

# HAPPYNEWYEAR

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away: behold, all things are become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17 -

# Mission Matters

"Trust the past to God's mercy, the present to God's love and the future to God's providence."— Augustine

In Psalm 51:10-12 David says, "create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit."

A new year always feels like a fresh start. Maybe you'll be trying a new regimen of exercise, diet or positive habit forming of some kind—even a new bible reading plan. A most important new start is when we come to God for cleansing from sin. John reminds us that cleansing is always available when we are willing to face the challenge of confession. (1 John 1:9)

David was very much aware of the crippling nature his own sin to his success and happiness. He needed immediate relief. His pain is reflected in the anguished tone of this most moving plea for God's forgiveness. David also understood that deliverance from sin had to be the work of God; even the greatest king is helpless before the corrupting power of his own sin. Like David, we should begin each year and each day with a prayer asking God for a clean heart through confession, a renewal of God's presence and power by healing the breach caused by sin and restoring the joy of a life safe in the arms of God's providence.

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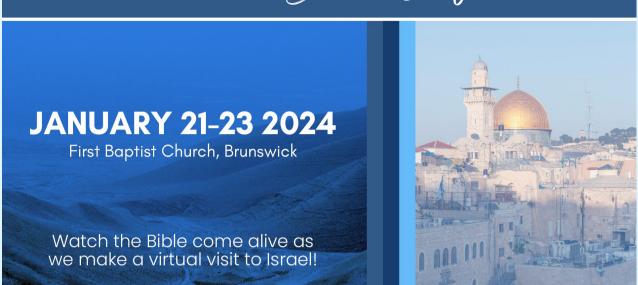
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# Golden Isles Gible Conference



#### Golden Isles Bible Conference 2024 – January 21-23, 2024 Hosted by First Baptist Brunswick

The next best thing to going to Israel is to have Israel come to you. FBC Brunswick is excited to host the Golden Isles Bible Conference: Experience Israel with Andy Cook. Andy is an experienced Israel tour leader, speaker, and author of many books. He will share insight from some of the Bible's most familiar stories while he shows you the land where the stories took place. It's much more than a 'virtual tour.'

Don't miss this one-of-a kind Bible conference.

The conference schedule is as follows:

January 21

Sunday Morning @ 10:30 AM Sunday Evening @ 6 PM in Beach Hall Childcare provided (Babies to Pre-K)

January 22

9:00 – 11:30 AM in Beach Hall Lunch to follow.

January 23

9:00 – 11:30 AM in Beach Hall Lunch to follow.

The conference is free, but donations/offerings are welcome to help offset costs.

Please register for the Bible Classes that are going to be held on Monday, January 22nd and

Tuesday, January 23rd on our website. firstbrunswick.com

There you can read more about the Bible Conference, download a study guide, see images of the Holy Land and other information. You can also register by calling the church office 912-265-4150 or emailing Robin <a href="mailto:rhulsey@firstbrunswick.com">rhulsey@firstbrunswick.com</a>



#### 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** 



### 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







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





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## 2024 Evangelism Conference-Conyers FEB 25, 2024 - FEB 26, 2024 • <u>CONYERS, GA</u>

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
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2100 GA-138
Conyers, GA 30013





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WHERE
Northside Baptist Church
4605 Murray Ave
Tifton, GA 31794





#### MISSION GEORGIA "LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR" CONFERENCE

SAVE THE DATE! MARCH 15-16, 2024 LOCATION: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STATESBORO

INSPIRING CHANGE, ONE NEIGHBOR AT A TIME

GOD IS CALLING EVERY ONE OF US TO TAKE THE GOSPEL INTO THE WORLD. ONE OF THE

BEST PLACES TO BEGIN IS WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS AND COMMUNITY.

GETTING STARTED ISN'T ALWAYS EASY, SO THE LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR CONFERENCE IS A

GET READY, AND BRING YOUR TEAM, FOR AN EXCITING TIME OF INSPIRATION AND EQUIPPING TO MOVE YOUR CHURCH FROM THEIR CHAIRS AND PEWS AND INTO YOUR COMMUNITY WHERE THE NEEDS ARE GREAT BUT GOD IS GREATER.

GREAT PLACE TO HELP YOU MOVE FORWARD!

GET FULL DETAILS ON KEYNOTE SPEAKERS, BREAKOUT SESSIONS AND MORE.

<u>MARCH 15 & 16, 2024</u> <u>REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 1, 2024</u>

~ A STORE LEVE

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