

ASSOCIATION CONNECTIONS

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August marks the beginning of another school year, bringing excitement, anticipation, and new opportunities for students, teachers, administrators, staff, and families. While classrooms will soon be filled with learning, relationships, and fresh starts, we know that our schools also face many spiritual, emotional, and social challenges. As God's people, we have the privilege and responsibility of surrounding our schools with prayer.

I want to encourage every church in our association to participate in a **School Prayer Walk on Sunday, August 2, 2026**. Following your morning worship service or at another convenient time that day, gather a group from your church and visit a school in your community. Walk the campus, praying over classrooms, hallways, playgrounds, athletic fields, and entrances. Lift every person who will step onto that campus during the coming year.

Pray specifically for students to grow in wisdom, make godly choices, and be protected physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Pray for teachers as they invest countless hours preparing lessons and caring for their students. Remember the principals, counselors, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, custodians, coaches, and support staff, and ask God to give them strength, patience, wisdom, and encouragement throughout the year. Pray for parents and grandparents as they guide and support their children and ask the Lord to open doors for local churches to minister to families in meaningful ways.

The Apostle Paul urged believers that "supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men" (1 Timothy 2:1, NKJV). Prayer is not our last resort—it is our first response. We may not be able to solve every challenge facing our schools, but we can faithfully bring those concerns before the One who is sovereign over every classroom and every heart.

If your church is unable to gather at a school, set aside time during your worship service or Sunday School classes to pray intentionally for your local schools and those who serve there. Every prayer matters.

Thank you for your faithful partnership in the gospel and your commitment to serving our communities. My prayer is that, as we begin this new school year, our churches will be known as people who faithfully seek God's blessing on our schools. May the Lord use our united prayers to bring hope, protection, wisdom, and opportunities to glorify His name throughout this school year.

The Quarterly Executive Committee Meeting will be at Rehoboth on Thursday, August 20. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. The Pastor and two church designees serve on the Associational Executive Committee.

Serving Together,
Bro. Freddy

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 has had a blessed and wonderful June and July. Freddy and I are now planning for the upcoming days, association events, and activities.

The Annual TEBA Women's Ministry Inspirational Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, September 10, at 6:30 p.m. The Event will be held at Cobbtown Baptist Church. The Guest Speaker will be WMU President Pam Murphy. There will be a fun activity that everyone can participate in this year.

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 3rd, with the number of ladies attending the Banquet. The plate cost will be given in next month's newsletter. Each church can bring the plate money to the banquet. Let's make this banquet the best one ever.

Also, remember to bring any change 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 \$16,750.00. I can never say thank you enough. It is wonderful to see how the Lord is being honored. Let's keep up the good work. This can be an ongoing event that we can celebrate each year at the Inspirational Banquet. Everyone in our churches, can participate, regardless of age. Fundraising bottles are available at the TEBA Office. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Association Office.

There is a Women on Mission Retreat scheduled for September 18-19 at Pinnacle Retreat Center with Sandra Wisdom-Martin, Executive Director for the National WMU, as guest speaker. If you are interested, you can register at <https://georgiabaptistwomen.org/womenseries/>. The cost of \$145.00 includes meals, sessions, and a t-shirt. I would love to see you there. The registration deadline for the conference is September 1st.

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!

Please know that the TEBA Women's Ministry heart is to be on a daily mission for the Lord. I know that every church has women who are dedicated to serving the Lord. The Association Women's Ministry wants to come alongside and celebrate all that you are doing. Please keep us informed.

Love in Christ,

Lynn



Women's Ministry



“Health Notes”



Dear Friends and Family,

It's Back to School time around here in Southeast GA. The sizzle of summer has reminded me that God has and will continue to do amazing work in the hearts of those willing to serve. School is a mission field, and God will use us to share the gospel if we are willing. I'm reminded by those we serve through Good Health Ministries and Heartbeat that God does not leave us or forsake us. It is during the middle of an illness or when people's health is poor that we tend to call upon the name of the Lord. God is alive and active! His love endures forever! He never fails us – that's why I trust Him!

Take time each day to take care of your physical body, your mind, and your spirit. Drink plenty of water during these super-hot days. About 60% of your body weight is made of water. You need water for every single body function. Water flushes toxins from your organs, cushions your joints, carries nutrients to your cells, and helps you to digest food. Men should consume around 13 cups each day (about 3 liters) of water and women should consume around 9 cups (a little over 2 liters) of water a day. Pregnant women need about 10 cups of water daily and breastfeeding women need about 12 cups of water daily. Renew your mind by meditating on scripture. Study God's word to grow spiritually. These simple steps have everlasting results.

Good Health Ministries continue to grow each week. GHM has 168 patients. It is so rewarding to see how patients are inspired to serve as well. Some of our patients are now volunteering and helping others that are less fortunate. GHM will continue to partner with our local Rotarians and MAP International to get the patients the medications they need. THANK YOU to all our partners!

Heartbeat Pregnancy Resource Center continues by providing ultrasound services so families can meet their unborn baby. We help establish appointments with OB doctors and provide education. Our clients in the education program are meeting their goals and using the points earned for their toddlers and newborns. Care Portal has been successful in connecting local churches with clients. THANK YOU to our volunteers and local churches that have provided baby items in the boutique!

Until we meet again, I leave you with Luke 10:27, He answered, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

August Blessings ~

Wendy West



Heartbeat Pregnancy Center Current Needs:



****URGENT NEEDS****

*** BABY WASH**

***BABY LOTION**

*** WIPES**

**We are currently 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



“The Joyful Noise”

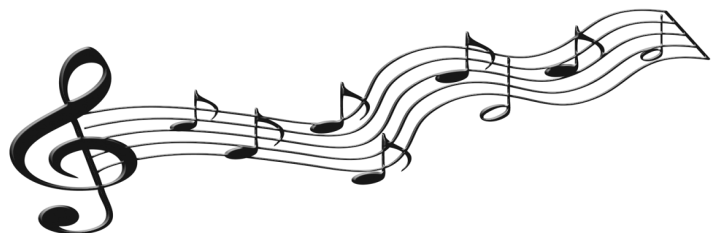
I grew up in a house filled with music, all kinds of music, especially gospel. Albums by a variety of artists from Tennessee Ernie Ford, the Beatles, and the Happy Goodman Family, to Etta James, the Beach Boys, and the Four Tops played throughout the day in our little cracker box white clap board house. My mother was a strong alto and my stepfather, who married my mother when I was only 4 years old, was a great tenor. They were both factory workers in the cotton mill town of Monroe, Georgia. I grew up in the 1960's and 70's singing lead in a trio with my parents in a little country church near Monroe called Alcovy Mountain Baptist Church.

One of my favorite songs I sang with them was “**Peace in the Valley**” and is our Spotlight Song this month. “Peace in the Valley” was written by Thomas Andrew Dorsey in 1939. This song metaphorically represents the struggles of earthly life as a valley, contrasting it with the peace and rest that await in heaven after death. Dorsey, who was born in 1899 to a minister in Georgia, intended the song for the renowned gospel singer Mahalia Jackson, with whom he toured throughout the early 1950s.

Dorsey was no stranger to the valleys of life. In August 1932, he experienced the devastating loss of both his wife, Nettie Harper, and their newborn son during childbirth. This deep sorrow and bereavement led him to compose this hymn and others like “Take My Hand, Precious Lord.” The song reflects the emotional and spiritual struggles of its time, particularly during the pre-World War II era, but continues today to give us hope and comfort, resonating with anyone who faces life's challenges.

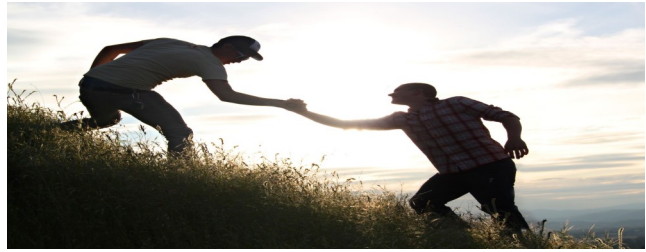
The song gained immense popularity when Red Foley and the Sunshine Boys recorded it in 1951, becoming one of the first gospel recordings to sell over a million copies. It has been covered by numerous artists, including Elvis Presley, Sam Cooke, and Johnny Cash, making it one of the most beloved gospel songs. Whenever I am asked to sing an Elvis song program, I always include “Peace in the Valley,” and we sing it regularly in our worship services at FBC Glennville. Its themes of hope and solace continue to resonate and encourage me today, and I recommend listening to it often.

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**



Greetings To All Men of The Tattnall Evans Baptist Association

We have had to change the dates to the Fishing Rodeo and Men's Fish Fry due to the drought we are having because the pond we fish at is so low. **Pray for rain** and I just want to encourage all the men of the association to come out this year and participate in the Fishing Rodeo which will be held in October and The Men's Fish Fry which will be held in November. I also want to encourage you to bring your children or grandchildren when we have our fishing rodeo and make great memories this year.

I want to thank all the men who have come out so far this year and participated in the ramp builds. We have some more coming up and will get out those dates and places as soon as they are set.

I also want to thank all the men and young men who came out for the Wild Game Supper at East Side earlier this year and looking forward to the one in the spring of 2027.

I want to encourage all the married men of our association to honor and appreciate your spouses as the Bible tells us to in Ephesians 5:25. I preached a funeral this last Sunday for a family who lost their wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. The husband woke up on a Thursday morning and found his wife on the couch passed away. This was something they were not expecting to happen. We never know when our appointment with Jesus will be, nor do we know when it will be with someone we love. So, live each day and show love one for another.

Your Brother in Christ

Bro. Murray

"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she should be holy and blameless. Ephesians 5:25-27"

Tattnall Evans Baptist Association

Income by Customer Summary

January through May 2026

Agape	248.67
Antioch	2,531.00
Birdford	0.00
Bull Creek	728.00
CASH	30,486.19
Claxton First Baptist	1,528.00
Cobbtown	4,473.00
Collins	3,082.94
Connors	165.27
Eastside Baptist Church	3,825.00
Elza	1,821.60
Evergreen	1,250.00
Faith	228.00
Friendship	572.09
Georgia Baptist Health Care Ministry	63,000.00
Glennville First	6,762.75
Hagan	1,500.00
Little Rock	0.00
Mendes	1,149.53
Noah's Ark	141.00
Northside	2,375.00
Nueva Vida	0.00
Oak Grove	5,576.45
Pine Grove	10,295.36
Pineview	5,500.00
Rehoboth	3,864.00
Reidsville	936.30
Rogers	1,857.44
Smyrna	0.00
Twin Oaks	0.00
Unity In Christ	0.00
TOTAL	153,897.59

Tattnall Evans Baptist Association

Balance Sheet

As of May 31, 2026

ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
500 · General Checking		
500A · General Funds		30,202.75
501 · Pastor/Church Relief(Men's Min)		-1,579.76
502 · Children/Youth Camp Fund		528.59
506 · Hispanic Regular Account		-6,481.90
507 · Haitian Regular Account		-718.11
508 · Mission Trip Funding		-359.93
509A · On Mission Acct - General		2,257.93
510 · WMU Scholarship Fund - Gen Acct		1,335.18
511A · Health Clinic		46,073.82
511B · Heartbeat Crisis Pregnancy Cent		23,365.98
513 · Disaster Relief		-561.24
500 · General Checking - Other		9.51
Total 500 · General Checking		94,072.82
512 · GENERAL OFFERING - Money Market		26,246.64
Total Checking/Savings		120,319.46
Total Current Assets		120,319.46
TOTAL ASSETS		120,319.46
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
24000 · Payroll Liabilities		3,987.23
Total Other Current Liabilities		3,987.23
Total Current Liabilities		3,987.23
Total Liabilities		3,987.23
Equity		
30000 · Opening Balance Equity		141,263.32
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets		-60,954.30
Net Income		36,023.21
Total Equity		116,332.23
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		120,319.46

Tattnall Evans Baptist Association
Profit & Loss Budget Performance

May 2026

	May 26	Budget	Jan - May 26	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
100 · General Offerings					
100 A · TEBA General Offerings	13,188.65	7,109.85	66,590.91	61,538.80	120,509.84
100 B · Good Health Ministries Gifts	1,420.00	750.00	72,220.00	75,465.00	90,700.00
100 C · Heartbeat Clinic Gifts	947.00	6,115.78	23,273.70	64,221.72	84,729.59
100 · General Offerings - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 100 · General Offerings	15,555.65	13,975.63	162,084.61	201,225.52	295,939.43
Total Income	15,555.65	13,975.63	162,084.61	201,225.52	295,939.43
Gross Profit	15,555.65	13,975.63	162,084.61	201,225.52	295,939.43
Expense					
101 · Associational Minutes	0.00	25.00	0.00	125.00	300.00
102 · Office Expense	42.00	166.67	597.89	833.33	2,000.00
103 · Telephone	117.88	133.33	589.37	666.69	1,600.00
104 · Postage	0.00	20.83	156.00	104.19	250.00
106 · Associational Meeting	0.00	41.66	0.00	208.38	500.00
107 · On Mission Celebration	0.00	83.33	0.00	416.69	1,000.00
108 · Office Ins/Utilities/Maint	465.11	375.00	2,410.53	1,875.00	4,500.00
109 · Miscellaneous	0.00	41.66	0.00	208.38	500.00
111 · Bereavement/Illness	13.72	62.50	378.70	312.50	750.00
112 · Minister Wives Ministry	0.00	62.50	260.01	312.50	750.00
113 · Equipment	407.34	208.33	407.34	1,041.69	2,500.00
152 · Good Health Office Expense	1,872.80	166.66	2,439.19	833.38	2,000.00
153 · GH Telephone Expense	117.88	133.33	589.37	666.69	1,600.00
154 · GH Postage Expense	0.00	20.83	156.00	104.19	250.00
158 · GH Office Ins/Utilities/Maint	451.79	375.00	2,512.34	1,875.00	4,500.00
159 · GH Miscellaneous	0.00	41.66	0.00	208.38	500.00
160 · GH Promotional Expense	50.50	416.66	275.50	2,083.38	5,000.00
161 · GH Outside Services Expense	74.99	83.33	352.49	416.69	1,000.00
163 · GH Equipment/Medication Expense	1,049.04	166.66	1,693.92	833.38	2,000.00
164 · GH Volunteers	0.00	125.00	67.37	625.00	1,500.00
165 · GH Conferences	0.00	125.00	0.00	625.00	1,500.00
166 · GH Bibles/Literature	0.00	83.33	0.00	416.69	1,000.00
172 · Heartbeat Office Expense	0.00	41.66	275.61	208.38	500.00
173 · HB Telephone Expense	58.94	66.66	294.70	333.38	800.00
174 · HB Postage Expense	0.00	10.42	116.74	52.06	125.00
178 · HB Office Ins/Utilities/Maint.	163.39	187.50	1,132.69	937.50	2,250.00
179 · HB Miscellaneous	0.00	41.66	0.00	208.38	500.00
180 · HB Promotional Expense	-547.34	166.66	-1,272.83	833.38	2,000.00
182 · HB Banquet Expense	0.00	416.66	3,001.16	2,083.38	5,000.00
183 · HB Equipment & Education Resour	0.00	125.00	0.00	625.00	1,500.00
184 · HB Baby Bucks Boutique	0.00	83.33	228.26	416.69	1,000.00
201 · Sunday School	0.00	41.66	0.00	208.38	500.00
202 · Discipleship Ministries	0.00	41.66	0.00	208.38	500.00
203 · Music	0.00	33.33	0.00	166.66	399.97
204 · Men's Ministry	5,630.16	166.66	6,130.16	833.38	2,000.00
205 · Women's Ministries	1,885.75	83.33	1,903.75	416.69	1,000.00
206 · Pastoral Ministries	964.08	250.00	1,626.99	1,250.00	3,000.00
207 · Missions	62.59	500.00	3,936.84	2,500.00	6,000.00
208 · Youth	0.00	83.33	400.00	416.69	1,000.00
209 · Vacation Bible School	0.00	25.00	0.00	125.00	300.00
211 · Evangelism	0.00	666.66	0.00	3,333.38	8,000.00
212 · Bible Learning Scholarship	0.00	125.00	0.00	625.00	1,500.00
215 · Hispanic Ministries	0.00	41.66	574.45	208.38	500.00
301 · Missionary Salary					
301 A · TEBA Missionary Salary	1,400.00	1,400.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	16,800.00
301 B · GH Executive Director Salary	1,050.00	1,050.00	5,250.00	5,250.00	12,600.00
301 C · HB Executive Director Salary	437.50	437.50	2,187.50	2,187.50	5,250.00
Total 301 · Missionary Salary	2,887.50	2,887.50	14,437.50	14,437.50	34,650.00
302 · Annuity	1,100.00	1,100.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	13,200.00
303 · Auto Expense	0.00	583.33	6,468.63	2,916.69	7,000.00
304 · Medical Benefits	875.00	875.00	4,375.00	4,375.00	10,500.00
304A · Housing Allowance	1,166.68	1,166.68	5,833.40	5,833.40	14,000.16
306 · Conventions	82.44	416.66	241.44	2,083.38	5,000.00
307 · Christmas Gifts	0.00	83.33	0.00	416.69	1,000.00
308 · Clerk's Expense	0.00	166.66	0.00	833.38	2,000.00
309 · Employee Taxes (Assoc SS Portio	443.97	558.33	2,193.89	2,791.69	6,700.00
310 · Employee Christmas Gifts	0.00	166.66	0.00	833.38	2,000.00
311 · Ministry Assistant Salary	1,095.60	1,512.50	5,486.40	7,562.50	18,150.00
312 · Ministry Assistant Travel	0.00	62.50	150.00	312.50	750.00
313 · Clinic Director Salary					
313 A · GH Clinic Director Salary	4,463.34	3,437.50	22,251.70	17,187.50	41,250.00
313 B · HB Clinic Director Salary	650.00	458.33	3,225.00	2,291.69	5,500.00
Total 313 · Clinic Director Salary	5,113.34	3,895.83	25,476.70	19,479.19	46,750.00
315 · Clinic Director Travel	0.00	62.50	70.00	312.50	750.00
316 · GoodHealth Medical Records	1,216.86	1,041.66	5,568.46	5,208.38	12,500.00
317 · HeartBeat Medical Records	325.54	343.75	1,437.02	1,718.75	4,125.00
318 · Good Health Translator	0.00	686.66	46.94	3,433.38	8,240.00
321 · Hispanic Missionary Salary	4,000.00	686.66	6,411.44	3,433.38	8,240.00
322 · Haitian Missionary Salary	433.34	433.34	2,174.83	2,166.62	5,200.00
323 · Bookkeeper	720.00	700.00	3,590.00	3,500.00	8,400.00
66000 · Payroll Expenses	1,026.01		5,365.21		
Total Expense	33,366.90	23,585.66	126,061.40	117,930.53	283,030.13
Net Ordinary Income	-17,811.25	-9,610.03	36,023.21	83,294.99	12,909.30
Other Income/Expense					
Other Income					
100A · Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,180.51
Total Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,180.51
Net Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,180.51
Net Income	-17,811.25	-9,610.03	36,023.21	83,294.99	14,089.81

TEBA CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

TEBA Executive Committee Meeting—Aug. 20 / 7:00pm @ Rehoboth
Christmas in August Emphasis Month— Entire Month of August

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!

Aug.5—Rev. J. L. Adams

Aug. 6—Rev. Murray Benefield

Aug. 6—Linda Oglesbee

Aug.7—Rev. Caleb Folsom

Aug. 9—Miriam Usry

Aug.10—Terry Quick

Aug.15—Cheryl Rogers

Aug.27—Angie Edwards

Aug.31—Bailey Gainous

Happy Anniversary

Aug. 3—Rev. & Mrs. Daniel St. Onge

Aug. 6—Rev. & Mrs. Curt Tootle

Aug.15—Rev. & Mrs. Philip Shepherd

Supply Preachers

Tattnall-Evans Baptist Association

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