

VISION

newsletter OCTOBER 2024

WE CAN DO MORE TOGETHER

SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON

Thursday, November 7th, noon-2:00 Colbert Baptist Church Please bring a covered dish.

COLLECTING: PAJAMAS

For children, ages birth-18, who are currently in foster care.

Sarepta has partnered with Jambos to minister to children in foster care and the families helping them. Jambos will wrap a Bible verse around the pajamas and distribute the pajamas we collect.

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WE BRING COMFORT

PROGRAM:

DR. GARY BULLEY

Executive Director of Pastor2Pastor

He will be able to share about the impact that Sarepta is making in the country of Panama, training pastors, using the material he developed.





GEORGIA BAPTIST CONVENTION

Dates: Sunday, Nov. 10 - Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024 Convention Location: First Baptist Church, Statesboro, GA

PREACHING CONFERENCE MONDAY, 1-4 p.m.





Vocational Evangelist

Rick has spent the past 28 years the averaging 45 Revival/Crusade meetings a year. The ministry holds two conferences during the summer months: PowerLife Student Camp was started in 1989 with 125 and has grown to two weeks since 1996 with over 1,200 attending yearly. Lives have been changed and souls saved each year. PowerLife Adult Bible Conference started in 1989 with 65 and has grown to over 450 in attendance in recent years.

From 1982-1988, Rick served as Pastor of Springhill Baptist Church in Fernandina Beach, Florida.



DR. TIM McCOY

Pastor Emeritus of Ingleside Baptist Church, Macon

By God's grace and under Pastor Tim's leadership as lead pastor from 1989-2024, Ingleside grew to more than 5,000 members. From 2011-2024, Pastor Tim's teaching was broadcast on WMAZ-TV each Sunday morning and reached upwards of 12,000 listeners each week. Beginning in 2016, he wrote and posted an email devotional commentary, "A Chapter a Day," which was received daily by more than 10,000 subscribers when it was suspended in May 2024.



CLINT PRESSLEY

Senior Pastor, Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC President, SBC

In June 2024, Clint was elected President of the Southern Baptist Convention. He also served the Convention as Vice President of the SBC Pastor's Conference in 2013, First Vice President of the Southern Baptist Convention in 2014-2015, Trustee of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary since 2015, and member of the NC Baptist Board of Directors since 2023.

THIS YEAR'S SECOND STAGE

Blazing a New Trail: Women in Ministry

Tech-Savvy Ministry: Mastering iPads for Preaching and Teaching

Simple Strategies for Reaching Younger Women

Your Church Can Experience Revitalization

VBS: The Greatest Evangelism Tool Today

Discipleship Pathway



interviews &



More information & Registration

https://gbcannualmeeting.com/#stage



There are a lot of great youth ministry podcasts out there, but not many focus only on volunteers. THE YOUTH MINISTRY PODCAST FOR VOLUNTEERS is all about providing great content to help volunteers who work with teenagers. Each episode is short and to the point on topics about how to best impact teenagers with the gospel. Each episode will be hosted by a couple youth ministry vets that have been working with teenagers for over 30 years. If you love working with teenagers, you're going to love this podcast!





Sarepta Holiday Closures

The office will close at noon on Wednesday, November 27th for Thanksgiving and reopen on Monday, December 2nd.

The office will close at noon on Wednesday, December 11th for Christmas and New Years and reopen on Thursday, January 2nd.

We are grateful to Shane Roberson and Matt Bartlett for agreeing to step into leadership positions.

Shane Roberson will be Sarepta's Moderator and Matt Bartlett will be Sarepta's Vice Moderator.

Terms will begin January 1, 2025.





A Line from Lex

The November Vision is our last of the year. I want to express my appreciation for the strong support our Sarepta Churches have given to our Mission and Ministry focus for the year. Our giving this year is ahead of last year's giving. I also want to say thanks to those who attended the 225th Annual Missions and Ministry celebration at Maysville Baptist the first Sunday afternoon in October. It was the best attendance we have had at one of our annual meetings in many years. Maysville did an outstanding job hosting the event.

I cannot say enough about how our Disaster Relief Director, Jim Patton, and Unit 19 Volunteers have responded to the recent hurricane disaster. Not to mention the generosity of individuals and churches who have contributed to the Disaster Relief ministry of Sarepta. Money and materials have been provided by our churches. I have gotten many calls from pastors and people who want to know how they can support and where they can give to help people in need. If you are interested in getting certified with Disaster Relief for Unit 19 R, the recent training scheduled for Milledgeville was rescheduled for December 6-7. We would love to have all the additional volunteers we can get for such a time as this. Please register at https://gabaptist.org/event/disaster-relief-introduction-training-milledgeville or use the QR code.



As we approach the holiday season, it is always a time when I think of our International Missions focus and the Week of Prayer for International Missions. This year the week is December 1-8 with the emphasis being on the "Great Pursuit":

- The Great Pursuit in Senegal
- · The Great Pursuit in Central Asia
- · The Great Pursuit Among the Deaf
- · The Great Pursuit in Brazil
- The Great Pursuit on Southeast Asian Islands
- The Great Pursuit in Northern Africa
- · The Great Pursuit in South Asia
- The Great Pursuit in Europe

Prayer guides and information are available at IMB.ORG/pray/week-of-prayer/



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AFGHANISTAN, BURUNDI, CONGO, CHINA, VIETNAM, MEXICO, VENEZUELA, HAITI, CUBA, SOUTH KOREA, BRAZIL, HONDURAS, BANGLADESH, CHILE...

These are just some of the countries represented on Thursdays at International Friends.

Most first time visitors and students are surprised at the number of countries, language backgrounds, and cultures represented. Sarepta volunteers have a chance to impact the world, without even needing a passport. The world is not **over there**. The world is **here**. The world is in our neighborhood. How did Jesus respond when asked, "Who is my neighbor?" in Luke 10? Jesus immediately began telling the story of the good Samaritan who came across someone of a different cultural and religious background who needed help.

I am so thankful that Sarepta has this ministry in place. Over the past few decades, volunteers have seen needs, met needs, and accompanied those who need help to the only one who is truly good.

~Amy Wheeler-Sullivan, Director, International Friends English Program, 706.424-1891