



INTERSTATE BAPTIST
— ASSOCIATION —

Annual Meeting 2026

October 19, 2026 | The Gathering Church (Vancouver, WA)

“Now to him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us—” Ephesians 3:20 CSB

We are so thankful you’ve come to join our Annual Meeting!

Together, we’ll hear reports of God’s work in, around, & through the IBA as we look forward to and plan for what lies ahead!

We hope that this evening is a great encouragement & blessing to each of you~

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IBA Mission, Goals,
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Order of Service

Opening Prayer	Austin White , Pastor The Gathering Church, Vancouver
Scripture Reading	Randy Duckett , IBA Moderator Solid Rock Baptist Church, Happy Valley
Worship and Praise	The Gathering Church Worship Team
Business Portion	Matthew Ellis , IBA Vice Moderator Grace Baptist Church, Vancouver
AMC Search Team Report	Bruce Sloan , Chehalem Valley Baptist Church
Worship and Praise	The Gathering Church Worship Team
NCM Testimony	Colt Booth , Lower Columbia Regional Strategist, Portland State University Turner Barnes , Campus Minister Washington State Vancouver
Prayer for Campus Ministry	Ken Harmon , NW Collegiate Ministries
VBS Training Clinic Testimony	Darren Stanley , IBA Administrator Grace Baptist Church, Vancouver
Prayer for VBS Training	Leigh Ann Stark , NWBC Pathway Church, Gresham
PAC Camp Testimony	Matthew Ellis , IBA Vice Moderator Grace Baptist Church, Vancouver
Prayer for PAC Camp	Heather Malm , Volunteer Grace Baptist Church, Vancouver
Disaster Relief Testimony	Kenton Johnson , IBA Disaster Relief Beavercreek Baptist Church, Oregon City
Prayer for Disaster Relief	Olin Brock , Peace and Purpse Fellowship, Vancouver
Worship & Praise	The Gathering Church Worship Team
Annual Message & State of IBA	Randy Duckett , IBA Moderator Solid Rock Baptist Church, Happy Valley
Closing Prayer	Michael Cherenkov , Pastor The Gathering Ukrainian Church

Thank you for joining us in God's work with & through the IBA!

Business Portion Details

- 2027 Budget
- Officer Elections
- Association Leadership Council Secretary/Clerk Election
- 5 Association Leadership Council At-Large Member Elections

Staff & Association Leadership Council

The Association Leadership Council (ALC) meets at least quarterly to execute the IBA's business between our Annual Meetings. Serving on the team enables you to make a larger gospel impact on this region, supporting our local churches in fulfilling the mission God has given to us!

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1. Clark County Zone: **Vacant**
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IBA 2027 Budget Proposal

	2026 Budget	2027 Proposal	Difference
Revenue			
004006 Budget Receipts	7,200.00	18,000.00	10,800.00 Note 1
004020 Non Church Budget/Gifts	0	700.00	700.00 Note 2
004050 Interest Income Transfer	16,211.00	16,000.00	-211.00
004070 Ministry Reserve Fund	40,000.00	49,145.25	9,145.25 Note 3
4006 Gifts from Churches/Missions	149,180.00	113,542.44	-35,637.56 Note 4
Total Revenue	\$212,591.00	\$197,387.69	-15,203.31
Gross Profit	\$212,591.00	\$197,387.69	-15,203.31
Expenditures			
01 Personnel Resources			
Assoc. Missions Catalyst (AMC)			
005102 AMC Housing Allowance	44,000.00	45,540.00	1,540.00
005105 AMC Annuity	1,260.00	1,260.00	0
Total AMC	\$45,260.00	\$46,800.00	1,540.00
NCM Director			
005166 NCM Director Salary	8,191.00	8,477.69	286.69
005167 NCM Director Housing Allowance	11,940.00	11,940.00	0
005168 NCM Director Annuity	1,260.00	1,260.00	0
Total NCM Director	\$21,391.00	\$21,677.69	286.69
Office Administrator			
005608 Office Administrator Salary	29,340.00	21,600.00	-7,740.00 Note 5
005609 Office Administrator Annuity	1,260.00	1,260.00	0
Total Office Administrator	\$30,600.00	\$22,860.00	-7,740.00
Office Support			
005611 Payroll	600	600	0
005612 Ministry Assistant	0	0	0
Total Office Support	\$600.00	\$600.00	0
Personnel Reimbursed Expenses			
005103 AMC/Moderator Reimb expenses	3,000.00	3,000.00	0
005610 Office Admin. reimb exp	1,000.00	750.00	-250.00
Total Personnel Reimbursed Expenses	\$4,000.00	\$3,750.00	-250.00
Total 01 Personnel Resources	\$101,851.00	\$95,687.69	-6,163.31
02 Church Strengthening			

005110 Church Assistance	36,000.00	28,800.00	-7,200.00
			Note 6
005303 Church/New Work Expense	2,000.00	2,000.00	0
005311 Leadership Development	1,500.00	1,500.00	0
005403 Evangelism	1,500.00	1,500.00	0
Total 02 Church Strengthening	\$41,000.00	\$33,800.00	-7,200.00
03 Ministries of the Churches			
005165 Metro Collegiate Min. Stipends	13,200.00	12,000.00	-1,200.00
			Note 7
005302 Kid's Ministry	1,000.00	1,000.00	0
005308 MCM (Program Expenses)	5,000.00	5,000.00	0
005314 Student Ministry	500	500	0
005401 PAC Camp	5,000.00	6,000.00	1,000.00
005411 SAFE Ministry (Resources)	500	500	0
005414 Disaster Relief	500	500	0
Total 03 Ministries of the Churches	\$25,700.00	\$25,500.00	-200.00
04 Church/Assoc. Communication	0	0	0
005122 Associational Meetings	2,000.00	2,000.00	0
005204 Association Minutes Publ.	500	500	0
005205 Miscellaneous Expenses	100	100	0
005501 Office Supplies/ Printing	3,500.00	2,500.00	-1,000.00
005502 Postage	2,000.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
Total 04 Church/Assoc. Comm.	\$8,100.00	\$6,100.00	-2,000.00
06 Office/Administrative Expenses			
005503 Telephone & Internet	2,160.00	2,880.00	720.00
005504 Utilities	15,535.00	16,420.00	885.00
005506 Equipment/Maintenance	2,145.00	2,000.00	-145.00
005507 Building/Grounds Maint.	2,000.00	1,500.00	-500.00
005508 Property Insurance	10,500.00	10,500.00	0
005509 Taxes/Workmen's Comp	3,600.00	3,000.00	-600.00
Total 06 Office/Admin. Expenses	\$35,940.00	\$36,300.00	360.00
Total Expenditures	\$212,591.00	\$197,387.69	-15,203.31
Net Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	0

Note 1: Applied to lines #5503 & #5504

Note 2: Income from Annual Meeting

Note 3: Increase balances the budget

Note 4: Decrease reflects current giving trends

Note 5: Decrease reflects actuals

Note 6: To reflect actuals more closely

Note 7: Moved to #5401

Church Contributions

(Compared to Previous Period)

	January – September		Change
	2026	2025	
Amboy Baptist Ch. of Clark County	75	250	-175
Antioch Christian Fellowship		2,500	-2,500
Beavercreek Baptist Church	6,019	5,885	134
Bethesda Baptist Church	225	200	25
Bingen, First Baptist Church		1,544	-1,544
Calvary Parkside Fellowship	150		150
Calvary Vietnamese Baptist Church	500	500	0
Chehalem Valley Baptist Church	5,459.51	7,710.23	-2,250.72
Clackamas Valley Baptist Church	2,280.89	1,769.37	511.52
Columbus Avenue Baptist Church	5,978.45	7,275.29	-1,296.84
CrossPointe Baptist Church	1,092.05	1,223.75	-131.70
Emmanuel Baptist Church	4,583.54	6,300.65	-1,717.11
Evergreen Baptist Church	2,553.91	1,054.31	1,499.60
Garden Church PDX	363.38	1,204.10	-840.72
Go Church	333.36	375.03	-41.67
Go Church – PDX		268.94	-268.94
Grace Baptist Ch. of Vancouver	3,099.35	4,924.59	-1,825.24
Greater Faith Missionary Bap. Ch.	225	225	0
Hall Boulevard Baptist Church	4,546.85	5,743.21	-1,196.36
Iglesia Bautista Belen	117.50	163.34	-46.14
Iglesia Divina Gracia	450	450	0
Klickitat Valley Baptist Church	378.80	337.19	41.61
Life Change Christian Fellowship	5,893.48	5,759.10	134.38
Mien Fellowship Baptist Church	610	500	110
Mill Park Baptist Church		50	-50
Mountainview	600	900	-300
New Creation Chinese Church	1,851.32	1,674.46	176.86
New Life Baptist Ch. of Vancouver	1,828.84	1,351.50	477.34
New Life Baptist Hillsboro	3,463.46	5,278.09	-1,814.63

Budget vs. Actuals

(January - September, 2026)

	Total		
	Actual	Budget	Over Budget
Revenue			
004006 Budget Receipts	12,000	5,400	6,600
004020 Non Church Budget Gifts	200	0	200
004050 Interest Income Transfer		12,158.46	-12,158.46
004070 Ministry Reserve Fund		29,999.97	-29999.97
4006 Gifts from Churches/Missions	60,322.09	111,885.03	-51,562.94
Total Revenue	\$72,522.09	\$159,443.28	-86,921.19
Expenditures			
01 Personnel Resources			
Assoc. Missions Catalyst (AMC)			
005102 AMC Housing Allow		33,000.03	-33,000.03
005105 AMC Annuity		945.00	-945
Total Associational Missions Catalyst	\$0.00	\$33,945.03	-\$33,945.03
NCM Director			
005166 NCM Director Salary	6,143.22	6,143.22	0
005167 NCM Director Housing Allowance	8,955.00	8,955	0
005168 NCM Director Annuity	945	945	0
Total NCM Director	\$16,043.22	\$16,043.22	\$0
Office Administrator			
005608 Office Administrator Salary	14,656.80	22,005	-7,348.20
005609 Office Administrator Annuity/Retire		945	-945
Total Office Administrator	\$14,656.80	\$22,950	-\$8,293.20
Office Support			
005611 Payroll	329.68	450	-120.32
005612 Ministry Assistant			
Total Office Support	\$329.68	\$450	-\$120.32
Personnel Reimbursed Expenses			
005103 AMC/Moderator Reimb expenses	1,866.28	2,250	-383.72
005610 Office Administrator reimb exp	478.18	749.97	-271.79
Total Personnel Reimbursed Expenses	\$2,344.46	\$2,999.97	-\$655.51
Total 01 Personnel Resources	\$33,374.16	\$76,388.22	-\$43,014.06

02 Church Strengthening			
005110 Church Assistance	10,726.54	27,000.00	-16,273.46
005303 Church/New Work Expense		1,500.03	-1500.03
005311 Leadership Development		1,125.00	-1,125
005403 Evangelism		1,125.00	-1,125
Total 02 Church Strengthening	\$10,726.54	\$30,750.03	-\$20,023.49
03 Ministries of the Churches			
005165 Metro Collegiate Ministry Stipends	3,900	9,900	-6,000
005302 Kid's Ministry	1,205.36	749.97	455.39
005308 MCM (Program Expenses)		3,750.03	-3,750.03
005314 Student Ministry		375.03	-375.03
005401 PAC Camp	5,000	3,750.03	1,249.97
005411 SAFE Ministry (Resources)	200	375.03	-175.03
005414 Disaster Relief	278.04	375.03	-96.99
Total 03 Ministries of the Churches	\$10,583.40	\$19,275.12	-\$8,691.72
04 Church/Assoc. Communication			
005122 Associational Meetings		1,500.03	-1,500.03
005204 Association Minutes Publ.		375.03	-375.03
005205 Miscellaneous Expenses	-1,384.37	74.97	-1,459.34
005501 Office Supplies/ Printing	1,739.05	2,625.03	-885.98
005502 Postage	528	1,500.03	-972.03
Total 04 Church/Assoc. Communic.	\$882.68	\$6,075.09	-\$5,192.41
06 Office/Administrative Expenses			
005503 Telephone	2,127.84	1,620.00	507.84
005504 Utilities	12,720.13	11,651.22	1,068.91
005506 Equipment/Maintenance	1,153.22	1,608.75	-455.53
005507 Building/Grounds Maint.	835	1,500.03	-665.03
005508 Property Insurance	7,126.05	7,875	-748.95
005509 Taxes/Workmen's Comp	1,086.90	2,700.00	-1,613.10
Total 06 Office/Admin. Expenses	\$25,049.14	\$26,955	-\$1,905.86
Total Expenditures	\$80,615.92	\$159,443.46	-\$78,827.54
Net Revenue	-\$8,093.83	-\$0.18	-\$8,093.65

Thank you for your generosity & participation!

“The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not reluctantly or out of compulsion, since God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make every grace overflow to you, so that in every way, always having everything you need, you may excel in every good work.” - 2 Corinthians 9:6b-8 ^(CSB)

Elected Positions

The IBA has three elected officer positions. These are nominated by messengers of the association during our Annual Meeting & elected by a majority vote of those present & voting. Elected officers begin their duties January 1 following the Annual Meeting. All three officers are elected annually & serve one-year terms. The Moderator & Vice Moderator are limited to 4 successive years, but the Secretary/Clerk/Treasurer may serve successive terms without limit. Here is a summary of each officer's responsibilities (see IBA Bylaws, Article II):

- Moderator: Presides at all IBA called meetings & the ALC. Serves as an ex-officio member of all standing IBA committees.
- Vice Moderator: Assists the Moderator & presides in the Moderator's absence or at the Moderator's request.
- Secretary/Clerk/Treasurer: Keeps accurate minutes & records of all IBA & ALC meetings. Publishes & distributes those minutes. Receives all funds & disburses funding according to the budget. See an example job description here. →
Direct Link: tinyurl.com/bdeubenv



The ALC's five (5) "At Large Representatives" are elected as needed during Annual Meetings from our member churches. One (1) must be selected from each zone: Clark County, Gorge, I-5 East, & I-5 West. To see what zone our member churches fall under, visit: www.ibanw.org/zones

Committees: Ways to Engage!

The IBA has four (4) standing committees; each needs three (3) members:

- Constitution and By-Laws: Annually review the Constitution & By-Laws, recommend amendments, if needed (Bylaws, Article III.A.3)
- Credentials: Reviews churches seeking to join the IBA and recommends whether to seat their messengers. Investigates concerns or protests about a church's standing, doctrine, or conduct; seeks reconciliation when possible. When issues are unresolvable, recommends appropriate actions to the IBA,

such as refusing to seat messengers or disfellowshipping a church.
(Bylaws, Article I)

- Finances: Works with Secretary/Clerk/Treasurer to manage the budget & recommend changes for upcoming years (Bylaws, Article II.B.3.b)
- Nominating: Recommends members for all other standing committees to the ALC. Recommends Moderator replacements when the position is vacated. May appoint someone to temporarily fills an Officer position between IBA meetings. (Bylaws, Article II.A.1 & 5, Article III.A.B.3)

We also need to fill an Association Missions Catalyst Search Committee. The ALC appoints this committee to search for, interview, & recommend this individual.
(Bylaws, Article V.A.1)

Participating in our committees is a great way to partner with the IBA to extend the Gospel in our region. Are you willing to serve? Do you know someone from a member church who is well-equipped to serve? **Use this online form to let us know!** Scan the QR Code or go to this webpage:

www.forms.gle/kgscGeG4jT9YqUHK7

Thanks!



Ministry Celebrations

As you read these reports, consider how God might want you to engage with the IBA for His Kingdom work! We encourage you to share this good news with your church & prayerfully consider who God may be calling to engage with these & other IBA ministries. Send them our way!

Pastor Education Scholarship Fund

This fund helps pastors, their children, & others in our churches pursue God's ministry call on their lives. If you would like more information, please reach out to our office.

Submitted by: **The ALC**

Association Leadership Council

Greetings IBA Churches,

As I reflect on this past year of ministry within the Interstate Baptist Association, my heart is filled with gratitude for God's faithfulness and the partnership we share in advancing His kingdom. Our journey together continues to remind me of a powerful truth: we are better together. The work of the Kingdom was never intended to be carried out in isolation. While each of our churches has its own unique calling, gifts, and ministry opportunities, our collective impact is far greater when we unite our efforts, resources, and hearts around the mission of Jesus Christ.

Through the Interstate Baptist Association, we have the privilege of participating in ministry opportunities that no single congregation could undertake with the same reach, strength, or effectiveness on its own. Over the past year, we have continued to see the value of cooperative ministry. Whether building meaningful relationships on our college and university campuses, standing alongside communities walking through the ashes and devastation of fire, or investing in our children's spiritual growth through Vacation Bible School classrooms and summer camp experiences, our partnership has let us participate in something bigger than ourselves. These ministries represent more than programs and events. They represent lives touched, relationships strengthened, faith nurtured, and the love of Christ demonstrated in tangible ways. Every church that prays, gives, serves, sends volunteers, or encourages another congregation has a part in this shared mission. Each contribution matters, and together those contributions create opportunities for ministry that extend far beyond the walls of our individual churches.

I am especially grateful to the pastors, ministry leaders, volunteers, and congregations who remain committed to our association's vision and work. Your willingness to cooperate, encourage one another, and serve alongside fellow Baptists is a testimony to the unity we have in Christ. We may not all approach ministry in the exactly same way, but we share a common commitment to the gospel and to making Jesus known in our communities and throughout the world.

As we look ahead to the coming year, I believe we must keep building on this foundation. Some communities need hope, students need to know they are loved, children need opportunities to grow in their faith, and churches need the encouragement and support of fellow believers. The opportunities before us are significant, but so is the potential of a people willing to work together for the glory of God.

My prayer is that we will never lose sight of the purpose that brings us together. May we continue to strengthen our relationships, celebrate one another's victories, bear one another's burdens, and dream boldly about what God can accomplish through our shared efforts. Let us remain open to new opportunities, faithful in our commitments, generous with our resources, and united in our witness.

As we gather in fellowship, reunion, worship, and inspiration during our annual meeting, may this time together serve as a springboard for the next chapter of ministry in our network. May our conversations lead to meaningful partnerships, our worship renew our passion for Christ, and our planning prepare us to meet the needs and opportunities God places before us.

Thank you for your faithfulness, your partnership, and your commitment to the work we share. It is an honor to serve alongside you as we continue this journey of cooperative ministry. May the Lord bless our churches, strengthen our association, and use our collective witness to advance His kingdom in ways that bring Him glory. Together, we can reach further. And together, by the grace of God, we can accomplish far more than we ever could alone.

Keep the Son Shining,

Submitted by: **Randy Duckett** | IBA Moderator

Northwest Disaster Relief



At this meeting of the Interstate Baptist Association twenty-five years ago, Interstate Baptists gathered to continue their prayer support for the victims, responders, and families affected by the September 11, 2001, attacks on America. Following those attacks, Southern Baptist Disaster Relief remained actively engaged in the response for 319 days. Because Interstate Baptist congregations chose to become Disaster Ready Churches, IBADR could deploy team members to help with feeding, clean-up, emotional-spiritual chaplaincy care, and incident management.

Since our last annual meeting in 2025, Interstate Baptists have deployed team members and equipment in response to both floods and wildfires:

- **Flood Recovery:** Within the Interstate Baptist Association, team leader and chaplain Bill McNeal led flood clean-up and recovery efforts.
- **Community Missions:** Team members supported the M-1 (one-day community mission/ministry event) project with First BC, Leavenworth, and Eastmont BC, East Wenatchee, WA.
- **Spokane Complex Fire:** In Washington, a combination of three fires known as the Spokane Complex Fire destroyed over 700 homes. IBA team members assisted with clean-up efforts. IBA team members helped teams complete 31 personal property recovery jobs. The team provided each family with emotional-spiritual chaplaincy care, prayer, and a Bible. Ongoing ministry opportunities related to this fire will continue for the next 3 to 5 years.

Training and Leadership Development

Relationships and training are the currency of opportunity. IBA Disaster Relief supported the NWBDR Roundtable 2026 hosted by Pathway Church (Gresham, OR) with 44 participants representing 20 Northwest congregations. Mike Thibodeaux (Go Church, Boring, OR) created and led a disaster relief ministry evangelism training module.

In March 2026, IBA team members participated in *Advanced Incident Management* training (FEMA ICS 300/400 level) at Hillview Baptist Church in Kennewick, WA.

Our Mission

Interstate Baptist Disaster Relief is a ministry of and resource to the churches of IBA. Our primary mission is to help people recovering from disaster grow in their relationship with Christ. Our team members are trained and deployed in mass feeding, shower/laundry logistics, recovery (including ash-out, mud-out, chainsaw work, and debris removal), incident management, and chaplaincy ministries. Following Jesus' meet-the-need-first ministry model, our team members strive to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) through the strength of the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:37-40).

In Memoriam

We honor the memory of Dave Hillison, Interstate Baptist Association Disaster Relief Director and Region 3 NWBDR Coordinator, who passed away unexpectedly in August. David was an active part of Northwest Baptist Disaster Relief for more than 20 years. His spirit of service and deep commitment to the gospel were always evident as he sought to bring God's help, hope, and healing to disaster victims.

Submitted by: Kenton Johnson | NWBDR - Region 3 Coordinator

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Northwest Collegiate Ministries



There have been a lot of exciting changes in NCM's Lower Columbia Region this past year. One of the biggest is that Miriam got married! As

her husband is a professor at George Fox University, Miriam moved to Newberg to launch an NCM at George Fox. Things got underway this fall with Miriam hosting a Bible study in her home once a week while also building relationships with school administration. Our hope is that in the coming years, students from George Fox will help Miriam launch NCMs on surrounding campuses like Linfield University and Chemeketa Community College.

We've also seen an explosion of interest in discipleship at the University of Portland (UP). We started ministry at UP a few years ago, but prior to this year, we had around 2-3 students consistently involved. This year, we decided to be bold and ask students to join us for discipleship, and twelve said yes! We actually only asked eight, but many of those immediately invited their classmates to join. NCM staff are not leading every group either. A few of the students who have been involved with us for a few years have started leading younger students in discipleship. NCM strives to make disciples who make disciples, and we're starting to see that happen at UP. We also have a few students who regularly meet with friends who don't know Jesus to discuss the Gospel and read the Bible together. It's been exciting to see God show up at UP in the same way He has and continues to at Portland State, Mount Hood, and Washington State Vancouver!

As we look to the future, we would ask you to pray with us on how we might better reach our region. In the Lower Columbia Region, there are 31 college campuses and over 135,000 students. We don't plan to reach those campuses by hiring 25 more staff members; we plan to do so by partnering with you. We're building a plan to partner with local churches to help them reach college campuses in their area. If you are interested in learning about how you might start reaching college students near you, please reach out! We would love to partner with you.

Submitted by: **Colt Booth** | NCM Lower Columbia Regional Strategist

- Follow us on **Instagram:** www.instagram.com/nwcollegiateministries

- Send us an **email:** colt.booth@ncmlife.org

- See our **website:** www.ncmlife.org

Preteens in Action Camp (PAC)

What a blessing to see God at work through PAC! Through your church's prayers, giving, & participation, PAC continues to make a lasting impact on children, teenagers, & adults across our association.

This year, 14 churches representing 3 language groups & 2 associations sent 51 campers, 14 Teens on Mission (TOMs), 24 adults on mission, & 4 jr. campers. Together, we explored ***"The Great Mystery"*** of Colossians 1:26-27, ***"The mystery hidden for ages...which is Christ in you, the hope of glory!"***

Campers encountered God's Word through Time Alone With God, Bible studies, & worship with an IMB missionary. They also enjoyed many fun & memorable activities while forming some incredible intergenerational friendships! Our campers also gave \$200 to support the IMB's Colombia Mountain Team.

But the greatest impact was found in the lives God was shaping!

- Campers asked thoughtful questions about Jesus, salvation, & living faithfully through life's challenges. Some expressed a desire for deeper discipleship & spiritual growth. One camper shared a growing sense of calling to missions & experienced peace after a difficult season of fear & anxiety.
 - This year we expanded TOM training & responsibilities; they even came a night early in preparation. Beyond just helping, TOMs also grew as disciples & leaders! Several TOMs were former campers who've returned to continue their discipleship journey through hands-on ministry.
 - Adults were blessed by serving, mentoring, & building relationships across churches. One said the week was an exhausting blessing of spiritual renewal!
- PAC isn't simply a ministry to children; it's an opportunity for entire churches to grow together through missions & discipleship!

PAC 2027 is scheduled for August 9-13.

Even if you've never participated before, we encourage every church to consider sending campers, as well as teenagers & adults to serve!

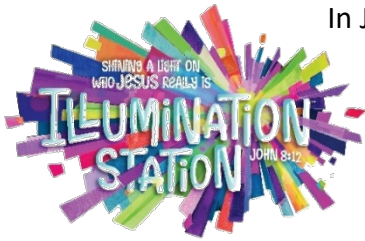
Thank you for investing in the next generation through this cooperative ministry. Begin praying & preparing now, & contact our PAC leadership team for help getting your church involved. Together, we can help children encounter Christ, equip young disciples to serve, & strengthen our churches for years to come!

Submitted by: **Matthew Ellis & Sara Eves** | PAC Co-Directors

- Follow us on **Facebook:** facebook.com/IBAPACAMP
- See our **website:** www.ibanw.org/pac-camp
- Send us an **email:** pacamp.iba@gmail.com



Vacation Bible School (VBS) Training



In January, two members of the 2026 IBA VBS team traveled to Texas as part of the NWBC Vacation Bible School training team. In February, they, along with others, trained other NWBC associational teams.

On May 2, 59 people gathered at New Life Baptist Church in Hillsboro, Oregon, to learn about Lifeway's Illumination Station Vacation Bible School. They shared great information and fun ideas for shining a light on who Jesus really is.

Fourteen churches were represented, including four churches not currently affiliated with the Interstate Baptist Association.

Five churches participated in Lifeway's generous incentive program. By placing their VBS orders through the association, \$607 was generated and received by the IBA. This helped to offset the costs of our VBS clinic.

New Life Vancouver has graciously agreed to host us on **May 1, 2027**, as we Take Flight and learn how to trust God's faithfulness.



Yes, VBS is worth it!

Submitted by: **Melanie Annes** | IBA Kids Ministry Training Director
Contact us at ibakidsmin@gmail.com

Follow us on Facebook for information and discussion. It is a great place to ask a question that others may also be wondering about.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/19VrbhnvAG/>

Why the Interstate Baptist Association?

We are a cooperative effort of SBC churches furthering God's kingdom locally & globally by following the New Testament examples to partner in resourcing one another for training, communication, outreach, discipleship, encouragement, financial support, and more!

We do this in three main areas:

- **Connect** churches of like faith & practice
- **Communicate** opportunities & needs
- **Cooperate** generously to fulfill the Great Commission, strengthening & starting churches for God's glory

We know that engaging with more like-minded churches can greatly enhance our ability to impact this region for Christ.

Thank you for being a part of this—

We encourage you to share who we are & invite other churches to join!

Promotional Resources

(IBA Brochures & Bulletin Inserts)

Why would our churches and their members engage with the IBA?

These resources help share the work God is doing through us. Print & share these with your church as posters, bulletin inserts, & more!



Bulletin Insert

(2-sided, flip on short end)

[https://tinyurl.com/
bdntrknv](https://tinyurl.com/bdntrknv)



1-Page Brochure

(1-sided)

[https://tinyurl.com/
y9vrtr87](https://tinyurl.com/y9vrtr87)



Tri-fold Brochure

(2-sided, flip on short end)

[https://tinyurl.com/
zfb6af3s](https://tinyurl.com/zfb6af3s)

Additionally, see our [website](#) & [Facebook page](#) on the cover page.

Currently Scheduled 2027 Events

May 1: **IBA VBS Training** at New Life Church (Vancouver, WA)

August 9-13: **Preteens in Action Camp (PAC)** at Camp Arrah Wanna (OR)

October 10-17: Tentative **Week of Prayer for IBA Missions**, ending on the SBC “*Day of Prayer for Associational Missions*.” Use the promotional resource above—scan those QR codes closer to this date for the updated versions!

October 18: **IBA Annual Meeting** (location to be determined)

****If you have an event idea for the association, please feel free to share with us at interstatebaptiststaff@gmail.com***

Watch our emails & Facebook for event updates & to learn about other possible events, like [Zone Gatherings](#), [International Missions Celebration](#), & more

Notes
