

**SAREPTA**  
Baptist Association

August 2020

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WE CAN DO MORE TOGETHER

# 2020 **SPARK** CONFERENCE

REGISTER  
BY  
AUGUST 28



Robby Gallaty  
Long Hollow Baptist Church



Paul Chitwood  
IMB President



Tyrone Barnette  
Peace Baptist Church

**~ONLINE AUGUST 29TH~**

Register online (FREE!) by August 28th for  
3 weeks of access to more than  
**50 breakout groups** and keynote speakers

**Collegiate**  
**Discipleship**  
**Evangelism**  
**Hispanic Ministry**  
**International Mission Board**

**Worship and Music**  
**Men's Ministry**  
**Missions**  
**Next Gen Kids**  
**Pastor Wellness**  
**Child Protection**

**Senior Adults**  
**Singles**  
**Small Groups**  
**Sunday School**  
**Women's Ministry**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 @ 7PM**

# **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

UPDATE: THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD ONLINE ON THE ZOOM PLATFORM, RATHER THAN IN PERSON

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20 @ 7PM**

# **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

LOCATION: COMER BAPTIST CHURCH



Late Summer/Early Fall 2020



**SEPTEMBER 21**

**KEITH IVEY (GBMB)**

**TOPIC: MISSION PARTNERSHIPS  
IN NEW ENGLAND**



**OCTOBER 19**

**DR. LEVI SKIPPER (GBMB)**

**TOPIC: NO SWEAT  
EVANGELISM**



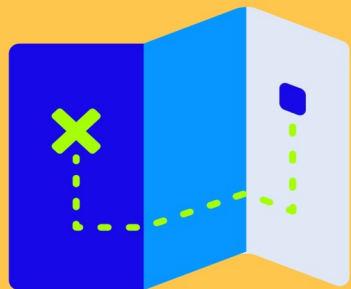
**NOVEMBER 17**

**DR. SCOTT SULLIVAN (GBMB)**

**TOPIC: "WATERSHED  
PRINCIPLE" OF DISCIPLESHIP**

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. @ Sarepta Office. \$7 Boxed Lunch from Jason's Deli.  
Call 706.549-5872 or email [amy@sareptamissions.org](mailto:amy@sareptamissions.org) to make a reservation.





September 29-30

# Transitional Interim Pastor Training

An event for any Southern Baptist Minister that is interested in training to be a transitional pastor, leading a church through a time of adjustment. This training builds on the knowledge a minister already has and focuses on the transitional time.

Training provided by the GA Baptist Mission Board

First Time: \$115, Refresher: \$25

Cost includes 2 lunches, 1 dinner, and materials.

<https://ga.sbcworkspace.com/Pub/Event/Register/55232499>

For more information, contact Laura Simms (GBMB)  
lsimms@gabaptist.org or 770.936-5362

## CHRISTMAS BACKPACK PROGRAM UPDATES

[gabaptist.org/backpacks](http://gabaptist.org/backpacks)

If your church is participating in the Christmas Backpack program through the GBMB, please check the website for updates. This year, churches will have increased responsibility for the planning and communication aspects of the effort, as well as responsibility for transporting the backpacks they donate. Be sure to register online with the GBMB!





	M-T-D	Y-T-D		M-T-D	Y-T-D
Organization	June	2020	Organization	June	2020
Academy Baptist Church	\$600.00	\$1,100.00	Ila Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00
Apple Valley Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$500.00	Jefferson First Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$500.00
Arnoldsville Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$300.00	Johnson Drive Baptist Church	\$206.40	\$1,641.27
Athens First Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	Legacy Baptist Church Inc.	\$226.29	\$1,602.59
Athens Korean Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	Lexington Baptist Church	\$600.00	\$3,850.00
Athens Vietnamese Mission Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	Living Word Baptist Church	\$228.50	\$966.48
Attica Baptist Church	\$266.98	\$543.87	Madison Street Baptist Church	\$283.00	\$2,447.00
Beaverdam Baptist Church	\$200.00	\$700.00	Maysville Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$5,500.00
Beech Haven Baptist Church	\$1,565.84	\$9,846.75	Meadow Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00
Berea Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$270.00	Milledge Avenue Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bethany Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$600.00	Millstone Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$24.00
Blacks Creek Baptist Church	\$219.10	\$1,561.63	Montgomery Heights Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$1,637.99
Cabin Creek Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	Moon's Grove Baptist Church	\$200.00	\$1,200.00
Calvary Bible Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	Mount Olive Baptist Church	\$142.72	\$856.52
Carlton Baptist Church	\$50.00	\$300.00	New Harmony Baptist Church	\$150.00	\$150.00
Cave Springs Baptist Church	\$184.96	\$597.32	New Hope Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00
Center Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	Nicholson Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$2,650.00
Central Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	Normaltown Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cleveland Road Baptist Church	\$224.87	\$1,660.02	North Avenue Church	\$0.00	\$0.00
Clouds Creek Baptist Church	\$215.80	\$1,470.39	Oconee Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$750.00
Colbert Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$3,843.41	Oconee Heights Baptist Church	\$201.34	\$1,226.17
Collier Baptist Church	\$187.16	\$959.52	Pendergrass Baptist Church	\$113.00	\$850.00
Comer Baptist Church	\$578.53	\$3,806.72	Pleasant Grove Baptist Church	\$250.00	\$1,600.00
Commerce First Baptist Church	\$277.09	\$1,790.47	Primera Iglesia Bautista of Jefferson	\$35.35	\$748.55
Corinth Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$1,125.00	Prince Avenue Baptist Church	\$1,666.70	\$5,833.35
Crawford Baptist Church	\$600.00	\$2,400.00	Prince Avenue Hispanic Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00
Danielsville Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	Providence Baptist Church	\$305.00	\$1,051.00
East Athens Baptist Church	\$182.00	\$921.00	Riverside Baptist Church	\$181.00	\$1,202.64
Edwards Chapel Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$111.65	Rogers Baptist Church	\$123.95	\$728.47
Forest Heights Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	Salem Baptist Church	\$500.00	\$3,000.00
Friendship Baptist Church	\$332.66	\$2,007.03	Sandy Creek Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$400.00
Glade Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$802.00	Sandy Cross Baptist Church of NEGA	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grace Fellowship	\$75.00	\$450.00	Stevens Grove Baptist Church	\$217.00	\$1,024.00
Green Acres Baptist Church	\$405.00	\$2,255.00	Union Baptist Church	\$590.00	\$2,845.00
Grove Level Baptist Church	\$250.00	\$1,500.00	Vesta Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$512.00
Hudson River Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	Victory Baptist Church	\$50.00	\$300.00
Hull Baptist Church	\$582.92	\$3,824.32	Watkinsville First Baptist Church	\$500.00	\$3,000.00
Hull Hispanic Mission	\$0.00	\$28.62	Winterville First Baptist Church	\$786.08	\$4,013.09
Iglesia Bautista Emanuel de Athens	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$14,554.24	\$97,384.84

#### Financial Summary - June 2020

Balance	\$ 1,771
June Budget	\$17,079
June Budget Receipts	\$13,931
June Budget Expenses	\$16,494
Budget Year-to-Date	\$102,477
Budget Receipts Year-to-Date	\$96,857
Budget Expenses Year-to-Date	\$95,086
Annual Budget	\$204,953

#### Designated Funds

Mission & Ministry Fund	\$85,219
International Friends	\$1,780
Disaster Relief	\$1,886
Block Party Trailer	\$3,443
Maintenance Contingency	\$14,066
Balance in Designated Funds	\$106,394



# A Line from Lex

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We are now entering our 6<sup>th</sup> month dealing with the Covid-19 Virus. To say our world has changed is an understatement. I must be honest; I was extremely concerned with our churches closing that their financial situation would be in peril and as a result, Sarepta's financial status would be also. However, though we are not "out of the woods yet," the receipts from our Sarepta Churches are slightly above where we were in 2019 by just over \$1000. **I cannot tell you how grateful I am for your faithfulness to support the work of the association.** Though things have slowed down considerably, we have teams that are meeting regularly and ZOOM calls being made with different groups. We are still working with churches to assist with issues they are dealing with, along with trying to help two Hispanic churches (Athens and Jefferson) find a church facility where they can meet. The work goes on thanks to you and your support.

**SPARK CONFERENCE (Formerly GO Georgia)** "Pivot" is a word that has been used a lot during the pandemic. Usually associated with a move that a basketball player makes on the court, it has now gained traction in reference to changing directions from the intended path. That describes what the GBMB has done with the "in person" GO Georgia conference. They have "pivoted" to an "on line" experience that will premiere on **August 29** with 3 keynote speakers and 50 breakout sessions. **The registration is FREE if you register by August 28.** You will have access to all the breakouts and keynote speakers for a three-week period of time. You can pay an additional modest fee to gain access for a year. Your association has registered and will have access to the training materials for a year. We hope to be able to make them available to our churches in various formats. However, you also can register as an individual or a church and do the same thing. **Remember, register by August 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**LUNCH and LEARN – August 17** – This meeting was planned back in May and indications were, at that time, we were on the "down side" of the pandemic. NOT EXACTLY! In the past few weeks, we have observed a significant "spike" in confirmed cases of Covid-19 indicating that we are not near as close to the end as we thought. As a result, I will be canceling our August Lunch and Learn. I will continue to keep an eye on status of Covid-19 to determine what we will do from September onward.

**Executive Committee Meeting – September 8 – ZOOM Meeting** - In light of the unpredictable nature of the Covid-19 Pandemic, our Moderator, Brett Mask, and I have decided to not have an in-person Executive Committee but rather have a ZOOM meeting at **7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**. The information will be sent to our pastors in advance, along with the invitation to participate. If you are a messenger from your church for the Executive Committee and do not receive an invitation to join the meeting, please let me know and I'll gladly send you the needed information and the invitation. If you are a pastor and want your Executive Committee messenger to be included in the invitation, just let me know who they are, as well as their email address. Thanks for your patience as we try to adapt as we go to the limitations this pandemic has caused.



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International Friends, like many ministries and schools, closed abruptly due to Covid-19, and we are now figuring out the "new normal." We have decided to go online for Fall semester, to protect both our students and our volunteers.

I have referred to this English teaching ministry as a "springboard" type of ministry. Students come to us to improve their English, we provide good English classes, and in turn have the relational and emotional collateral necessary to speak into their lives. Even during our shut down, the volunteers and I have been reaching out to our students, many of whom have endured monumental disruptions to their livelihood, their educational plans, and their immigration status. Some were literally stranded in the U.S., unable to go home.

Because of the trust built before anyone had heard of Covid-19, we have been able to reach out and show the love of Christ to many of these students, even while classes are not meeting. Sometimes reaching out is a simple phone call. Sometimes it is a visit, a well-timed monetary gift, or inviting someone to come live with your family for a while so they can afford their flight home. If we did not have these relationships established before this crisis began, we would not have the opportunity to minister in these ways. We appreciate your support of the International Friends ministry and ask for your prayers. If you would like to be involved, please contact me!

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