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# What's Happening

THE NEWSLETTER OF  
GOLDEN ISLES BAPTIST NETWORK

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## 2024 EVANGELISM CONFERENCES

2024 Evangelism Conference-Tifton  
MAR 10, 2024 - MAR 11, 2024 • TIFTON, GA

### WHERE

Northside Baptist Church

4605 Murray Ave

Tifton, GA 31794



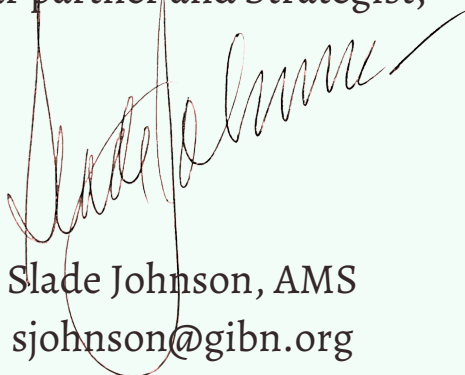
# Mission Matters

The Apostle Paul said, “do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:2) What a challenge that admonition is to Christians and Christian leaders in 2024!

I like the quote from a wonderful expositor of another time. “This for me will be the goal attained which has been so long before my soul; I shall be so completely identified with Him who has won my heart to Himself, that I shall be like Him, forever, and with Him through all the ages to come.”—H.A. Ironside

In the confusing days of our time we must be alert and careful. Be on guard against the temptation to inaction. Renewing your mind requires action; it means making your mind new again and again. To be conformed is much easier. You don't have to act; just follow your inclinations and your mind will be conformed to the image of a fallen humanity. Those images are all around us and difficult to resist. Instead allow the Spirit freedom to act in renewing your mind. The transformation will be stunning.

Your partner and Strategist,



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We are delighted to share that our Network pastors recently had the honor of serving as the Georgia House of Representatives' Chaplain of the day! Don Belcher, pastor of River of Life Church in Kingsland, was honored with this special opportunity to lead that body and bring a powerful devotional witness. In these days of strife and political polarization it was great to see that our political leaders still recognize the need for a focus on God and the faith that founded our nation. Pastor Belcher was our ambassador into those corridors of power! We are proud that our Network and the River of Life Church was represented so well.

Please take the time to listen to Pastor Belcher's devotional message [here](#) and thank him when you see him next.

# March

- 3 ARCO BAPTIST CHURCH - HOMECOMING
- 10-11 EVANGELISM CONFERENCE - TIFTON
- 16 SUNDAY SCHOOL TRAINING - FBC WOODBINE

## Birthdays

- 8 - MIKE LYNN
- 9 - REGINA SMITH
- 16 - LEIGH CYPHERS
- 22 - ANGIE LYNN
- 29 - JULIE BROWN

## Anniversary

- 14 - BRIAN & KRISTI PARKER
- 25 - DOUGLAS & BARBARA FLOYD
- 26 - BRITTON & BROOKE JOHNSTON

**Welcome**  
Pastor Mike Hendrix,  
Arco Baptist Church

Please pray for the  
following churches  
without a pastor

- FBC ST. SIMONS





Homecoming  
SUNDAY

*Arco Baptist*



**March 3, 2024**

**10:30 Am**

**GUEST SPEAKER :**

**REV. CHARLES SMITH**

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL TRAINING FOLLOW-UP

Come and develop effective teaching skills for  
Children's Ministry

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**SATURDAY**  
**MARCH 16, 2024**  
**9:00 AM - 12 PM**  
**FBC WOODBINE**  
**300 WEST 8TH STREET**  
**WOODBINE, GA 31569**

A complimentary Continental Breakfast and Lunch  
will be served at 8:30 am and 12:00 p.m.

\* Please plan to stay after lunch if you would like to view a  
taping of the last Sunday School Training

Please RSVP to [ssettle@gibn](mailto:ssettle@gibn) or 912-264-6277 March 8

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## VBS Training Sessions March 2024

Join Jenni Carter and the team to equip your church for VBS 2024!

Learn how to create an outstanding, safe, and effective VBS for your community.  
Lifeway and non-Lifeway options are available.

### Locations and dates:

- [Springfield: March 2, 2024](#)
- [Monroe: March 9, 2024](#)
- [Barnesville: March 16, 2024](#)
- [Albany: March 23, 2024](#)

Click the link above of the location nearest you for full details and registration.

These events include sessions on leadership, volunteer engagement,  
and crucial teachings for a safer ministry.



# CONNECT

WORSHIP & MUSIC GATHERINGS

## Worship & Music Connect Roundtables

Join us at the Worship & Music Connect Roundtables happening soon throughout Georgia!

Connect with other worship leaders, whether you're full-time, part-time, or a passionate volunteer, and deepen your understanding of worship leadership.

To get details and register, click the city nearest you!

- [March 14, 2024 in Canton](#)
- [March 14, 2024 in Gainesville](#)
- [March 21, 2024 in Wrens](#)
- [March 21, 2024 in McDonough](#)





## **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 great place to help you move forward!

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.

Get full details on keynote speakers, breakout sessions and more.

**March 15 & 16, 2024**

**Registration deadline is March 1, 2024.**

*details*



# Disaster Relief Incident Management Team Training

**MAR 22, 2024 - MAR 23, 2024 •  
VILLA RICA, GA**

IMT/Support Training introduces participants to the function of the IMT, as well as the roles and responsibilities within the unit.

Prerequisite: Completion of the Disaster Relief Introduction (DRI) in any ministry area or completion of the Disaster Relief Orientation (DRO) AND experience in the field.

- **Session 1 – Friday Night (6:30 – 9:00 PM):**  
**This is an introduction to IMT/Support**
- **Session 2 – Saturday Morning (8:00 AM – 12:00 PM)**  
**This is the hands-on portion of the training**

*Register  
Now*



# **POINT PETER BAPTIST CHURCH**

**"Come and launch your kids on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. Stellar will rocket your children on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun."**

**APRIL 1-5, 2024  
9 AM - 12 PM  
3 YEARS - 5TH GRADE**



SAVE THE DATE

# PASTORS' ROUNDTABLE

*Join us April 4th*

**Calvary Baptist Church**

**3105 Wildwood Drive  
Brunswick, GA 31520**

**10:00 a.m.**

Guest Speaker



**Richard Dugger**  
North American  
Mission Board Catalyst

*Complementary lunch to follow.*

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# PASTOR APPRECIATION LOW COUNTRY BOIL

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024 - 6PM**

SATILLA RETREAT  
1195 E 4th ST  
WOODBINE, GA 31569

Join us as our guest for an appreciation dinner  
for all our pastors, their spouses, and children.

RSVP to [ssettle@gibn.org](mailto:ssettle@gibn.org)  
by **MARCH 29, 2024**

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## Retool Events for Pastors

### April 2024

Join us for a pastor's fellowship focused on worship and encouragement. Featuring Mel Blackaby from First Baptist Church, Jonesboro, discussing "Continuing the Call: Encouragement to Persevere."

These events are no-cost and include lunch.

Click the link below of the location nearest you for registration details.

- [Apr 15: Cartersville at Cartersville First Baptist Church](#)
- [Apr 16: Macon at Turning Point Community Church](#)
- [Apr 17: Tifton at Northside Baptist Church](#)

*Georgia Baptist Women's*  
**SPRING EVENT**

Saturday, April 27, 2024 at First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

Featuring *Chrystal Evans Hurst*



**April 26–27, 2024**

**Experience:**

- Spiritual inspiration
- Missional guidance
- Unity with fellow Georgia Baptist women



Featuring Chrystal Evans Hurst, this event offers powerful worship, teaching, and practical faith-living tips.

**Register by April 8!**



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