

---

# What's Happening

THE NEWSLETTER OF  
GOLDEN ISLES BAPTIST NETWORK

---



MERRY  
*Christmas*

*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." This verse speaks of the majesty and power of Jesus, even at his birth.*

*Isaiah 9:6*

# Mission Matters

“Christ is not valued at all unless He is valued above all.” —Augustine

Acts 4:11-12

“This Jesus . . . has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

The advent and Christmas season are the high point of the church calendar arguably only exceeded by the focus on resurrection every Easter Sunday. There are more opportunities in these few weeks for mission and proclamation than any other time of year. Obviously, that includes the baby in a manger and the magnificent pageantry of the Christmas Story. The challenge is to move people from the poetry to the power of the truth that the story proclaims.

In ancient building, the cornerstone was the key to the survival of the structure. In the same way, Jesus is the key to the structure of the universe. In the providential sovereign plan of God, Jesus is the cornerstone of the universe. “In Him all things hold together” (Colossians 1:17).

In that manger lay the cornerstone of the universe and the only one through whom humanity has any hope of real joy and a future. In fact, Paul reminds us that all creation “groans” in anticipation of its rescue and redemption. All of that hinged on the birth, death, resurrection and ultimate triumph of that baby and His establishment as the cornerstone of Luke’s astounding statement in Acts 4.

That is the reason His preeminence is non-negotiable.

Your partner and Strategist,



Slade Johnson, AMS  
sjohnson@gibn.org  
(912) 264-6277



# December

- 10 Choir Cantata at Marshes of Glynn
- 24 Christmas Eve Services
- 25 Christmas Day
- 28-29 MOVE Youth Conference

## Birthdays

- 8 – Aaron Gibson
- 11 – Tiffany Sullivan
- 15 – Darrell Joiner
- 21 – Marcos Bosque
- 26 – Doran Womack
- 28 – Debbie Reed

## Anniversary

- 1 – Tim and Julie Brown
- 15- John and Tiffany Sullivan
- 18 – Justin and Lindsey Bickmore
- 19 Travis and Karen Thrower
- 21 – Darrell and Sharon Joiner
- 27 – Michael and Mary Zimmerli

Please pray for the following churches without a pastor

- ARCO
- FBC ST. SIMONS
- FBC WOODBINE





# COME WORSHIP THE *King*

**Christmas Choir Cantata**  
**Sunday, December 10**  
**6:00 PM**

**Love Offering will  
be taken for the  
Building Fund**



**MARSHES OF GLYNN BAPTIST CHURCH**

*Come  
Celebrate  
with us at our  
Candlelight Service  
Christmas Eve*

Marshes of Glynn  
Baptist Church

Sunday  
December 24  
5:00 pm

3780 U.S. Hwy. 82 Brunswick, Ga



## 2023 MOVE Student Conference

Bring your students to the MOVE Conference December 28 & 29!  
MOVE is the largest winter evangelism conference for teenagers in Georgia, and the absolute best place to bring your youth group for their retreat this winter!

This year's MOVE Conference is designed to get students out of their seats and includes two days at

**Wild Adventures Theme Park in Valdosta, GA.**

All 3 sessions will be at Wild Adventures' large, covered venue and our guests will get out of their seats throughout the day and experience the park.

We'll also have a full show from one of our favorites, Jared Hall.

Get full details today!





# Ministry Wives'

## RETREAT

### **2024 Ministry Wives' Retreat: Embrace the Call**

**Dates: Thursday-Saturday, January 18-20, 2024**

**Location: Atlanta Evergreen Lakeside Resort at Stone Mountain**

**Address: 4021 Lakeview Dr, Stone Mountain, GA 30083**

This retreat is designed specifically for ministry wives whose husbands serve in a Georgia Baptist Mission Board affiliated church or ministry capacity. It is a time to be renewed and fed spiritually, emotionally, and physically. The theme this year is "Hold On" based on Hebrews 10:23 - Let us hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

For more information or to register click [HERE](#)

Church Strengthening  
*Roundtables*



**2024 Church Strengthening Roundtables**  
**TOPIC: Four Gateways of a Healthy Church**

In conjunction with your local Associational Mission Strategist, pastors and church leaders will be introduced to the "Four Gateways of a Healthy Church" which include:

- 1) Mission, Vision, Values
- 2) Disciple's Pathway
- 3) Leadership Pipeline, and
- 4) Missional Engagement

For locations & dates





## 2024 Kids' Ministry Summit

Are you confident that God has gifted and called you in your ministry? Or are you committed to serving because you have a passion for children? Maybe you're filling the need in children's ministry because there's simply a need.

Regardless of what motivates you to serve, we all go through seasons...seasons of enthusiasm and excitement to weariness and discouragement. Sometimes those seasons are short, but often they last for a while.

That's why we're gathering on February 1 & 2 at Jekyll Island Club Hotel. We're gathering as children's leaders to inspire, encourage, and grow. We'll tackle these seasons that we all experience. And we know those seasons aren't isolated to our ministry; sometimes they extend into our marriages, families, and personal lives.

Regardless of what season you are in, if you're a children's ministry leader, this summit is for you and your leaders.

### **COST**

**\$80 through January 4; increases to \$120 on January 5**





*Called to*  
**WITNESS**

# 2024 EVANGELISM CONFERENCES

**2024 Evangelism Conference-Conyers**  
**FEB 25, 2024 - FEB 26, 2024 • CONYERS, GA**

Join hundreds of Georgia Baptists at the annual Evangelism Conferences that always promise to be a great time for equipping and inspiring our churches to reach the lost with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

## **WHERE**

**First Baptist Church Conyers**

**2100 GA-138**

**Conyers, GA 30013**

**MORE INFO**

*Called to*  
**WITNESS**

# 2024 EVANGELISM CONFERENCES

## 2024 Evangelism Conference-Tifton

**MAR 10, 2024 - MAR 11, 2024 • TIFTON, GA**

Join hundreds of Georgia Baptists at the annual Evangelism Conferences that always promise to be a great time for equipping and inspiring our churches to reach the lost with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

### WHERE

**Northside Baptist Church**

**4605 Murray Ave**

**Tifton, GA 31794**



**LEARN MORE**



*What's Happening*

IS THE NEWSLETTER OF GOLDEN ISLES BAPTIST NETWORK.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE "WHAT'S HAPPENING?" BY EMAIL SEND YOUR

NAME AND EMAIL ADDRESS TO [INFO@GIBN.ORG](mailto:INFO@GIBN.ORG) NO EMAIL ADDRESS?

TO HAVE "WHAT'S HAPPENING?" MAILED TO YOU SEND YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS TO:

GOLDEN ISLES BAPTIST NETWORK, 3105 WILDWOOD DRIVE, BRUNSWICK, GA 31523