



## ASSOCIATION CONNECTIONS

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As we enter the beautiful month of May, I am reminded of how the changing seasons mirror God's work among us. Spring brings renewal, growth, and fresh beginnings — and I see those same signs of life across our churches and ministries.

This month, I encourage all to think about what it means to be *rooted* and *fruitful*. In Colossians 2:6-7, Paul writes, "*So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.*"

Rootedness in Christ is not passive; it is active and vibrant. It shows itself in our worship, outreach, discipleship, and love for one another. As an Association, we are not just a network of churches — we are a family of faith, growing together, helping one another stand firm in an ever-changing world.

I want to thank each of you — pastors, ministry leaders, and church members — for the faithful ways you are investing in the Kingdom. Your love for the Lord and your community is making an eternal difference.

As we prepare for summer activities — Vacation Bible Schools, mission trips, community outreaches — let's be prayerful and intentional. May we be known as people who are *rooted deeply* in the truth and *branching out* in love to those who need to hear the Good News of Jesus.

Remember the Sugar-time/National Day of Prayer Event hosted by our Women's Ministry this Thursday, May 1, at Friendship at 6:30 PM. During the evening, there will be a focus on prayer and collecting goods and funds for the Georgia Baptist Children's Home in Baxley. (See Women's Ministry Column in this newsletter.)

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 11. Please take time to honor your mother on this day.

The TEBA Executive Committee will meet at Little Rock on Thursday, May 22. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.

Memorial Day is Monday, May 26. Let us pause to honor those who have given their lives to protect us and our country.

Please know that I am praying for you. If there is any way the Association can support or encourage your church during this season, do not hesitate to reach out.

Together in Christ,  
Brother Freddy

### *Our Church Family*

Antioch; Birdford; Bull Creek; Claxton First; Cobbtown; Collins First; Connors; Eastside; Elza; Evergreen; Faith; Friendship; Glennville First; Hagan; Little Rock; Mendes; Northside; Oak Grove; Pine Grove; Pineview; Primera Agape; Rehoboth; Reidsville; Rogers; Smyrna; Twin Oaks; Unity in Christ

### *Hispanic Missions*

Nueva Vida, Reidsville; Noah's Ark, Aline



## “Health Notes”

Dear Friends and Family,

Happy Mother's Day!

Mother's Day is filled with God's amazing creation all around us as the blooms of His flowers burst forth. I am reminded in Matthew 6:30 that God will take care of me just as He does the flowers of the field. I do not need to worry. God has me and He can handle my needs.

We have a wonderful volunteer that has provided beautiful Mother's Day baskets for our moms at Heartbeat. They put a smile on each and every face as they receive the gifts. What a blessing it is to be able to bring hope through Jesus Christ to our communities. This small gesture opens the door for gospel conversations.

If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to us at 912-623-4484. Good Health Ministries currently has 129 active patients. We continue to provide management of Hypertension, Diabetes, Cholesterol and Asthma to our patients. Our medication program allows the patients to leave the clinic with medications in hand. Once these chronic diseases are managed well, then the patients can lead productive lives and hold down jobs that offer insurance. This, again, opens the door for gospel conversations. Everyone has a need for Jesus! Some receive the gift and some reject the gift. Our commission is to offer the gift as we go and teach! (Matthew 28:18-20) If you would love to volunteer, please reach out to us at 912-623-4483.

Until we meet again, I leave you with Proverbs 31:25, "She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come."

May all you Mother's be confident in the Lord ~

Wendy West



## “The Joyful Noise”

One of my favorite keepsake books is “Then Sings My Soul-300 of the World’s Greatest Hymn Stories” by Robert J. Morgan. It contains the story of how our precious hymn **“Blessed Assurance”** came about.

One of Fanny’s dearest friends was Phoebe Palmer Knapp. While blind song writer Fanny lived in the Manhattan slums and worked in rescue missions, Phoebe lived in the Knapp Mansion, a palatial residence in Brooklyn, where she entertained lavishly. She was an extravagant dresser with a wardrobe full of elaborate gowns and diamond tiaras. Her music room contained one of the finest collections of instruments in the country, and Fanny was a frequent houseguest.

One day in 1873, while Fanny was staying at the Knapp Mansion, Phoebe said she had a tune she wanted to play. Going to the music room, she sat at the piano and played a new composition of her own while the blind hymnist listened. Fanny immediately clapped her hands and exclaimed, “Why, that says, ‘Blessed Assurance!’” Fanny quickly composed the words, and one of our greatest hymns was born.

Many years later, D. L. Moody was preaching in New York at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Dutch Reformed Church. The Moody/Sankey meetings had popularized Fanny Crosby’s hymns around the world and had made the blind poetess a household name. But whenever she attended a Moody/Sankey meeting, she refused to be recognized, disavowing acclaim.

During one of her visits, the church was so crowded, she could find nowhere to sit. Moody’s son, Will, seeing her, offered to find her a seat. To her surprise, Will led her onto the platform just as the crowd was singing “Blessed Assurance.” D. L. Moody jumped to his feet, raised his hand, and interrupted the singing, “Praise the Lord!” he shouted. “Here comes the authoress!” Fanny took her seat amid a thunderous ovation, humbly thanking God for making her a blessing to so many.

We have all sung this amazing hymn countless times in worship, and the tune and lyrics have been adapted and sung by many contemporary soloists and groups like the family sibling trio Cain, Carrie Underwood, Cece Winans, Alan Jackson, Elevation Worship, and many others. Perhaps my favorite rendition is the beautiful arrangement sung by Mac Powell and Third Day. May we all be encouraged by these magnificent lyrics, “Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.” Let us all vow to tell the amazing story of how Jesus saved us, and “praise our Savior all the day long”.

Your servant, Phillip



## Men On Mission For God

### Association-Wide Men's Ministry Update

#### May's Men's Ministry Update

Greetings To All Men Of The Tattnall Evans Baptist Association

I hope everyone had a time of remembering what Jesus did for us on Calvary and a great Resurrection Celebration this year. Let us remember we should celebrate that we serve a risen Savior every day who has forgiven our sins and is preparing a place for us called Heaven.

We have a ramp build coming up on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 3481 Mosley Road, Claxton. This is a good time of fellowship and doing service for someone in need. Come out and join us at 8am. Lunch is provided.

The dates for the the Association Fishing Rodeo and Fish Fry and Fellowship will be announced in the June Ministry Update. I just want to encourage all the men of the association to come out and bring your children or grandchildren in the fall when we have our Fishing Rodeo and make great memories.

***Your Brother In Christ***

***Bro. Murray***

***Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among the people, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, <sup>4</sup> and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away." <sup>5</sup> And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He \*said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true." Revelation 21:1-5 NASB***





## Women With a Heart for God's Work

### Association-Wide Women's Ministry

Well, Spring is in the air. The birds are singing, and the flowers are blooming. Praise the Lord. The WMU Spring Event has occurred, and I now have the privilege of serving as your new WMU State Vice-President. I am honored to work with all the regional mission mobilizers around Georgia, including our new State WMU President, Pam Murphy. Please know that you are always in my prayers as your local TEBA Women's Ministry person. Each lady in our churches has a purpose: to be on mission for the Lord. So, I want to hear from each Church Women's Ministry. I know that you are on mission for the Lord. Please email me and keep me in the loop on what is happening in your church for the Lord. My email is [plynnngard@bellsouth.net](mailto:plynnngard@bellsouth.net). I want to brag on you at the state level. Your Regional Missions Mobilizer will continue to be Wendy West.

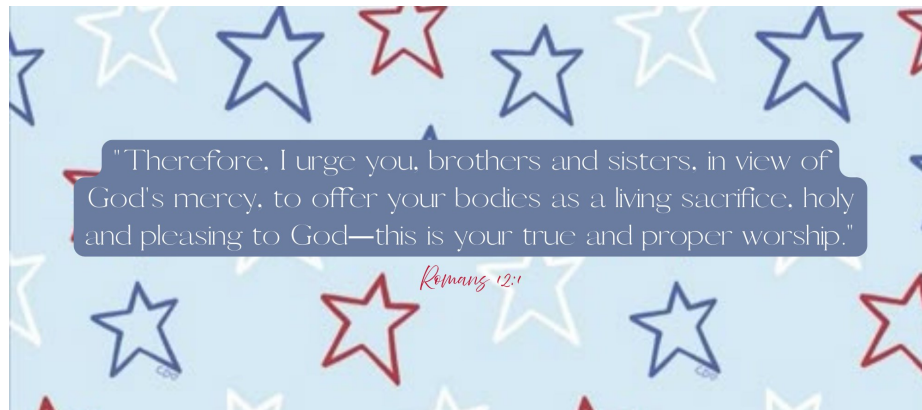
On May 1, we will celebrate National Prayer Day and the Sugar Time Banquet. Much fun and fellowship will be held. The Heartbeat "A Little Change, Changes Lives" bottle drive will be explained, and the bottles will be distributed. All churches are encouraged to participate. But the main event of the night will be prayer. Stephen Bena from the Georgia Baptist Children's Home will be present to receive the gifts. Please plan to attend and bring a salad or dessert.

One of our greatest blessings is coming along with the ladies and men of the Association and praying for family, friends, missionaries, and all who are on the front lines. Through the Leadership of the Holy Spirit, we can be all that the Lord is calling HIS children to be. Please keep Freddy and me in your prayers.

Summertime is coming up and is always wonderful, but it is a busy season for those serving in full-time ministry. Please pray for those who are participating in short-term mission trips, youth camps, and all the other church activities that are taking place. One key activity is the Heartbeat "A Little Change, Changes Lives" bottle drive, which will occur in our churches. If you didn't attend the Sugar Time banquet, don't hesitate to contact the Associational office about how to participate.

The next TEBA Women's Ministry activity will be the Inspirational Banquet scheduled on Thursday, September 11, at Antioch Baptist Church. Please put it on your calendar. I will share all the details about the banquet in the July newsletter.

Blessings,  
Lynn



**Tattnall Evans Baptist Association**  
**Profit & Loss Budget Performance**  
**March 2025**

	Mar 25	Budget	Jan - Mar 25	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>					
<b>Income</b>					
100 · General Offerings					
100 A · TEBA General Offerings	4,654.70	12,490.83	43,504.78	37,472.50	149,890.00
100 B · Good Health Ministries Gifts	850.00	7,370.83	73,420.00	22,112.50	88,450.00
100 C · Heartbeat Clinic Gifts	50,961.07	2,462.50	52,276.74	7,387.50	29,550.00
Total 100 · General Offerings	56,465.77	22,324.16	169,201.52	66,972.50	267,890.00
<b>Total Income</b>	56,465.77	22,324.16	169,201.52	66,972.50	267,890.00
<b>Gross Profit</b>	56,465.77	22,324.16	169,201.52	66,972.50	267,890.00
<b>Expense</b>					
1000 · Designated 500 Accounts Expense	0.00		755.00		
101 · Associational Minutes	0.00	25.00	0.00	75.00	300.00
102 · Office Expense	34.52	166.66	1,175.51	500.00	2,000.00
103 · Telephone	117.87	133.33	353.61	400.00	1,600.00
104 · Postage	0.00	20.83	0.00	62.50	250.00
106 · Associational Meeting	0.00	41.66	0.00	125.00	500.00
107 · On Mission Celebration	0.00	83.33	0.00	250.00	1,000.00
108 · Office Ins/Utilities/Maint	227.66	375.00	790.16	1,125.00	4,500.00
109 · Miscellaneous	0.00	41.66	0.00	125.00	500.00
111 · Bereavement/Illness	0.00	62.50	0.00	187.50	750.00
112 · Minister Wives Ministry	0.00	62.50	0.00	187.50	750.00
113 · Equipment	0.00	208.33	0.00	625.00	2,500.00
152 · Good Health Office Expense	148.44	166.66	1,042.43	500.00	2,000.00
153 · GH Telephone Expense	117.87	133.33	353.61	400.00	1,600.00
154 · GH Postage Expense	0.00	20.83	0.00	62.50	250.00
158 · GH Office Ins/Utilities/Maint	227.66	375.00	840.15	1,125.00	4,500.00
159 · GH Miscellaneous	0.00	41.66	0.00	125.00	500.00
160 · GH Promotional Expense	0.00	416.66	0.00	1,250.00	5,000.00
161 · GH Outside Services Expense	0.00	83.33	0.00	250.00	1,000.00
163 · GH Equipment/Medication Expense	223.04	166.66	616.64	500.00	2,000.00
164 · GH Volunteers	353.44	125.00	684.44	375.00	1,500.00
165 · GH Conferences	0.00	166.66	0.00	500.00	2,000.00
166 · GH Bibles/Literature	0.00	83.33	375.26	250.00	1,000.00
172 · Heartbeat Office Expense	72.16	41.66	37.97	125.00	500.00
173 · HB Telephone Expense	58.93	66.66	176.79	200.00	800.00
174 · HB Postage Expense	0.00	10.41	0.00	31.25	125.00
178 · HB Office Ins/Utilities/Maint.	113.84	187.50	428.04	562.50	2,250.00
179 · HB Miscellaneous	0.00	41.66	0.00	125.00	500.00
180 · HB Promotional Expense	0.00	166.66	520.58	500.00	2,000.00
182 · HB Banquet Expense	0.00	416.66	2,769.61	1,250.00	5,000.00
183 · HB Equipment & Education Resour	0.00	125.00	390.26	375.00	1,500.00
184 · HB Baby Bucks Boutique	0.00	166.66	0.00	500.00	2,000.00
201 · Sunday School	0.00	41.66	0.00	125.00	500.00
202 · Discipleship Ministries	0.00	41.66	0.00	125.00	500.00
203 · Music	0.00	33.33	0.00	100.00	400.00
204 · Men's Ministry	4,378.72	166.66	5,152.33	500.00	2,000.00
205 · Women's Ministries	1,135.53	83.33	1,135.53	250.00	1,000.00
206 · Pastoral Ministries	406.63	250.00	1,532.25	750.00	3,000.00
207 · Missions	526.14	500.00	356.94	1,500.00	6,000.00
208 · Youth	0.00	83.33	0.00	250.00	1,000.00
209 · Vacation Bible School	0.00	25.00	0.00	75.00	300.00
211 · Evangelism	88.33	666.66	88.33	2,000.00	8,000.00
212 · Bible Learning Scholarship	0.00	125.00	0.00	375.00	1,500.00
215 · Hispanic Ministries	0.00	41.66	0.00	125.00	500.00
301 · Missionary Salary					
301 A · TEBA Missionary Salary	1,400.00	1,400.00	4,200.00	4,200.00	16,800.00
301 B · GH Executive Director Salary	1,050.00	1,050.00	3,150.00	3,150.00	12,600.00
301 C · HB Executive Director Salary	437.50	437.50	1,312.50	1,312.50	5,250.00
Total 301 · Missionary Salary	2,887.50	2,887.50	8,662.50	8,662.50	34,650.00
302 · Annuity	1,100.00	1,100.00	3,300.00	3,300.00	13,200.00
303 · Auto Expense	1,222.20	583.33	3,372.60	1,750.00	7,000.00
304 · Medical Benefits	875.00	875.00	2,625.00	2,625.00	10,500.00
304A · Housing Allowance	1,166.68	1,166.66	3,500.04	3,500.00	14,000.00
306 · Conventions	0.00	416.66	56.05	1,250.00	5,000.00
307 · Christmas Gifts	0.00	83.33	0.00	250.00	1,000.00
308 · Clerk's Expense	0.00	166.66	0.00	500.00	2,000.00
309 · Employee Taxes (Assoc SS Portio	383.11	558.33	1,399.60	1,675.00	6,700.00
310 · Employee Christmas Gifts	0.00	166.66	0.00	500.00	2,000.00
311 · Ministry Assistant Salary	805.00	1,512.50	2,607.80	4,537.50	18,150.00
312 · Ministry Assistant Travel	0.00	62.50	0.00	187.50	750.00
313 · Clinic Director Salary					
313 A · GH Clinic Director Salary	4,333.34	3,437.50	12,552.10	10,312.50	41,250.00
313 B · HB Clinic Director Salary	600.00	458.33	1,729.17	1,375.00	5,500.00
Total 313 · Clinic Director Salary	4,933.34	3,895.83	14,281.27	11,687.50	46,750.00
315 · Clinic Director Travel	0.00	62.50	0.00	187.50	750.00
316 · GoodHealth Medical Records	838.08	1,041.66	2,621.53	3,125.00	12,500.00
317 · HeartBeat Medical Records	276.58	343.75	865.73	1,031.25	4,125.00
318 · Good Health Translator	512.50		1,312.50		
321 · Hispanic Missionary Salary	686.66	686.66	2,059.98	2,060.00	8,240.00
322 · Haitian Missionary Salary	433.34	433.33	1,300.02	1,300.00	5,200.00
323 · Bookkeeper	700.00		1,750.00		
66000 · Payroll Expenses	117.86		342.02		
<b>Total Expense</b>	25,168.63	22,323.94	69,632.08	66,972.50	267,890.00
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	31,297.14	0.22	99,569.44	0.00	0.00
<b>Net Income</b>	31,297.14	0.22	99,569.44	0.00	0.00



**Tattnall Evans Baptist Association**  
**Balance Sheet**  
 As of March 31, 2025

ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
500 · General Checking			
	500A · General Funds		-6,471.48
	501 · Pastor/Church Relief(Men's Min)		167.00
	502 · Children/Youth Camp Fund		528.59
	506 · Hispanic Regular Account		3,940.71
	507 · Haitian Regular Account		6,700.92
	508 · Mission Trip Funding		-772.37
	509A · On Mission Acct - General		2,257.93
	510 · WMU Scholarship Fund - Gen Acct		2,399.82
	511A · Health Clinic		126,106.16
	511B · Heartbeat Crisis Pregnancy Cent		24,852.37
	513 · Disaster Relief		273.24
	500 · General Checking - Other		11.65
	Total 500 · General Checking		159,994.54
	512 · GENERAL OFFERING - Money Market		25,066.13
	Total Checking/Savings		185,060.67
	Total Current Assets		185,060.67
TOTAL ASSETS			<b>185,060.67</b>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Other Current Liabilities			
	24000 · Payroll Liabilities		3,272.55
	Total Other Current Liabilities		3,272.55
	Total Current Liabilities		3,272.55
	Total Liabilities		3,272.55
Equity			
	30000 · Opening Balance Equity		141,263.32
	32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets		-59,044.64
	Net Income		99,569.44
	Total Equity		181,788.12
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY			<b>185,060.67</b>

**Tattnall Evans Baptist Association**  
**Income by Customer Summary**  
 January through March 2025

	Jan - Mar 25
Agape	365.28
Antioch	0.00
Birdford	0.00
Bull Creek	0.00
CASH	65,521.15
Claxton First Baptist	1,146.00
Cobbtown	1,750.00
Collins	0.00
Connors	265.34
Eastside Baptist Church	10,800.00
Elza	1,047.07
Evergreen	750.00
Faith	141.00
Friendship	434.94
Georgia Baptist Health Care Ministry	63,000.00
Glennville First	2,965.53
Hagan	900.00
Hope	0.00
Noah's Ark	195.00
Northside	1,425.00
Nueva Vida	0.00
Oak Grove	1,523.99
Pine Grove	6,723.38
Pineview	2,000.00
Rehoboth	1,500.00
Reidsville	785.98
Rogers	0.00
Smyrna	0.00
Twin Oaks	0.00
Unity In Christ	50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>163,289.66</b>

Sunday, May 11th



Children's Home  
Offering Day 2025



# ANNOUNCEMENT



First Baptist Church Glennville has a vacancy for a financial secretary. Please contact the church office for information by phone at (912) 654-3961 or by email at [secretaryglennvillefbc@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryglennvillefbc@gmail.com).



### TEBA CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

May 1 - National Day of Prayer & Sugar Time Banquet (6:30pm at Friendship Baptist Church in Reidsville)

May 18 - Children's Ministry Sunday

May 22 - TEBA Executive Committee Meeting (7:00pm at Little Rock Baptist Church in Glennville)

May 26 - Memorial Day

### THANK YOU!

TEBA would like to take this opportunity to THANK all of our supporters. We are grateful to have a wonderful group of supporters for TEBA's ministries in our churches and our communities! We now have a donation page on our website that can be accessed for donating to all of our ministries. This QR code will allow you to access and make secure donations to all of our ministries.... Good Health Ministry, Heart Beat Pregnancy Resource Center and/or the TEBA General Fund.



1—Rev. James Bland  
13— Nell McCoy  
14— Grace Newell  
23— Destiny Tootle  
30— Abby Roberts



5—Rev. Jimmy & Tori Griffith

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