



# Hightower Baptist Association Newsletter

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Please check the Hightower Baptist Association Website Calendar for any events happening in our Association at [Calendar – Hightower Baptist Association](#). Let's make the next deadline for sending in the news on May 28, 2025, for the June-July issue. You may send the information as it happens as well. Whatever works for you and your church is good with me. Many thanks to all our "reporters". Again, please make sure that your church is sending in your good news to Janice Tallant, [janicetallant@yahoo.com](mailto:janicetallant@yahoo.com) Also, PLEASE ask your church to send these newsletters out to your members!!!

## 2025 Association Union Meetings

**1<sup>st</sup> District** will meet at **Beaver Ruin Baptist Church on Friday, May 2, 2025, 6:00 pm**

**2<sup>nd</sup> District** will meet at **Goshen Baptist Church on Friday, May 9, 2025, 6:00 pm**

**3<sup>rd</sup> District** will meet at **New Harmony Baptist Church on Friday, May 9, 2025, 6:00 pm**

**4<sup>th</sup> District** will meet at **Longstreet Baptist Church on Friday, May 16, 2025, 6:00 pm**

**190<sup>th</sup> Hightower Baptist Association Meeting will be held Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at 9 a.m. at Hopewell Baptist Church, Milton, Georgia**

## What is a Union Meeting?

The Hightower Association is divided into four districts.

**1st District Churches:** Beaver Ruin, Bethlehem, Castleberry Road, Coal Mountain, Corinth, Cumming Second Baptist, Daves Creek, Friendship, Haw Creek, New Hope, Pine Crest, Pleasant View, Riverside, Roanoke, Shady Grove

**2nd District Churches:** Bethel (Dawson), Bethel (Forsyth), Concord, Cross Roads, Dawsonville, Etowah, Goshen, Harmony Grove, Juno, Liberty, New Bethel, Ridgeview

**3rd District Churches:** Antioch, Hightower, Lebanon, Mount Pisgah, Mount Tabor, Mount Vernon, New Harmony, Oak Grove, Ophir, Silver City, Sweetwater, Zion Hill

**4th District Churches:** Bethany, Birmingham, Brookwood, Carmel, Cross Plains, Hopewell, Liberty Grove, Longstreet, Macedonia, North Canton, Oakdale, Pleasant Hill, Rock Springs

The Union meetings are held once a year in the spring. Each church appoints delegates to attend these meetings in their district church hosting the meeting. Each church in the Union may have two delegates and one additional delegate for every 50 members in excess of 75 members. No churches may exceed five delegates. These meetings are where any inquiries of doctrinal matters should be brought up and discussed and if agreed is appropriate will then be brought up at the Associational meeting in the fall in the afternoon session. The location of the Associational meetings is determined at these union meetings. The associational meetings should rotate through first, second, third and fourth districts. Usually, the pastor of the host church will serve as Moderator and the clerk of the host church will serve as Clerk of the Union Meeting. The report of these meetings are given to the Clerk of the Association with the site of

the next union meeting, Associational meeting, and any queries to be read at the Association afternoon meeting. (Editor note: I believe that someone preaches and they may have refreshments or a meal.)



**Identify this Hightower Baptist Associational Church!**

Here are a few hints:

- This church is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> District.
- It was admitted to the Hightower Association twice: 1849, 1912.
- It has always had a heart for missions.
- It hosts Southern Gospel Singings.
- The new church building was dedicated in 2002.

Our announcements this time are meant to be in spring and summer colors. Greens are for spring revivals and Easter events, purple is for VBS, orange is for graduation and end of school year events, Red is for May meetings, Light Blue is for summer revivals, Dark Blue for special events. I hope you enjoy the many colors of spring. God is an artist!!

**Hightower Baptist Association Church News!!!**

**Bethel Baptist Church (D):** (2659 Hwy 136 W, Dawsonville)

On March 29, 2025, a group traveled from Bethel to Clyde, NC to assist “**Boots on the Ground**” with meal preparation and distribution of food and supplies. (“Boots on the Ground” is a group helping a community in North Carolina get desperately needed items because they lost almost everything when Hurricane Helene went through.) On April 12, 2025, a group from Bethel is planning to go to NC again to assist **Boots on the Ground** with meal preparation and distribution of food and supplies.



On March 30, 2025, the church hosted a **Senior Member Appreciation Lunch** after service.



Describe the scene at the tomb.

**On April 16, 2025, the church will host an Easter Egg Hunt and Dinner at 6:30pm**

**On Easter Sunday, April 20, there will be a Sunrise Service at 7:00am and worship to follow at 11:00am**

**On Sunday, May 4, 2025, Senior Recognition Sunday will be held to recognize all of our graduates from Pre-K through College.**



**On May 18, 2025, the church will have their May Meeting with Communion and Foot Washing**

**On June 16th - 20<sup>th</sup>, Vacation Bible School will be held from 7-9pm each evening.**

**On July 20th -27<sup>th</sup>, Summer Revival will be held at 11:00am and 7:30pm daily. Reverends Sam Castleberry and Jonathan Kirby will be assisting our Pastor Hunter Burt**

Thank you, Lanier Swafford, for sending us these announcements.

**Brookwood Baptist Church:** (2775 Brookwood Rd, Cumming)

**On Wednesday, April 16, at 6:00 pm, there will be a Passover Service in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a light dinner.**



Good Friday

On Good Friday, April 18, 2025, a Good Friday service will be held at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us in remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice.

On Sunday, April 20, at 7:00 am, there will be an Easter Sunrise Service in the sanctuary, followed by breakfast hosted by the men's Brotherhood. On Sunday, April 20, at 11 am, there will be an Easter service in the sanctuary.

On Friday, Saturday & Sunday, May 2-4, Church Camp will be at Camp Hope in Dahlonega, GA. There will be no regular Sunday morning services at Brookwood on the 4th. All are invited to attend worship service at Camp Hope at 10:00 am on Sunday morning.

On Sunday, May 18, at 11:00 am, May Meeting & Family Day will be held. "We will celebrate Holy Communion during worship. Lunch will follow the service. Please bring a side and/or dessert to share if you can and invite your family."

On Wednesday, May 21, at 6:00 pm, Kids for Christ Celebration will be held to celebrate our last Kids for Christ/Wednesday Activities for the season. All activities will resume in the Fall.

On June 9-13, 8:45 am - 12:00 noon, Vacation Bible School will be held in the mornings. Join us as we Magnify! God! Register at: <https://www.brookwoodbaptistchurch.org/vbs>

Thank you, Stacey Gonzales for these announcements.

**Cross Plains Baptist Church:** (6500 McGinnis Ferry Rd, Alpharetta)

Cross Plains Spring Revival will be April 13-16, 2025, at 7:30 pm each night. Bro. Brady Holbrook and Bro. Nathan Ware will be assisting the Pastor Tyler Goode.



Describe the scene at the tomb.

On April 19, 2025, an Egg Hunt will be at the Church at 2:00 pm. There will also be finger foods, snacks, and desserts.

On April 20, 2025, Son Rise Service will be at 7:30 am with Bro. Andy Jones preaching. Breakfast to follow in Fellowship Hall.

Thank you, Tyler Goode, for the above announcements.



**Friendship Baptist Church:** (2250 Friendship Circle, Cumming)

Friendship Spring Revival will be April 16-18, 2025, at 7 pm each night. Rev. Don Westray will be assisting our Pastor, Ricky Byrd. Communion service will be on Thursday evening. Everyone is welcome.



Maunder Thursday  
Holy Thursday

Friendship Easter Egg Hunt for youth (0-5<sup>th</sup> Grade) will be on April 19, 2025 at 10 a.m.

Friendship will have a Sonrise service on Sunday, April 20, 2025, at 7 a.m. with breakfast following provided by the Brotherhood. Baptizing at 10 a.m. Easter Worship Service will be at 11 a.m.

There will be a ladies meeting that we call Refresh on Saturday, May 3, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the pavilion of our church. There will be a light breakfast, games, devotion, and a time of fellowship "to refresh". Any ladies are invited to join us.



**May Meeting will be at Friendship on Sunday, May 18, 2025, at 11 a.m. Communion service will be held.**

Friendship will hold Vacation Bible School on Sunday, June 1 – June 5 from 6:20 pm – 8:40 pm. Dinner will be served between 5:30 pm -6:15 pm. Kids eat free!!! Adults \$5 donation. T-shirts are free for children and adults are \$10.00 each. There are classes for all ages, including adults. You may register at <https://www.myvbs.org/fbc25> Brooke Landrum is VBS director.

**Juno Baptist Church:** (1230 Juno Road, Dawsonville)



Juno will have a Flashlight Egg Hunt on April 18, 2025. Dinner will be served at 7:00p.m. followed by games & other activities. The egg hunt will begin at 8:30pm. Be sure to bring a basket and a flashlight.

Easter Sunrise Service will be on April 20, 2025, at 7:00a.m.

Vacation Bible School will be held on June 8-13, 2025, from 6:45pm-8:45pm Classes for all ages (Adult class also). “Rocket Racers” will be the theme.

Thank you, Aimee Wilkie for these announcements.

**Liberty Baptist Church:** (520 Liberty Church Rd, Dawsonville)

Liberty will hold Spring Revival on April 20-23, 2025, at 7:00pm nightly.

Thank you, Amanda Appling, for the information.

**Longstreet Baptist Church:** (6868 Longstreet Rd, Cumming)

Spring Revival services will be held on April 13-16 at 7:30pm each night with Rev. Alan Thompson.

**Vacation Bible School Clinics** at Longstreet Baptist Church April 29 and May1 @ 7pm each night.

4th District Union Meeting will be May 16, 2025, at Longstreet at 6 pm.

Vacation Bible school will be held at Longstreet on May 25-29 from 7-9 pm. All ages are welcome.

Summer Revival services will be held on July 6-13, 2025 at 10:45am and 7:45pm daily.

(Thank you, Anita Bagley, for this information.)

**Macedonia Baptist Church:** (11230 East Cherokee Dr., Ball Ground)



Macedonia Baptist Church had their awesome Spring Revival beginning on March 23. There were at least 9 souls saved and shouting all over the church. Thank you, Jesus!!

Vacation Bible School will be Sunday, June 1 through Thursday, June 5 from 6:00-8:30 pm for Pre-K through Adult. Dinner will be provided.

Summer Revival will be Sunday, June 15 through Saturday, June 21. Morning services will be held at 10:45 am, and evening services will be held at 7:30 pm daily.

(Thank you, Marie Warbington, for the information.)

**Oakdale Baptist Church:** (200 Oakdale Rd., Canton)

Join us for Oakdale Baptist Church's **Homecoming Service!** We are excited to celebrate 98 years of faith, fellowship, and community on May 4 at 11AM. The service will feature special singing by The Sounds of Jericho, filling our hearts with joy and praise. After the service, we will gather in the fellowship hall for a delicious lunch. Please bring a covered side dish to share. Let's come together to honor our church's rich history and look forward to many more years of worship and community. We can't wait to see you there!



VBS will be June 9-13 from 9 am-12 noon for ages 3- 18. The theme is Rocket Racers.

Registration link :

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdx95ZprPlhX1cUWBQ4FfyI2JHpEVWxI36b2XiZ180QQs5MTA/viewform?>

(Thank you Robyn McEntyre!)

**Oak Grove Baptist Church:** (5640 Oak Grove Circle, Cumming)

**Oak Grove Spring Revival April 21-23, 2025, at 7:30 each night. Russell Burt is helping our pastor, Craig Richard.** (Thank you, Joyce Seay, for the information.)

**Shady Grove and Beaver Ruin Baptist Churches:** (Shady Grove Rd, 4230 Beaver Ruin Rd., Cumming)

**Shady Grove and Beaver Ruin will have a Joint Spring Revival Sunday, April 13 - Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 7pm nightly. Sunday and Monday nights will be at Shady Grove and Tuesday and Wednesday nights at Beaver Ruin.**

**Shady Grove Baptist Church VBS will be Sunday, June 1 thru Thursday, June 5.**

(Thank you, Angie Bagley, for the information.)

### Hightower Food and Clothing Bank

#### Church Volunteer Schedule 2025



**2nd Quarter (April-June): 4th District Churches (April 12, May 10, June 14)**  
**Bethany, Birmingham, Brookwood, Carmel, Cross Plains, Hopewell, Liberty Grove, Longstreet, Macedonia, North Canton, Oakdale, Pleasant Hill, Rock Springs**

**3rd Quarter (July-September): 1st District Churches (July 12, August 9, September 13):** Beaver Ruin, Bethlehem, Castleberry Road, Coal Mountain, Corinth, Cumming Second Baptist, Daves Creek, Friendship, Haw Creek, New Hope, Pine Crest, Pleasant

View, Riverside, Roanoke, Shady Grove

**4th Quarter (October-November): 2nd District Churches (October 11, November 8)**

Bethel (Dawsonville), Bethel (Forsyth), Concord, Cross Roads, Dawsonville, Etowah, Goshen, Harmony Grove, Juno, Liberty, New Bethel, Ridgeview



**DECEMBER - ALL CHURCHES (December 13)**

The Facebook page says **256 Families were served in February** and **18 souls were saved**. Tony Allen reports that there were **340± Families served at the March Food/Clothing Bank** and **12 precious souls were saved**. Thank you Jesus!

Facebook: [\(20+\) hightower food and clothing bank - Search Results | Facebook](#)

Web site: [www.hbafoodbank.org](http://www.hbafoodbank.org), **Hightower Association Food Bank**, 8630 Wallace Tatum Rd, Cumming, GA 30028 · (770) 205-2464



### **Vacation Bible School 2025**

The **Hightower Association VBS Committee** has been preparing for their upcoming clinics that will be held on **April 29 and May 1, 2025, at Longstreet Baptist Church**. This year's theme for the clinic will be **Rocket Racers**. The theme from this study will be the study of Elijah from 1 Kings.

Editor note: I have noticed in these announcements of VBS that there are opportunities to go to more than one VBS this summer. There are different

themes, weeks, morning and evening choices. In my childhood (many years ago), we sometimes would go to at least a couple of VBS at different churches each summer. VBS and Summer Revival were big highlights of my summer and has continued to be all my life. We now have many neighbors in our communities who do not know Jesus. This would be a fun way to spread the Gospel of Jesus to your friends this summer. Invite them to VBS. Janice Tallant

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~ YOUTH NIGHT ~

*An Evening of Faith & Fellowship*

**Sunday, April 27th, 2025**

**4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

*Graciously Hosted By*

**Haw Creek Baptist Church**

*1098 Haw Creek Circle*

*Cumming, Georgia 30041*

✝ **EVERYONE WELCOME** ✝ *Worship • Fellowship • Refreshments*

*A Monthly Gathering, Youth Nights held on the 4th Sunday of every month  
Is your church interested in hosting our next youth night? Please contact us.*

*For Inquiries & Information:* Hightower Association Youth Ministries Committee  
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*~ Strengthening our youth through Jesus and community ~  
Presented by the Hightower Association Youth Ministries Committee*



**National Day of Prayer will be held on May 1, 2025.** Here is a link to find out more about this year's theme: [www.nationaldayofprayer.org](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org) Also, there is a link to find out the history of this day in the USA.

**Alan and Rebecca Morris** are missionaries in Mexico. Many of you know Alan who has been in many of our churches. Here is his latest newsletter about the work going on in this mission. **Living Faith Ministries International March 2025 newsletter:** [Life and Death](#)

A promotional graphic for the Georgia Baptist Women's Spring Event. It features a pink background with a photo of three smiling women. The text reads: "Georgia Baptist Women's spring event", "every woman in community on mission together", "JOIN US April 26 | Abilene Baptist Church Augusta area".

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This year's largest gathering of **Georgia Baptist Women** is almost here! Join hundreds of Georgia Baptists for a Spirit-filled gathering designed to strengthen your faith, draw you closer to God, and build lifelong connections with women from across the state. It will be held at Abilene Baptist Church on April 26. Bring your friends, Bible study groups, and sisters in Christ—this event is for women of all ages! Register today. [2025 Georgia Baptist Women's Spring Event - Georgia Baptist Mission Board | Brushfire](#)



## Oakdale Baptist Church Ladies' Conference Recap

What an incredible time of fellowship and worship at the Oakdale Baptist Church Ladies' Conference! Our heart is overflowing with praise to our Heavenly Father! Reflecting on the event all day has brought countless smiles to our faces, and we know God is smiling too!

This was Oakdale's second conference, and we were thrilled to have 160 registered and 150 attended. The event was filled with joy, inspiration, and community spirit.

We were blessed with beautiful and uplifting music by **The Morrison Sisters**, an inspirational message by **Lisa Beasley**, and cherished fellowship with old and new friends.

We also shared a delicious meal by **The Gathering Cottage** and enjoyed a fun craft of making bracelets, reminding us that God is always with us!

A big thank you to everyone who attended, supported by serving, or lifted us up in prayer. Your presence and contributions made this event truly special.

**We invite you to join us in March 2026** for another wonderful time of fellowship and worship.

It is well with my soul. Robyn West

(Editor's note: I attended this wonderful conference. The message, food, fellowship, music, and crafts were amazing. I love finding new Christian friends. Janice T)



Here are the answers for the Bible Mystery Questions in Volume 9 Newsletter: 1. Noah, 2. Cain, 3. David, 4. Moses, 5. Enoch, 6. Jacob & Esau, 7. Priscilla, 8. Simon, 9. Nicodemus, 10. Philip, 11. Andrew, Simon Peter, James, John, 12. Stephen, 13. Ezra, 14. Jehoshaphat, 15. Cornelius, 16. Saul, 17. Herodias, 18. Salome, 19. Simon, 20. Silas, 21. Daniel, 22. Miriam, 23. Ham, Shem, Napheth, 24. Naomi, 25. Bathsheba, 26. Abraham, 27. Isaac, 28. Luke, 29. Lazarus, 30. Mary Magdalene The Church to identify is Antioch Baptist Church on page 2.

### Bible Mystery Questions for Volume 10 Newsletter

1. Who was the oldest man (969) recorded in the Bible? (Genesis 5:27)
2. Who was the third son of Adam and Eve and the ancestor of Noah? (Genesis 4:25)
3. Who was swallowed by the big fish and remained in its belly for three days and three nights? (Jonah 1:17)

4. Who is known as the “weeping prophet”?
5. Who was the disciple of Jesus who had been a tax collector or publican? (Matthew 9:9)
6. Who was the woman who visited Solomon to “prove him with hard questions” to see how wise he really was? (2 Chronicles 9:1)
7. Who was the son of Jacob that was sold by his brothers to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver? (Genesis 37: 28)
8. Who was the daughter of Laban that Jacob was willing to work 14 years to get as his wife? (Genesis 29:26-30)
9. Who hid the two Israelite spies on her housetop just before the Israelites captured Jericho? (Joshua 2:3-6)
10. Who led a battle with only 300 men against a vast army? (Judges 7:15-21)
11. Who was the disciple that Jesus first saw under a fig tree? (John 1: 47-48)
12. Who was the warrior that David set up to be killed in war after he had an affair with her wife? (2 Samuel 11:6-17)
13. Who was the woman who helped command 10,000 soldiers? (Judges 4:4-10)
14. Who invented the harp and organ? (Genesis 4:21)
15. Who was the first born of Jacob and Rachel? (Genesis 30)
16. Name four or the six sons of Jacob and Leah? (Genesis 35:23)
17. Who was Judah’s daughter-in-law who played as a harlot with Judah and bore him twin sons? (Genesis 38)
18. Who was the leper that Elisha told to wash in the Jordan River seven times to become clean? (2 Kings 5:10)
19. Name six of the first twelve disciples. (Matthew 10:2-4; Luke 6:13-16)
20. Who was the man in Damascus that was led by God to put hands on Saul so he could see again? (Acts 9:12)
21. Who was the man filled with many devils that Jesus cast the demons into the swine? (Luke 8:30)
22. Who was sent by God to deliver the children of Israel out of bondage in Egypt? (Exodus)
23. Who was the “perfect and upright man” that God allowed Satan to strip him of all his riches, children and even health as a test? (Job)
24. Who was the king stripped of his royalty, ate grass, hair grew as eagles’ feathers, and nails looked like birds’ claws? (Daniel 4: 33)
25. Who was the king who had a violent death, was buried like a donkey, and thrown out of the gates of Jerusalem? (Jeremiah 22:19)
26. Who was the vassal king of Judah appointed by Nebuchadnezzar who witnessed the execution of his young sons and had his eyes gouged out? (Jeremiah 39: 6-7)
27. Who did Peter stay with while he was in Joppa? (Acts 9:43)
28. Who was the prisoner freed by the Jews in order that Jesus be crucified? (Matthew 27:21)
29. Who made an ax head float on the water? (2 Kings 2:19-22)
30. Who did God lead to kill 1000 men with the jawbone of an ass? (Judges 15:14-16). Enjoy the Bible trivia. Share with family and friends.