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



POBA Regular Meeting

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Laura Chapel Baptist Church
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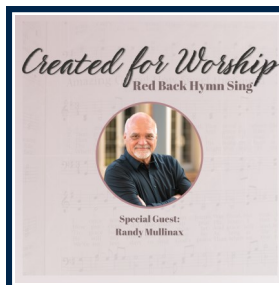
POBA Piano Festival

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Baptist Collegiate Ministries

Mondays @ 12:15 PM
Visit: mypoba.org/bcmmsgscwaycross

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Events: **@pobaevent**
Pastors: **@pobapas**

POBA REGULAR SPRING MEETING



Thursday, April 18
Laura Chapel Baptist Church, Patterson
6:00 PM Meal
7:00 PM Meeting

Please RSVP for the meal by Thursday, April 11 by calling the POBA Office at (912) 285-8161 or online at: <https://bit.ly/APR2024RegMeal>.

SAND HILL LADIES RETREAT



Sand Hill Baptist will hold "Honey in the Rock Ladies Retreat" on April 13, 2024 from 11:00 AM—2:00 PM.

The guest speaker will be Avis Murray. Special singing by Rhonda Mullis. Lunch will be provided. RSVP to Joanna Powell at (912) 286-0553 or jpowell1986@gmail.com by Wednesday, April 3.

This event is free, but local honey will be available to purchase to help the family of Cameron Murray.

VBS IN THE POBA



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.

Information can be submitted online at <https://bit.ly/WhenisVBS2024> or by contacting the POBA Office at (912) 285-8161.

POBA PIANO FESTIVAL



The POBA Piano Festival will be held on April 21, 2024 at Sweat Memorial Baptist Church, beginning at 2:00 PM.

All applications must be submitted to the POBA Office by April 1, 2024. Winners will play at the 2024 POBA Choirfest.

If you need additional information or an application, please contact the POBA Office at (912) 285-8161.

CREATED FOR WORSHIP: RED BACK HYMN SING WILL BE MAY 13



Monday, May 13
10:30 AM
Pleasant Valley Baptist Church
Guest Speaker: Randy Mullinax

The Senior Adult gathering: "Created for Worship" will be held at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church in Waycross on Monday, May 13, beginning at 10:30 AM. Songs will be from the Red Back Hymnal. This year's guest speaker will be Randy Mullinax. Lunch will follow. There is a suggested donation of \$5 to help with the cost of lunch.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP by May 6 to the POBA Office at (912) 285-8161 or online at: bit.ly/Created4Worship2024

Churches will be sent information soon. This event was formerly known as The Gathering.

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 STORY: DAY BY DAY

(Bill Blackrick) I have often been advised and have given the age old advice to take things “One step at a time”. Perhaps you’ve heard the old saying on how to eat an elephant...by taking one bite at a time! When faced with a difficult situation or trial in your life, whether it be spiritual trial, or just the everyday stresses of life, we too should remind ourselves that we need to take our walk with Jesus one day, one step, or even one bite at a time.

This month’s hymn article is titled “Day By Day”. It was written by Caroline Sandell-Berg in Sweden. This is a hymn of peace and assurance of God’s watch, care, and provision for His children as we walk this earth each day. Let’s read the words of hymn together.

Verse 1: Day by day and with each passing moment,
Strength I find to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,
I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure
Gives unto each day what He deems best--
Lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure,
Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Verse 2: Every day the Lord Himself is near me
With a special mercy for each hour;
All my cares He fain would bear, and cheer me,
He whose name is Counselor and Pow'r.

PRAY: MISSIONARIES OUT OF POBA



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



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(Emmanuel Baptist)
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Peru
<https://ebchurch.net/fm/>

The protection of His child and treasure
Is a charge that on Himself He laid;
"As thy days, thy strength shall be in measure,"
This the pledge to me He made.

Verse 3: Help me then in every tribulation
So to trust Thy promises, O Lord,
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation
Offered me within Thy holy Word.
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,
E'er to take, as from a father's hand,
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,
Till I reach the promised land.

Sandell-Berg opens her hymn expressing that even though trials come, we are to trust in our Father’s “wise bestowment”. The word bestowment means a gift, an honorable present, or high honor. Have you considered the trials we might face are actually gifts from God? It is often times hard to be joyful when receiving a gift we don't like, but we must accept that God knows our trials. These trials strengthen us in our journey through life here on earth. These trials teach us more about faith and trust in God. The hymn goes on to say that we should not worry or fear. God gives us peace and rest amongst the toil. God gives us mercies each day! (Lamentations 3:22-23)

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HYMN STORY: CONTINUED

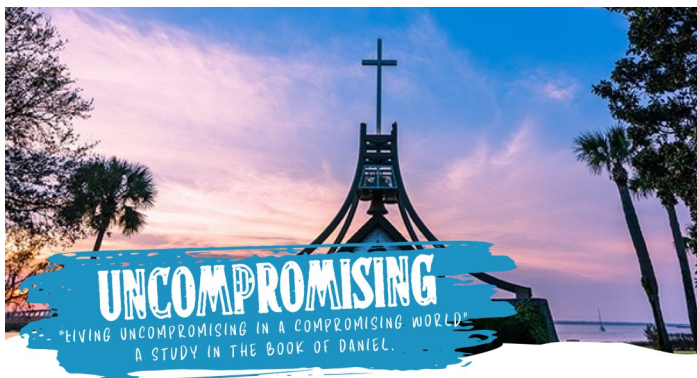
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In verse two, I want to give you a little context to why these words may have been so meaningful to Caroline Sandell-Berg. Caroline wrote that she receives a special mercy for each hour, she writes that He cares for her, and then she calls on the name of God as “Counselor”. Isaiah 9:6 says “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” (ESV). Why would she focus on that name? What counsel and struggle was she needing help with?

This hymn was written by Caroline after experiencing a great tragedy in her life. She had actually witnessed the horrible drowning death of her father and in 1865 she penned the words of a poem that later became this hymn. What a horrible tragedy to witness, such loss and grief, yet through the trials, through the sorrow and pain it caused, she still found joy in God’s plan.

Let us then walk with Jesus day by day and he will give you the peace, mercies, and protection you need. let us continue to walk with Him until we reach the end, until we reach the promised land!

FOR HIS GLORY STUDENT CAMP



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. Cost includes all camp activities, books, tshirt, and snacks.

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

SPRING REVIVALS IN THE POBA

If your church is not listed, please contact the POBA Office with details.

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Speaker(s)</u>
April 14-17	Camp Pinckney	Emir Caner, Wayne Woods, Randy Mullinax, Bob Richardson, Kenny Grant
April 14-17	Patterson	Darryl Brunson
April 14-17	Pineview	Rick Brown
May 19-22	Pine Grove	Dr. Ronnie Foster

HOMECOMINGS IN THE POBA

If your church is not listed, please contact the POBA Office with details.

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Speaker(s)</u>
April 21	Sand Hill	Keith Lloyd
July 7	Mt. Calvary	

GEORGIA BAPTIST WOMEN’S SPRING EVENT WILL BE APRIL 27

Saturday, April 27
First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

Registration includes all worship sessions, activities, lunch and a t-shirt. Cost is \$79 if you register by April 8.

To view details and register online, go to georgiabaptist-women.org/springevent.

YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING

The table below reflects giving January—March 2024, as of 03/25/2024. This list does **not** include designated gifts:

Church	Contributions
Astoria	
Beulah	
Blackshear First	10,249.93
Bridge Community	
Bristol	
Browntown	
Calvary	927.51
Camp Pinckney	1,585.24
Central	
CrossPoint Community	
Deenwood	2,794.07
Emmanuel	11,956.28
Folkston First	1,050.00
Grace Chapel	643.00
Hacklebarney	150.00
Haywood	1,636.65
Hephzibah	
Hickox	2,912.83
Hoboken	
Jamestown	5,706.84
King Memorial	
Laura Chapel	
Lees Chapel	1,665.00
Liberty	1,746.13
Lulaton	1,580.00
Manor Community	457.14
Mershon	
Millwood	100.00
Mt Calvary	783.00
Nahunta First	
Newbern	697.15

Church	Contributions
Oak Hill	3,475.65
Offerman	1,310.86
Patterson	2,864.00
Pine Grove	1,074.12
Pineview	400.00
Pleasant Hill	100.00
Pleasant Valley	3,557.25
Rehobeth	750.00
Riverside Chapel	569.47
Sand Hill	
Satilla	428.82
Set Free	770.75
Shady Grove	
South Gate	
Southside Nahunta	600.00
Spring Hill	60.00
St George First	
Sweat Memorial	750.00
SweetWater	449.18
Ten Mile	1,736.31
Twin Rivers	696.00
Walkerville	200.00
Waycross First	1,150.02
Waycross Community	
Waycross Second	1,180.32
Waynesville	1,184.70
West Carswell	
Williams Chapel	1,706.91
Winokur	120.97
Whosoever	
Youmans Chapel	1,416.79
Total Unrestricted Giving	73,192.89



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CALENDAR

April

- 1 Baptist Collegiate Ministry
- 2-5 IMB Missions College
- 8 Baptist Collegiate Ministry
- 11 Youth Minister Network
- 13 Sand Hill Women’s Conference
- 15 May Newsletter Deadline
- 15 Music Minister Lunch
- 15 Baptist Collegiate Ministry
- 16 Administrative Committee Meeting
- 18 POBA Regular Meeting
- 21 POBA Piano Festival
- 22 Baptist Collegiate Ministry
- 26 GBMB Spring Event
- 29 Baptist Collegiate Ministry

May

- 12 Mother’s Day
- 6 RSVP Deadline for Created for Worship
- 13 Created for Worship: Red Back Hymn Sing
- 15 June Newsletter Deadline
- 20 Music Minister Lunch
- 21 Administrative Committee Meeting
- 27 Memorial Day, office closed

June

- 9-10 SBC Pastors Conference
- 11-12 SBC ,Indianapolis
- 15 July Newsletter Deadline
- 16 Father’s Day
- 17 Music Minister Lunch
- 17-22 SURGE Music Camp
- 18 Administrative Committee Meeting



Celebrating in April

Active pastors/staff & their spouses celebrating this month



Birthdays

- Donna Murray—5
- Sarah Rozier—6
- Tim Corey—10
- Amy Gambrell—12
- Ben Smith—12
- Jerad Johnson—17
- Ida Thrift—19
- Dana Smith—20
- Adam Walker—21
- April Carter—22
- Tim Hall—26

Anniversaries

- Trent & Jimmy Nell Long—5
- Ed & Juanita Hurst—7



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