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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.*



## Labor Day

Monday, September 2  
POBA office closed

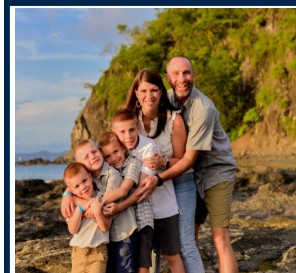


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Bible Translation  
Fulani of West Africa  
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## POBA Piano Festival

September 22  
2:00 PM  
Sweat Memorial Baptist  
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**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?



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

## POBA 56TH ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE OCTOBER 24



POBA's 56th Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, October 24 at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Hoboken.

Schedule:

Meal: 6:15 PM

Annual Meeting: 7:00 PM

Please RSVP for the meal by

Thursday, October 17. Call the POBA Office at (912) 285-8161 or RSVP online at: <https://bit.ly/OCT24AnnMeal>

## CHOIRFEST

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

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 then 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 will be 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.

## LULATON HOLDS 6TH ANNUAL BIBLE CONFERENCE IN SEPTEMBER

Lulaton will hold their 6th Annual Bible Conference September 8-11, 2024 at 6:30 PM nightly. Lulaton is located at 18581 Hwy 82 in Nahunta.

Theme: "We Would See Jesus" (John 12:21)

Preachers: Pastor Dalton Grovenstein (9/8/24), Pastor Brad Waters (9/9/24), Dr. Don Hattaway (9/10/24), Pastor Mike Stone (9/11/24)

Music By: Sadie Grovenstein and Andrew Fountain

## ANNUAL CHURCH REPORTS

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

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



## CHURCHES SEEKING PASTORS

Remember these churches in prayer as they seek pastors:

Astoria	Manor Community
First Waycross	Satilla

## 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/>.

## 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.



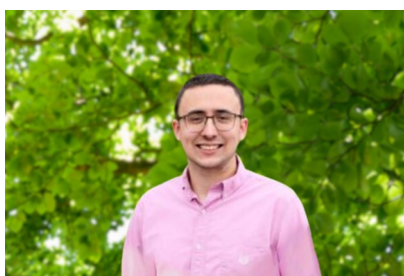
## PRAY: MISSIONARIES OUT OF POBA



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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).

## MISSION GEORGIA



Mission Georgia is a Georgia Baptist Missions Offering Emphasis promoted annually in September. Mission Georgia has five areas of focus: childhood literacy, foster care & adoption, human trafficking, refugees & internationals, and maternity care.

For resources and more information, visit: [missiongeorgia.org](http://missiongeorgia.org).

Prayer & Action Guide: <https://bit.ly/24MissionGeorgia>

## 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:

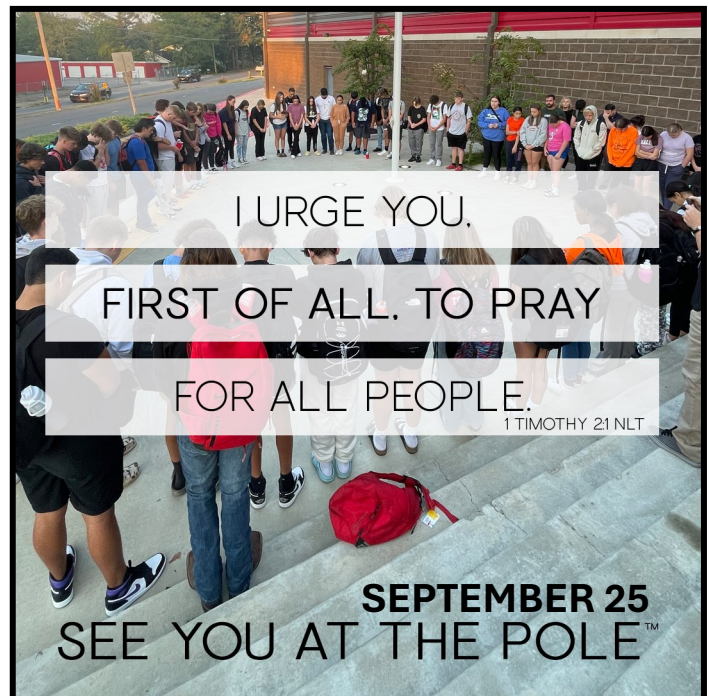
Session 1: Friday 6:00-9:00 PM

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/>




## REVIVALS IN THE POBA

## HOMECOMINGS IN THE POBA

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Speaker(s)</u>
September 8-11	Lulaton	Dalton Grovenstein, Brad Waters, Don Hattaway, Mike Stone
September 8-11	Shady Grove	Robert Wigley, Robbie Gill, Justin Gambrell, Brad Waters, Ray McMillan
September 15-19	Walkerville	RC James, Buddy Griner, Dwayne Dawson, Floyd Russell, Brandon Shuman (Matthew Panning & Grayson Barber)
September 29-October 2	Laura Chapel	
October 20-23	Camp Pinckney	Algernon Tennyson
October 20-23	Riverside Chapel	Harold Smith
November 3-6	Mt. Calvary	Trent Long, Thomas Williams, Floyd Davis, Joey Lee

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September 15	First Blackshear	Danny Singleton
September 15	Shady Grove	Wayne Woods
September 22	Walkerville	
October 6	Laura Chapel	
October 6	Pleasant Valley	
October 13	Pleasant Hill	Sammy Crosby
October 20	Riverside Chapel	
November 3	Central	



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

# CALENDAR

## 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  
21 Children's Missions Day  
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  
17 Meal Reservation Deadline  
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

## November

3 Daylight Saving Time Ends  
4 Baptist Women World Day of Prayer  
7 BCM @ SGSC Waycross  
11-12 GBC Annual Meeting  
11 Veterans Day  
14 BCM @ SGSC Waycross  
15 December Newsletter Deadline  
18 Music Minister Lunch  
19 Administrative Committee Meeting  
21 BCM @ SGSC Waycross



## Celebrating in September

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



### Birthdays

Jana Giddens—2  
Mark Griner—2  
Robin Thrift—4  
Mike Stone—8  
Jennifer Tuttle—13  
Justin Gambrell—16  
Debra Golden—17  
Olivia Lane—17  
Ralph Ramey—26  
Mark Cardwell—28

### Anniversaries

Tim & Raquel Corey—1  
Larry & Laura Finley—4  
Rusty & Judy Bryan—5  
Jamie & Jana Giddens—14  
Steve & Melanie Beal—19  
Austin & Olivia Lane—24  
Daniel & Christy Harding—26  
Mark & Anne Cardwell—29



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