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## Find a Sheep This Summer

Summer is here. School is out, and children will spend the next two months swimming, playing, and doing anything other than thinking about school. Yet even though school is out, it is our job to get our kids back in "school" this summer. I'm not talking about homework, tests, and cafeteria food. I'm talking about an exciting, fun, adventurous kind of school. I'm talking about Vacation Bible School.

Over the next two months, all of our Tucker Association churches will hold some type of Vacation Bible School. We'll have them on different days and at different times, but all of us have the same goal—to reach kids with the gospel of lesus Christ. As we prepare for VBS this year as an association, I want us to have the best Vacation Bible Schools we've ever had. How do we do that? We do it by focusing on the kids that aren't in our churches.

Do you remember the parable that Jesus told about the lost sheep? He said, "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in

heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance" (Luke 15:4-7, ESV).

This summer, we're going to have a lot of "sheep" show up for our VBS's. Kids from all over Mitchell and Baker counties will come play games, eat snacks, and hear Bible stories. But will we be satisfied with just reaching our sheep, or are we looking for those sheep that aren't in the fold?

For some of us, we count VBS as a success if we don't lose any kids and don't burn the church down in the process. On a more serious note, most of us call VBS a success if we have a good turnout. Yet the true measure of success in VBS isn't having the most kids...it's reaching the right kids. If our VBS's only consist of the Christian kids who already go to our churches, VBS will still be a good thing. We all need more of Jesus. But if we reach outside of our churches and intentionally invite kids who don't yet know Jesus, VBS will be an *incredible* thing.

I truly hope our association has the best summer of Vacation Bible Schools ever. May the Lord bring precious children (and adults) to himself as we faithfully reach out to lost sheep and share with them the gospel of Jesus Christ.

> Matt Peek Pastor, FBC Pelham



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Southside: Our Vacation Bible School is set for June 12-16 from 6-8 each night. The theme will be Galactic Starveyors and everyone is invited to join in on the learning and fun. Rev. Neal Hager, Pastor

#### Please note the deadline for church news for the Newsletter is the 20th of each month and should be 75 words of less. Thank you!

# SBC and GBC Events



Treasurer's Update Mr. Duane Bentley Associational Treasurer 668 Hand Ave. Pelham, GA 31779 June 2017		
alance April 30, 2017	\$48,686.73	
1onthly Income 5/31/17 1onthly Expenses 5/31/17	\$7, \$(3,)	
Current Liabilities (+/-)	\$	
1ay 31, 2017	\$48,	
Pesignated Funds Total Current Liabilities	\$14,280.38 \$542.06	
otal Operating Funds	\$33.864.29	

Year to Date Church Contributions Receipts January - May 2017

Baconton	Office 0.00	Camp Tucker 0.00	
Camilla First	5,310.14	527.00	
Cool Springs	580.00	365.00	
Delwood	1,473.88	600.00	
East Pelham	750.00	0.00	
Harmony	2,448.11	0.00	
Hinsonton	1,999.98	499.98	
Hopeful	2,164.00	475.00	
Lake Pleasant	1,043.00	300.00	
Lakeside	500.00	1,199.00	
Liberty Hill	0.00	0.00	
Mt. Carmel	1,288.25	0.00	
Mt. Olive	875.00	280.00	
Mt. Zion	442.92	0.00	
Newton	800.00	100.00	
Pebble City	750.00	0.00	
Pelham First	5,004.55	0.00	
Pine Cliff	2,862.38	2,041.19	
Pleasant Grove	1,250.00	142.25	
Pleasant Hill	2,774.45	1,109.78	
Sale City	1,380.00	0.00	
Southside	2,514.97	0.00	
Trinity	400.00	0.00	
Union Grove	1,021.81	300.00	
Total	\$37,633.44	\$7,939.20	
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### Winner of the Afghan-North GA Mission Trip----UNITE Georgia



### You're invited to participate in the 2017 North GA Mission Trip July 8-15, 2017

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Dear Tucker Association,

I wanted to thank everyone for their help in the North Georgia Mission Trip Fundraiser. We raised \$890 in donations! I would also like to congratulate **Andy Collins** who won the beautiful afghan that was raffled!

We are about \$700 shy of our goal so if any churches would like to give, please make your checks payable to the Tucker Baptist Association with North GA Mission Trip in the remarks. Also, please feel free to call me if you have any questions or to sign up for the mission trip. I can be reached at (229) 869-4588. We still have room available to attend so call today to RSVP.



God Bless John McComas Pastor, Baconton Baptist Church



Go Georgia is coming back in 2017!

Last year's Go Georgia was such a success; it is being expanded to make it easier for you to attend this year! In 2017, you have a choice between 2 different locations:

August 18-19, 2017 Roswell Street Baptist Church Marietta, GA August 25-26, 2017 First Baptist Church Tifton, GA

This is an event you don't want to miss. Mark the dates in you calendar now while we finalize the details and speakers for this great event.

Visit the Go Georgia website at <u>gogeorgia.net</u> and watch your mail and email for updates.

> We hope to see you and your staff at Go Georgia this year!

> > Save the Dates