



DATES TO REMEMBER
on Bobby's Calendar

February 6

* LBA Minister's Meeting, 11am, LBA
We hope to see you there!

February 14

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

February 16

* LBA Men's Ministry Meeting, 7:00pm,
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church

February 17

* LBA Volunteers Valentine Appreciation
Meal & Social, 6:00pm, LBA

March 2

* Church Financial Training and best
practices, 5pm, meal served (see inside)

Laurens Baptist Association Mission Statement:

"The Laurens Baptist Association is committed to assisting the churches in fulfilling the Great Commission and serving others through God's grace and love."

As I write this article, it seems funny to think that this will be my last time. Fifteen and one-half years have seemed to fly by. It has been great and God has been so faithful and good to the LBA! Our Churches and their people have been great. They have supported the ministries of the LBA faithfully. I am and have been so blessed to serve in such a gracious and giving association. Any time we would send out a need, you guys would give and meet the need. I pray that this will continue and I know that it will.

I could not have asked for a better place to do mission work and ministry. We have all worked together to do ministries that I would have never dreamed of, but God always has a bigger plan than we do. (Ephesians 3:20) We have stepped out in faith many times and God has been faithful to meet our needs to make it possible for us to minister in His name and bring Him the Glory and Honor.

Margie and I have thoroughly enjoyed working at the LBA for the last 15 and 1/2 years. It has been a great adventure that God has led us all through. God is already opening doors that I have never dreamed of. I want to be like Paul in II Timothy 4:7-8. Please know that we are praying for Kenny and Kim and know that they are going to do a great job! I see even greater days ahead for the LBA. God has a plan for all of us and for the LBA. Let us be faithful as God is always FAITHFUL!

In His Service,
Bobby and Margie



The LBA welcomes Rev Kenny Rowland as the new Director of Missions. Kenny and his wife, Kim have a real heart for missions! Kenny will begin his new ministry with the LBA on March 1, 2023.

The Laurens Baptist Association is now accepting applications for an Administrative Assistant. The duties will vary depending upon the ministry needs of the Associational Mission Strategist and the Association. This is a full time position. Applicants should have a heart for ministry and be an active member of a Church in good fellowship with the Laurens Baptist Association. Please submit resumes to amsearch@laurensbaptist-ga.com. We will accept resumes until February 15, 2023.



*Drop-In Reception to honor
Bobby & Margie Jones
Saturday, February 25, 2023
2pm-4pm
Marie Baptist Church*

This will be a great time to fellowship with them and thank them for their years of service to Christ and the Laurens Baptist Association. We hope to see you there.
Calvin Halcomb,
LBA Moderator

Church News

- **Rentz Baptist Church** is seeking a part-time Music/Worship Leader. For more info you can call the church at 478-984-4657 or e-mail at rentzbaptist@gmail.com
- **New Bethel Baptist Church** is seeking a Youth Minister. Contact the church office @ 272-5554.
- **Minter Baptist Church** is seeking a Music Director/Leader. The contact person is Kay Graham @ 478-272-6591.
- **Dexter Baptist Church** is seeking a part-time (up to 20 hrs. per week) Student Director. Resumes may be submitted to dexterbaptist@progressivetel.com or mailed to: PO Box 35, Dexter, GA 31019.
- **Poplar Springs North Baptist Church** is seeking a Part-Time Children's Director/Minister. This is a paid position. Applicants may send a resume to wespinkley@gmail.com
- **Mt Zion Baptist** is seeking a part-time Student Pastor to lead our growing student ministry. Interested candidates should send resumes to mtzionbaptistrentz@gmail.com.
- **Rock Springs Baptist Church** is seeking a part-time Student Pastor. Please contact Rickey Graham at 478-984-8580
- Rev Kenny Rowland resigned as Pastor of DaySpring Worship Center Baptist Church.
- Rev Kenny Rowland is the new LBA Director of Missions. As of February 28, 2023, he is replacing Rev Bobby Jones who served faithfully for 15 1/2 years.

Ready For **CFC23?**

Church Financial Conference 2023 (CFC23)

Is your church finance team following best practices? Join us at one of our Church Financial Conferences in 2023 (CFC23) to discover creative giving solutions for your church members, budgeting strategies to advance kingdom work, pastor compensation recommendations that demonstrate the value of pastoral ministry, and practical guidance for navigating financial and tax matters above reproach. *MEAL is included.*

**Representatives available from
the Georgia Baptist Foundation
Laurens Baptist Association
Assembly Room
Thursday, March 2, 2023
5:00pm**

**Please register on-line at
gbfinancial.org or call 770.452.8338
[https://gbfoundation.org/seminars/
cfc23/?text=contactus%40gbfoundation.org](https://gbfoundation.org/seminars/cfc23/?text=contactus%40gbfoundation.org)**

LAURENS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

MINISTRIES

All of the J.O.Y. outreaches are ministries of the Laurens Baptist Association



J.O.Y.
**"Jesus first,
Others
then You"**

Laurens Baptist Association
J.O.Y. MEDICAL, DENTAL
& EYE CLINICS
Medical & Administrative Office
410 Academy Ave
478-272-4071
Dental Office
112 Rowe St
Please note all visits are by
appointment only!

Rita Green, BSN, RN
J.O.Y. Clinic Director
Dr. Robert D Shuman, Jr, MD,
Medical Director
Bobby Jones,
Lead Missions Strategist/
Director of Missions

Volunteers are needed for administration, counselors, doctors and nurses

**Patients seen for
the month of
Dec 2022
Medical = 38**



J.O.Y. Foods - located at
501 Bellevue Ave.

Open Tuesday, Wednesday and
Thursday. 10am-2pm. Call for
appointments only during these
hours at 478-279-5727.
Kim Rowland, Director

J.O.Y. Clothes—located at East
Dublin DaySpring Worship Center
204 Hawkins St, E Dublin, Ga.

Open Mondays & Tuesdays from
9:00am-2:00pm
Phone # 478-353-9077
We also help support
East Dublin Day Spring Worship
Center ministries for the Homeless
and their Tiny Houses.

December 2022

J.O.Y. Foods
Families Served = 212

E Dublin Dayspring Ministry Center & Homeless
Hot meals served = 950



LBA MISSION TRIPS 2023

April 3-7, 2023 - Bland, Va
(Spring Break)

June 17-24, 2023 - New Mexico
(Navajo Native Americans -
continued 12th year mission with
Elim Haven Mission Church)

July 9-14, 2023 - Clintwood, Va
Appalachian Children/Ministry
"Backpacks of Hope"

July 16-22, 2023 - Hazard, Kentucky
(follow-up help with/for the 2022
flood victims)

**FCA Camp
June 12-14,
2023
East
Laurens
Elementary**
The LBA helps support this yearly camp.

In Sympathy

Marie Baptist Church
Marvin M Wyatt, Jr

New Direction Baptist Church
Margurette Tharpe Dixon

Dublin First Baptist Church
Nancy Thelma Smith
James Barry Walker

Wellspring Baptist Church
Fay Tanner

Dexter Baptist Church
Kaye Waldrep Pope

New Bethel Baptist Church
Patricia Joan Mullis

Olivet Baptist Church
Judith Starley Shipe
Samuel Wilbur "Sammie" Currie, Jr

Bethlehem Baptist Church
Rosemary Trifilette
Betty Lou Powell

1/1/22-12/30/22

Church or Misc. Donor	Association	Ministry Center	J.O.Y. Clinic	Church Plants, Fam4Fam & Other Missions	Counseling
Antioch		320.00	640.00		
Baker	500.00				
Bethesda	660.00		584.00		
Bethlehem	1,674.39	1,529.34			
Bethsaida	3,300.00	100.00	1,308.71	100.00	1,200.00
Blue Springs	853.00	65.00			
Bluewater					
Brewton	7,017.38		1,900.87		
Cadwell	3,600.00				
Centerville			500.00		
Central Drive	520.86				
Charity	1,155.00				
Crosspoint	497.35				
Dexter	600.00	600.00			1,800.00
Dudley	41,363.96			300.00	
E. Dublin Dayspring	2,088.24	2,373.54	2,974.52		
Eastside					
First Baptist	21,882.61		2,161.85	1,361.75	
Grace	9,039.06		500.00		
Image of God					
Jefferson St.	1,200.00				
Liberty	3,600.00			200.00	
Living Faith	4,445.23				
Living Hope					
Living Life					
Marie	30,152.33		5,157.29	4,800.00	
Minter	500.00				
Montrose	600.00				
Mt. Carmel	720.00	660.00			
Mt. Zion	4,350.00		372.00		
New Bethel	1,200.00	2,400.00	1,720.00	200.00	
New Direction					
Oakdale	260.00				
Oconee	542.00				
Olivet	21,787.78	500.00	1,130.95		
Orianna	1,344.80				
Pleasant Hill	4,822.52				
Pleasant Springs		1,596.47			
Poplar Springs N.	10,398.30				
Poplar Springs S.					
Rentz	8,007.51		4,969.07		
Rock Springs	3,177.16				
Shady Grove	300.00	600.00	600.00		
Snow Hill					
The Journey Church	5,350.53				
Union	400.00				
Union Springs	1,349.65				
White Springs	1,612.00		562.88		
Wellspring	3,950.19				
GA Baptist Healthcare Grant			50,000.00		
Misc	16,927.60	24,944.63	37,239.56	16,400.00	960.00
Total	221,749.45	35,688.98	112,321.70	23,361.75	3,960.00



**LBA Volunteers Valentine
Appreciation
Meal & Social
Friday, February 17, 2023
6:00pm**



**GRIEF
SUPPORT
GROUP**

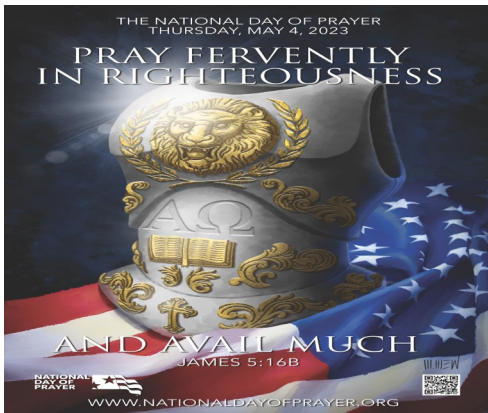
**Thursdays at the LBA
@ 10:00am**

You are welcome to attend!

If you need more information or have questions, please call Rev. Pinkley, at 478-353-1461 or Joan Brantley, 478-272-7771.

www.MissionGeorgia.com

This Georgia Baptist Mission Board website is a "one stop shop" for linking volunteers with missions and ministry opportunities within Georgia.



Two Event Times This Year

*Dublin
Laurens County
National Day
of Prayer*

*To be held at the
Dublin Market on Madison*

*Thursday,
May 4, 2023
12 noon & 7pm*

**Laurens Baptist Association Church Secretaries &
Administrative Professionals Luncheon**
Thursday, April 20, 2023
12:30pm-2:00pm
Food, Gifts & simple Arts & Crafts



**LBA
Baptist Women's
(WMU)
Spring Event
& Bible Study**

**Baker Baptist Church
Saturday, April 15, 2023
9:00am-2:00pm**

Theme: "Choose to Bloom"
Speaker: Michelle Lord
Music by: "Redeemed"

One fee of \$15.00. Breakfast will be served at 8:30am. Sign-in time is 9:00am-9:25am. To register, please send your fee and name to the LBA by Tuesday, April 4, 2023. If possible, one check from your church is appreciated, just include all attendees. Door prizes & 2 meals included.

**WE MUST NEVER CHOOSE
CULTURE'S APPROVAL
OVER
FAITHFULNESS TO GOD!**

*Quote by: Dr. Anthony George, Pastor
First Baptist Atlanta*

On January 22, 2023, Dr/Pastor George spoke to his church about culture approval versus God's approval.

Christians shouldn't care about cultural approval especially, when it goes against God's Word. Today it is more and more blatantly apparent the trend is going this way.

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."
Romans 12:2

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