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2024
PASTORS DAY AT THE CAPITOL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024

**Pastors Day
At the Capitol**
Tuesday, February 6
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Network Meeting**
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CFC24
CHURCH FINANCIAL CONFERENCE
Serving Your Church's Vision for Gospel Impact


**Church Financial
Conference**
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Pleasant Valley Baptist Church
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FOCUS ON WMU
Sunday, February 18



281 MILLION
are estimated to be
living without Christ

**Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering**
March 3-10, 2024
AnnieArmstrong.com

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YOUTH MINISTER NETWORK

Ministers of Youth and Youth Leaders are invited to a Youth Minister Network meeting on Thursday, February 8 at Southern Roost in Blackshear, beginning at 12:15 PM. This meeting is held monthly on the second Thursday.

ORDINATION AT SET FREE

Set Free South Georgia (74 Satilla Pines Road, Nahunta) invites you to the licensing and ordination service of Matthew Sparks on Sunday, February 18, 2024. The ordination council will meet at 2 PM and the ordination service will begin at 2:45 PM. Refreshments will follow.

CHURCH FINANCIAL CONFERENCE



There will be a Church Financial Conference (formerly known as the Financial Compliance Seminar), at FBC Hazlehurst on **February 8, 2024**.

Topics churches may benefit from:

- Ideal Compensation Package for Pastors
- Personal Investing and Retirement Planning
- Internal Controls to Protect the Church's Finances
- QCD's Made Easy
- Strategy to Maximize Your Church's Reserve Funds

These breakout sessions, which church teams may select based on their congregation's needs, will be hosted by Georgia Baptist Foundation staff, GuideStone Financial Resources representatives, and church finance expert, Tony Neal.

Register: <https://events.idonate.com/cfc24-hazlehurst>

ROYAL AMBASSADORS RACER DERBY & CAMPOREE

POBA RA Racer Derby

February 10, 2024
9:00 AM
Pleasant Valley Baptist Church

POBA RA Camporee

March 8-9, 2024
Lake Wendi (5901 Central Ave, Waycross)



PASTORS' DAY AT THE CAPITOL

2024
- PASTORS DAY AT THE CAPITOL -
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024

7:30 AM TO 2:00 PM
FLOYD ROOM, SLOPPY FLOYD BUILDING, ATLANTA
FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS, GO TO:
[GABAPTIST.ORG/PUBLICAFFAIRS](https://www.gabaptist.org/publicaffairs)

SPEAKERS:

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|  KELVIN COCHRAN |  JIM GARLOW |  MATT SHARP |  CHLOE COLE |
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SAVE THE DATE

GEORGIA BAPTIST FOUNDATION



The Georgia Baptist Foundation will hold a Roundtable about writing endowments for the church at the POBA Office on February 8, 2024 from 11:30 AM—1:00 PM

RSVP by calling the POBA Office at (912) 285-8161) or online at: <https://bit.ly/Feb24GBFroundtable>

CHURCHES SEEKING PASTORS

Remember these churches in prayer as they seek pastors:

First Waycross
Satilla

MINISTRY OPENINGS

Ministry openings are listed online. See them here:
www.mypoba.org/ministry-openings

THE BAPTIST FAITH & MESSAGE

You can read the Baptist Faith & Message here:
<https://bfm.sbc.net/bfm2000/>.

HYMN STORIES: COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY

(Bill Blackrick) You won't find this hymn in the hymnal at your church because it is a newer song. I am excited to find that there is a renewed emphasis in hymn-style writing that has been blessing the church music for some time now. This modern hymn was written by Matt Boswell and Matt Papa, and Michael Bleecker. If you are not familiar with their works, do yourself a favor and look them up. They, along with the Getty's have produced many wonderful modern hymns. Let's look at the lyrics.

Verse 1: Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Verse 2: Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand

PRAY: MISSIONARIES OUT OF POBA



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



Scotty & Jadison Hayes (& Family)
(Emmanuel Baptist)
Church Planting
Peru

<https://ebchurch.net/ftm/>

Verse 3: Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured love untold

Verse 4: Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord He is alive
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes

So much can be taught from these verses but I want to focus on what verse two says and how this verse allowed me to have a gospel teaching moment with one of my children!

Each verse of this hymn starts with a call to focus on a mystery, or a deep thought of what Christ did and what he will do when he returns! In verse 2 we are to reflect on Jesus being the perfect man. Jesus had no sin, He was perfect and he came to "save the hell-bound man." Christ was the fulfillment of the law.

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BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY



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

POBA churches can host a meal (for 20) and share a devotional on Mondays during spring semester at *South Georgia State College*, Waycross campus. Contact the POBA Office at (912) 285-8161 or complete this form: <https://bit.ly/BCMmealsSGSCWaycross>.

SGSC Waycross Students: College students are invited to a fellowship at Top Putt in Waycross on February 1 beginning at 7:00 PM. See mypoba.org/bcmmsgscwaycross for additional info.

HYMN STORIES CONTINUED

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When I first introduced this song in our worship, my young son (who's name is Adam) told me he does not like this song. Curious as to the reason, he said he doesn't like that his name (Adam) is mentioned as a bad thing. It made him feel strange about his name and this became a great teaching moment! I explained to him what this really meant, that Adam and Eve did fail in the garden. Adam was to be guardian, the keeper of garden and stay in perfect communion with God but sin corrupted this relationship. There had to be a perfect, sinless man to save the world. Jesus was the "true and better Adam" What a great truth! What a great mystery!

This hymn clearly walks the singer through the gospel story. Come, let us behold this wondrous mystery together!

FOR HIS GLORY STUDENT CAMP



Monday Night Preacher:
Bro. Kevin Barclift,
Pastor, CrossPoint Community Church



Tuesday Night Preacher:
Bro. Josh Reavis
Associate Pastor, North Jax Baptist Church



Wednesday Night Preacher:
Bro. Bob Richardson
Pastor, Altamaha Baptist Church



Thursday Night Preacher:
Bro. Trent Long
Pastor, Sand Hill Baptist Church



Morning Bible Study Teaching:
Bro. David Marshall
Pastor, Pleasant Valley Baptist Church

"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." Romans 12:2

When: July 8-12, 2024

Where: Epworth By The Sea, St. Simons Island

Cost: \$375/person

Details: Space is limited. Contact Rebecca Musgrove (912 -548-5820) if you are interested in attending. Deposit of \$50/person is due by February 1. Remaining balance due by May 1. Cost includes all camp activities, books, tshirt, and snacks.

For His Glory Student Camp is a ministry of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church.

The Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering will be March 3-10.
Find resources at:
AnnieArmstrong.com



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CALENDAR

February

- 5 Baptist Collegiate Ministry
- 6 Pastors' Day at the Capitol
- 8 Georgia Baptist Foundation Roundtable
- 8 Church Financial Conference
- 8 Youth Minister Network
- 9-10 NAMB Serve Tour, Augusta
- 10 POBA RA Racer Derby
- 12 Baptist Collegiate Ministry
- 15 March Newsletter Deadline
- 18 Focus on WMU Sunday
- 19 Music Minister Lunch
- 19 Baptist Collegiate Ministry
- 19 GBMB ReTool
- 20 Administrative Committee Meeting
- 26 Baptist Collegiate Ministry

March

- 1-3 GBMB Pastor & Wife Retreat
- 4 Baptist Collegiate Ministry
- 8-9 POBA RA Camporee
- 10 Daylight Saving Time Starts
- 10-11 GBMB Evangelism Conference
- 13-15 GBAMA Conference
- 14 Youth Minister Network
- 15 April Newsletter Deadline
- 18 Baptist Collegiate Ministry
- 18 Music Minister Lunch
- 19 Administrative Committee Meeting
- 23 GBMB VBS Training
- 25 Baptist Collegiate Ministry
- 31 Easter

April

- 1 Baptist Collegiate Ministry
- 8 Baptist Collegiate Ministry
- 11 Youth Minister Network
- 15 May Newsletter Deadline
- 15 Music Minister Lunch
- 15 Baptist Collegiate Ministry
- 16 Administrative Committee Meeting
- 18 POBA Regular Meeting
- 22 Baptist Collegiate Ministry
- 29 Baptist Collegiate Ministry



Celebrating in February

Active pastors/staff & their spouses celebrating this month



Birthdays

- Phil Jordan—10
- Sonia Delk—12
- Greg Benfield—19
- Monroe Gill—20
- Tammy Carson—22
- Jason Weathersby—22
- Sherri Hall—23
- Daniel Harris—23



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