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To The
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REPORT TO THE DISTRICT PRESBYTERY

I begin this report by thanking the Network officers, their spouses, and their assistants for the many kindnesses they show Kristi and me in this office. Special thanks are due to our Superintendent and his wife, Dr. Ken, and Cyndi Draughon, for their friendship, prayers, and support. Thanks also to the presbyters and pastors who continue to help us with their friendship, support, and prayers. We appreciate your wisdom and encouragement as we create new resources and ministries, delivery systems and revenue streams for discipleship ministry in the Alabama Ministry Network.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

Senior Adult Retreat

The senior adults of Alabama meet at Springville Camp and Conference Center annually at our Senior Adult Retreat. This year the event was held May 6 – May 9, 2024. On Monday night Evangelist/Comedian Joe Phillips brought laughter and ministry to our retreat. We were also blessed to have Former Assemblies of God National Assistant Superintendent, Alton Garrison as our main speaker this year. We enjoyed his rich teaching about the theology of God's will. We greatly appreciated his ministry and experienced some very special times around the altars. **Tony Willis and his wife Judy** did another wonderful job of leading us in worship this year. I am truly thankful for Pastor Tony Willis' servant's heart and love for this fellowship.

Thank you to Pastor Greg Melvin who led a painting class during The Retreat 2024. Some of the other activities available were a shooting range, fishing at Lambert's Lake, and a ladies shopping trip. Of course, Bingo was on Wednesday and everyone who played had a lot of fun and received many prizes. **Special thanks to Jonathan Barnes & Kylei Strahan** for helping our seniors with their luggage and serving them in many other ways at the retreat. We had 135 in attendance for The Retreat 2024.

Special Request: We believe it is imperative to remember those who have faithfully served in the pulpits of our great fellowship over the years. To do this, we are asking the local church to sponsor one or more of our retired ministers so they can attend our 2025 Seniors Retreat. Thanks in advance for honoring our seasoned ministers.

Hall Of Faith Award

This year we had the privilege of inducting Ministerial and Laity inductees into the Hall of Faith. Our **2024 Hall of Faith Ministerial Inductees** were **Reverend Ronald Cox and Missionary, Reverend Cynthia Lucas**. These inductees have served this fellowship with wisdom, passion, and integrity. It was a pleasure to have a small part in honoring such choice servants from our Alabama Ministry Network. The presentation was made at the 109th Alabama Ministry Network in Mobile, Alabama.

SENIOR ADULT LIVE FELLOWSHIPS – This year we began our first Senior Adult Life Fellowships. This new ministry is designed to bring senior adults together for fellowship within their section. Lunch is provided, and Tony & Judy Willis and their team lead in a time of refreshing worship. These fellowships are held at different churches through the state. Our first one was held at Dothan First Assembly. Pastor Ken Draughon was our speaker for the service, and we had a total of 157 in attendance. Currently we have five more fellowships planned for 2025 around the state.

DISCIPLESHIP/CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday school continues to be the teaching/discipleship method of choice for our churches.

Without doubt, **Sunday school remains by far the most important, well-attended ministry in our churches**, second only to Morning Worship. **FYI: Your Discipleship tithe is a major revenue stream to the CE Dept. We are grateful for your support!**

Listed below are the **top 25** supporting churches in the Alabama Network for 2024 in Sunday School Tithes.

No.	Church	City	Section	January-December
1	Weeks Memorial	Samson	Enterprise	\$1916.00
2	Harper's Joy A/G	Dothan	Dothan	\$720.00
3	Hobson A/G	Chatom	Demopolis	\$708.00
4	Horizon Church	Vestavia Hills	Birmingham	\$640.00
5	Montgomery First A/G	Montgomery	Montgomery	\$600.00
6	The Crossing	McCalla	Birmingham	\$550.00
7	Faith Assembly of God	Enterprise	Enterprise	\$533.16
8	Aldrich A/G	Montevallo	Birmingham	\$391.01
9	Shady Grove	Coffee Springs	Enterprise	\$371.00
10	Marvin Chapel	Coffee Springs	Enterprise	\$363.00
11	Vincent Revival Center	Vincent	Birmingham	\$362.81
12	Fountain of Life Church	Saraland	Mobile	\$360.00
13	Enterprise First A/G	Enterprise	Enterprise	\$321.00
14	Temple A/G	Clanton	Montgomery	\$308.52
15	Westview A/G	Opp	Andalusia	\$295.70
16	Florence First A/G	Enterprise	Enterprise	\$281.05
17	Wise Mill A/G	Elba	Enterprise	\$275.00
18	Needham A/G	Needham	Demopolis	\$267.00
19	Calvary Temple	Saraland	Mobile	\$266.00
20	El Bethel A/G	New Brockton	Enterprise	\$241.36
21	Centenary A/G	Luverne	Andalusia	\$240.00
22	Hanceville A/G	Hanceville	Cullman	\$240.00
23	Liberty A/G	Millport	Tuscaloosa	\$240.00
24	Haw Hill	Brundidge	Enterprise	\$239.00
25	Floralia First A/G	Floralia	Andalusia	\$220.00

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Children's Leaders Retreat

Our Children's Leaders Retreat (CLR) is held annually **Wednesday through Saturday in the Smoky Mountains**, at the Edgewater Hotel and Conference Center in Gatlinburg, TN in January. One hundred and twenty-two adults and 14 children joined us this year for our retreat, several Children's Pastors/Leaders came for the first time.

The main goal for this CLR is to provide a time for our Children's Pastors to be refreshed and renewed while learning new techniques for children's ministry as well as building new relationships with fellow ministers.

Minnesota A/G District Kidmin Director, Chris Pruett joined us as our guest speaker for the Retreat. Chris's teaching sessions included topics such as: *A Trauma plan for kids, Building Emotional Healthy Children; and Small Groups with Kids*. His transparency with our leaders only enhanced the teaching sessions and led to some wonderful altar times with our children's leaders. It was a great time of refreshing and ministry from the Lord.

Eric Porter, U.S. Missionary for Backyard Orphans also joined us sharing about his vision and ministry to the Foster Care children and the tremendous need we have for this ministry in the United States. Many churches caught the vision for this ministry and are supporting him and his ministry.

Joe Dallas formerly with ReStory Ministries spoke and gave much needed teaching about the LGBTQ culture and the importance of reaching out to this community and teaching them about the love of Jesus.

Pastor Matt and Carrie Britt joined us to lead worship. They did an awesome job leading us into the Lord's presence with anointed worship which led into some great times of teaching, and prayer for one another. We continue to see a solid network of relationships being built among the Children's Pastors/Leaders of our Alabama Ministry Network.

Friday, we had a great night of fellowship with bowling and arcade games at Downtown Flavortown in Pigeon Forge. **Thanks to every Pastor** for sending your Children's Pastors/Leaders to come and be refreshed at this retreat. This investment in their lives is of great value to them and the local church. We will diligently continue to invest in these who serve the greatest resource in the Assemblies of God. Thank you also to **Miranda Sasser** for providing childcare throughout the retreat. Special thanks to Assistant CE Director, **Tim & Marcia Jones** for their assistance with this retreat.

Junior Bible Quiz (JBQ)

The JBQ season is about to begin in September. We are looking forward to a great year with boys and girls learning the Word of God and parents using the JBQ material in their family devotions. **Congratulations to TFA Conquerors from Tuscaloosa First A/G** for being our **2024 State Champions** and representing Alabama at the National Festival. Below are the top 4 teams.

- 1st Place – TFA Conquerors – Tuscaloosa First A/G
- 2nd Place – Pathfinders – Montgomery First A/G
- 3rd Place – Sacred Fire – Montgomery First A/G
- 4th Place – PFC Kids – Phenix City First A/G

Our season runs from September through May, just like the school year. We have monthly matches throughout the year except for December. Each state can have up to five teams representing them in Southeast Regionals with the opportunity to qualify for Nationals. This tournament is held each

year in May at different places around the Southeast. This year the 2024 Regional tournament was held at First Assembly in Phenix City, AL, and the Nationals were held in Griffin, Georgia in June.

We want to thank Christian Life Fellowship in Calera and Evangel Church in Montgomery, for hosting the matches this year; this is a great blessing to the teams and a big undertaking on the part of the church. Thank you very much!

JBQ is a great discipleship tool for the boys and girls of your church. If you would like information concerning JBQ, please contact Pastor Tim Jones at pastortim.jones@gmail.com. Thanks to all the pastors, children’s pastors, parents, and everyone else for making JBQ a great success in putting the Word of God in boys and girl’s hearts.

KIDS456

KIDS456 is a discipleship retreat held at Springville Camp and Conference Center for children in 4th-6th grades. **Thank you to our guest speaker, Children’s Pastor, Pastor Summer Berry and her ministry team,** who spoke and poured into our children’s lives. The kids participated in different small group breakout sessions during the day taught by our Alabama Children’s Pastors. **Special Thank you to Summer Berry, Annie Miller, Justin Parker, Matt & Amanda Sasser, Jason & Tabitha White** for leading these breakout sessions. In our evening services Pastor Summer taught the Word and there was much needed altar time. Many were filled with the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, several were healed, and all were touched by God’s Presence. The Lord touched and ministered in great ways. Total attendance for 2024 was 190 people and 18 churches were represented.

A big **thank you to Jonathan Barnes, Noah Gallman, Phyllis Perdue, Anna Stevens, and Phillip & Christy Stevens,** for serving and giving your time to make this event a great success. We are so excited about the future of this ministry.

Kids Camp 2024

God continues to bless our Kids Camps. In 2024 we had 2265 in attendance coming from 106 churches. Our days were filled with swimming, zip-lining, arts & crafts, cabin wars, and more. Our morning and evening services were filled with the sweet presence of Jesus. His presence was evident every time we came together. Many kids were saved for the first time, many recommitted their lives to Christ, were baptized in the Holy Spirit, were healed, and were called into the ministry. Thank you to all pastors and children’s pastors/leaders for making Kids Camp a priority in the vision of your church!

Again, this year, we had six camps within a three-week period. As always, we had many testimonies of how God blessed both campers and volunteers.

2024 Camper Survey Statistics

First time processions of faith	270
Renewed Commitments to Christ.....	601
Holy Spirit Baptisms.....	235
Holy Spirit Refilling.....	247
Healing.....	320
Called into full time ministry.....	221

We know that these amounts do not reflect the exact number of children who received from God in each of these categories. However, we also know that immersed in these reports are the stories of children who genuinely met Christ as Savior, restorer, baptizer, healer, and Lord.

Special thanks to our **three camp speakers** for their ministry in our 2024 Kids Camps.

Camps 1 & 2 – **Pastor Tim & Marcia Jones**, U.S. Missionaries

Camps 3 & 4 – **Pastor Kelly Presson**, A/G National Children’s Director

Camps 5 & 6 – **Pastor Tabitha & Jason White**, Children’s Pastor at Vincent Revival Center

Thank you to our wonderful staff for 2024: **Jonathan Barnes, Chloe Berry, Valery Berry, Noah Gallman, Aiden Harbin, Ella Rose Heath, Kamden Holley, Brantley Howington, Brockton Howington, Eric Johnson, Jr, Brodie McNair, Savannah Morgan, Miranda Sasser, Nate Sasser, Nate Simmons, Anna Stevens, Emma Thornton, Lauryn Tillis, Adaya Waldrop, Marianna Ward, Emma Williamson and Molly Williamson.** A big thank you to **Phyllis Perdue, Faith Christian Church**, for serving as our Head Nurse for each camp year after year. **Rev. Kevin & Trish Pierson, Pete Gallman** and the **entire SCCC staff** do an excellent job facilitating our great camp. Thanks also to **Christy Stevens**, who volunteered to serve at all six camps as our kitchen coordinator. **Thank you to Mary Capps** who volunteered to serve giving oversight to the camp inventory and merchandise. Many thanks to the pastors, children’s pastors, adult volunteers, and nurses who also served. **Special thanks** to **Pastor Tim & Marcia Jones, Assistant CE Director**, for their leadership and assistance during each week of camp. He and his wife are gifts to this office. **Truly, Kids Camp is a place where lives are changed forever!**

Family Kids Night

Family Kids Night is a time when the churches of a specific section come together for a night of family ministry and fellowship. **Thank you** to our speakers, **Tim & Marcia Jones.** **Thank you** also to **New Life A/G, Athens** for hosting this great night in their section. I believe these Family Nights help encourage fellowship and unity in our children’s ministries throughout the Alabama Sections. We currently have three more planned for 2025.

ROYAL RANGERS

Alabama Royal Rangers is having an impact across our ministry network, as well as the Church of God, Wesleyan, and Independent churches across this state under the leadership of our executive staff, led by **Rev John Robinson.**

Missionary Update – Rev John Robinson, our Alabama District Director and Missionary for Royal Rangers, has been itinerating while doing ministry. God has blessed as he has reached 73% of his required monthly support.

Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship (FCF) – Our FCF chapter continues to be one of the best chapters in the nation under the leadership of **John “Jawbone” Gilmer**, FCF Creek Chapter President. We accomplished a great deal this past year, remaining a 5-Star Chapter (highest level in FCF). Creek members participated in multiple workday projects at Camp Lone Eagle, including: building a covered deck at the headquarters building and building the dining pavilion next to it. Money for these projects was raised, in part, by the commanders of this ministry. We held a Royal Rangers

promotional event (Tomahawk Throwing Contest) at the Men's Encounter at SCCC for the tenth year. Our chapter always provides a nice hand-forged prize to the winner. We have 80 active members, 8 new members, and 62 attended Trace, where we had guest speaker/Missionary **Rev Brad Sasser** bring the word for us. Two from Creek Chapter attended the National FCF Rendezvous at Camp Eagle Rock, MO, where **Rev John Robinson** delivered one of the morning devotions. We had 13 attend the Riflemen Territorial Rendezvous in Pen Florida. **Rev Britt Hancock** of Mountain Gateway Ministries was the speaker. The Creek Chapter hosted an annual event called Forge & Fellowship. It is a camp for men to come and relax, get fed spiritually, and work on a forge project. Our annual missions auction raised \$2,561 which is used to support two full time missionaries monthly.

The Green Mountain Brigade, a service arm of the Creek Chapter FCF, had members travel to Burningtown Gap, NC where they provided a Trail Blessing to the hikers of the Appalachian Trail. They set up a primitive camp, which was a huge draw to the hikers. The Brigade provided hot food (3 meals each day), fruit, sodas, a water point, candy bars, a warm fire, and plenty of fellowship. For the last couple of years, the group has been joined by **Rev Brad Sasser**, Missionary to the Appalachian Trail. This environment presented great opportunities to share Jesus. The Brigade is the only group of its kind that takes the ambiance of the FCF and ministers to travelers from all over the world on the trail. This was their 7th year.

District Camps – This year at The Great Science Adventure (Alabama's Powwow), at Camp Lone Eagle, we had over 300 in attendance. This was the largest attendance in quite a few years. The speaker was **Rev. Russell Smith**, KidMin Director for Georgia. His messages really ministered to the boys. The altar was filled with 50 boys on opening night who yielded to the call for salvation. The second night saw 20 boys come forward for the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

The Great Legendary Adventure was held at Camp Eutopia in Springville, AL. We had 115 in attendance, with 11 salvations, 6 rededications, and 5 called into the ministry, under speakers **Rev Chris Bartlett** and **Rev Kyle Rabb**.

Lone Eagle Academy (LEA): Alabama's Junior Leadership Development Academy (JLDA) – Our academy had some first this year. We held the first ever Shooting Sports Action Camp, first ever Aquatics Action Camp, which focused on sailing, and had the largest academy that we have ever had, impacting 53 boys at 6 camps. 35 men volunteered as Staff. We also had three of our Rangers that were presented Alabama's LEA Saber for completing 4 of our camps. Alabama's Special Forces (the elite service arm of RRs) inducted 9 new boys and commanders into their ranks.

All of that is great but the highlight of LEA was the Friday night service with speaker **Rev Mike Woods**, a former Gold Medalist and Special Forces member. The altar time was powerful. It began with leaders praying over boys. Then as boys began hugging each other and praying for one another approximately 20 boys were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

National Shooting Sports Program (NSSP) – We established a shooting sports program for our Network, headed by Commander **John Brown**, a nationally certified shooting instructor and Range Safety Officer. Conducting several training courses, we were able to impact 14 boys and 11 leaders. These included two NRA/NMLRA Muzzleloading Rifle Safety Courses, a Shooting Sports Action

Camp (SSAC), an NRA Basic Rifle Shooting Course, an NRA Basic Shotgun Shooting Course, and an NRA Range Safety Officer Course. Four .22 Rifle Ranges and a Shotgun Range allowed boys to learn about firearm safety and enjoy shooting (The Great Science Adventure, The Great Legendary Adventure, Old Fashioned Farm Day, and SSAC).

John Brown also participated in the Southeast Region Royal Rangers Conference in SC where he earned his Basic Archery Instructor Trainer (BAIT) certification. From that certification he was able to teach and certify 15 Basic Archery Instructor (BAI) students from across the southeast.

Camp Lone Eagle Improvements – Thanks to **Skip Terry** and his crew, the headquarters building has a new sink, new back door, two new AC window units, a large upright freezer, a new-to-us chest freezer, and a covered back deck. The shed behind the headquarters building has been emptied and was used as a bunkhouse during our Academy. Trash and junk left around the shed has been hauled off, though more remains to be done. Due to the hard work of gathering funds and his coordination efforts, **Jason Vawter**, orchestrated development of a 4000 sqft pavilion. The pavilion came about because of the vision of **Rev John Robinson** and **Rev Vint Norris**. Many have supported financially to make it happen and Pastor Vint Norris personally saw the job finished with the help of some men from **Teen Challenge**.

John Brown's team installed 4 permanent benchrest shooting positions at the Rifle Range on Camp Lone Eagle. These were immediately used to facilitate shooting from the benchrest position at The Great Science Adventure.

Leaders Training - Thirteen instructors traveled across our Network to four locations to teach 61 adults at five Royal Rangers Leadership training sessions: Ranger Essentials (RE) at **Life of Faith Church, Saraland 1st AG, Clanton 1st AG** and Ranger Foundations (RF) and RE at **Lake City AG**.

All Royal Rangers Leadership training is by instructors certified by National Royal Rangers. These men and women volunteer their time and resources to travel and teach, in addition to their volunteer work as Royal Rangers leaders and lay leadership at the local church. **Jason Vawter, Bruce Willis, and Wayne Wilson** have been utilized as instructors at several National Training events across the Southeast Region in addition to their active involvement as RF and RE instructors in the Alabama Network. This is a great honor for Alabama Instructors to be invited on a national stage. Also, two additional commanders are in training to become Certified Instructors (CI) within the next year.

AL LEAD Conference – LEAD Conference had 25 in attendance, with **Rev Jonathan** and **Brittany Hollingsworth**, Missionaries to Montenegro, as speakers.

AG Leaders Conference – We had 2 Commanders represent Alabama at the AG Leaders Conference in Branson, MO.

National Recognition – This year we had 10 boys receive national awards. **Teddy Brust** and **Timothy Church** earned the National Trail of the Saber award. Very few boys earn this award and only 6 from Alabama have previously attained this honor over the 11 years of the award.

District Recognition - Alabama's Mighty Man Award - This year Alabama's Mighty Man award was presented to **Rene' Vawter** for his exceptional support to Alabama RRs.

Lone Eagle Leadership Award - The FCF staff recognized **Jason Vawter** for his exceptional leadership and sacrificial service to RRs with the Lone Eagle Leadership Award that is given annually.

Still Going – Royal Rangers in Alabama continues to be one of the best in the nation. Our boys and leaders are constantly being recognized at the regional and national levels. We continue to be a ministry you can be proud of. Thank you for your support.

GIRLS MINISTRIES

Girls Camp 2024

What an awesome time we had at Girls Camp 2024! We had 323 in attendance from 22 Alabama churches. For several of those, this was their first-time attending Girls Camp. The girls had a lot of fun participating in the daily activities like, the Spa, Pajama Pancake Palooza, "Glo Nights" in the Rec Hall, Tie Dye and Painting workshops, the Giant Swing and Zipline, and more. Our theme this year was **Fear is Not Your Future** with the scripture verse being Proverbs 31:25.

While the Mpcat girls (ages 5-11) engaged in a morning service, the Teen Girls (ages 12-18) were able to learn in a more intimate setting with daily breakout sessions of approximately 30 girls in each. Thank you to this year's breakout session leaders, **MaryBeth Badonsky, Megan Palmer, and Amanda Sasser**. Each evening service held games, praise & worship, the Word, and altar time where girls were prayed for and ministered to. Many were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. These times around the altar at girl's camp are precious and life changing. Special thank you to **Missionaries Austin and Tsey Henderson** for leading our Teen Girls into the presence of God each night with worship. The last night of camp is our **Celebration Service** where we honor the accomplishments of those in Girls Ministries. The following is a list of the girls that were honored.

Ashland First

Kasyn Carmichael
Halli Crawford
Ava Denson
London Scott
Ava Hurst
Jordan Kreil
Ruthie Kreil

Celebration Church

Abby Clark
Kelsey Rottger

Centerpointe A/G

Adalynn Qualls
Abigail Stevens

Dothan First A/G

Lauran Pippin
Sarah Kate Barton
Aria Murphy
Maya Howard

Evangel Church

Evangeline Brown
Aria Murphy
Sa'Niyah Smith
Camille Thomas

Fountain of Life

Makenna Busby
Abigail Kendrick
Hayley Moody

Lake City A/G

Kiley Erby
Addison Mitchell

LifeChurch, Bham

Cayla Carlson
Avery Seigman

Montgomery First

Emme Allen
Molly Jones
Eliana Lawrence

Orchard A/G

Evelyn Strachan

River of Life

Lilly Sugg
Marleigh Williams

Tuscaloosa First

Delilah Cook
Michele Einhorn
Gracelyn Gaillard

Jane Lipska
Anna Russell
Laura Grace Waine

Edith McAdams
Addison McClinton
Alyce Olea
Makenzie Woods

- 6 - Honor Daisies
- 9 - Honor Prims
- 22 - Honor Stars – 10 Bronze Medals
- 4 - Friends Graduates – 3 Silver Medals
- 1 - Girls Only Graduates – Gold Medal

Thank you to our Girls Camp speakers for 2024 to the Mpack Girls (ages 5-11), **Pastor Tim & Marcia Jones, U.S. Missionaries, and Pastor Haley Davis, Children's Pastor at Amory First A/G** and to the Teen Girls (ages 12-18) **Pastor Annie Miller, U.S. Missionary**. They both did an incredible job pouring into our girls teaching and affirming them that Fear is not their Future.

Also, thanks to our great staff who served the girls for the week **Jonathan Barnes, Chloe Berry, Valery Berry, Cayla Carlson, Emma Edgar, Noah Gallman, Ella Rose Heath, Kami Holley, Eric Johnson, Jr., Miranda Sasser, Nate Sasser, Emma Thornton, Emma Williamson** and **Molly Williamson**. **Special thanks** to our Camp Nurse, **Phyllis Perdue, Faith Christian Center**. Many thanks to the Girls Ministries sponsors, pastor's wives, and adult volunteers who came and tirelessly served our girls. Finally, a **special thank you** to the **Girls Ministry Reps, Ruthann Baggett, Julie Brown, Amy Bundy, Inda Davis, Terri Marcum, Ashley McLean, Wendy Mitchell, Amanda Sasser, Misty Watkins** and **Allie Woods** for all the behind the scenes work you do before, during and after camp. We could not do this without you.

We are excited about the **2025 Girls Camp**. The dates are **July 14-17, 2025**. Make plans now to attend. **Please note, this camp is for all girls ages 5-18, and you do not have to have an active girl's ministries program at your church to attend.**

BOYS AND GIRLS MISSIONARY CHALLENGE (BGMC)

Thank you to all the pastors, children's pastors/leaders, and kids for continuing to give to BGMC. We are off to a great year of giving to help our missionaries reach many for Jesus. Our total for 2024 BGMC giving is \$554,429.62. I believe churches and kids all over Alabama have caught the vision for BGMC and we look forward to finishing strong for BGMC. We are continuing to see growth in the overall giving from our churches.

- Over a 10-year period Alabama is 5th in the Nation in per capital giving.
- 42% of our Alabama churches participate in BGMC giving.
- Alabama is 3rd in our division in BGMC giving.
- In the past 10 years we have seen a 124% growth in our giving to BGMC.

We are continuing to cast vision and present missionary needs to our children's leaders, pastors, and churches. We desire to see all our Alabama churches and kids become passionate and faithful

supporters of missions in the local church. We believe this starts with every lead pastor. We are willing and ready to partner with all churches in this vital ministry arm of the local church.

Churches Giving \$1000 or more to BGMC in 2024

We are continuing to see Alabama churches catching the vision for BGMC. Last year 83 churches participated in giving over \$1,000 to BGMC. This year we pray that the number will continue to increase. **Thank you, pastors, and children’s pastors/leaders, for giving, and for teaching and training** the next generation to love and support missions.

Listed below are the **top 25 BGMC** supporting churches in the Alabama Ministry Network as listed by the National BGMC Office. We wish to thank all our churches for their support and sacrifice in giving to BGMC.

TOP 25 IN BGMC GIVING - 2024

#	Church	City	Section	Pastor	Jan-Dec 2024
1	Christian Life Church	Birmingham	Birmingham	Jeremy Saylor	\$64,027.56
2	Phenix City First A/G	Phenix City	Phenix City	Nelson Lugo III	\$50,120.97
3	Vincent Revival Center	Vincent	Birmingham	Jason Allums	\$25,600.74
4	Thompson Chapel	Jemison	Montgomery	Mark Bolton	\$21,710.90
5	Clearwater A/G	Wagarville	Demopolis	Jimmie Butts	\$19,578.00
6	Montgomery First A/G	Montgomery	Montgomery	Greg Kelley	\$18,235.00
7	Copeland A/G	Millry	Demopolis	Ronnie Morris	\$17,250.00
8	Free Life Church	Creola	Mobile	Hunter Taubel	\$16,717.00
9	Lomax A/G	Clanton	Montgomery	Erron Price	\$14,185.00
10	Harper’s Joy	Dothan	Enterprise	Eddie Littlefield	\$13,863.35
11	Robertsdale A/G	Robertsdale	Baldwin County	Mike Lynn	\$10,400.00
12	Fountain of Life Church	Saraland	Mobile	Rodney Mauroner	\$10,151.93
13	Jackson First A/G	Jackson	Demopolis	Kevin Lewis	\$10,035.31
14	Excel A/G	Monroeville	Monroeville	Allen Robinson	\$9,366.55
15	El Bethel	New Brockton	Enterprise	Steve Comer	\$8,962.37
16	Butler First A/G	Butler	Demopolis	Justin Overstreet	\$8,480.02
17	River Valley Church	Madison	Tenn. Valley	Matt Griffin	\$7,770.71
18	Hartselle First A/G	Hartselle	Tenn. Valley	Jimmy Watson	\$7,750.00
19	Southview A/G	Opelika	Phenix City	Clint Capps	\$6,611.45
20	Gospel Lighthouse	Semmes	Mobile	Jimmy Ginn	\$6,528.71
21	Anchors Church	Oneonta	Cullman	Bill McDonald	\$6,502.45
22	The Island Church	Orange Beach	Baldwin County	Fred Franks	\$6,400.00
23	The Bridge	Cusseta	Phenix City	Bill Bryan	\$6,300.00
24	Orchard A/G	Semmes	Mobile	Ron Reiser	\$6,240.61
25	Kingwood A/G	Alabaster	Birmingham	Jay West	\$6,000.00

BGMC MVP Kids Award

The **BGMC MVP Kids Award** is given to kids who go above and beyond to raise money for BGMC. This award is presented at each Kids Camp. **This year we were able to honor 31 children!!** Congratulations to the following kids for a job well done.

BGMC MVP Kids Awards

Butler First A/G

Anna Grace Overstreet

Christian Life B'Ham

Jude Anthony
Clara Goswick
Kellen Walker

Excel A/G

June Sprinkle

Georgetown

Julia Grissett

Holloway Tabernacle

Carleigh Lyles

Life Church, R.C

Favor Wilkes

Legacy Church

Carter Reynolds
Cooper Reynolds

New Life, Athens

Trey Kyle
Michael Own Hendrick
Mackenzie Rachford

Orchard A/G

Micah Green
Henry Robinson
Julia Robinson
Dradin Schaaf

Phenix City First A/G

Cade Brown
Ava Mullins
Rose Carla Petiotte

River of Life

Ellie Alford
Mason Nabors
Hudson Smith

Southview A/G

Dejuann Mott

Temple A/G

Kaylee Mims

Tuscaloosa First A/G

Will Pedram

Vincent Revival Center

Lexie Avery
Marilyn Ivey
Jace Payne
Asher Tucker
Cayden White

BGMC Special Projects

Targeting special BGMC projects continues to help our giving and church involvement. Our desire is to support our Alabama missionaries by targeting specific needs that arise in their area.

BGMC Cabo San Lucas Summit

This is a trip where attendees meet with specific missionaries to hear their vision for reaching the lost. They learn about the great ministries that are ongoing around the world through BGMC. By hearing these stories pastors/children's pastors are inspired and learn how they can make a difference through BGMC. We would love to have you join us for next year's summit in Cabo.

BGMC 31-Day Challenge

The children of Alabama were challenged to raise monies for our Annual BGMC Day in March. The kids worked very hard doing chores for neighbors, inventing, and selling items, baking, and selling baked goods, sewing and making BGMC awareness videos and many more creative ideas.

ALL CHURCH MINISTRIES SUMMIT (ACMS) – 145 IN ATTENDANCE,

All Church Ministries Summit was held at Montgomery First A/G on August 15-17, 2024. We had 145 in attendance, and our speakers were Mike Santiago, Lead Pastor of Focus Church in North Carolina, and A/G National CE Director, Elly Marroquin.

REGIONAL AMN CONFERENCE – We had approximately 135 people attend the BGMC lunch at each location, and a total of \$59,260 was pledged for BGMC from our Alabama Churches and Pastors.

THE GATHERING – This year the Alabama KidMin Department provided children’s ministry to the Alabama Ministers children at The Gathering. Pastor Tim & Marcia Jones and their team ministered to the children using characters, music, games and puppets while the pastors and wives received ministry.

CONVOY OF HOPE RAISE WORKSHOPS – Instead of having one RAISE workshop in December at the SCCC, we have brought the workshops to different parts of the state. Two were held this year, one at Ozark First A/G, Pastor Brian Presley, and the other at New Life A/G in Athens, Pastor Jason Parnell. Approximately 20 churches/ministries were represented between both workshops. If you have not attended a workshop, I would encourage you to take time out and attend one. The workshop teaches strategies and ideas to help churches reach out to their communities and win them for Jesus.

DISASTER RELIEF 2024 - Several communities were hit very hard with Hurricane Helena. The hardest hit areas were Florida and North Carolina. The Alabama Ministry Network, through the help of many churches in our network, was able to send over \$23,000 for supplies, and several teams of workers were sent to these areas. We are thankful to all that participated with the relief efforts.

SUPERINTENDENT’S GOLF TOURNAMENT - Our Superintendent’s Golf Tournament was held at Robert Trent Jones Golf Course in Mobile, AL. We had 25 teams represented and 100 golfers. This year’s tournament was a great time of fellowship, and we raised a little over \$1000 for BGMC

EMPOWER COMMUNITY CHAPLAINCY – We are excited about this new ministry opportunity.

Mission/Vision:

To provide a formal training program to assist rural pastors in becoming incarnational leaders, and finally Community Chaplains

This study is centered around the training preparation for rural pastors to enter the many faith and non-faith homes, hospitals, and workplaces that are frequently a part of their regular services. It highlights the necessity for pastors to be equipped with the skills and training to minister effectively. This study aims to compel pastors towards formal credentialing. With adequate training and credentialing, they will be able to minister with a listening ear and direct people toward the knowledge of our heavenly Chaplain, Jesus Christ, ultimately transforming their lives and the lives of those around them.

Goals:

Objective 1: Develop strategies to help rural pastors implement shalom, incarnational, and servant leadership relationships in their communities.

Objective 2: To provide training in chaplaincy care and the theories of caring for people facing daily moral, ethical, and quality-of-life decisions.

Objective 3: To develop an understanding of Missio Dei, the mission of God, which means "God is a missionary God." This principle is the foundation of chaplaincy, "to go," to be among those who are hungry and searching.

Objective 4: To gain an understanding of the terrain he or she will be working, symbolically speaking, the world of community economics, infrastructures, and community politics.

Objective 5: To gain a greater understanding of one's calling and to understand the desirable skills, knowledge, attitudes, and practices necessary for chaplains to be competent to accept the mandate to message the gospel out to the community.

Course Expectations, Timelines, and Assignments:

Pre-Course Work - Read selected chapters, your personal pre-class preparation to be ready to engage.

Mental, Spiritual, Physical Engagement - This course will require the student to be engaged in active participation. To experience the most fulfillment in learning the student must Talk, Write, Relate, and Apply.

Reading - 200 pages

Journaling - 16 pages

Time Commitment - 18 hours class-time, online/in person,
9 hours cohort-time, online/ in-person.

Each Student will work as a cohort along with 6 to 8 other Pastors from around the US.

Schedule: (mostly Monday nights) (considering 8:00pm CST)

Sept 09 - online class - Orientation - 1 hour

Sept 16, 23, 30, Oct 7 - online class - Personal Assessment

November 4, 11, 18, Dec 2 - online class & cohort study - Community Assessment

January 13, 20, 27, Feb 3 - online class - Spiritual Leadership

March 31-April 4 - Springfield Immersion - Community Chaplaincy & Commissioning

Application Requirements:

Reference with minister overseer

Reference from three peer ministers

Minister's license

Prerequisite:

Attend Rural Community Outreach Training
A licensed minister with their denomination.

Cohort-based Learning:

Cohort-based learning is a collaborative approach to learning in which students or individuals advance together throughout the duration of the course.

PLC: Personal Learning Community

The prospective student will be assigned to a cohort-based learning experience. They will choose their cohort or be assigned to a cohort Class 1-3.

Community Chaplaincy Certificate Course Fulfillment

Community Chaplain - BGU Certificate

Orientation:

1 hours online to receive an overview of expectation of time and personal commitment. We will discuss the cost, the sacrifice, the goals and learning outcomes. You will be asked to take some pre-course steps and fill out a Get to-know-You handout.



Class 1: Personal Assessment

Learning Objectives

- The Role of the Chaplain
- Personal Calling
- Spiritual, Emotional, Mental Assessment

The first component to consider is the necessary gift sets for a person desiring to be a chaplain, especially in a rural setting. Is rural life suited for the person pursuing rural community chaplaincy, and most importantly, does the person sense a real calling to this specific type of ministry?

Course Logistics

- Reading: 50 pages
- Book Report: 1-page polished report
- In Class (online): 4 - 1.5-hours class
- Cohort Time: 2 hours
- Journaling: 4 pages

Class 2: Community Assessment - Exegete Your Community

Learning Objectives

- Asset Based Community Development
- Rural Way of Life

As ministers of the gospel consider their duty to influence local community and society, they need to ask, "What is my responsibility to civil government, to public authorities, to

local community leaders, to political leaders, to public education of children, and the economics of the community?" In the dawning years of American government, it was understood by those in government that the church and its message were the guardians of civil morality towards a civil society.

Course Logistics

Reading: 50 pages
Book Report: 1-page polished report
In Class (online): 4 - 1.5-hours class
Cohort Time: 6 hours
Journaling: 4 pages

Class 3: Community Spiritual Leadership

Learning Objectives

Transformational Leadership
Incarnational Leadership
Shalom Leadership

The "Life in Rural America" survey illustrates that rural Americans have strong ties to their local communities and value life, family, and jobs. However, rural Americans cite drug addiction/abuse and improving troubled local economies as the top problems they will face in the future. Rural living for some is very positive, yet for others, many heartaches come with the prevalence of poverty in rural America.

Course Logistics

Reading: 50 pages
Book Report: 1-page polished report
In Class (online): 4 - 1.5-hours class
Cohort Time: 2 hours
Journaling: 4 pages

Class 4: Immersion - Springfield, MO Community Chaplaincy Training

Learning Objectives

Professionalism
Protocol
Practice

Chaplains minister to the people outside the traditional church setting, usually the workplace or a specific secular community. Chaplains minister to people from different religious beliefs and people who do not have a religious preference or faith.

Course Logistics

Reading: 50 pages
Book Report: 1-page polished report
In Class: 8 - 1-hours class
Journaling: 4 pages

Commissioning: April

CONCLUSION

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Respectfully submitted,

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