

VISION newsletter

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BEST PRACTICES FOR HANDLING MINISTERIAL PAY & BENEFITS PRESENTED BY TONY NEAL

A tax, administration and financial reporting seminar/training for church financial leaders and pastors that make the most of the resources the church has available for taking care of staff pay and benefits both legally and above reproach.

Thursday, January 30

Choose: Session 1: 1:00-2:30 p.m.

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Session 2: 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Tony will be available for 30 minute personal appointments between the sessions.



Tony Neal

Executive Pastor and a Certified Public Accountant (CPA)

After 20 years of serving as a State Missionary of Administration and Financial Services for the Georgia Baptist Mission Board, Tony started Church Financial Services, LLC to continue consulting Georgia Baptist churches as a CPA. Tony serves full-time as Executive Pastor at First Baptist Church Blairsville.

Sessions are open to pastors, staff, and church leaders.

If you want to meet with Tony Neal for a 30 minute personal appointment, please contact Amy, the secretary at Sarepta. 706.549-5872 or amy@sareptamissions.org



Join us at First Baptist Church Jonesboro for Student Worship Weekend (REELfest). REELfest an event for students, 6th grade-college, who come together to worship the Lord with the gifts they have been given. Students have a choice in which "team" they would like to learn and lead: Choir, Orchestra, Praise Band. Please note: the Praise Band/Team is limited due to space. Students, in all teams, will work together to present a worship service on Saturday afternoon. We desire to help students develop their God given skills in the area of worship and equip them to be leaders in their local church.

2025 Pastors Day at the Georgia State Capitol
Thursday, February 6, 2025 | 7:30 AM – 2:00 PM
Location: Floyd Room, Sloppy Floyd Building, Atlanta, GA

Join us for the annual Pastors Day at the Capitol, featuring the Legislative Prayer Breakfast and lunch with insights from legislators and policy experts. Take part in a Capitol tour and connect with leaders focused on advancing the gospel. Invite state officials, pastors, and ministry leaders to register. Meals are \$15 each, with no cost for state leaders.

Registration closes February 3, 2025.



KDS MINISTRY

Dates: Feb 6-7, 2025 Location: Jekyll Island Club Hotel

Begins: 1:00 PM on Thursday, February 6, 2025 Ends: 3:15 PM on Friday, February 7, 2025 Cost: \$89 per person thru January 6, 2025; \$129 per person beginning January 7, 2025

The Kids Ministry Summit is designed to gather children ministers from across the state for a special time of growth and retreat. During our time we will worship together, learn from our speakers, network with each other, encourage one another, and get rejuvenated in our call for ministry. This is a two day event that you don't want to miss.

If you have any questions, please contact Krista Staton at kstaton@gabaptist.org or (770) 936-5224.









You will have an opportunity to signup for the following in this registration:

Biometric screening (which includes a standard full panel of bloodwork similar to a wellness check up at your doctor's office) and Mammogram. At check-in, you will be able to register for a Haircut and/or Massage. Registration deadline is December 26, 2024.

Jan 23-25, 2025 • Lanier Islands Legacy Lodge, Buford, GA

Join us for a retreat designed specifically for Ministry wives whose husbands serve in a Georgia Baptist Mission Board church.

It is a time to be renewed and fed spiritually, emotionally, and physically.

Check-in starts @ 4:00 pm on Thursday,
January 23, 2025

Retreat adjourns @ 12:00 pm on Saturday,
January 25, 2025





You have two options from which to choose. These 2 tracks have different schedules during the day. Please check our website for more information!

LIFEWAY CHURCHES – \$25 each; \$30 at the door
— or —

VBS TRAINING FOR EVERYONE (does not include Lifeway curriculum) – \$15 each; \$20 at the door

2025 VBS Training – Buford Saturday, March 1, 2025

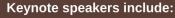
Prepare for Vacation Bible School by attending this year's VBS 2025 Training!

This is the best way to develop your volunteer team, gain valuable training, network with others, and build momentum and excitement for your VBS. This training is designed to equip your church leadership and volunteers to create an excellent, safe, and effective VBS for your church and community.

Whether you are using Lifeway's MAGNIFIED curriculum or another curriculum, this training is for you!







- Christian Norman, Associate Pastor FBC Woodstock, GA
- Wayne Bray, Pastor FBC Simpsonville/Upstate Church, South Carolina
- Kie Bowman, Pastor Emeritus, Hyde Park Baptist Church, Austin, TX
- Shane Pruitt, National Next-Gen Director of Evangelism NAMB, Alpharetta, GA

Senior Pastor

Roundtable 10:30 - Noon At Sarepta



Tuesday, January 14

Lunch provided afterwards at local restaurant, attendance is optional.



Annual Conference

Jan. 30th-Jan. 31st , 2025



ATTENTION PASTORS & WIVES

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Early Bird: \$35 (one person) \$49 (family)













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The International Friends English Program Spring Semester is about to begin. If you have friends, neighbors, co-workers, or church members who want to improve their English, please let them know that the beginning of the semester is a great time to begin our English classes!

SPRING 2025 SEMESTER

January: 9 16, 23, 30

February: 6, 13, 20, 27

March: (NOT 6), 13, 20, 27

April: 3, 10, 17, 24

May: 1

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