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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.*



## POBA Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 22  
Pine Grove Baptist Church  
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**Aaron & Rebekah Harris (& Family)**  
(Laura Chapel Baptist)  
Bible Translation  
Fulani of West Africa  
[www.pioneerbible.org/aaronandrebekaharris](http://www.pioneerbible.org/aaronandrebekaharris)



## LAUNCH Youth Rally

August 24  
6:30 PM  
First Baptist Waycross

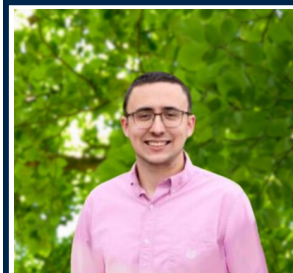


**Scotty & Jadison Hayes (& Family)**  
(Emmanuel Baptist)  
Church Planting  
Peru  
<https://ebchurch.net/ftm/>



## Choirfest

Thursday, September 26  
Sweat Memorial Baptist  
6:30 PM



**Chandler Watson**  
(Mershon Baptist)  
Church Planting  
Boston  
[www.kingshillboston.com/give](http://www.kingshillboston.com/give) (Choose fund: "Watson Support")

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## Want To Stay Informed?



**Join our lists:**  
Text the list name (below) to **81010**:  
Newsletter: **@pobanews**  
Events: **@pobaevent**  
Pastors: **@pobapas**

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD AUGUST 22



The POBA Executive Committee Meeting will be Thursday, August 22 at Pine Grove Baptist Church. Pine Grove Baptist Church is located at 4997 Trudie Road in Blackshear.

There will be a meal at 6:30 PM & the meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.

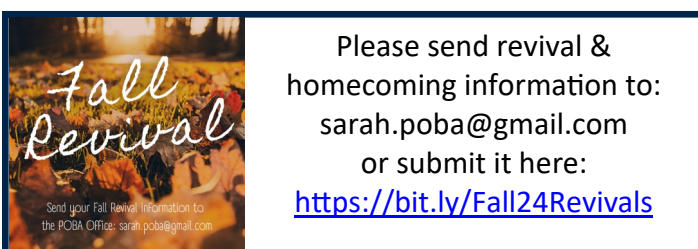
Please RSVP by August 15 for the meal by calling the POBA Office (912-285-8161) or at <https://bit.ly/Aug2024ExecMeal>

## LAUNCH YOUTH RALLY

LAUNCH Youth Rally will be Saturday, August 24, 6:30 PM at First Baptist Waycross.

Allen Huber will be this year's speaker. Patterson Baptist will lead the music.

Register your group: <https://bit.ly/pobaLAUNCH24>



Please send revival & homecoming information to: [sarah.poba@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.poba@gmail.com) or submit it here: <https://bit.ly/Fall24Revivals>

## CHOIRFEST

Choirfest will be held on **Thursday, September 26** at **Sweat Memorial Baptist Church** beginning at **6:30 PM**.

Information and registration forms have been mailed to each church. If you have not received this information, please contact the POBA Office at (912) 285-8161.

The deadline for registration forms is Thursday, September 12, 2024. The form can be completed online at: <https://bit.ly/Choirfest2024Reg>.

Choirfest is designed as a time for us to worship together and experience the worship that takes place each week in our individual churches. Churches are encouraged to make every effort to come and sing AND stay and worship with the other choirs. We are looking forward to this time of worship with the churches of the Piedmont-Okefenokee Baptist Association!



## POBA PIANO FESTIVAL

The POBA Piano Festival has been rescheduled for Sunday, September 22, 2024 at Sweat Memorial Baptist Church, beginning at 2:00 PM. The winners will play at Choirfest. Contact the POBA Office or your POBA music minister for a registration form and hymn list.



**Entry Deadline:** September 1, 2024. Applications should be submitted to the POBA Office.

### Music Requirements:

(1) Hymn from list, played in a style suitable to accompany congregational singing.

(1) Piece of choice, appropriate for a church worship service.

Audition will be a minimum of 2 minutes and maximum of 10 minutes.



### CHURCHES SEEKING PASTORS

Remember these churches in prayer as they seek pastors:

Astoria	Manor	Satilla
First Waycross	Community	

### MINISTRY OPENINGS

Ministry openings are listed online. See them here: [www.mypoba.org/ministry-openings](http://www.mypoba.org/ministry-openings)

### THE BAPTIST FAITH & MESSAGE

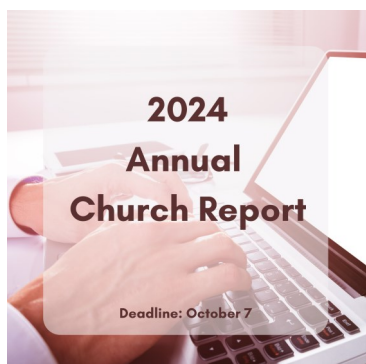
You can read the Baptist Faith & Message here: <https://bfm.sbc.net/bfm2000/>.



### ANNUAL CHURCH REPORTS

Annual Church Report information is being mailed to each church. These reports will be due **Monday, October 7.**

If you do not receive this information, please contact the POBA Office at (912) 285-8161.



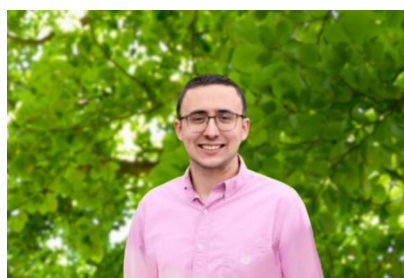
### PRAY: MISSIONARIES OUT OF POBA



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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 beginning in August during fall semester at *South Georgia State College*, Waycross campus. Contact the POBA Office at (912) 285-8161.

**SGSC Waycross Students:** See [mypoba.org/bcmmsgscwaycross](http://mypoba.org/bcmmsgscwaycross) for additional info.

## CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS



POBA will be partnering with Coastal Rivers Baptist Association to collect Christmas Backpacks. Backpacks can be boxed and brought to the POBA Office by October 30, 2024.

**POBA Goal:** 200 backpacks

POBA will focus on packing backpacks for 9-10 year olds (4th-5th grades).

Each backpack should be zippered and all items should be new.

The Christmas Story and instructions for packing can be found at [mypoba.org/backpacks](http://mypoba.org/backpacks).

## DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING

Disaster Relief Introduction Training  
September 20-21

Place: Jesup First Baptist Church

Cost: \$40 (Recertification \$15)

Register by: September 15



Two Sessions:

Session 1: Friday 6:00-9:00 PM

Session 2: Saturday 8:00—10:00 AM (8:00 AM—12:00 PM for Chaplaincy)

Training for the following areas:

- \*Chaplaincy
- \*Cleanup & Recovery
- \*Family Care
- \*Feeding
- \*Shower Units

Register: <https://gabaptist.org/event/disaster-relief-introduction-training-jesup/>

**Global  
Hunger  
Sunday**

**AUGUST 25, 2024**

**Global Hunger Relief**

I URGE YOU,  
FIRST OF ALL, TO PRAY  
FOR ALL PEOPLE.  
1 TIMOTHY 2:1 NLT

**SEPTEMBER 25**  
**SEE YOU AT THE POLE™**

# SPARK CONFERENCE

Sunday, September 8  
First Baptist Brunswick  
4:00—8:15 PM  
Cost: \$15/person

Register: [www.thesparkconference.com](http://www.thesparkconference.com)

Your POBA will gladly assist POBA churches by covering the registration cost for you and your church members to attend the SPARK conferences. **Contact the POBA Office** at (912) 285-8161 by Monday, September 2.

Dr. Mac Brunson will be the keynote speaker and there will be over 25 breakout sessions.

Your church can be a SPARK Partner. A SPARK Partner is a church where the pastor makes a commitment to attend and bring at least 5 people with him. Spark Partners will receive scholarships for the pastor and five attendees. Contact the POBA Office for details.



Get the Associational Advisor in your inbox

<https://bit.ly/POBAnews>

## SIGN UP FOR EVENT REMIND TEXTS

We have Remind 101 lists so that we can send quick texts with information about meetings and pastor prayer time. To join, text the list name (in bold below) to **81010**.

- Remind Lists you can join:
- @pobapas**: For Pastors only.
  - @pobaevent**: Event Reminders.
  - @pobanews**: Newsletter by text.



## NEWS AND INFORMATION

Send your church news to [sarah.poba@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.poba@gmail.com)

- Offerman is seeking a bi-vocational Youth Pastor. Call (912) 550-6516.



# CALENDAR

## August

- 4 Send Relief Sunday
- 15 September Newsletter Deadline
- 19 Music Minister Lunch
- 20 Administrative Committee Meeting
- 22 BCM Kickoff
- 22 POBA Executive Committee Meeting
- 24 LAUNCH Youth Rally
- 25 Global Hunger Sunday
- 29 BCM@ SGSC Waycross

## September

- 2 Labor Day, office closed
- 5 BCM@ SGSC Waycross
- 8 SPARK Conference, FBC Brunswick
- 12 BCM@ SGSC Waycross
- 15 October Newsletter Deadline
- 16 Music Minister Lunch
- 17 Administrative Committee Meeting
- 19 BCM@ SGSC Waycross
- 20-21 Disaster Relief Training, Jesup
- 20-22 BCM Confluence
- 22 POBA Piano Festival
- 25 See You At The Pole
- 26 BCM@ SGSC Waycross
- 26 Choirfest

## October

- 3 BCM@ SGSC Waycross
- 7 POBA ACR Deadline
- 10 BCM@ SGSC Waycross
- 15 November Newsletter Deadline
- 15 Administrative Committee Meeting
- 17 BCM@ SGSC Waycross
- 20-27 Week of Prayer for Associational Missions
- 21 Music Minister Lunch
- 24 BCM@ SGSC Waycross
- 24 POBA Annual Meeting
- 30 POBA Backpack deadline
- 31 BCM@ SGSC Waycross



## Celebrating in August

*Active pastors/staff & their spouses celebrating this month*



### Birthdays

- Tonya Ramey—2
- Trey Keene—5
- Nancy Perry—8
- Shay Carter—8
- Briana Marshall—13
- Tim Kilgore—16
- Elaine Hickox—18
- Cliff Adams—18
- Paula Jacoby—26
- Randy Wainright—27
- Ashley Adams—28
- Ronnie Foster—29
- Tasha Lightsey—31

### Anniversaries

- Trey & Amanda Keene—13
- Charlie & Shirleen Dunn—19
- Monroe & Sue Gill—22
- Edward & Carol Colley—23
- Phil & Elaine Jordan—24
- Mark & Kristi Griner—27
- Buddy & Danielle Griner—28



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