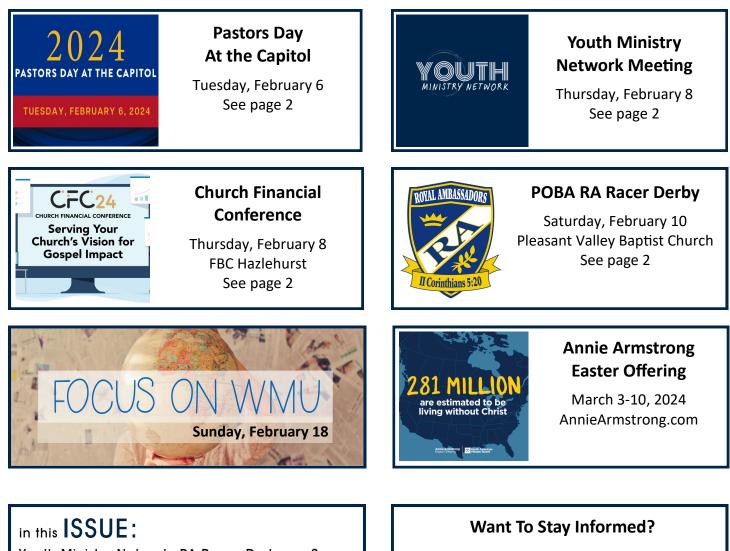


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## YOUTH MINISTER NETWORK

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



### **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: <u>https://bfm.sbc.net/bfm2000/</u>.

#### 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

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

### 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 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.

# 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: <u>https://bit.ly/BCMmealsSGSCWaycross</u>.

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

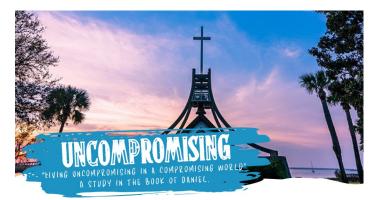
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When I first introduced this song in our worship, my young son (who's name is Adam) told me he does not like this song. Curious as to the reason, he said he doesn't like that his name (Adam) is mentioned as a bad thing. It made him feel strange about 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 t: renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good an 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



# 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

Baptist Collegiate Ministry
 Baptist Collegiate Ministry
 Youth Minister Network
 May Newsletter Deadline
 Music Minister Lunch
 Baptist Collegiate Ministry
 Administrative Committee Meeting
 POBA Regular Meeting
 Baptist Collegiate Ministry
 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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