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VISION

Assisting & Encouraging our Churches to Build Up the Kingdom of God

Dr. Keith M. Stewart, Associational Mission Strategist

Hello GCBA Family,

Summer is coming to an end and hopefully the temperatures will soon follow. Our association has had a busy and profitable summer. Girls and boys camps along with Vacation Bible Schools kept our churches reaching into our community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Since school is back in session, I hope this newsletter finds everyone getting back in the good habit of attending church and using your spiritual gifts inside and outside the Grady County Baptist Associations local churches.

A couple of weeks ago, we had a chance to celebrate with Judy Dixon her retirement after serving our association for 25 years! Only God truly knows all that she has done to serve our association and impact God's Kingdom for all eternity. I miss seeing her around the office everyday but she still shows up occasionally as she helps Debbie Oram, our new association ministry assistant, make the transition. The association gave Judy and Cleve an all expenses paid trip to a very special place in the mountains. Join me in thanking Judy for her faithful service and may she truly enjoy her retirement.

I must take a few lines in this newsletter to brag about the birth of our first grandchild! Hannah Catherine Stewart was born July 9th in Springfield, TN (about 40 miles north of Nashville ... way too far away). She is the most beautiful granddaughter that I've ever seen! Don't hesitate to ask me to see a picture because I'm always ready to brag on my granddaughter. Join me in praying for my son, daughter-in-love, and baby Hannah.

I'm truly blessed to serve as your Associational Missions Strategist. Each Sunday I look forward to being in one of our Grady County Baptist Associational churches. Join me in praying for our churches and their pastors. May God use each one to reach our community with the Gospel. Let each be the light in a lost, dying world.

In HIS Service,
Keith



September Calendar:

11-12: Disaster Relief Training
 Level Grove Baptist Church
 Cornelia, GA
 12: SPARK Conference, Americus
 Central Baptist Church
 14: ESL begins again! 7 pm FBC
 18-19: WMU/WOM Retreat
 "Singular Pursuit"
 Pinnacle Retreat Center
 27: SPARK Conference, Valdosta
 Crossroads Baptist Church

Looking Ahead.... October:

1: WMU Gathering, Midway BC
 13: Executive Committee Meeting
 15: Men's Meeting, Midway BC
 18: **ANNUAL MEETING**, Calvary

Happy Birthday

08 Sandy Allen

12 Albanelly Martinez

24 William Hurst

26 Jimmy Ausburn

30 Gordon Cloud



**Welcome Back
ESL Students
and Volunteers!**

We are excited to begin
a new year of fun and
learning English!

We have classes for all levels:
beginner, intermediate
and advanced.

**Churches
providing meals:**

14: Calvary Baptist Church
21: Calvary Baptist Church

**Classes Begin again,
Monday, Sept. 14 @ 7:00pm**

**Fellowship Hall,
First Baptist Church Cairo**

Come join us!!

Fall is upon us and we have prayer opportunities. ESL resumes this month, Children's Ministry Day, Caring Well Sunday, continued prayer for our school system, and

especially for our nation. Please pray for
God's Leadership.

Thank you,

Debbie Cameron, Prayer Coordinator



PRAY FOR MISSION TRIP

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Rev. Chris Allen, Billy Oram, and Pastor Gary Marecharles will be leading a 3-day pastor conference for alumni and currently enrolled pastors in Genesis 2:15 Ministries' 3-year Pastor Training Course.

 **CONFERENCE: SEPTEMBER 3-5**

 **150 PASTORS AND CHURCH LEADERS**



[SPARK CONFERENCE 2026](#) - Valdosta, GA (times and breakouts are the same for both Americus and Valdosta)

Date: Sunday, September 27, 2026

Time: 3:45 PM - 8:15 PM

Location: Crossroads Baptist Church

Address: 3001 Country Club Dr, Valdosta, GA 31602

Cost: Only \$15 per person!

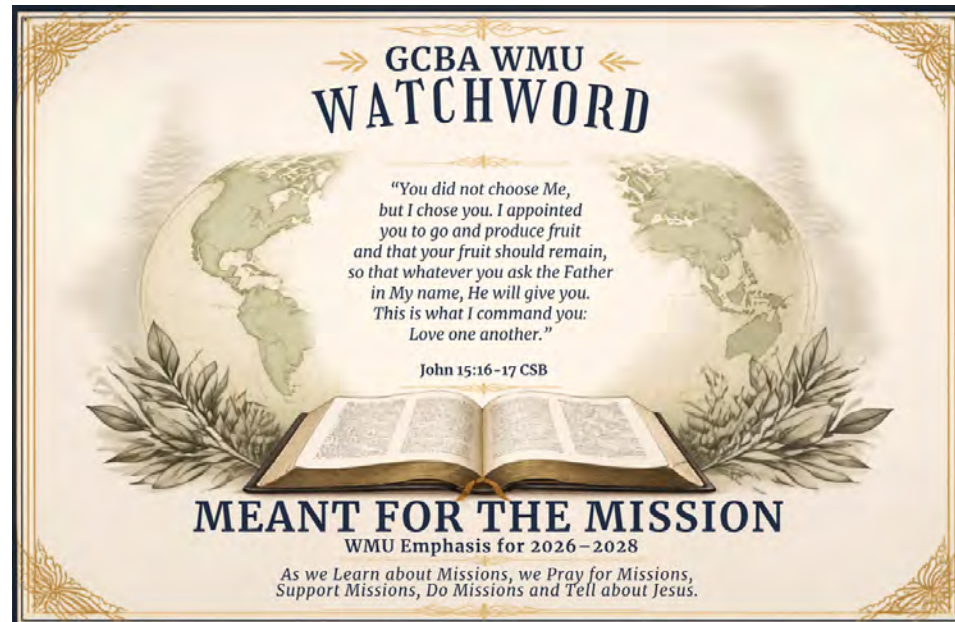
Once again for 2026, we've assembled a diverse team of practicing leaders prepared to give you best practices in their field of expertise. Every part of the gathering - from our keynote speakers to our SPARK breakout sessions - has been intentionally designed by our team to equip and inspire your leaders.

Who is SPARK for?

Lay Leaders, Children's Leaders, Women's Ministry Leaders, Men's Ministry Leaders, Missions Coordinators, Student Pastors, Worship Leaders, Sunday School Leaders, Small Group Leaders, Pastors... anyone involved in ministry and equipping.

Everyone can benefit!

It doesn't matter at what stage you are in ministry, there is something for everyone at SPARK. This conference is designed with YOU in mind, no matter your experience or skill level!



Upcoming Events for WMU:

August 31: Christmas in August - Sanghun Lee, Buford, GA

September: Mission Georgia Emphasis Month

September 18-19: Women Mission Retreat, Camp Pinnacle Retreat Center

October 10: Selah, South. Sherwood Baptist Church, Albany

November 23: Christmas Backpacks, Baker County, GA

We received a thank you letter from 1st Option Care for the love offering given at the July WMU Gathering.

If you did not register for the Women on Mission Retreat this year, I hope that many of you will plan to go next Year. It is a wonderful way to learn and share missions as well as being a part of mission minded women.

Thank you for the snacks given last year for the students. We hope you will be a part of providing snacks for Special Education students at Cairo this year. Suggested snacks were previously sent to you.

A letter has already been sent to you concerning the Christmas Backpacks and Christmas in August. If you need further information, please call the Associational Office or Judy at 229-403-7858.

You can still send in your school prayer walking reports.

Being a part of each of the above Mission Opportunities is a blessing.

Associational WMU Director, Annette Harrell
Only pray on days that end in y.



Disaster Relief Training 2026

Sept 11-12 Level Grove BC Cornelia, GA

Oct 2-4 FBC Cumming



CHURCH HOUSEKEEPING

Reminder

A few important items
we need from our churches:



Complete and return VBS reports



Complete and return Prayer Walk Reports



Be on the lookout for the Annual
Church Profile packet from Georgia Baptist



The 2026 Profile needs to be returned
by **October 1st** so that it can be included
in the Annual Report for our annual
meeting on **October 18.**

