

**2015 ANNUAL REPORT**  
**GEORGIA BAPTIST CONVENTION**

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**SECTION I**

**2015 CONVENTION OFFICERS**

**2016 COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS & BOARDS**



**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
ONE HUNDRED NINETY FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE BAPTIST CONVENTION OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA**

**Held in Marietta, Georgia  
November 9-10, 2015**

**2015 OFFICERS**

Don Hattaway.....	President
David Mills.....	Vice President
Jason Jones.....	Vice President
David Hardwick.....	Vice President
Jeff Daniels.....	Vice President
Danny Henson.....	Recording Secretary
Freddie Rhodes.....	Assistant Recording Secretary
Tom Vann.....	Assistant Recording Secretary
J. Robert White.....	Executive Director

**2016 COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, AND BOARDS OF THE CONVENTION**

**2016 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

(As of May 1, 2016)

Mike Stone, Blackshear.....	Chairman
Andy Childs, Toccoa.....	Vice Chairman

**Terms to Expire 2016**

Jack Lee, Jesup.....	Altamaha
John Sterner, Summerville.....	Chattooga
Walter Jarrell, Glenwood.....	Emanuel
Chris Porter, Maysville.....	Enon
Keith Etheridge, Lincolnton.....	Georgia
Vacant.....	Gilmer-Fannin
Gerral Richards, Alpharetta.....	Hightower
Barry Crocker, Cumming.....	Lanier
Parker Hulsey, Omega.....	Mell
Jeff Powell, Lizella.....	Mid-State
Darey Kittle, Dalton.....	North Georgia
Brad Butler, Ellabell.....	Ogeechee River
Randy Jacoby, Folkston.....	Piedmont-Okefenokee
Gary Hartman, Ellerslie.....	Pine Mountain
Vacant.....	Roswell
Philip Lehman, Conyers.....	Stone Mountain
Wayne Robertson, Valdosta.....	Valdosta
Leon Pirkle, Dahlonega.....	White County

**Members At Large**

John Cadwell, Cochran.....	David Mills, Athens
Brian Fossett, Dalton.....	Carl Marshall, Lawrenceville

\* Indicates a layperson

**Terms To Expire 2017**

James K. Brown, Monroe .....	Appalachee
Rusty Couch, Atlanta .....	Atlanta Metro
Danny Gay, Fitzgerald .....	Ben Hill-Irwin
T. J. Bennett, Blakely .....	Bethel
Tim Jones, Columbus .....	Columbus
Chris Dotson, Eastman .....	Dodge
Inman Houston, Lawrenceville .....	Gwinnett Metro
Keith Pisani, Stone Mountain .....	Greater Atlanta
Ken Thrift, Royston .....	Hebron
Bruce Howland, Unadilla .....	Houston
Bobby Hutto, Dublin .....	Laurens
Jim Pitt, Morven .....	Mercer
Brad Boynton, Guyton .....	Middle
John Autry, Bostwick .....	Morgan County
Richard Walker, Powder Springs .....	Noonday
Morgan Kerr, Savannah .....	Savannah
Ed Lycett, Douglas .....	Smyrna

**Members At Large**

Don Patterson, Waycross .....	Jimmy Blanton, Columbus
Matt Alexander, Madison .....	Craig Bowers, Locust Grove

**Terms to Expire 2018**

Wesley Morris, Cartersville .....	Bartow
Jerry Bishop, Attapulgus .....	Bowen
Vacant .....	Carrollton
Levi Skipper, Clermont .....	Chattahoochee
David Chancey, Fayetteville .....	Fairburn
Nelson Grist, Orchard Hill .....	Flint River
Michael Truitt, Americus .....	Friendship
Kenneth McEntire, Demorest .....	Liberty
Jody Strickland, Chatsworth .....	Murray County
Eric Rentz, Jesup .....	New Sunbury
Fred Lodge, Blairsville .....	Notla River
Jeff Waters, Hawkinsville .....	Pulaski-Bleckley
Paul Cowles, Warner Robins .....	Rehoboth
Randy Crowe, Hull .....	Sarepta
Michael Gibbs, Brunswick .....	Southeast
*Berry Barfield, Dawson .....	Summerhill
*Terry Quick, Glennville .....	Tattall-Evans
Andy Buchanan, LaGrange .....	Troup
Tim Bozeman, Sale City .....	Tucker
David Smith, Ashburn .....	Turner
Jimmy Dale Patterson, Newnan .....	Western

**Members At Large**

Eddy Rushing, Rock Spring .....	Tim Batchelor, Thomson
Mike Stone, Blackshear .....	Grady Caldwell, Griffin

**Terms to Expire 2019**

Brad Whitt, Augusta .....	Augusta
Michael Kirby, Ringgold .....	Catoosa
Royce Hulett, Hazlehurst .....	Consolation
Karl Hay, Mount Vernon .....	Daniell
Mark Grinstead, Dry Branch .....	Ebenezer
Stephen Williams, Rome .....	Floyd County

\* Indicates a layperson

Gordon Cloud, Cairo .....	Grady County
Walter Singletary, Clarkesville .....	Habersham
Al Wright, Waynesboro .....	Hephzibah
Randall Whitaker, Harlem .....	Kilpatrick
Tony Dixon, Abbeville .....	Little River
Will Cole, Manchester .....	Merritt
Roger Byrd, Dublin .....	Mount Vernon
*Kent Sanford, Ellijay .....	Mountaintown
Jim Bennett, Rossville .....	Northwest Georgia
*Mickey Justice, Dillard .....	Rabun
Todd Crosby, McRae .....	Telfair
Andy Childs, Toccoa .....	Tugalo

**Members At Large**

Bong S. Choi, Suwanee .....	Bill Johnson, Stone Mountain
Kevin Riley, Covington .....	Reuben Torres, Jonesboro

**Terms to Expire 2020**

Mark Harris, Molena .....	Centennial
Dave Nelson, Gray .....	Central
Andy Cashwell, Moultrie .....	Colquitt County
Scott Bosier, Canton .....	Etowah
Steve Skates, Calhoun .....	Gordon Memorial
Bradley Thomas, Hiawassee .....	Hiawassee
Jeff Giddens, Jackson .....	Kimbell
*Steve Forester, Menlo .....	Lookout Valley
Keith Anthony, Leesburg .....	Mallery
Matthew McDaniel, McCaysville .....	Morganton
Stephen Fountain, Buford .....	Mulberry
John Lemmings, Bremen .....	Polk-Haralson
Randy Wood, Fayetteville .....	Southside
*Rosemary Lands, Atlanta .....	Southwest Atlanta
Jonathan McLain .....	Thomas County
Lee Lacey, Sandersville .....	Washington
Randal Whitten, Mableton .....	West Metro

**Members At Large**

Samuel Ayala, Dacula .....	Josh Blanco, Marietta
Billy Godwin, Villa Rica .....	Otis White, Morrow

**2016 MEMBERS EX OFFICIO**

**Convention Officers**

Thomas Hammond, Alpharetta .....	President
Robby Foster, Valdosta .....	Vice President
Kevin Williams, Villa Rica .....	Vice President
Brad Waters, Hazlehurst .....	Vice President
Mark Sterling, Augusta .....	Vice President
Danny Henson, Ringgold .....	Recording Secretary
Freddie Rhodes, Hawkinsville .....	Assistant Recording Secretary
Tom Vann, Rentz .....	Assistant Recording Secretary

\* Indicates a layperson

**2016 Heads of Organizations**

\*Jackie Hardy, Social Circle ..... President, Georgia WMU  
 \*Gabe Thomas, Statesboro..... President, Baptist Collegiate Ministries  
 Warren Rogers, Perry ..... President, Church Music Conference  
 Vacant .....President, Pastors' Conference  
 Stephen Fountain, Buford ..... President, Preaching Conference  
 Hinton Harris, Jonesboro ..... President, Fellowship of Retired Georgia Baptist Ministers  
 \*Starla Harbin, Jefferson ..... President, Ministers' Wives' Fellowship  
 Bill Gambrell, Marietta ..... President, Georgia Baptist Association of Christian Educators  
 Vacant .....Ethnic Advisory Council  
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**2016 BREWTON-PARKER COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Terms to Expire In 2016**

Rick Brown, Macon ..... Carlos Sibley, Watkinsville  
 Jim Perdue, Warner Robins .....Bucky Kennedy, Vidalia  
 Ray Sullivan, Cordele..... Dannie Williams, Lyons

**Terms to Expire in 2017**

\*Lynn Lewis, Lyons ..... Kenny Grant, Savannah  
 Derwood Poole, Savannah ..... \*Lennie Pye, Rincon  
 \*Randy Rodgers, Alley ..... Freddie Smith, Waycross

**Terms to Expire in 2018**

\*Janie Lore, Newnan ..... Cliff Morris, Dublin  
 \*Scott Rudd, Mount Vernon ..... Mike Spivey, Soperton  
 Brad Waters, Hazlehurst ..... \*Richard Wernick, Alpharetta

**Terms to Expire in 2019**

Fred Evers, Tifton..... \*Betty Jane Fountain, Mount Vernon  
 Mark Jones, Ailey ..... \*Schel Paulk, Guyton  
 Josh Saefkow, Martinez ..... \*Lynda Yawn, Statesboro

**Terms to Expire in 2019**

Ken Alford, Valdosta ..... \*Gary Braddy, Mount Vernon  
 Tim Burnham, Lindale ..... \*Britt McDade, Vidalia  
 \*Brent Sammons, Vidalia ..... \*Philip Williams, Claxton

**2016 SHORTER UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Terms to Expire in 2016**

Carlisle Driggers, Eatonton ..... \*Wanda Levan, Rome  
 \*Jennifer Reynolds, Rome ..... Stephen Anthony, Rock Spring  
 \*David Sparks, Marietta ..... \*Randy Womack, Marietta

**Terms to Expire in 2017**

Charlie Bridges, Dalton ..... \*Cheryl Cox, Summerville  
 \*Joy Battles, Silver Creek..... \*Bob English, Marietta  
 Jim Law, Woodstock ..... \*Scarlett Rackley, Douglasville

\* Indicates a layperson

**Terms to Expire in 2018**

David Harper, Rome .....\*Stacy Howell, Bogart  
Philip May, Silver Creek .....\*Sherod Salmon, Rome  
\*Tony Swafford, Rome ..... \*Rickey Underhill, Rome

**Terms to Expire in 2019**

Bob Bagley, Dalton ..... \*Bryan Griffin, Rome  
\*Vivian Johnson, Douglas ..... \*Richard Mills, Rome  
\*Bryan Rice, Rome..... Ben Smith, Waycross

**Terms to Expire in 2020**

\*Randy Bowen, Rome..... Keith McBroom, Lawrenceville  
John Pennington, Douglasville..... \*Kelvin Ratliff, Rome  
Derek Spain, Dacula ..... Joe Tanner, Villa Rica

**2016 TRUETT-MCCONNELL COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Terms to Expire 2016**

\*Allen Carroll, Lilburn ..... Paul Dennis, Newnan  
\*Lee Evans, Warner Robins..... Robert Jolly, Cumming  
\*Keith Kelly, Rutledge ..... Tony Samples, Dallas

**Terms to Expire 2017**

Frank Cox, Lawrenceville ..... Mike Dorough, Warner Robins  
\*Brett Duncan, Cumming ..... \*David Henson, Ellijay  
\*Phillip Jones, Gainesville ..... Jamie Powell, Perry

**Terms to Expire 2018**

\*Bill Bonner, Fayetteville ..... \*Randy Crenshaw, Tifton  
\*Wayne Farr, Norcross..... Thomas Hammond, Alpharetta  
Dan Rosser, Ellijay..... Richard Statham, McDonough

**Terms to Expire 2019**

Phil Bray, Dearing ..... \*Jay Burkette, Clermont  
Tony Hamilton, Snellville ..... Russell Harbin, Braselton  
\*Bruce Thompson, Cartersville ..... Darrell Westmoreland, Helen

**Terms to Expire 2020**

\*Adam Baker, Cartersville ..... Robby Foster, Valdosta  
\*Miles Hannan, Valdosta..... Jim Holmes, Helen  
\*Harvard Hopkins, Alpharetta ..... Allen Michael Rea, Baxley

**2016 GEORGIA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES AND FAMILY MINISTRIES, INC.  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Terms to Expire in 2016**

\*David Baxter, Savannah ..... Maudie Hutto, Ringgold  
\*John Haulbrook, Mableton ..... \*Ted Jarriel, Dublin  
\*Carolyn Mock, Ludowici ..... \*J D Rutledge, Norcross

**Terms to Expire in 2017**

Russ Barker, Demorest..... \*Kenneth Grace, Palmetto  
\*Michael Lively, Waynesboro ..... \*Diane Simmons, Oglethorpe

\* Indicates a layperson

Harold Turner, Brunswick.....\*Howard Wells, Blairsville

**Terms to Expire in 2018**

Ken Brooks, Cochran ..... \*Gearline Eley, LaGrange  
\*Johnny Jennings, Ringgold..... Harold Ledford, Hiawassee  
\*Sue Loftin, Newnan ..... \*Kathy Mims, Albany

**Terms to Expire in 2019**

\*Susan Allen, Statesboro ..... \*Darlene Collins, Wrens  
Chad Cooper, Whigham..... Ben Crowdis, Cuthbert  
\*Cindy Evers, Tifton ..... \*George Roberson, Jesup

**Terms to Expire in 2020**

Clyde Evans, Cochran ..... \*Melody Kittle, Dalton  
Larry Montgomery, Athens..... Cail Pressey, Swainsboro  
\*Beth Slocum, Cordele..... \*Earl Trussell, Sandersville

**2016 BAPTIST VILLAGE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Terms to Expire in 2016**

\*Billy Cochran, Blackshear..... Freddy Hogg, Ivey  
Vann Dempsey, Jesup ..... Ernie Pirkle, Pooler  
\*Susan Wiggins, Blakely

**Terms to Expire in 2017**

\*Glenn Cullars, Milledgeville ..... Porky Haynes, Quitman  
\*Robert Herndon, Macon ..... Rob Hobby, Hazlehurst  
Brad Marchman, Macon

**Terms to Expire in 2018**

Jamie P Archer, Millen ..... John Gibbs, Ocilla  
\*H A Griffin, Waycross ..... \*George H Steedley, Brunswick  
\*Ruby Turner, Brunswick

**Terms to Expire in 2019**

\*Larry Carlisle, Woodstock..... \*Ben Stovall, Blackshear  
\*George Thomas, Waycross..... \*Gail Wilkins, Cartersville  
Wayne Woods, Moultrie

**2016 BAPTIST RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES OF GEORGIA  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Terms to Expire in 2016**

\*Linda Dennis, Newnan..... \*Tim Wilson, Fort Valley

**Terms to Expire in 2017**

\*Ron Freeman, Cumming ..... \*Bonnie York, Sautee

**Terms to Expire in 2018**

George Cline, Blairsville..... Jimmy McAdams, Hiawassee

\* Indicates a layperson

**Terms to Expire in 2019**

\*Martha Kreis, Epworth ..... \*Maudeen Merck, Cleveland  
\*Ron Stone, Newnan

**Terms to Expire in 2020**

Tom Jones, Toccoa..... \*Jerry Nichols, Hiawassee  
Bill Terry, Helen

**2016 GEORGIA BAPTIST FOUNDATION  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Terms to Expire in 2016**

\*Ian M. Waller, Duluth ..... \*Glenn Williams, Dacula

**Terms to Expire in 2017**

\*Barbara Copeland, Clarkesville ..... \*P. Owen Herrin, Jr., Waycross

**Terms to Expire in 2018**

\*Wes Agnew, Jonesboro..... \*Lamar Pinson, Cartersville

**Terms to Expire in 2019**

\*John Frady, Lawrenceville ..... \*Jack Nash, Warner Robins

**Terms to Expire in 2020**

\*Bob Evans, Cordele..... \*Terry Parker, Macon

**2016 GEORGIA BAPTIST ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE**

**Term to Expire 2016**

\*Rickey Spivey, Milledgeville

**Terms to Expire in 2017**

\*Ryan Bowman, Fayetteville ..... Todd Sullens, Leesburg

**Terms to Expire in 2018**

Richard Bumbers, Snellville ..... \*Jason Holland, Calhoun

**2016 EDUCATION COMMISSION**

**Terms to Expire in 2016**

Michael Kennedy, Americus..... Paul Ballard, Stone Mountain

**Terms to Expire in 2017**

\*Tom Renfro, Quitman ..... Ben Smith, Waycross

**Terms to Expire in 2018**

Roger Byrd, Wrightsville..... Wayne Roe, Tifton

**Term to Expire in 2019**

James Kinnebrew, Hillsboro

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**Terms to Expire in 2020**

Jeff Brazell, Dublin ..... Jo Jossey, Elberton

**2016 GEORGIA BAPTIST HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

**Terms to Expire 2016**

\*Janis Hooper, Fayetteville ..... Ray Coleman, Douglas  
 \*Jerri Stanley, Dacula

**Terms to Expire 2017**

Jeffrey Audirsch, Dublin ..... \*Talmadge Chandler, Bremen  
 \*Charlene Hooper, Fayetteville

**Terms to Expire 2018**

\*Iris Durden, Statesboro ..... \*Jesse Griffin, Milledgeville  
 \*Michael Justus, Mount Airy

**Terms to Expire 2019**

Jarret Burch, Eastman ..... Oscar Cope, Fairburn  
 \*Paula Neely, Moultrie

**Terms to Expire 2020**

Terry Braswell, Jr., Douglasville ..... Jason Graffagnino, Clermont  
 \*Jack Staples, Lilburn

**2016 COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

**Terms to Expire 2016**

Bob Bagley, Chatsworth ..... Jim Duggan, Ty Ty  
 \*Brad Hughes, Blakely ..... Jerry Speer, Columbus  
 Randall Whitaker, Harlem

**Terms to Expire 2017**

Daniel Ausbun, Moreland ..... Wes Cantrell, Woodstock  
 \*Kay Godwin, Blackshear ..... \*Dominic LaRicca, Douglas  
 \*Bruce Thompson, Cartersville

**Terms to Expire 2018**

\*Tanya Ditty, Marietta ..... Tommy Fountain, Monroe  
 \*Dewey Moye, Gainesville ..... Tom Rush, Social Circle  
 Rusty Stewart, Dublin

**2016 COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS**

**Terms to Expire 2016**

Danny Crosby, Waycross ..... Adam Camp, LaGrange  
 Jerald Dorr, Collins ..... Albert Holmes, Stone Mountain  
 Bill Hughes, Tifton ..... Chris Hulse, Rock Spring  
 Kevin Maples, Douglasville ..... Ken Rogers, Dublin

**Terms to Expire 2017**

Tim Hinds, Snellville ..... Samuel Ayala, Dacula  
 Eric Grissino, Townsend ..... Brad Hughes, Sumner

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Randall LaRoche, Ocilla..... Fred Parker, Eastman  
Chester Proctor, Vidalia ..... Barry Snapp, Rockmart

**Terms to Expire 2018**

Mike Vernatt, Statham.....David Bridwell, Crawfordville  
Tim Dudding, Moultrie .....Kenyon Fennell, Denton  
Jack Peeler, Darien..... Aaron Quick, Hinesville  
Randy Ray, Waycross.....John Talley, Dublin

**2016 COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Jerry Peele, Eastman..... Mickey Adams, Fortson  
Mike Boatfield, Cartersville.....Mike Brandenburg, Butler  
Lee Hill, Moultrie ..... Clinton Hughes, Hogansville  
Chuck Smith, Acworth..... Mike Spivey, Soperton  
Danny Stubbs, Perry ..... Chris Winford, Brunswick

**2016 MEMORIAL COMMITTEE HONORING DECEASED MINISTERS**

Terry Ruis, Moultrie  
Stanley Luke, Nashville (Alternate)

**2016 COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS**

Steve Foster, Snellville..... Andy Brown, Oxford  
Dion Brown, Moultrie ..... Troy Dykes, Sylvester  
Bill Gammon, Rincon ..... Alfred Lands, Morrow

**2016 PREACHERS COMMITTEE**

Brad Waters, Hazlehurst ..... James Dollar, Clermont  
Shep Johnson, Douglas ..... Bob Richardson, Blue Ridge

**2016 COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS**

Bob Jolly (Chairman), Cumming ..... Greg Bentley, Ludowici  
David Cardoza, Lilburn..... Gary Lewis, Rincon  
Gary Leutzinger, Cordele ..... Bill Marlette, Adel  
Bernard Miller, Griffin .....Kevin Miller, Dacula  
Jeremy Morton, Cartersville ..... Matt Peek, Pelham  
Jim Perdue, Warner Robins..... Carlos Sibley, Watkinsville  
\*Joan Wall, Douglas..... Jéan Ward, Decatur  
Michael Wilkes, Helen

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