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The Piedmont-Okefenokee Baptist Association Inc. exists to glorify God.

As a cooperating partnership of Southern Baptist churches, we mutually equip, engage, and expand disciple-makers of Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ is Alive!

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-8

Let's gather!
POBA Regular Spring Meeting

April 23, 2026
TBA
6:30 PM Meal - 7:00 PM Meeting


RSVP:
(912) 285-8161 or
<https://bit.ly/APR26RegMeal>



Surge Music Camp Scholarships Available

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Created for
WORSHIP



Special Guest
KENNY & CLAIRE

Created for Worship

Monday, April 27
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Information Request

Please send us your revival, homecoming, and VBS information. See page 2.

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WE'VE UPDATED OUR E-MAIL ADDRESSES!



(Add our new email to your contacts)

GREG: ams@mypoba.org

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CREATED FOR WORSHIP

Senior Adults are invited to attend this year's "Created for Worship" gathering at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church on Monday, April 27, beginning at 10:30 AM. Lunch will follow.



The special guest will be Kenny & Claire. You can find more information at: <https://www.kennyandclaire.com/>.

Please RSVP by Monday, April 20 by calling the POBA Office at (912) 285-8161 or online at <https://bit.ly/Created4Worship26>.

POBA REGULAR SPRING MEETING

The POBA Regular Spring Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 23 at Youmans Chapel Baptist Church in Blackshear. A meal will be served at 6:30 PM and the Spring Meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.

To RSVP for the meal call the POBA Office at (912) 285-8161 or visit <https://bit.ly/APR26RegMeal>.

Youmans Chapel Baptist Church is located at 3497 Dean Still Road in Blackshear.

"GONE FISHING" STUDENT CAMP



When: June 29-July 3, 2026

Where: Shorter University

Cost: \$400/person

Space is limited. Cost includes meals, snacks, camp shirt, book, and activities. Contact Pleasant Valley Baptist Church at (912) 283-2577 for details. For His Glory Student Camp is a ministry of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church.

HICKOX BAPTIST HOSTS YOUTH RALLY



Hickox Baptist Church will have a Youth Praise & Worship Rally on Sunday, May 3 at 6:00 PM. Hayden Gordon will be the speaker and worship will be led by Josh "Moose" Walker. Dinner will be served after the rally. Please RSVP to Roy Rehberg at (478) 304-2612. Hickox Baptist is located at 7224 Caney Bay Road in Nahunta.

WHEN IS VBS?



The POBA Office would love to help you get the word out about Vacation Bible School. Please let us know the dates and theme for your church's VBS. You can call the POBA Office at (912) 285-8161 or go to <https://bit.ly/WhenisVBS26>.

| <u>VBS Dates</u> | <u>Church</u> | <u>Theme</u> |
|------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| May 24-29 | Camp Pinckney | Emerald Crossing |
| May 31 - June 3 | Mershon | Going for the Goal of Jesus! |
| May 31 - June 4 | Jamestown | Illumination Station |
| May 31 - June 4 | Second | Illumination Station |
| June 7-10 | Mt. Calvary | Illumination Station |
| June 7-11 | Sweat Memorial | Illumination Station |
| June 14-19 | Sand Hill | Illumination Station |
| June 15-19 | FBC Blackshear | Illumination Station |
| June 21-25 | Youmans Chapel | Illumination Station |
| June 22-26 | Ten Mile | Illumination Station |
| June 28-July 2 | Patterson | Illumination Station |

SPRING REVIVAL INFORMATION

Does your church have an upcoming revival or homecoming? Please let us know by calling the POBA Office at (912) 285-8161 or go to <https://bit.ly/Revivals2026>.

| <u>Dates</u> | <u>Church</u> | <u>Speaker(s)</u> |
|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| May 31-June 3 | Mershon | |

GEORGIA BAPTIST SPRING EVENT

The Georgia Baptist Women Spring Event will Be held April 18 at First Baptist Church in Jonesboro. For details or to register, go to: <https://gbwspringevent.com/>.

CHURCHES SEEKING PASTORS

Remember these churches in prayer as they seek pastors:

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|------------------|--------------------|
| First Blackshear | Rehobeth |
| Mt. Calvary | Spring Hill |
| Nahunta First | Sweat Memorial |
| Patterson | Whosoever |
| Pleasant Hill | Waycross Community |

MINISTRY OPENINGS

Ministry openings are listed online. See them here:

www.mypoba.org/ministry-openings

BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINSITRY



Take advantage of the opportunity to engage college students through the Baptist Collegiate Ministry.

POBA churches can host a meal (for 25) and share a devotional during the spring semester at *South Georgia State College*, Waycross campus. Contact Joey Fitzgerald at (912) 283-0436.

SGSC Waycross Students:

See mypoba.org/bcmmsgscwaycross for additional info.

SURGE MUSIC CAMP

June 15-20, 2026
Shorter University, Rome, GA



Students of POBA member churches are eligible for a \$75 scholarship to Surge Music Camp. Call the POBA Office at (912) 285-8161 by May 4.

ENGAGE SIX EQUIPPING SESSION

When: April 13, 2026
Where: FBC Douglas
Speaker: Ken Bevel
Topic: Evangelistic Prayer



GBMB Engage Six sessions offer evangelism-focused topics led by experienced pastors and ministry leaders. Gatherings are free and no registration is required.

PRAY: SENT OUT OF POBA CHURCHES



Aaron & Rebekah Harris
(Laura Chapel Baptist)
Bible Translation
Fulani of West Africa
www.pioneerbible.org/aronandrebehkaharris



Scotty & Jadison Hayes
(Emmanuel Baptist)
Church Planting
Peru
<https://ebchurch.net/ftm>



Chandler & Madelyn Watson (Mershon Baptist)
Church Planting
Boston, MA
www.kingshillboston.com/give
(choose fund: "Watson Support")



Will Emery
(First Blackshear)
Church Planting
Loveland, CO
<https://missionaries.namb.net/full/wilson-emery>



Kayla Johnson
(Emmanuel Baptist)
Indigenous Work & Teach Missionary Kids
Peru
<https://southamericanmission.org/donate/johnson-kayla/>



CALENDAR

April

- 3 Good Friday
- 5 Easter
- 6 BCM @ SGSC Waycross
- 13 BCM @ SGSC Waycross
- 13 Music Minister Lunch
- 15 May Newsletter Deadline
- 20 BCM @ SGSC Waycross
- 20 Created for Worship RSVP Deadline
- 21 Administrative Committee Meeting
- 23 POBA Regular Meeting
- 27 Created for Worship
- 27 BCM @ SGSC Waycross

May

- 4 Surge Scholarship Deadline
- 4 BCM @ SGSC Waycross
- 10 Mother's Day
- 15 June Newsletter Deadline
- 18 Music Minister Lunch
- 19 Administrative Committee Meeting
- 25 Memorial Day, office closed

June

- 9-10 SBC Convention, Orlando
- 15-20 SURGE Music Camp
- 15 Music Minister Lunch
- 16 Administrative Committee Meeting
- 21 Father's Day



Birthdays

- Blake Edwards - 1
- Derek Roberson - 6
- Sarah Rozier - 6
- Yunae Talley - 7
- Jessica Johnson - 7
- Tim Corey - 10
- Ben Smith - 12
- Jerad Johnson - 17
- Ida Thrift - 19
- Dana Smith - 20
- Aaron Quick - 21
- Adam Walker - 21
- April Carter - 22
- Ashley Corbett - 23
- Barbara Chase - 26
- Tim Hall - 26
- Linda Sasser - 29

Anniversaries

- Trent & Jimmy Nell Long - 5
- Billy & Yunae Talley - 11

