

SAREPTA
Baptist Missions Network

VISION
newsletter
SEPTEMBER 2025

WE CAN DO MORE TOGETHER

Missions and Ministry Celebration/ Lex's Retirement Dinner

Sunday, October 5 @ Winterville FBC

The Missions & Ministry
Celebration,
Sarepta's Annual Meeting,
will begin at 4 p.m.

Keynote speaker
Dr. Jeff Iorg



Dr. Jeff Iorg was elected the eighth President and CEO of the SBC Executive Committee in March 2024. His previous service included 20 years as president of Gateway Seminary. His career in ministry has included being a childrens pastor, a senior pastor, and executive director of the Northwest Baptist Convention.

Lex's Retirement Dinner will
be held immediately after the
Annual Meeting,
approximately 5:30 p.m.

This is a catered meal and we want to be
sure to be prepared for our guests!
There is no cost to attend the
retirement dinner,
but **tickets are required.**

You can register for tickets by scanning
this QR code or by contacting the
Sarepta Office.

Tickets will be emailed and texted to you.



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SEPT. 14

2025
SPARK
CONFERENCE



Use QR code to register
or go to
thesparkconference.com

Sunday, September 14
Hebron Baptist Church, Dacula
4:00 – 8:15 p.m.

Here are a few of the MANY breakout sessions to choose from:

Artificial Intelligence: Using AI to Maximize Your Ministry Impact (Ethically)

Addressing Anxiety in the Next Generation

Grounded and Growing: Connecting New Believers into the Life of the Church

Lavish Hospitality: Sharing God's Gracious Love Through Women's Ministry

♦ **EVERYONE** ♦
EVERYWHERE
2025 GEORGIA BAPTIST CONVENTION



GA Baptist Convention

November 9-11

FBC Atlanta



Sr. Adult Luncheon

November 6th
FBC Jefferson

Program: Sammy Simmons,
Send Relief (NAMB)

Project: Collecting pajamas for
children, ages birth to 18 years old,
who are in foster care

JOY
in His
PRESENCE
WOMEN ON MISSION RETREAT

Women on Mission Retreat

Sept. 12-13
Clayton, GA
Pinnacle Retreat Center





A Line from Lex

226 years is a long time. Looking back to 1799 when Sarepta was formed, you will also discover that it was the year President George Washington died. It was the year that Napoleon Bonaparte's rule in France started. It was the year that the Rosetta Stone was discovered. We will be celebrating the 226th anniversary of Sarepta's existence on Sunday afternoon, October 5th at 4:00 p.m. at Winterville FBC. We have the privilege of having Dr. Jeff Iorg, the CEO of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee as our keynote speaker. Through the years, I have invited significant Baptist leaders to share the keynote address at our annual gathering. This year is no different. Dr. Iorg has a stellar career in ministry and most recently as the President of the Gateway Baptist Theological Seminary in California (formerly Golden Gate Seminary). He successfully tackled the challenge of relocating a seminary. Dr. Iorg has been a pastor and a denominational leader for many years and came out of retirement at the request of Southern Baptist leaders in a time of crisis to provide leadership in the SBC. You will be blessed by hearing Dr. Iorg speak. In addition to that, we will be finalizing our approval of a new church coming into Sarepta, 5 Points Church, which is a joint church plant of Watkinsville FBC and Prince Avenue Baptist Church. Pastor Joel Shinpoch is the lead pastor. We will also be hearing a report on the various ministries that we have as well as our missions' projects. You are invited to attend.

I want to commend our churches for the support that you provide that enables Sarepta to have the Missions and Ministry impact that it has.



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A common question I get when telling a fellow American about the International Friends English program is, "Oh, so you speak Spanish?" They are almost always surprised when I say I am **not** bilingual and wonder how this could possibly work. Actually, most of our students don't speak Spanish, either. We have students whose native language is Portugese, Korean, Vietnamese, Albanian, Persian, Uyghur, Turkish, Swahili, and other languages. And, yes, a few students who speak Spanish, too. It works. Sometimes it is a little chaotic and confusing, and we never know who may join the program on any given day. But, it works. It works because our volunteers, supported and prayed for by you, have endless grace, smiles, universally-recognized kindness, and they care for their students. English is improved, friendships are made, and lasting impressions of Christians and the God we serve are made.



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