

**SAREPTA**

Baptist Missions Network

**VISION**

newsletter  
November 2022

**WE CAN DO MORE TOGETHER**

**LOTTIE MOON  
CHRISTMAS  
OFFERING 2022**

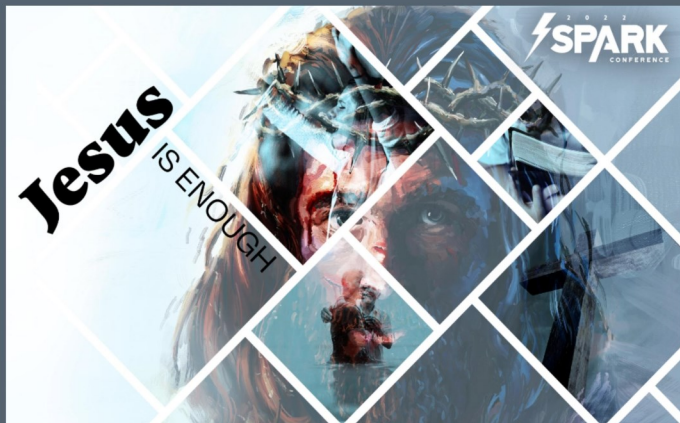


**WEEK OF PRAYER  
FOR INTERNATIONAL  
MISSIONS  
NOV. 27-DEC. 3**



*Prayer guides, posters, videos, and other resources at [IMB.org](http://IMB.org)*





# 2022 SPARK CONFERENCE VAULT

If you and your church leaders were unable to attend the recent SPARK Conference, those resources are available to you at no cost. You can access the content from your own computer. Sarepta has purchased access to the Vault of material for our churches, so that our pastors and church leaders can have access.

There are over 40 breakout sessions **on everything from children's ministry, to leadership to church security**. And some incredible keynotes have been included as well. Every church leader in your church is welcome to create their own personal login at no cost to them since we have covered the cost of their access.

Use this link to create a Vault account:

<https://www.thesparkconference.com/2022-vault1661956357142/0b74ca47262>



## ***SOS-Preaching Workshop***

***November 17, 11:30-2:00***

***Led by Dr. Mael Disseau, Truett McConnell***

***This is the 2nd of 4 workshops, offered once/quarter.***

**Catered Lunch Provided. Please register with Sarepta.**



## **Senior Adult Luncheon**

**Thursday, November 3**

**12 noon**

**Mt. Olive Baptist Church,  
Commerce, GA**

**Program by Jeff Cleghorn.**

**Covered dish luncheon.**

**Collecting new, unwrapped  
pajamas for children in foster care.**

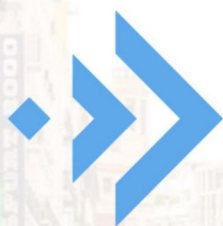


GEORGIA BAPTIST CONVENTION ANNUAL MEETING



**FORWARD**  
NOT DONE YET

NOVEMBER 13-15 @ WARREN BAPTIST CHURCH, AUGUSTA



THE  
**COMMISSION**

PREACH THE WORD, REACH THE WORLD

**2022 GEORGIA BAPTIST PREACHING CONFERENCE**

NOVEMBER 14TH 1-4PM | WARREN BAPTIST CHURCH

FEATURED PREACHERS:

BRAD WHITT, ABILENE BAPTIST, AUGUSTA

JEFF CROOK, CHRIST PLACE CHURCH, FLOWERY BRANCH

DENNIS WATSON, HARP'S CROSSING BAPTIST, FAYETTEVILLE

ZACH TERRY, FBC FERNANDINA BEACH, FL

[GAPREACHINGCONFERENCE.COM](http://GAPREACHINGCONFERENCE.COM)



*Sarepta's Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule*

*We will close at noon on Wednesday, November 23rd and  
reopen on Monday, November 28th.*

*Happy Thanksgiving to your and yours!*



## A Line from Lex

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A few months ago, my wife's family received word that her deceased father, Paul Box, is going to be inducted in the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma's "Hall of Fame." My father-in-law pastored a number of churches in Oklahoma during his active ministry there. He spent 17 years pastoring FBC Moore which was one of the leading churches in the state. My in-laws were also missionaries in their early days planting a church in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and later prior to retirement pastored International Baptist Church in Munich. After retirement, he was interim pastor in 13 churches throughout the state of Oklahoma. The state convention will be honoring the families of the inductees at the Oklahoma Baptist Convention in Mustang, OK the same week as our Georgia Baptist Convention. My wife and I will be traveling to Oklahoma to represent her family at this very significant occasion for our family. Having a father-in-law like him as a mentor was absolutely priceless to me as a pastor.

This will be our last newsletter of 2022! I want to express my gratitude to our Sarepta churches for the excellent way in which you have supported this ministry financially. Our giving this year has been up over the previous two years and we have had three churches re-engage in their support for Sarepta and its ministry this year. For that we are grateful.

Several "New" Things were started this year:

- The Mission Georgia Team was formed and will be challenging our churches to get involved in caring for foster families.
- "S.O.S." (Sharpening Our Saws) started this year. Upon polling our pastors, they expressed needs in the area of Pastoral Counseling and Sermon Preparation. The experience has been great by those who have participated.
- Partnership Missions is not new but our partner is. Covid derailed our efforts in 2021 to travel to New Hampshire. I was able to go with about eleven others to Island Pond Baptist in Hampstead, NH in May for our first mission team to participate in their spring festival and prayer walking. Six of our churches were represented on the team.
- The bi-vocational pastor pipeline is moving forward with the goal of equipping men to serve in our bi-vocational churches. The first course is complete and the second course is in the works.

As we look forward to 2023, once again I will be surveying our pastors to see how we, as an association, can better meet needs. The "S.O.S." training is a direct result of the feedback I got last year from those who responded to the survey. We will be expanding our Partnership Missions involvement to include international partners in Peru. We will continue to partner with our GBMB missionaries to work together to meet the needs of our churches. I would encourage you to find ways to link arm in arm with us to advance the Kingdom of God.

	M-T-D	Y-T-D		M-T-D	Y-T-D
Organization	August	2022	Organization	August	2022
Academy Baptist Church	535.00	1,335.00	Jefferson First Baptist Church	-	-
Apple Valley Baptist Church	100.00	600.00	Johnson Drive Baptist Church	465.55	2,440.05
Arnoldsville Baptist Church	50.00	400.00	Legacy Baptist Church Inc.	336.36	2,733.45
Athens First Baptist Church	-	-	Lexington Baptist Church	600.00	4,800.00
Athens Korean Church	-	-	Living Word Baptist Church	-	1,306.66
Athens Vietnamese Mission	-	-	Madison Street Baptist Church	305.00	2,468.00
Attica Baptist Church	-	888.05	Maysville Baptist Church	1,000.00	8,000.00
Beaverdam Baptist Church	400.00	1,600.00	Meadow Baptist Church	3,000.00	3,000.00
Beech Haven Baptist Church	957.77	10,950.34	Milledge Avenue Baptist Church	-	-
Berea Baptist Church	-	75.00	Millstone Baptist Church	-	36.00
Bethany Baptist Church	-	900.00	Montgomery Heights Baptist Church	-	-
Blacks Creek Baptist Church	549.99	5,632.43	Moon's Grove Baptist Church	200.00	1,600.00
Cabin Creek Baptist Church	-	-	Mount Olive Baptist Church	64.32	660.69
Calvary Bible Church	-	-	New Harmony Baptist Church	-	200.00
Carlton Baptist Church	50.00	400.00	New Hope Baptist Church	-	-
Cave Springs Baptist Church	211.52	1,262.92	Nicholson Baptist Church	-	-
Center Baptist Church	-	-	Normaltown Community Church	-	-
Central Baptist Church	-	-	North Avenue Church	-	-
Cleveland Road Baptist Church	300.00	1,618.03	Oconee Baptist Church	-	300.00
Clouds Creek Baptist Church	319.90	2,349.48	Oconee Heights Baptist Church	221.00	1,908.00
Colbert Baptist Church	808.90	7,199.89	Pendergrass Baptist Church	149.00	1,860.00
Collier Baptist Church	171.84	1,207.08	Pleasant Grove Baptist Church	250.00	2,300.00
Comer Baptist Church	420.09	5,186.39	Primera Iglesia Bautista of Jefferson	635.00	3,349.80
Commerce First Baptist Church	187.01	1,947.02	Prince Avenue Baptist Church	833.33	6,666.64
Corinth Baptist Church	-	1,875.00	Providence Baptist Church	208.68	1,987.16
Crawford Baptist Church	-	1,200.00	Riverside Baptist Church	166.00	1,303.00
Danielsville Baptist Church	-	-	Rogers Baptist Church	89.83	860.53
East Athens Baptist Church	162.90	1,734.52	Salem Baptist Church	625.00	5,000.00
Edwards Chapel Baptist Church	-	-	Sandy Creek Baptist Church	-	-
Forest Heights Baptist Church	1,250.00	1,250.00	Sandy Cross Baptist Church of Northeast	-	-
Friendship Baptist Church	694.87	3,199.99	Stevens Grove Baptist Church	342.00	1,319.00
Glade Baptist Church	226.00	946.35	Union Baptist Church	791.25	5,538.75
Grace Fellowship	100.00	800.00	Vesta Baptist Church	-	764.00
Green Acres Baptist Church	468.00	3,270.00	Watkinsville First Baptist Church	1,500.00	5,000.00
Grove Level Baptist Church	250.00	1,750.00	Winterville First Baptist Church	1,501.55	6,064.21
Hudson River Baptist Church	-	-			
Hull Baptist Church	562.03	4,203.47			
Hull Hispanic Mission	-	10.50			
Iglesia Bautista Emanuel de Athens	-	-	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22,059.69</b>	<b>\$135,257.40</b>

Financial Summary	
Balance	\$3,103
August Budget	\$17,052
August Budget Receipts	\$20,582
August Budget Expenses	\$19,772
Budget Year-to-Date	\$119,363
Budget Receipts Year-to-Date	\$133,521
Budget Expenses Year-to-Date	\$130,418
Annual Budget	\$204,622

Designated Funds	
Mission & Ministry Fund	\$81,879
International Friends	\$6,520
Disaster Relief	\$6,226
Block Party Trailer	\$2,686
Contingency Fund	\$35,709
Balance in Designated Funds	\$133,020





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One of the things that we missed during Covid was our chances to socialize outside of class. In September, we started having a potluck lunch after class once a month. It is during these moments that we often learn the most about our students. I learned of a student's husband's dementia, made plans with another student for her family to visit my church, and learned of a student's battle with loneliness. Thank you for your support of Sarepta's International Friends English Program. We appreciate the opportunity to speak into our students' lives as we build relationships with them. We are often their only connection to The Church.



If you are interested in finding out more about the INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS ENGLISH PROGRAM, please contact Amy Wheeler-Sullivan at 706.424-1891 or [AthensEnglishClasses@gmail.com](mailto:AthensEnglishClasses@gmail.com).

We are so grateful for the support of the Sarepta Baptist Missions Network!