

# ASCEND

ALABAMA DISTRICT 2023



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UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH INTERNATIONAL

We are living in challenging, yet exciting, times. God has promised that His truth would endure to all generations, so we must go forward knowing that there is a way to connect to this current culture, which seems to be in the constant state of change. One thing we know is that our God has always had men and women equipped for the times.

God has blessed the Alabama UPCI with some great ministry teams. We met just a few weeks ago and finalized the plans for the upcoming year. You can see that great effort has been put into providing the pastors and churches of this state with ministry opportunities to assist the local church in planning for the last day harvest.

This magazine is an overview of state activities for the calendar year 2023. Each ministry team will follow up with detailed information concerning each of these events, but we wanted you to see a composite picture of our united effort.

Join with us as we ASCEND to the mountain top and experience and great move of God's Spirit. We continue to team with each of you to bring true revival to our state.

Thanks to all who have worked diligently to see this happen. May God grant great revival in Alabama in the coming year.



J. Stanley Davidson  
Alabama District Superintendent

# ALABAMA STRONGER

## STRATEGIC GROWTH INITIATIVE



### **Strengthening and empowering Pastors and Churches**

Under the Direction of Alabama Stronger,

**Chairman Joel Mitchell**

It is the desire of the Strategic Growth Initiative Plan Committee to partner with pastors and congregations to provide resources necessary to be successful in the field of harvest.

The Strategic Growth Initiative Plan was established to evaluate the district's rate of growth, cast District vision and develop strategic objectives to help our district grow.



### **Target Cities & Church Planting**

Under the direction of Alabama North American Missions,

**Director Shane Britt**

Come join The Experience of planting churches throughout the Alabama District. This endeavor will change your life and the lives of many hungry souls throughout our state. Our desire is that you will prayerfully consider joining us in the opportunity of a lifetime as we go to the Next Town!

Did you know that there are currently 20 counties that do not have a UPCI church? There are 8 sections in the Alabama district, and we have targeted one city per section that desperately needs someone to come preach Apostolic Doctrine.



### **Developing, Training, & Licensing Ministers**

Under the Direction of Alabama District Board,

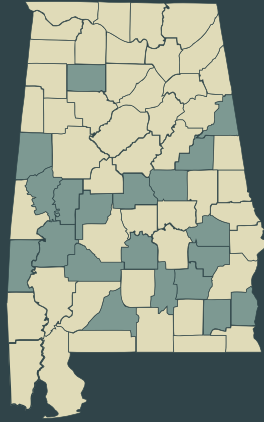
**District Superintendent Stan Davidson**

If the District is to reach its revival and harvest objectives, equipping is vital.

The Alabama District offers a variety of training sessions at our District Conference, District Camp Meeting, Alabama Stronger Round Tables and at Departmental events.



# THE EXPERIENCE



## 20 COUNTIES NO UPCI CHURCH

Winston Pickens Greene Hale Choctaw  
Marengo Conecuh Henry Dale Crenshaw  
Pike Bullock Macon Clay Cleburne Perry  
Chilton Coosa Wilcox Lowndes

### TARGET CITIES

Section 1 Hamilton  
Section 2 Guntersville  
Section 3 Birmingham Metro  
Section 4 Leeds/Moody  
Section 5 Clanton  
Section 6 Tuskegee  
Section 7 Nokomis/Perdido  
Section 8 Troy

### NAM CITIES

Fairhope  
Scottsboro  
Jasper  
Sardis  
Huntsville  
Roanoke  
Hoover  
Decatur

### PRAYER GUIDE

- Pray for unity within the Alabama District.
- Pray for divine direction for the leadership and pastors of our state in reaching the field of lost souls around us.
- Pray for our church members to have a Kingdom mindset of being laborers willing to be trained and sent.
- Pray for open doors for preaching points, daughter-works, and churches to be started in our unchurched counties and target communities.
- Pray for spiritual breakthrough, divine connections, and a harvest of people willing to be discipled in communities of our North American Mission churches and Daughter-Works.
- Pray blessings over the health, finances, marriages and children of our current AL North American Missionaries and Daughter Work Ministers.

# ALABAMA DISTRICT CONFERENCE & MINISTRY FAIR

April 14-15, 2023

(For Ministers, Spouses, and Families)



## Friday Schedule

### *Ministry Fair - 5 to 8 P.M.*

Visit displays and have dialogue with Alabama Department Ministry Team Leaders as well as Guest Ministries from UPCI Headquarters and various endorsed ministries. Enjoy food and fellowship with other minister families!

### *Minister and Spouse Session 8 P.M.*

Rev. Raymond Woodward will minister to our preachers, spouses, and families.

## Saturday Schedule

### *Ministers Business Session 9 A.M.*

### *Minister's Wife Sessions 9 A.M.*



Location:

*The Sanctuary*

*1321 4th Avenue SW, Bessemer, AL 35022*

*Host Pastor: Todd Bertram*

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## ALABAMA CAMPMEETING 2023

June 14-16, 2023 | Bessemer Civic Center

### Wednesday

- 7:00pm Ordination/District Superintendent

### Thursday

- 9:00am Seminars
- 10:00am Seminars
- 11:00am Day Service
- 7:00pm Evening Service
- North American Missionaries Focus

### Friday

- 9:00am Seminars
- 10:00am Seminars
- 11:00am Day Service
- 7:00pm Evening Service
- Global Missions Focus

### Speakers

Raymond Woodward  
Josh Carson

# ALABAMA STRONGER ROUND TABLES



There will be four Round Table Meetings for Pastors. They will be moderated by the District Superintendent, The Alabama Stronger Chairman, and the Sectional Presbyters. The format will be open discussion of issues facing Pastors and how everyone can work together for the strength of the Local Church.

## **Saturday, March 18, 2023 (10 A.M.)**

Calvary United Pentecostal Church  
4007 Halls Mill Rd  
Mobile, AL 36693

## **Saturday, April 29, 2023 (10 A.M.)**

New Testament Christian Center  
10300 US-80  
Montgomery, AL 36117

## **Saturday, May 20, 2023 (10 A.M.)**

Abundant Life Church  
1625 Kent Dairy Rd  
Alabaster, AL 35007

## **Saturday, July 22, 2023 (10 A.M.)**

The Sanctuary  
1149 Main St W  
Hartselle, AL 35640

# AYD

ALABAMA YOUTH DEPT

## P7

is a resource for students to start Bible Clubs at their High School & Middle School campuses. P7 Clubs are student led and driven presenting an opportunity for students to participate in a spiritually inspired, relationship driven, community serving project in the mission field of their schools.

## CMI

is a ministry formed to enable and encourage local churches to effectively reach out to the college and university populations in their vicinities with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

## Bible Quizzing

is a discipleship ministry of UPCI Youth Ministries for youth 12-18 years old based on the memorization and application of the Word of God.

## ALYW

is a training program sponsored by the AYD to equip young people to minister in their church through worship, music, production and technology.

## Hyphen

is a ministry to connect young adults moving from the youth group to service, with purpose, through resources, for a mission!

## Young Marrieds

is an extension of the AYD to connect young married couples together and strengthen their ministry during important times in their life.

**AYC - Feb 17-18** Hyatt Regency at the Hoover Galleria

**AL Youth Camp - June 5-9** Troy University

**MTM Statewide Fundraiser - Aug 12** TBD

**PK Retreat - Oct 13-14** TBD

# ALABAMA MEN'S CONFERENCE 2023

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## MEN OF EXCELLENCE

**ALABAMA DISTRICT UPCI**

FEBRUARY 10-11, 2023

HOSTED BY:  
THE SANCTUARY APC BESSEMER, AL

### SCHEDULE

**FRIDAY**  
10:00 / Registration  
11:00 / Service  
Speaker: Greg Frazier

6:30 / Pre-Service Prayer  
7:00 / Service  
Speakers: Todd Bertram & Jerry Jones

**SATURDAY**  
9:30 / Pre-Service Prayer  
11:00 / Service  
Speakers: Greg Frazier & Jerry Jones

Pre - Registration: \$40  
At the Door: \$50

## SPEAKERS



Rev.  
**Todd Bertram**  
Bessemer, AL



Rev.  
**Jerry Jones**  
Wentzville, MO



Rev.  
**Greg Frazier**  
Jackson, MS

1321 4TH AVE SW,  
BESSEMER, AL 35022

## ALABAMA PASTORS RETREAT 2023

August 16-19 @ The Lodge on Lake Guntersville



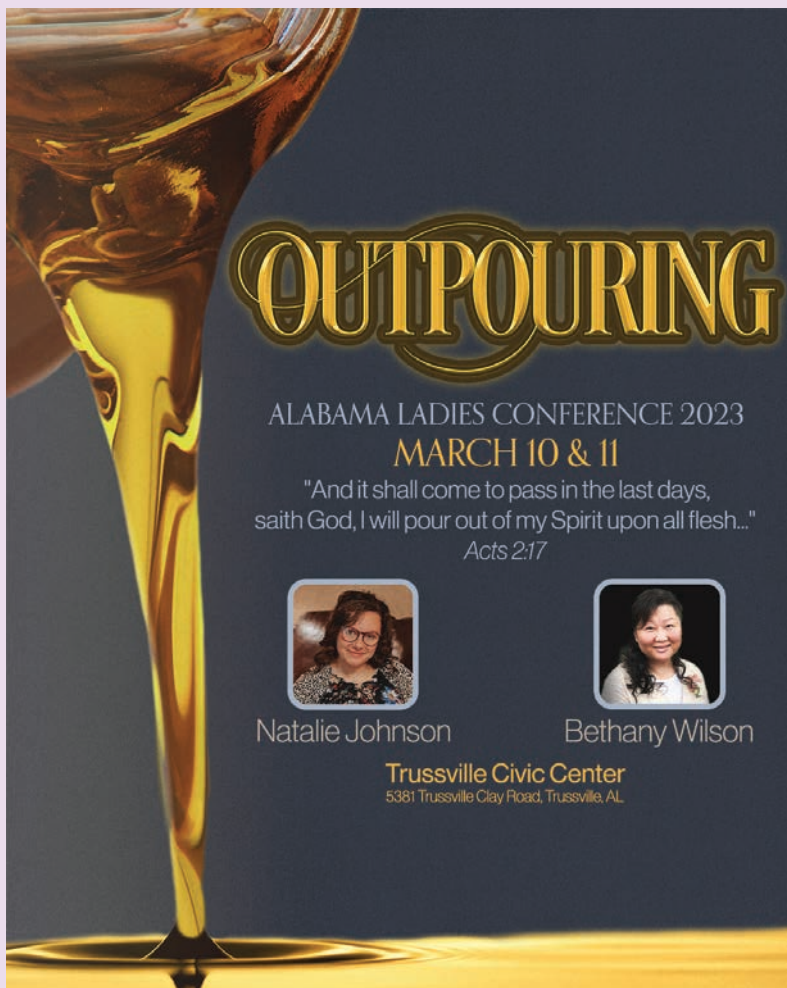
# Alabama

## Ladies Ministries

Thank you for a record breaking \$100,000  
Mothers Memorial Offering in 2022.

**Our goal for 2023 is \$110,000**

- March 10-11, Ladies Conference
- July 7-8, "SHE Conference
- Oct. 31-Nov. 3rd Pastors Wives Retreat





## **“Apostolic Ministry, Methods, and Doctrine”**

*Purpose Institute is a ministry training institution that partners with local Apostolic trainers anywhere in the world. PI enables trainers to develop leader's ministry skills and to clarify their individual purpose. Purpose Institute supports the local mission by providing curriculum and systems that are adaptable and accessible ministry training resources.*



## **Where To Attend?**

Alabama currently offers Purpose Institute in four different campus locations across the state:

- **Alabaster** - Abundant Life Church
- **Athens** - First Church Athens
- **Montgomery** - Bible Fellowship Apostolic Church
- **Saraland** - Living Hope

## **How To Enroll?**

PurposeInstitute.com is the hub for all information and interaction concerning registration and enrollment at PI. Here you can find out information about courses offered, campus details, and more.

## **When Do Classes Meet?**

PI classes meet one weekend (Friday Night, Saturday) per month. There are two semester per calendar year, one in the spring and one in the fall. There are a total of four classes per semester.

***2023 Spring semester  
starts soon!***

**January 27th & 28th | March 3rd & 4th  
April 7th & 8th | May 5th & 6th**



# ALABAMA CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Impacting Lives | Teaching the Next Generation | Growing the Kingdom



**January 27th - Save Our Children (SOC) Rally - Moulton**

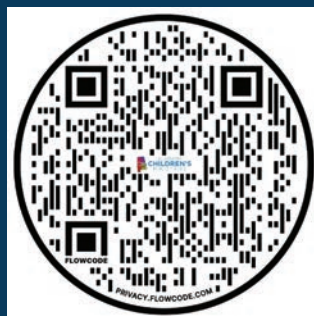
**March 3rd - SOC Rally - Montgomery**

**March 17th - SOC Rally - Atmore**

**April 9th - SOC District Offering Day!!**

**April 28th - SOC Rally - Alabaster**

**June 19th - 23rd - Crusader Camp - Troy University**





# ALABAMA DISTRICT global missions

**Give.  
So they can go.**

## STAY CONNECTED



### Sponsor A Missionary

Jesus commanded us to bring the Whole Gospel to the Whole World. We understand that everyone can't go to every remote village and country across the globe, but there are those who can and they need your help through financial backing to get back on the Mission Field.



### Schedule A Missionary

Scheduling is open now for the 2023 calendar year. Choose the dates that best fit your church's schedule through our jot form by scanning the QR code or by going to [alabamaupc.org](http://alabamaupc.org)

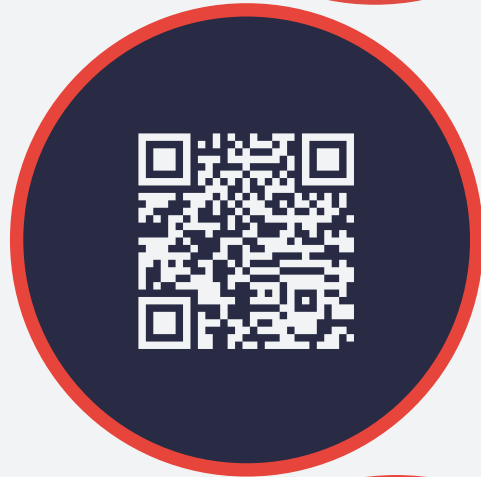


### Thank You

The UPCI Global Missions Alabama District cannot thank you and your church enough for your continued support and sacrifice for The Kingdom! Thank you for doing your part! Let's go win our world!

### QUESTIONS? CONTACT US

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[alglobalmissionsegmail.com](mailto:alglobalmissionsegmail.com)  
[alabamaupc.org](http://alabamaupc.org)



# Alabama UPCI Quick Reference Calendar

## 2023 Alabama District Events

### January

2 2023 License Applications Due  
7 Bible Quiz Tournament Bessemer  
7 Purpose Institute Summit Alabaster  
14 Spanish Rally TBD  
27 SOC Kickoff Rally Moulton  
27-28 Purpose Institute 4 Campuses

### February

4 Bible Quiz Tournament Montgomery  
6 Section 1 Conference TBD  
7 Section 3 Conference TBD  
10-11 Alabama Men's Conference Bessemer  
15 Conference Resolutions Deadline  
17-18 Alabama Youth Convention Birmingham  
20 Section 5 Conference TBD  
21 Section 7 Conference TBD  
25-26 Alabama Licensing Seminar Alabaster

### March

3 SOC Rally Montgomery  
3-4 Purpose Institute 4 Campuses  
10-11 AL Ladies Conference Trussville Civic Center  
17 SOC Rally Atmore  
18 Youth Worship Workshop TBD  
18 Alabama Stronger Round Table Mobile  
31-April 1 Young Marrieds Getaway TBD

### April

1 Young Married Getaway TBD  
7-8 Purpose Institute 4 Campuses  
8 Bible Quiz Tournament TBD  
9 Easter Sunday (SOC Offering)  
13-14 District Board Meetings Bessemer  
14-15 District Conference/Ministry Fair Bessemer  
22 Spanish Rally TBD  
28 SOC Rally Alabaster  
29 Alabama Stronger Round Table Montgomery

### May

5-6 Purpose Institute 4 Campuses  
6 Bible Quiz Tournament TBD  
13 Youth Worship Workshop TBD  
14 Mother's Memorial Offering  
19 Young Marrieds Event TBD  
20 Alabama Stronger Round Table Alabaster

### 2024 Major Events

February 9-10, AL Men's Conference  
February 16-17, AL Youth Convention  
February 23-24, National Children's Train-up Conference (AL Hosting)  
March 1-2, AL Licensing Event  
March 8-9, AL Ladies Conference  
April 12-13, AL District Conference  
June 3-7, AL Youth Camp

### June

1-3 National Native American Conference Atmore  
3 Bible Quiz Finals TBD  
5-9 Alabama Youth Camp Troy University  
14-16 Alabama Camp Meeting Bessemer Civic Center  
18 Father's Day Offering  
19-23 Alabama Crusader Camp Troy University

### July

7-8 SHE Conference Madison  
14-15 Spanish Camp Meeting TBD  
22 Alabama Stronger Round Table Hartselle  
26-28 North American Youth Congress St. Louis, MO

### August

4 Young Marrieds Event TBD  
4-5 Purpose Institute 4 Campuses  
12 MTM State Fundraiser Day TBD  
16-19 Alabama Pastor's Retreat Lake Guntersville  
27 Move the Mission Offering

### September

8-9 Purpose Institute 4 Campuses  
19-22 UPCI General Conference Indianapolis, IN  
23 Hyphen Tour Stop TBD  
29-30 Youth Worship Workshop Weekend TBD

### October

6-7 Purpose Institute 4 Campuses  
7 Hyphen Tour Stop TBD  
13-14 Preacher's Kids Retreat TBD  
14 Spanish Rally TBD  
16-17 Fall Board Planning Session Alabaster  
22 All Nations Sunday Local Churches

### November

1-4 Alabama Pastor's Wives Retreat TBD  
3-4 Purpose Institute 4 Campuses  
11 Alabama Youth Worship Workshop TBD

### December

2 Spanish Ministers Christmas Party TBD  
15 Young Marrieds Christmas Party TBD  
24 Christmas for Christ Offering

June 12-14, AL Camp Meeting

June 17-21, AL Crusader Camp

July 12-13, SHE Conference

September 11-14, 2024 AL Pastor's Retreat

October 1-4 UPCI General Conference, Long Beach, CA

November 6-9 AL Pastor's Wife Retreat