



## ASSOCIATION CONNECTIONS

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### "Redeeming the Time"

*"See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil." (Ephesians 5:15-16, NKJV)*

As we move into the heart of summer, many of us find ourselves balancing vacations, family gatherings, ministry opportunities, and preparations for the busy fall season. The pace of life often seems relentless, and before we know it, another month has passed. Paul's challenge to believers in Ephesians is as relevant today as when he first wrote those words: "Redeem the time."

To redeem means to buy back, to make the most of every opportunity. Time is one of God's greatest gifts, yet it is also one of our most limited resources. Every day presents opportunities to glorify Christ, encourage others, share the gospel, and strengthen our walk with the Lord.

Throughout our association, I am grateful for the many churches and believers who are faithfully redeeming the time. Vacation Bible Schools are reaching children with the good news of Jesus. Mission teams are serving locally and around the world. Sunday School teachers continue week after week to open God's Word. Pastors faithfully preach and shepherd their congregations. Volunteers quietly serve behind the scenes in ways that may never be fully recognized this side of heaven.

As summer continues, I encourage each of us to ask ourselves: "How can I make the most of the opportunities God has placed before me?" Perhaps it is reaching out to a neighbor, visiting a homebound member, mentoring a younger believer, volunteering in a ministry, or simply spending more intentional time with the Lord in prayer and Bible study.

The harvest remains plentiful, and God continues to open doors for ministry throughout our communities. Let us not become distracted by the temporary things of life while neglecting the eternal. Instead, may we commit ourselves anew to serving Christ faithfully and making every day count for His kingdom.

An event that is always worth the time investment, the Annual Prayer Walk of our schools is set for Sunday, Aug. 2. Packets for the event were mailed this week.

Thank you for your partnership in ministry through the Tattnall-Evans Baptist Association. It is a privilege to serve alongside you as we seek to advance the gospel and strengthen our churches.

May the Lord bless you, your family, and your church during these summer days.

In His Service,

**Brother Freddy**  
Associational Mission Strategist

### *Our Church Family*

Agape. 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

## Women With a Heart for God's Work

The Summer has just flown by, and it's time for school to start back. I hope that everyone had a blessed and wonderful June and July. Freddy and I are now planning for the upcoming days and association events and activities.

### **The Annual TEBA School Prayer Walk will be held on Sunday, Aug.2 @ 3:00**

The Associational Women's Ministry is "leading the charge" on this event. I want to extend my thanks to every church that chooses to participate in this year's prayer walk. There is no better way to start a new school year.

**The Annual TEBA Women's Ministry Inspirational Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, September 17, at 6:30 p.m.** The Event will be held at Cobbtown Baptist Church. The Guest Speaker will be our State WMU President, Pam Murphy . We are looking forward to having her share with us!

**Each church will be responsible for the cost of meals, and each church's Women's Ministry leader is asked to call the Associational office by Thursday, September 4, with the number of ladies that will be attending the Banquet.** The plate cost will be determined soon. Each church can bring the plate money to the banquet. Let's make this banquet the best one ever!

Also, remember to bring with you any change that you have collected over the summer, celebrating "**a little change, changes lives**". Many have already brought in their change to the Associational Office, and *we have collected over \$16750.00*. I can never say thank you enough. It is wonderful to see how the Lord is being honored. Let's keep up the hard work. This can be an ongoing event that we can celebrate each year at the Inspirational Banquet. Everyone, regardless of age, in our churches can participate. Fundraising bottles are available at the TEBA Office. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Association Office.

I know that it's hard to believe, but it will be Christmas before we know it, and it will soon be time to begin participating in the annual Lottie Moon Christmas offering. What better way to be a part of keeping missionaries on the mission field! Freddy, Wendy, Steve, and I had the opportunity to be part of the International Mission Board a little over a year ago, and I can tell you that the missionaries are working hard each day to bring glory and honor to the Lord. They live 1 Corinthians 10:31 daily.

Please know that the TEBA Women's Ministry's heart is to be on a daily mission for the Lord. The Associational WM team has attempted to contact each church and identify a WMU or Women's Ministry leader. If, for any reason, we have not made contact with a Women's Leader, please get in touch with the TEBA Office and let us know who the best church contact would be. I know that every church has women who are dedicated to serving the Lord. The Association Women's Ministry wants to come along-side and celebrate all that you are doing. Please keep us informed.

Blessings!  
Lynn





## “Health Notes”



Dear Friends and Family,

July 4, 1776 – July 4, 2026 – 250 years Celebrating America!!! What an amazing country to live in and raise my family in – God bless America, land that I love! May you take time this 4<sup>th</sup> of July and reflect on all the many blessings you have – clean water, air conditioning, highways, law, and order.



Jesus gave His life so I can be free! Free from the penalty of sin, which is death, and an eternity separated from God in hell. Thank you, God, for loving me so much that you gave your one and only son to die for me and because I believe this, I will have eternal life with you! Praise God!

Good Health Ministries continues to see the harvest through the miracle of Salvations! What an exciting time! We currently have 170 active patients. Each patient gets an opportunity to visit our prayer room. Life discussion happens here; miracles happen here! People surrender their hearts to the Lord and transformation occurs. Listen for opportunities to connect people with GHM.

Heartbeat Pregnancy Resource Center continues to help moms and dads by providing parenting classes to earn points and then use the points for items for their babies. As families come in, we review the spiritual application to each lesson and pray with the clients. New clients are coming in for confirmation of pregnancy by ultrasound. When we see that precious baby and hear the heartbeat that opens a door for a conversation about creation and sharing the gospel message. People have a need, and we offer the hope of Jesus.... What a mighty God we serve!

Until we meet again, I leave you with John 8:36, “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

May you enjoy July and be reminded of the freedom we have in Christ Jesus ~

Wendy West



## Heartbeat Pregnancy Center Current Needs:



- \*Wipes
- \* Baby Wash & Lotion
- \*Diapers  
(sizes 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6)

**We are now accepting  
donations of all outdated  
Sunday School Literature or  
Quarterlies ! Just drop them  
off at the TEBA Office  
at your  
convenience !**

**Mon. - Thur. / 9-1**



# VBS

## UPCOMING DATES/LOCATIONS

**Pine Grove**

**July 6–10**

**Antioch**

**July 12–15**



## “The Joyful Noise”

John W. Peterson was born November 1, 1921 and went to be with our Lord Jesus back on September 20, 2006. He was a songwriter who had a major influence on evangelical Christian music in the 1950s through the 1970s. He wrote over 800 songs, more than 200 hymns, several books, and 35 cantatas.

Peterson's music often reflects themes of faith and hope. He has influenced contemporary Christian music through his compositions. His songs are still sung in churches today, showcasing their lasting impact. One of my favorites is **“It Took a Miracle”** and is our Song Spotlight for this month. He also gave us the beautiful hymns “Surely Goodness and Mercy” and “Heaven Came Down.” John’s life reads like a novel. He was born in Kansas, where his brothers, Bill, and Bob, lived a wild and dangerous life of “boozing, gambling, fast driving, and sheriff-baiting.”

One night Bill came home, took his mother in his arms, kissed her, and said, “Mother, I have found your Christ as my Savior.” The change in him was immediate and dramatic. Soon, Bob was also saved along with other members of the family. Then John, twelve, gave his heart to Christ as well. The two brothers became traveling evangelists, and John often joined them on their trips, singing at the meetings.

When World War II began, John joined the Air Force and became a pilot, who repeatedly risked his life while transporting men and materials over the fabled “China Hump.” In his spare time, he studied the Bible and wrote gospel songs. When the war ended, John enrolled in the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.

While attending class one day at Moody, John began thinking about how he had seen the radical change in the lives of his brother Bob and Bill through the miraculous power of the gospel. He thought about his flights over the Himalayas, the spectacular power of God revealed in the majesty of the mountains themselves, the incredible variety of the jungle, and the dazzling beauty of the star-filled nights high in the air.

“As these scenes flashed through my memory, I began to focus on the element of the miraculous in all of God’s work, creation, and redemption. The words of a song were forming in my mind, and before the class period was over the chorus was all thought out. I hurried over to the music building, found a vacant studio, and started to write:

***It took a miracle to put the stars in place;  
It took a miracle to hang the world in space;  
But when He saved my soul,  
Cleansed and made me whole,  
It took a miracle of love and grace.”***

Special thanks to “Then Sings My Soul” by Robert J. Morgan by Thomas Nelson Publishing, and “The Miracle Goes On” by John W. Peterson and Richard Engquist by Zondervan for their contributions to this article.

Your servant in Christ, Phillip Shepherd



Men on Mission For God  
Association-Wide Men's Ministry Update

**Greetings  
To All Men of The  
Tattnall-Evans  
Baptist Association**



I would like to thank all the men who came out and worked on June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> to complete a deck repair and ramp build for a very sweet lady. We had a good time and if I tried to name all the ones who were there, I would forget someone. We are still looking at dates for ramp builds as we have some more to do this summer.

I just want to encourage all the men of the association to come out this year and participate in the Fishing Rodeo and The Men's Fish Fry in the September or October. I also want to encourage you to bring your children or grandchildren when we have our fishing rodeo and make great memories this year.

We will be celebrating the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of our country on the Fourth of July. This summer will be quite busy with family vacations and vacation bible schools. Let us be very thankful that we live in a country that allows us our freedom.

Some of you know I served for 21 years in the US Army and almost 14 years of that was in Germany. My first duty assignment was in West Berlin where I got to witness people in East Berlin and East Germany not having the same freedoms I had. There are many people in this world who will suffer for being a Christian because they do not have the same freedoms we have.

*Your Brother in Christ ,  
Bro. Murray*

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The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,  
because the LORD has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim freedom for the captives  
and release from darkness for the prisoners.

**Isaiah 61:1**

# RECENT RAMP BUILD



# MEN'S FISH FRY



**JULY 25<sup>TH</sup> 5PM**

**FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH**

 **127 INDUSTRIAL DR  
REIDSVILLE, GA**

***ALL MEN ARE WELCOME  
TO ATTEND!***

**FAITH  
FELLOWSHIP  
FOOD  
†  
BUILT FOR  
MEN**



**FOR MORE INFO CALL  
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<b>Tattnall Evans Baptist Association</b>	
<b>Balance Sheet</b>	
<b>As of April 30, 2026</b>	
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
500 · General Checking	
500A · General Funds	37,888.45
501 · Pastor/Church Relief(Men's Min)	-1,668.26
502 · Children/Youth Camp Fund	528.59
506 · Hispanic Regular Account	-6,231.90
507 · Haitian Regular Account	-718.11
508 · Mission Trip Funding	1,310.07
509A · On Mission Acct - General	2,257.93
510 · WMU Scholarship Fund - Gen Acct	2,349.54
511A · Health Clinic	53,813.60
511B · Heartbeat Crisis Pregnancy Cent	24,674.24
513 · Disaster Relief	-561.24
500 · General Checking - Other	9.51
<b>Total 500 · General Checking</b>	<b>113,652.42</b>
512 · GENERAL OFFERING - Money Market	26,246.64
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>139,899.06</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>139,899.06</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>139,899.06</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
24000 · Payroll Liabilities	5,755.58
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>5,755.58</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>5,755.58</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>5,755.58</b>
Equity	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	141,263.32
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	-60,954.30
Net Income	53,834.46
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>134,143.48</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>139,899.06</b>

<b>Tattnall Evans Baptist Association</b>	
<b>Income by Customer Summary</b>	
<b>January through April 2026</b>	
Agape	248.67
Antioch	1,179.00
Birdford	0.00
Bull Creek	0.00
Claxton First Baptist	1,528.00
Claxton First Church	0.00
Cobbtown	4,073.00
Collins	3,082.94
Connors	132.97
Eastside Baptist Church	3,825.00
Elza	1,411.71
Evergreen	1,000.00
Faith	228.00
Friendship	572.09
Georgia Baptist Health Care Ministry	63,000.00
Glennville First	5,551.97
Hagan	1,200.00
Hope	0.00
Little Rock	0.00
Mendes	1,099.53
Noah's Ark	141.00
Northside	1,900.00
Nueva Vida	0.00
Oak Grove	4,805.59
Pine Grove	10,295.36
Pineview	2,500.00
Rehoboth	2,998.00
Reidsville	936.30
Rogers	1,857.44
Smyrna	0.00
Twin Oaks	0.00
Unity In Christ	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>113,566.57</b>

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

**April 2026**

	<b>Apr 26</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Jan - Apr 26</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>					
<b>Income</b>					
<b>100 · General Offerings</b>					
100 A · TEBA General Offerings	22,782.88	10,924.17	53,402.26	54,428.95	120,509.84
100 B · Good Health Ministries Gifts	650.00	1,750.00	70,800.00	74,715.00	90,700.00
100 C · Heartbeat Clinic Gifts	200.00	5,829.20	22,326.70	58,105.94	84,729.59
100 · General Offerings - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total 100 · General Offerings</b>	<b>23,632.88</b>	<b>18,503.37</b>	<b>146,528.96</b>	<b>187,249.89</b>	<b>295,939.43</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>23,632.88</b>	<b>18,503.37</b>	<b>146,528.96</b>	<b>187,249.89</b>	<b>295,939.43</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>23,632.88</b>	<b>18,503.37</b>	<b>146,528.96</b>	<b>187,249.89</b>	<b>295,939.43</b>
<b>Expense</b>					
101 · Associational Minutes	0.00	25.00	0.00	100.00	300.00
102 · Office Expense	157.16	166.66	555.89	666.66	2,000.00
103 · Telephone	117.88	133.33	471.49	533.36	1,600.00
104 · Postage	0.00	20.83	156.00	83.36	250.00
106 · Associational Meeting	0.00	41.66	0.00	166.72	500.00
107 · On Mission Celebration	0.00	83.33	0.00	333.36	1,000.00
108 · Office Ins/Utilities/Maint	172.62	375.00	1,945.42	1,500.00	4,500.00
109 · Miscellaneous	0.00	41.66	0.00	166.72	500.00
111 · Bereavement/illness	364.98	62.50	364.98	250.00	750.00
112 · Minister Wives Ministry	260.01	62.50	260.01	250.00	750.00
113 · Equipment	0.00	208.33	0.00	833.36	2,500.00
152 · Good Health Office Expense	127.16	166.66	566.39	666.72	2,000.00
153 · GH Telephone Expense	117.88	133.33	471.49	533.36	1,600.00
154 · GH Postage Expense	0.00	20.83	156.00	83.36	250.00
158 · GH Office Ins/Utilities/Maint	172.62	375.00	2,060.55	1,500.00	4,500.00
159 · GH Miscellaneous	0.00	41.66	0.00	166.72	500.00
160 · GH Promotional Expense	225.00	416.66	225.00	1,666.72	5,000.00
161 · GH Outside Services Expense	0.00	83.33	277.50	333.36	1,000.00
163 · GH Equipment/Medication Expense	0.00	166.66	644.88	666.72	2,000.00
164 · GH Volunteers	0.00	125.00	67.37	500.00	1,500.00
165 · GH Conferences	0.00	125.00	0.00	500.00	1,500.00
166 · GH Bibles/Literature	0.00	83.33	0.00	333.36	1,000.00
172 · Heartbeat Office Expense	56.66	41.66	275.61	166.72	500.00
173 · HB Telephone Expense	58.94	66.66	235.76	266.72	800.00
174 · HB Postage Expense	0.00	10.42	116.74	41.64	125.00
178 · HB Office Ins/Utilities/Maint.	97.84	187.50	969.30	750.00	2,250.00
179 · HB Miscellaneous	0.00	41.66	0.00	166.72	500.00
180 · HB Promotional Expense	-547.34	166.66	-725.49	666.72	2,000.00
182 · HB Banquet Expense	0.00	416.66	3,001.16	1,666.72	5,000.00
183 · HB Equipment & Education Resour	0.00	125.00	0.00	500.00	1,500.00
184 · HB Baby Bucks Boutique	228.26	83.33	228.26	333.36	1,000.00
201 · Sunday School	0.00	41.66	0.00	166.72	500.00
202 · Discipleship Ministries	0.00	41.66	0.00	166.72	500.00
203 · Music	0.00	33.33	0.00	133.33	399.97
204 · Men's Ministry	0.00	166.66	500.00	666.72	2,000.00
205 · Women's Ministries	18.00	83.33	18.00	333.36	1,000.00
206 · Pastoral Ministries	83.16	250.00	662.91	1,000.00	3,000.00
207 · Missions	3,874.25	500.00	3,874.25	2,000.00	6,000.00
208 · Youth	400.00	83.33	400.00	333.36	1,000.00
209 · Vacation Bible School	0.00	25.00	0.00	100.00	300.00
211 · Evangelism	0.00	666.66	0.00	2,666.72	8,000.00
212 · Bible Learning Scholarship	0.00	125.00	0.00	500.00	1,500.00
215 · Hispanic Ministries	343.33	41.66	574.45	166.72	500.00
<b>301 · Missionary Salary</b>					
301 A · TEBA Missionary Salary	1,400.00	1,400.00	5,600.00	5,600.00	16,800.00
301 B · GH Executive Director Salary	1,050.00	1,050.00	4,200.00	4,200.00	12,600.00
301 C · HB Executive Director Salary	437.50	437.50	1,750.00	1,750.00	5,250.00
<b>Total 301 · Missionary Salary</b>	<b>2,887.50</b>	<b>2,887.50</b>	<b>11,550.00</b>	<b>11,550.00</b>	<b>34,650.00</b>
302 · Annuity	1,100.00	1,100.00	4,400.00	4,400.00	13,200.00
303 · Auto Expense	4,000.00	583.33	6,468.63	2,333.36	7,000.00
304 · Medical Benefits	875.00	875.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	10,500.00
304A · Housing Allowance	1,166.68	1,166.68	4,666.72	4,666.72	14,000.16
306 · Conventions	159.00	416.66	159.00	1,666.72	5,000.00
307 · Christmas Gifts	0.00	83.33	0.00	333.36	1,000.00
308 · Clerk's Expense	0.00	166.66	0.00	666.72	2,000.00
309 · Employee Taxes (Assoc SS Portio	449.13	558.33	1,749.92	2,233.36	6,700.00
310 · Employee Christmas Gifts	0.00	166.66	0.00	666.72	2,000.00
311 · Ministry Assistant Salary	1,148.40	1,512.50	4,390.80	6,050.00	18,150.00
312 · Ministry Assistant Travel	0.00	62.50	150.00	250.00	750.00
<b>313 · Clinic Director Salary</b>					
313 A · GH Clinic Director Salary	4,463.34	3,437.50	17,788.36	13,750.00	41,250.00
313 B · HB Clinic Director Salary	650.00	458.33	2,575.00	1,833.36	5,500.00
<b>Total 313 · Clinic Director Salary</b>	<b>5,113.34</b>	<b>3,895.83</b>	<b>20,363.36</b>	<b>15,583.36</b>	<b>46,750.00</b>
315 · Clinic Director Travel	0.00	62.50	70.00	250.00	750.00
316 · GoodHealth Medical Records	1,152.69	1,041.66	4,351.60	4,166.72	12,500.00
317 · HeartBeat Medical Records	289.81	343.75	1,111.48	1,375.00	4,125.00
318 · Good Health Translator	0.00	686.66	46.94	2,746.72	8,240.00
321 · Hispanic Missionary Salary	343.33	686.66	2,411.44	2,746.72	8,240.00
322 · Haitian Missionary Salary	433.34	433.34	1,741.49	1,733.28	5,200.00
323 · Bookkeeper	720.00	700.00	2,870.00	2,800.00	8,400.00
66000 · Payroll Expenses	1,184.58		4,339.20		
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>27,351.21</b>	<b>23,585.65</b>	<b>92,694.50</b>	<b>94,344.87</b>	<b>283,030.13</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-3,718.33</b>	<b>-5,082.28</b>	<b>53,834.46</b>	<b>92,905.02</b>	<b>12,909.30</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>					
<b>Other Income</b>					
100A · Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,180.51
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,180.51</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,180.51</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-3,718.33</b>	<b>-5,082.28</b>	<b>53,834.46</b>	<b>92,905.02</b>	<b>14,089.81</b>

## TEBA CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

July 5—Religious Liberty Sunday

Please be in prayer for the following churches seeking Pastors:  
Agape and Glennville First

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.



*Happy Birthday!*

July 7 — Carole Beasley

July 9 — Dr. Tom Sollosi

July 13 —Peggy Dorr

July 14 —Rev. Jonathan  
Howard

July 14 — Rev. Justin Jones

July 16 — Carmen Rodriguez

July 21 — Dr. Lynn Gardner

July 22 — Kim St. Onge

July 30 — Mandie Howard

*Happy Anniversary*

July 12— Rev. Justin & Tori Gordon

July 24—Rev. Freddy & Lynn Gardner  
Rev. John & Abby Roberts

July 29—Rev. Murray & Donna Benefield  
Rev. Paul & Tracy Curry

### Supply Preachers

Tattnall-Evans Baptist Association

(All 912 area code unless otherwise noted)

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