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POBA RA Camporee

March 8-9
Lake Wendi
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POBA Regular Meeting

Thursday, April 18
Location TBA

Spring Forward

Don't Forget To Change Your Clock

+1 hour



Daylight Saving Time

Begins on
March 10

PIEDMONT OKEFENOKEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PIANO FESTIVAL

Sunday, April 21
2:00 PM
Sweat Memorial Baptist Church



POBA Piano Festival

Sunday, April 21
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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>
March 3-6	Mt. Calvary	Ray McMillan
March 3-6	Shady Grove	Jimmy Thrift, Tim Hall, Ben Glosson
March 17-20	Ten Mile	Randy Mullinax, Bob Richardson, Brad Waters, Bryan Herrington, Jack Lee
March 24-30	Waynesville	Brian Alexander
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

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>
July 7	Mt. Calvary	



Holy Week

March 24: Palm Sunday
March 29: Good Friday
March 31: Easter

ROYAL AMBASSADORS CAMPOREE



POBA RA Camporee

March 8-9, 2024

Lake Wendi (5901 Central Ave, Waycross)

Begins at 8:00 AM on March 8.

Cost is \$15/participant.

POBA PIANO FESTIVAL

The POBA Piano Festival will be held on April 21, 2024 at Sweet 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.

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

The Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering will be March 3-10.

Find resources at: AnnieArmstrong.com



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

GBMB VBS TRAINING

March 2: FBC Springfield
March 23: Byne Church, Albany

More info: <https://bit.ly/2024pobaVBS>

SOCIAL MEDIA

(Tom Kennedy) Oh, be careful, little eyes, what you see,
Oh, be careful, little eyes, what you see.
There's a Father up above looking down in tender love,
Oh, be careful, little eyes, what you see.

This song has echoed through my mind for most of my life, and played on repeat while I watched the January 31st US Senate hearing on Social Media.

The hearing was interesting, informative, and at times intense. The witness panel was a who's who of Social Media - which included Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg, X CEO Linda Yaccarino, Snap CEO Evan Spiegel, TikTok CEO Shou Zi Chew, and Discord CEO Jason Citron. Lawmakers have recently condemned the tech industry for failing to protect kids from a "plague of online child sexual exploitation" as the social media apps have gone viral among America's youth.

Seated behind the witnesses were parents who were holding pictures of children who had been victims of mental health issues, cyber bullying, suicide, and pornographic exposure. In the opening statement from Senator Lindsey Graham, he told these tech CEOs that they had "blood on their hands".

No matter the "age" we live in, whether it be stone or digital, the final responsibility to protect, nurture, guard,

PRAY: MISSIONARIES OUT OF POBA



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and instruct our children does not fall on the government, the public school system, or even the church. While we should want a government that sets moral boundaries, and a school system that educates effectively, and a church that heralds righteousness, we need parents. The responsibility to protect our children from the dangers of this culture ultimately falls on the parents.

What can we do? Be involved. This doesn't start with writing, calling, or visiting an elected official, it starts with you being a parent.

Set Healthy Boundaries – Smartphones grant unrestricted access to the vast expanse of the internet. Parents should utilize parental controls and filtering tools to ensure that their children only access age-appropriate content.

Protect Mental Health – Excessive use of social media has been linked to mental health issues, including anxiety and depression, particularly in adolescents. Parents need to monitor their children's online activities and teach healthy limits on time. Excessive screen time can impede the development of crucial real-life social skills. Encouraging face-to-face interactions, outdoor activities, and family time helps balance the digital and physical aspects of a child's life.

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Model It – By modeling a healthy relationship with technology, parents can influence their children's attitudes and behaviors. Demonstrating the importance of unplugging, setting limits, and engaging in non-digital activities helps strike a balance.

While social media and smartphones offer incredible opportunities for learning and connection, parents must be proactive in guiding their children through the digital landscape. By being involved, informed, and supportive, parents can ensure that their children develop a healthy relationship with technology, fostering a generation that is both digitally savvy, emotionally resilient, and God honoring. The responsibility lies with parents.

Psalm 127:3-4 Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR CONFERENCE

March 15-16

FBC Statesboro (108 N Main Street, Statesboro)

\$39/person

Register by: March 8



missiongeorgia.org/conference.

The cost is \$39 and includes Friday dinner, Saturday lunch, t-shirt, and all general and breakout sessions.

Register at: <https://ga.sbcworkspace.com/pub/event/register/55236702>

The Mission Georgia: Love Your Neighbor Conference will help you and your church move forward in taking the gospel into your community. View schedule, keynote speakers, breakout sessions, and updated information at <https://>

SURGE MUSIC CAMP

June 17-22, 2024

Rome, GA

Early Bird deadline: April 1



POBA Students and chaperones of POBA member churches are being provided a \$100 scholarship. Call the POBA office at (912) 285-8161 with names of POBA students and chaperones by March 28.

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.



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CALENDAR

March

- 1-3 GBMB Pastor & Wife Retreat
- 2 GBMB VBS Training—Springfield
- 3-10 Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- 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—Albany
- 23 GBMB Missions Summit—Macon
- 25 Baptist Collegiate Ministry
- 31 Easter

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
- 29 Baptist Collegiate Ministry

May

- 6 Baptist Collegiate Ministry
- 12 Mother’s Day
- 13 Created for Worship: A Gathering for Senior Adults
- 15 June Newsletter Deadline
- 20 Music Minister Lunch
- 21 Administrative Committee Meeting



Celebrating in March

Active pastors/staff & their spouses celebrating this month



Birthdays

- Brandon Shuman—4
- Courtney Everson—10
- Rein Hall—18
- Kristi Griner—20
- Becky Snow—26
- Greg Delk—31

Anniversaries

- Matt & Jif Rodgers—13
- Mitch & Rein Hall—18
- Jimmy & Ida Thrift—28
- Randy & Sharon Ray—29



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