

SAREPTA
Baptist Association

NOVEMBER 2019

**V
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newsletter**

WE CAN DO MORE TOGETHER

I SAW

A GREAT MULTITUDE

FROM EVERY NATION AND ALL TRIBES... **REV 7:9**

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS | DECEMBER 1-8

Order materials and download videos at **IMB.ORG**

SENIOR ADULT FALL LUNCHEON

Moon's Grove Baptist Church

11 • 07 • 19 12 NOON

LIVE MUSIC FROM THE
BRIARWOOD BROTHERS QUARTET

Christmas Backpacks to be sent to
Briceville, TN (from Sr. Adult
ministries only), for kids ages 4-14,
will be collected.

An offering will be taken to help with the rental of a
vehicle to transport the backpacks.



NOVEMBER 10-12

GA BAPTIST CONVENTION

FAYETTEVILLE, GA

gabaptist.org/event/gbc-annual-meeting/



HULL BAPTIST CHURCH
WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Saturday,
November 2, 2019

9:00 am ~ 2:00 pm

Hull Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall

Tickets are \$20 ~
purchase in church office
by October 23

THE PERFECT GIFT

Come join us for Christmas gift ideas,
delicious Christmas cookies and a blessing
from God's word.

- ❖ Guest Speaker: Terri Butcher
- ❖ Special Music: Sherri Osborne
- ❖ Christmas decorating ideas under \$20
- ❖ Christmas cookie tasting and recipes
- ❖ Christmas gift ideas for hostesses,
teacher and friends
- ❖ Includes light breakfast and catered
lunch
- ❖ A day of fun and fellowship!

Save These Dates

EVERY LUNCH AND LEARN STARTS AT 11:30 AND ENDS AT 1:00

Reservations Are Required

Meal Cost is \$7.00

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January

February

March

April

May



WINTER/SPRING 2020

**Lunch &
LEARN**



January 13, 2020

Barry Dollar (GBMB)

Topic: Developing a Strong Web Ministry in Your Church



February 10, 2020

Jerry Johnson (BCM)

Topic: Collegiate Ministry



March 16, 2020

Levi Skipper & Steve Foster (GBMB)

Topic: Evangelism Strategy



April 27, 2020

Tom Crites (GBMB)

Topic: Using Demographics To Impact Your Ministry



May 18, 2020

Dr. Stuart Lang (GBMB)

Topic: How Your Church Can Get Involved in Disaster Relief

FREE CONCERT

GREATER VISION & THE MYLON HAYES FAMILY

THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 14, 6:30 PM

PRINCE AVENUE
BAPTIST CHURCH
3691 MONROE HWY
BOGART, GA

QUESTIONS? RON WOLF
706.424-3569



The next Vision
newsletter will be
out in January
2020.

Don't forget to connect
with us via our Facebook
page or website!

| | MTD | YTD | | MTD | YTD |
|-----------------------------|------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Organization | Sep-19 | 2019 | Organization | Sep-19 | 2019 |
| Academy Baptist Church | \$100.00 | \$900.00 | Ila Baptist Church | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Apple Valley Baptist | \$100.00 | \$900.00 | Jefferson First Baptist Church | \$0.00 | \$550.00 |
| Arnoldsville Baptist Church | \$100.00 | \$450.00 | Johnson Drive Baptist Church | \$420.79 | \$2,588.15 |
| Athens First Baptist Church | \$0.00 | \$1,000.00 | Legacy Baptist Church Inc. | \$454.46 | \$2,951.37 |
| Athens Korean Church | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | Lexington Baptist Church | \$600.00 | \$5,400.00 |
| Athens Vietnamese Mission | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | Living Word Baptist Church | \$231.18 | \$961.59 |
| Attica Baptist Church | \$0.00 | \$1,129.50 | Madison Street Baptist Church | \$482.00 | \$4,003.00 |
| Beaverdam Baptist Church | \$100.00 | \$900.00 | Maysville Baptist Church | \$800.00 | \$7,200.00 |
| Beech Haven Baptist | \$1,145.13 | \$10,369.58 | Meadow Baptist Church | \$0.00 | \$1,500.00 |
| Berea Baptist Church | \$270.00 | \$810.00 | Milledge Avenue Baptist Church | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Bethany Baptist Church | \$0.00 | \$900.00 | Millstone Baptist Church | \$0.00 | \$36.00 |
| Blacks Creek Baptist | \$360.12 | \$2,432.56 | Montgomery Heights Baptist Church | \$0.00 | \$1,308.23 |
| Cabin Creek Baptist | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | Moon's Grove Baptist Church | \$200.00 | \$1,800.00 |
| Calvary Bible Church | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | Mount Olive Baptist Church | \$0.00 | \$1,917.42 |
| Carlton Baptist Church | \$50.00 | \$450.00 | New Harmony Baptist Church | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Cave Springs Baptist | \$98.40 | \$1,005.88 | New Hope Baptist Church | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Center Baptist Church | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | Nicholson Baptist Church | \$0.00 | \$600.00 |
| Central Baptist Church | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | Normaltown Community Church | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Cleveland Road Baptist | \$96.87 | \$1,736.43 | North Avenue Church | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Clouds Creek Baptist | \$247.95 | \$2,369.59 | Oconee Baptist Church | \$0.00 | \$750.00 |
| Colbert Baptist Church | \$795.79 | \$7,682.73 | Oconee Heights Baptist Church | \$191.77 | \$1,774.12 |
| Collier Baptist Church | \$170.37 | \$1,242.25 | Pendergrass Baptist Church | \$138.00 | \$1,069.00 |
| Comer Baptist Church | \$580.13 | \$5,258.55 | Pleasant Grove Baptist Church | \$250.00 | \$2,250.00 |
| Commerce First Baptist | \$285.00 | \$2,570.66 | Primera Iglesia Bautista of Jefferson | \$118.65 | \$1,411.90 |
| Corinth Baptist Church | \$0.00 | \$1,500.00 | Prince Avenue Baptist Church | \$1,666.66 | \$10,185.69 |
| Crawford Baptist Church | \$600.00 | \$1,800.00 | Prince Avenue Hispanic Baptist Mis- | \$0.00 | \$1,340.13 |
| Danielsville Baptist Church | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | Providence Baptist Church | \$238.00 | \$1,533.55 |
| East Athens Baptist Church | \$167.00 | \$1,825.00 | Riverside Baptist Church | \$161.57 | \$2,619.49 |
| Edwards Chapel Baptist | \$0.00 | \$593.00 | Rogers Baptist Church | \$97.54 | \$1,117.12 |
| Forest Heights Baptist | \$0.00 | \$1,250.00 | Salem Baptist Church | \$1,000.00 | \$4,500.00 |
| Friendship Baptist Church | \$1,724.58 | \$6,069.31 | Sandy Creek Baptist Church | \$100.00 | \$900.00 |
| Glade Baptist Church | \$86.00 | \$1,355.00 | Sandy Cross Baptist Church | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Grace Fellowship | \$75.00 | \$750.00 | Stevens Grove Baptist Church | \$184.00 | \$1,562.00 |
| Green Acres Baptist | \$355.00 | \$3,477.00 | Union Baptist Church | \$485.00 | \$4,365.00 |
| Grove Level Baptist Church | \$500.00 | \$2,250.00 | Vesta Baptist Church | \$137.00 | \$1,175.00 |
| Hudson River Baptist | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | Victory Baptist Church | \$50.00 | \$400.00 |
| Hull Baptist Church | \$600.00 | \$6,037.83 | Watkinsville First Baptist Church | \$500.00 | \$4,500.00 |
| Hull Hispanic Mission | \$5.94 | \$65.37 | Winterville First Baptist Church | \$0.00 | \$11,223.17 |
| Iglesia Bautista Emanuel | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | \$17,119.90 | \$152,572.17 |

| Financial Summary - September 2019 | |
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| Balance | \$2,842.95 |
| September Budget | \$17,485.25 |
| September Budget Receipts | \$17,439.52 |
| September Budget Expenses | \$17,038.46 |
| Budget Year-to-Date | \$157,367.25 |
| Budget Receipts Year-to-Date | \$153,166.79 |
| Budget Expenses Year-to-Date | \$145,131.24 |
| Annual Budget | \$209,823.00 |

| Designated Funds | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Mission & Ministry Fund | \$84,065.43 |
| International Friends | \$789.75 |
| Disaster Relief | \$1,969.36 |
| Block Party Trailer | \$4,093.30 |
| Maintenance Contingency | \$19,734.97 |
| Balance in Designated Funds | \$110,652.81 |

A Line from Lex

In less than two months, we will be moving into 2020! A brand-new decade begins to unfold before our eyes. All it takes is a quick glance backwards to 2010 to realize just how many changes have occurred in the scope of a decade. As we embark on the decade of the '20's, as an association, we will need to remain focused on new opportunities and be able to adjust to the challenges that present themselves. What are some of the opportunities for the year 2020?

The Pittsburgh Partnership - This will be year 2 of our partnership with Pittsburgh. The original church that we were working with, The Well, has merged with another church and the needs for that group are different. So, we will continue to work with Adam Sewell and Send Pittsburgh to participate in projects. One of the opportunities that has presented itself is for us to provide 600 coats to the children of Pittsburgh. The coats will be \$20 per coat. You will be given opportunity to sponsor one or more coats to the children. These coats are top quality coats made for folks who live a bit further north than we do. You will be given the opportunity as individuals to sponsor a coat or as a church. You can log onto our webpage sareptabaptist.com and hit the donate tab and make your contribution toward the number of coats you would like to sponsor. Other opportunities will be planned and made public later.

Disaster Relief Training – Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast prior to my arriving here. With the massive need for Disaster Relief Volunteers, the number on our Disaster Relief list hit about 400. Currently, we have roughly 150 volunteers who are collectively getting older. A number who used to be able to volunteer for Disaster Relief Call Outs can no longer physically do so. I am challenging you to help us double the number of volunteers we have in Sarepta for our Disaster Relief Teams. Next year, in August, Beech Haven Baptist will be hosting our regional DR Training. I need you, if you are a pastor, to challenge your people to get trained as a DR Volunteer for Sarepta. If you are reading this and are not a pastor, but want to get involved, make plans to attend the one-day training (specific information will follow).

2020 Minsters Wives Retreat – January 23-25 - [Peachtree City Hotel and Conference Center](#) – The wife of a pastor or staff person faces unique challenges and pressures. We at Sarepta want to invest in the wives of our ministry pastors and staff. **We want to provide scholarships for 15 wives to attend the retreat.** The price includes 3 days/2 nights stay, 4 meals, conference materials, workshops, haircuts, connect classes, chair massages, a medical doctor for medical counseling, a nurse who can do basic health screenings, a licensed counselor, and encouragement from God's Word. The scholarships will be provided on a "first-come-first-serve" basis. You will need to provide your own transportation. You will need to allow us to register for you in order for us to pay for it.

Bi-Vocational Pastors/Wives Retreat – May 1-3 - [Epworth by the Sea](#), St. Simons Island, GA - There are no more challenging jobs in ministry than that of a bi-vocational pastor. The Georgia Baptist Mission Board is sponsoring a retreat to provide an opportunity for these couples to get renewed! We want to help make that possible. **We want to invest in our bi-vocational pastors (and their wives) by providing a scholarship for those who would like to attend by covering the registration cost.** If your pastor is bi-vocational, I want to challenge you and your church to provide the funds needed for transportation to St. Simons so that your pastor can participate. Since it covers a Sunday, I want to challenge you, who have bi-vocational pastors, to not count this as one of their vacation Sundays. Finally, I would challenge you, who have bi-vocational pastors, to provide the honorarium for someone to fill the pulpit the Sunday he is out for the retreat. If anyone deserves a time of spiritual renewal, our bi-vocational pastors do. If you want to take advantage of this, please contact the office to let me know of your interest.

Thank you so very much for your support of Sarepta. Because you and your church support Sarepta, we are able to do the kinds of things mentioned above. If you would like for me to come and share about the ministries of Sarepta please call and I will gladly schedule a time to do so.



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This month, I want to express my gratitude to the folks at Beech Haven for allowing us the use of their building on Thursdays. We typically use around 17 rooms of their facility, and with a crowd our size, there is the normal occurrence of a jacket left behind, the car that needs a jump, a child who arrives without extra clothes, and people asking for directions. We so appreciate the opportunity to minister in such a central location, with folks who are happy to accommodate our program. Dr. Mills, thank you!

Another aspect of our program is the transportation that we offer. I am so thankful for the church vans (and van drivers!) from Watkinsville, Prince Avenue, and Green Acres. Along with donating their vans for use by the program on Thursdays, come the mundane details of scheduling, vacuuming up Cheerios from precious children with sticky fingers, and figuring out rescues when the van breaks down. Ministry is messy and complicated, sometimes. We appreciate these churches for their partnership with us, not only in the fun, uplifting tasks, but also in the less than glamorous details.

International Friends is having a productive semester. We appreciate your prayers, your support, and your presence.

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~ Amy Wheeler-Sullivan