifying event for many in attendance. 720 participants representing 103 churches came together at Brewton-Parker Christian University, setting a record for the largest number of churches ever attending a SPARK event.

“Southeast Georgia really showed up big!” said GBMB Discipleship Catalyst Scott Sullivan, who celebrated the strong turnout. “SPARK Rock Spring and Brewton-Parker are the two biggest opening-day SPARK conferences to date. The number of volunteers that we are seeing at each location is inspiring.”

Your DBA team thanks all those from our community who served at SPARK. We are eager to see the churches of the DBA strengthened in the days to come as a result of SPARK.

Click to Read More:

[The Christian Index](#)



Pastor's Fellowship Lunch

Date: September 15th

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Place: DBA Office





Annual Report

**Please complete & return
the ACP by September 30, 2025**

The Georgia Baptist Mission Board is currently preparing letters to be sent to all churches. The letters will be delivered to the current mailing addresses listed in iGO. The packet will provide the unique usernames and passwords where church leaders can update their organizational, leadership and statistical information online at <https://ga.sbcworkspace.com>

If you want to print out ACP forms, [please navigate here](#) and print/download them.

The statistics churches will be asked to provide include:

1. Total MEMBERSHIP.
2. Average weekly in-person WORSHIP attendance.
3. Average weekly in-person SMALL GROUP attendance for Sunday School or other Bible study groups (all ages).
4. Total BAPTISMS.
5. OTHER ADDITIONS. Number of people who became members of your congregation during the current reporting year by ways other than baptism including letter of transfer, statement, etc.
6. Total VBS ENROLLMENT.
7. UNDESIGNATED RECEIPTS.
8. ASSOCIATION Gifts.

If you have not received the report for your church,
please contact Selena at
(912) 293-7760 daniellbaptist@gmail.com



Annual Celebration!

Join us to celebrate all the ways that Lord has used the Churches of the DBA to minister to our communities and spread the Gospel.

Date: October 19, 2025

(The date has changed because of Fall Break for the Local Schools)

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: FBC Vidalia

Doors open at 5:00 for Exhibits and Finger Foods



2025 Public Affairs Training Event:

"Salt and Light: Your Christian Responsibility in the Public Square"

Date: Monday, **October 27, 2025**

Time: 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM; lunch included

Location: Brewton-Parker Christian
University (Student Center /
Garden Room)

Address: 201 David Eliza Fountain Cir.,
Mount Vernon, GA 30445

Registration is FREE!

Click [HERE](#)
to Register

These training events are about educating pastors and church members on ethical issues in our culture and why it's important that a witness to the life changing power of the gospel be seen in our local, state, and national government.



THE PRAETORIAN PROJECT

A Family of Multiplying Churches in Military Communities Worldwide.

Renewing military communities through gospel-centered church planting.

We do this through:

- Long term discipleship of highly transient people.
- Advancing the gospel by multiplying churches.

Continue to pray for the Praetorian Project church planting network and ask our Lord how you can be more involved in his work.

You may donate online or by giving through your church by check to the DBA, designated for the Praetorian Project

Or
By mail:
Praetorian Project
10 East Drive,
Jacksonville, NC
28546

<https://praetorianproject.org/>



Continue to pray for the Victory Baptist Association and Pandu Maddala and add them to your weekly prayer list.



Send support designated "for India" to the DBA office at P.O. Box 388, Ailey, GA 30410

First Baptist Church Lyons Presents:



Judgement House: Abducted

What happens when ordinary life is interrupted by the unimaginable? Abducted takes you on a powerful journey through real-life choices and their eternal impact.

Registration is open now!

Scan the QR Code Above or
Click: [Here](#) to Register

Brewton-Parker Christian University Marks Historic Transition with 'Celebrate the U' Event



By Brewton-Parker Christian University staff:

MOUNT VERNON, Ga. — Brewton-Parker Christian University marked a milestone in its 121-year

history with a day-long celebration on Saturday, Aug. 23, titled "Celebrate the U," commemorating its transition from college to university status. More than 600 alumni, faculty, staff, students, and community members gathered in Mount Vernon to reflect on the institution's legacy, rejoice in its growth, and dedicate its future to continued service through Christ-centered education.

Click for the Full Article from the September 8th Issue of:
[The Christian Index](#)



Pray for **Jeff McClain** as he disciples at Wheeler Correctional in **September**.

Please add Wheeler Correctional Discipleship Program to your weekly prayer list.

We are in need of more men to go into the prison to lead Bible Studies, share the gospel, and disciple these men who are hungry for the truth of the Word of God. Please prayerfully consider this ministry opportunity and contact Billy for more information.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Billy at 912-347-0053 or email: bpuckett@bpc.edu

A Podcast of the DBA

Enjoy listening to the new podcast:

On this episode of Joyful Shepherd Luis, Craig, Chris and Billy discuss the joys of being Baptist.

“The Joys of Being Baptist”

Three ways to Listen:

Podbean

<https://dbajoyfulshepherd.podbean.com/e/the-joys-of-being-baptist/>

Spotify

https://open.spotify.com/episode/13sRggK2fPhNCVBGsakav2?si=Vv_YclpiQhWJI2r_W9H8-g

Apple

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-joys-of-being-baptist/id1812668797?i=1000725163194>



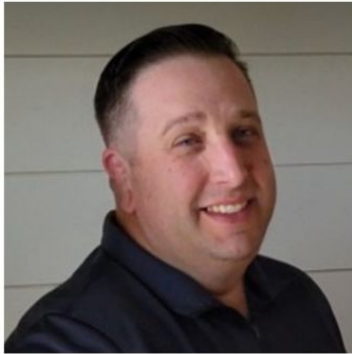
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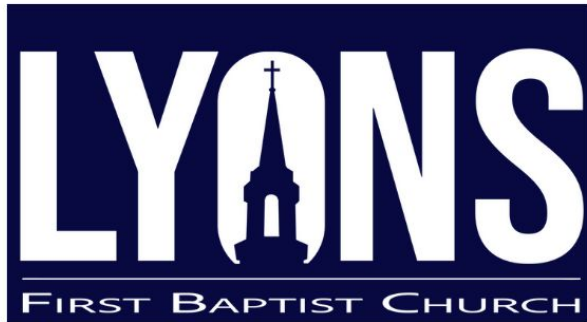
How Not to Scare Young Adults Away From Your Church

Most churches don't lose young adults on purpose. We lose them through habits, assumptions, and blind spots that subtly convey, "This isn't for you." Click here: [The Christian Index](#), to read about the top 10 ways churches unintentionally scare off young adults and how to stop doing it.

New Pastoral Positions



We welcome Dustin Hutto and his family into our DBA family. We are thankful that God has led FBC Lyons to call Dustin as their Pastor.



We congratulate Luis Gonzalez and his family as he accepts the call from FBC Vidalia to become their Associate Pastor.



Ministry Opportunity



Chris Vinson and Trinity Baptist Church will lead a **Mission Trip** to serve Baxley Children's Home on **Saturday, September 20**. All DBA churches are invited to send missionaries to join the team. Light Construction



We will leave from Trinity Baptist Church at 8:30am.

Please let us know if your church will join the trip.

Email the DBA at daniellbaptist@gmail.com
or call or text Billy Puckett at 912-347-0053

DBA Christmas Missions Opportunities

Acts 1:8 “..you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Deliver to DBA Office or Calvary on Aimwell
between November 17th and 21st

Backpacks

Deliver to DBA Office between
November 17th and 21st



Baxley Children's Home Cakes

Deliver on December 4th to
Tabernacle Baptist Church
between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m.

**For more information and supplies contact
Selena: 912-293-7760 or
daniellbaptist@gmail.com**

Coming Up:

*Subject to change



September

- 15 - Pastor Fellowship Lunch
- 20 - Mission Trip to Baxley Children's Home

October

- 19 - **(Correction)** DBA Annual Celebration at FBC Vidalia
- 20 - DBA Executive Committee Meeting
- 27 - Faith in Politics Training

November

- 9-11 - GBMB Convention
- 17 - Pastor Fellowship Lunch
- 17-21 - Operation Christmas Child and Backpacks

December

- Nov 30-Dec 7 - Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Emphasis
- TBA - Wheeler Correctional Recognition/Celebration
- 4 - Cakes for the Baxley Children's Home
- 5 - Pastor Christmas Party



Events TBD and dates TBA

- GBMB AMS retreat and regional meetings
- Various DBA Team meetings
- Mission Opportunities
- Wheeler Correctional Facility - Weekly
- GBBI class – Weekly in the Spring and Fall
- Praetorian Project mission trip(s)



**Pray with the following churches as they seek God's
wisdom in searching for a pastor:**

- Longpond - New Corinth - FBC Alamo -

**Let's CELEBRATE that these churches have partnered together financially in
August or annually to accomplish the Great Commission for the glory of God.**

**Ailey Baptist - Annual
Alston Baptist
Bethel Baptist - Annual
Boiling Springs
Cedar Crossing Baptist
Faith Missionary Baptist
FBC Lyons
FBC Mount Vernon**

**FBC Vidalia
Friendship Baptist
Higgston Baptist
Longpond Baptist
Normantown Baptist
Providence Baptist
Smith Street Baptist**

**South Thompson Baptist
Southside Baptist
Stuckey Baptist
Tabernacle Baptist
Trinity Baptist
Uvalda Baptist**



Our desire is to assist each DBA church in spreading the gospel from our neighborhoods to the nations.
Please contact us and invite us to come alongside you and help you connect with your sister churches in
the ministry of the gospel.



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Please Share With Your Family and Friends!