

2014 ANNUAL REPORT

GEORGIA BAPTIST CONVENTION

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Psalm 85:6 Will You not revive us again
so that Your people may rejoice in You?



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Convention annual meeting

RESOURCES

SIGNIFICANT DATES IN GEORGIA BAPTIST HISTORY

18th Century

1733 – Arrival of General James Edward Oglethorpe, Yamacraw Bluff, with at least two Baptists aboard the Good Ship Anne

1751 – Nicholas Bedgewood (Bedgegood), first Baptist minister to proclaim Gospel in Georgia, arrived in colonies

1759 – First observance of The Lord's Supper by a group of Seventh Day Baptists who settled near Tuckasee King, in what is now Effingham County

1771 – Edmund Botsford preaches first sermon at Tuckasee King on June 27

1771 – Daniel Marshall moves to Georgia

1772 – Kiokee Baptist Church, first Baptist church in Georgia, founded by Daniel Marshall

1784 – First association, The Georgia Baptist Association, was organized

19th Century

1801 – First of three conferences held at Powelton, seed of later Convention organization. Two other conferences followed in 1802 and 1803

1802 – Analytical Repository established, Savannah; first Georgia Baptist paper, by Henry Holcombe

1813 – Formation of a Baptist Foreign Mission Society in Savannah, first Georgia Associational organization for missionary purposes

1821 – Georgia, Ocmulgee Associations appoint messengers, name place for organizational meeting of Convention

1822 – The General Baptist Association of the State of Georgia constituted June 29

1822 – The Columbian Star, later named The Christian Index, first issued in Washington, D.C. in February

1830 – Executive Committee of the Baptist Convention of the State of Georgia chartered

1833 – Mercer Institute organized in Penfield, Georgia

1833 – The Christian Index moved to Washington, Georgia, with Jesse Mercer as owner

1836 – The year of the final, permanent breach, organizationally, between Missionary and Primitive Baptists

1840 – The Christian Index offered to and accepted by the Georgia Baptist Convention; Jesse Mercer, donor

1841 – Jesse Mercer died, September 6 in Butts County

1845 – Southern Baptist Convention, Domestic Mission and Foreign Mission Boards of that Convention, organized in Augusta, May 8-12

- 1871 – Orphan's Home construction work began
- 1873 – Mercer University moved from Penfield to Macon
- 1874 – Sunday School Department authorized; first such department
- 1877 – State Mission Board constituted; basis for present work of State Missions

20th Century

- 1901 – Georgia Baptist Hospital enterprise launched
- 1919 – Constitution rewritten, Executive Committee reorganized, \$75 Million Campaign, authorization for purchase of The Christian Index
- 1920 – The Christian Index again becomes Convention property
- 1925 – Unified United Kingdom Budget Plan promoted (later called the Cooperative Program)
- 1941 – Georgia Baptist Foundation chartered
- 1943 – Purchase of building on corner of Peachtree and Baker Streets, the first permanent home of Georgia Baptist Convention offices
- 1945 – The Walter Wise Baptist Student Center in Athens was constructed. This was the first building in Georgia to serve as a Baptist Student Center
- 1955 – First Capital Improvements and Endowment Program
- 1956 – Baptist Village, first home for senior adults, opened
- 1960 – Baptist Student Center at Valdosta State University was purchased
- 1962 – The implementation of the Denominational Emphasis Program with the objective of bringing representatives of the denomination into direct contact with the people of the churches and provide fellowship with pastors
- 1963 – Georgia Baptist Assembly, Toccoa, purchase authorized
- 1966 – Peachtree on Peachtree Inn established
- 1966 – Initial construction of the Baptist Student Center at the University of Georgia in Athens
- 1968 – Initial construction of the Baptist Student Center at Georgia Southern College in Statesboro
- 1970 – Initial construction of the Baptist Student Center at Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta
- 1971 – Norman College becomes Norman Baptist Assembly
- 1972 – Convention observes Sesquicentennial
- 1973 – Reorganization of Convention on division system
- 1973 – Construction of the Baptist Student Center at West Georgia College in Carrollton
- 1975 – Baptist Center building on Flowers Road completed and staff moved to new location
- 1976 – Construction of the Baptist Student Center at Armstrong State College in Savannah
- 1977 – New York Sister State Partnership established

- 1978 – Construction of the Baptist Student Center at Georgia Southwestern College in Americus
- 1979 – Construction of the Baptist Student Center at Georgia College Milledgeville
- 1979 – Peachtree on Peachtree Inn name changed to Georgia Baptist Homes, Inc.
- 1981 – Georgia Baptist Children's Homes opens the first group home for developmentally disabled adults in Harlem with four residents
- 1981 – Georgia Baptist Children's Homes opens the Ellijay Group Home
- 1982 – Brewton-Parker College authorized to offer a Bachelor of Ministry degree
- 1982 – Construction of the Baptist Student Center at South Georgia College in Douglas
- 1982 – Georgia Baptist Hospital acquired ownership of Harvest Heights Nursing Home
- 1983 – Retirement of debt on Baptist Center in Atlanta
- 1983 – Georgia Baptist Children's Homes opens the Hebron Emergency Youth Shelter
- 1984 – Three-year Foreign Mission Partnership established with Liberia
- 1984 – Dedication of Garrison Auditorium at Georgia Baptist Assembly
- 1984 – Dedication of marker at site of first Southern Baptist Convention meeting
- 1985 – Property at Columbus Baptist Student Center given to the Executive Committee by the Columbus Baptist Association
- 1985 – Property at Columbus Baptist Center at Georgia State University given to GBC Executive Committee by the Atlanta Baptist Association
- 1985 – Original construction of the Baptist Student Center at Middle Georgia College in Cochran
- 1985 – Camp Glynn R.A. Camp was sold and property at Forsyth purchased for a new camp named Camp Kaleo, which came under the direct supervision of the Brotherhood Department
- 1985 – Renewal of New York Sister State Partnership
- 1985 – Georgia Baptist Children's Homes name changed to Georgia Baptist Children's Homes and Family Ministries, Inc.
- 1986 – Convention approved 50/50 division of Cooperative Program Budget between SBC and GBC causes
- 1986 – Brewton-Parker College accredited as four-year college
- 1986 – Historical Commission (formerly the History Committee) organized
- 1986 – Tift College merged with Mercer University
- 1986 – Georgia Baptist Foundation surpassed its 45th anniversary goal of \$45 million, reaching a grand total at year's end of over \$48 million held in trust for Baptist causes
- 1987 – Georgia Baptist Convention reaches \$1 million in State Missions Offering goal
- 1987 – Dedication of new R.A. Camp at Forsyth (Camp Kaleo)
- 1988 – Foreign Mission Partnership with Panama established
- 1988 – Dedication of new 30-man dormitory at Penfield Christian Home
- 1988 – Georgia Baptist Medical Center authorized to purchase the Mercer University School of

Pharmacy Building

1989 – First phase of construction on the Baptist Student Union at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College completed

1989 – Georgia Baptist Children's Homes and Family Ministries, Inc. opens Fayette Youth Protection Home (Friday Home)

1990 – Foreign Mission Partnership with Germany established

1990 – The Georgia Baptist Foundation held approximately \$77 million in endowment and distributed more than \$4 million to Baptist causes

1990 – Dedication of 100-bedroom and 11-conference room hotel at the Georgia Baptist Assembly in Toccoa named the Griffith Hotel

1990 – Construction of the Baptist Student Union at Southern College of Technology in Marietta

1990 – Renovation and completion of the Baptist Student Center at Georgia State University in Atlanta

1990 – Georgia Baptist Children's Homes and Family Ministries, Inc. opens the Columbus Children's Homes Emergency Shelter and the TLC2 Maternity program in Palmetto

1991 – Sister State Partnership established with Connecticut

1992 – Approval given to Georgia Baptist Medical Center to proceed with the purchase of Lakeside Community Hospital in Cumming, later to become Baptist North Hospital

1992 – The Georgia Baptist Foundation reached their goal of \$91 million by November 8, closed out the calendar year with over \$94 million in assets; Baptist causes received a record \$6.8 million in income from the Foundation

1993 – Dedication of the original hotel at the Georgia Baptist Assembly named the King Hotel, honoring Bernard

D. King for many years as secretary of the Brotherhood Department and later as Assistant Executive Director-Treasurer

1993 – New Activities Building completed at Camp Kaleo and named for R. Eugene Dailey, honoring his years of service with the Georgia Baptist Convention, particularly with the Brotherhood Department

1993 – Additional land purchased adjacent to Camp Kaleo, increasing the size of the camp from 110 to 318 acres

1993 – Georgia Baptist Medical Center purchased a 14-county home care Certificate of Need; began providing home care services

1993 – Georgia Baptist College of Nursing awards its first baccalaureate degree

1994 – Watkinsville extension of Truett-McConnell College constructed and classes convened

1994 – Amendment to the Georgia Baptist Convention Constitution, which provides for the enlargement of the Executive Committee to include two representatives from the Ethnic Advisory Council

1994 – Convention adopted resolution calling for racial reconciliation

- 1994 – Hawkins Student Center in Athens dedicated, honoring Aubrey Hawkins for service as director of the Student Work Department and director of the Education Division
- 1994 – Georgia Baptist Medical Center begins providing hospice care as part of the home care services; affiliation with West End Medical Centers and Southside Healthcare Centers develops Choice Health Care, Inc.
- 1995 – Sister State Partnership established with Alaska Baptist Convention
- 1995 – Joint Sister Partnership established with Chicago Metropolitan Baptist Association
- 1995 – Baptist Village approved to purchase a 24-bed personal care (assisted living) facility in Lake Park, Georgia
- 1995 – Renovation and addition to the Baptist Student Center at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton
- 1995 – Addition of a multi-purpose worship center at Valdosta State College
- 1995 – Major renovation and addition to the Georgia Institute of Technology Baptist Student Center in Atlanta
- 1995 – Georgia Baptist Children’s Homes and Family Ministries, Inc., opens Camp Vaughan for children with developmental disabilities at the Palmetto campus
- 1995 – Georgia Baptist Health Care System, Inc. added Buford Manor Nursing Home in Buford, Georgia, to the skilled nursing facilities; acquired Liberty Home Health Care and added 10 counties to the home care services territory; applied for the Certificate of Need for a replacement hospital for Baptist North; and added home infusion as a home care service
- 1995 – March 14, the Georgia Baptist Convention Executive Committee adopted a motion that authorized the appointment of a committee “for the purpose of studying the programs, ministries, and structure of the Georgia Baptist Convention.”
- 1996 – Camp Hawkins for developmentally disabled children, dedicated by Georgia Baptist Children’s Homes and Family Ministries, Inc., opens the Diagnostic Assessment Center in Palmetto
- 1996 – 13 facilities in operation through the Georgia Baptist Children’s Homes and Family Ministries, Inc. for developmentally disabled adults
- 1996 – The Christian Index publishes the first issue of E Street Journal
- 1996 – Ministry provided for Centennial Olympic Games and Paralympic Games in Atlanta
- 1996 – Georgia Baptist Health Care System, Inc. began the Congregational Nursing program, placing nurses at Peachtree Baptist Church and First Baptist Church in Forest Park
- 1996 – Georgia Baptist Health Care System, Inc. began construction of Southlake AmSurg Center; acquired Meriwether Hospital and Meriwether Nursing Home in Warm Springs and White Oak Athletic Center in Newnan; entered into a management agreement with Southern Plantation in Loganville; entered into a management agreement with Atlanta Medical Clinics to manage their physician practice; and began development of a physician practice management company with Premier Health Alliance, Inc.
- 1996 – 175th anniversary of the Annual Meeting of the Georgia Baptist Convention

1997 – Georgia Baptist Health Care System, Inc. sells downtown property

1997 – Structure Study Committee submits report

1998 – Georgia Baptist Convention restructured according to recommendations made in Structure Study Committee report; several department names change

1998 – First four regional Ministry Resource Consultants appointed

1998 – Crossover Columbus held in November, just before the GBC Annual Meeting

1999 – Crossover Macon held just before the GBC Annual Meeting

1999 – Georgia Baptist Developmental Disabilities Ministries, Inc. created; becomes a GBC Related Ministry

21st Century

2000 – Committee formed to study Baptist Center relocation

2001 – Georgia Baptist College of Nursing becomes part of Mercer University

2001 – International Mission Partnership with France established

2001 – Nine Ministry Resource Consultant positions are filled

2001 – Relocation Study Committee recommends moving the Baptist Center

2002 – International Mission Partnership with Moldova established

2002 – Relocation Study Committee completed purchase of property in Gwinnett County for new Baptist Center

2003 – Shorter College ceases to be a GBC-supported college due to actions taken by Shorter trustees

2003 – Bill Neal retires as editor of *The Christian Index*; Gerald Harris is named new editor

2004 – Groundbreaking for the new Baptist Center held at 6405 Sugarloaf Parkway in Gwinnett County

2004 – Georgia Baptist Developmental Disabilities Ministries becomes independent of the Georgia Baptist Convention at the annual meeting

2005 – Dissolution of the relationship between Mercer University and the Georgia Baptist Convention began

2005 – Shorter College is returned to the Convention by the Supreme Court of the State of Georgia

2005 – A record \$50.5 million dollar Cooperative Program budget was approved at the annual meeting

2006 – Georgia Baptist Convention offices are moved from Flowers Road in Atlanta to the new Missions and Ministry Center on Sugarloaf Parkway in Duluth

2007 - International Mission Partnership with Mexico established

2007 – Georgia Baptist Convention becomes first State Convention to establish an Internet radio station

2010 - Shorter College obtains university status and becomes Shorter University

2011 - The Georgia Baptist Convention approved a Study Task Force report to reduce lostness in Georgia called the "5 Smooth Stones."

2013 – Celebration of 50 years of ministry at the Georgia Baptist Conference Center in Toccoa.