



Mobile Section, AlabamaAGC e-Newsletter

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December-January Events at a Glance

December 2nd - [MCRBA-AGC Christmas Party - Country Club of Mobile](#)

December 8th - [YCF Sponsored Dove Hunt - Passmore Farms](#)

December 9th - [BCRBA Christmas Party - 5 Rivers Delta Center](#)

December 20th – **Christmas Prayer Breakfast** – 7:30 A.M.
at the Mobile Section, AGC Office

December 23rd-26th – *Merry Christmas!!!!*
Office Closed for Christmas Holidays

December 30th – **Happy New Year!**
Office Closed for New Year's Holiday

January 13th - Alabama AGC Build Alabama Awards Banquet
The Club – Birmingham, AL

January 17th – Mobile Section, AGC Board of Directors Meeting
11:30 A.M. – Country Club of Mobile

January 17th – MCRBA-AGC Joint Dinner Meeting (Please note change of date)

**5:30 P.M. – Social 6:00 P.M. – Dinner Meeting
Guest Speaker – Troy Wayman –
Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce**

SAVE the DATE – Mobile Section, AGC Safety Awards Luncheon

**Thursday, February 16th
Country Club of Mobile**

CompTrust AGC – Workers Comp Insurance from
People you Know

For many of you – it's time to begin the process involved in renewing your insurance;
Please let AGC quote your Worker's Comp Insurance. For more information contact your agent, or Tammy King in our Birmingham office: 1-800-632-2025.

Annual Christmas Parties:

Make Your Reservations TODAY-

**MCRBA-AGC Annual Christmas Party
Friday, December 2nd at the Country Club of Mobile**

**BCRBA Annual Christmas Party
Friday, December 9th
at Five Rivers Delta Center - Causeway**

Please make your reservations today for our Annual Christmas Parties.

This year the **MCRBA-AGC Christmas Party** will be held at the **Country Club of Mobile, Friday, December 2nd**. We have invited the US Marine Corp to have a representative collecting toys for their "**Toys for Tots**" Program. Please help us give back to those less fortunate in our community by donating a toy! [To view invitation, please click here.](#)
(Download a copy and take home for your significant other!)

The **BCRBA Christmas Party** will be held **Friday, December 9th at Five Rivers Delta Center** on the Causeway. Proceeds from this event, will be donated to the Boys and Girls Club and the Sheriff's Youth Ranch. [To view invitation, please click here.](#)
(Download a copy and take home for your significant other!)

YCF Sponsored Dove Hunt – Thursday, December 8th

The YCF Sponsored Dove Hunt will be held Thursday, December 8th at Passmore Farms in Baldwin County. This hunt has already filled to capacity; however, registrations are being accepted on a waiting list. [Please click here to view flyer.](#)

Join us for our Annual Christmas Prayer Breakfast Tuesday, December 20th 7:30 A.M.

Please join us for our Annual Christmas Prayer Breakfast, Tuesday, December 20th at 7:30 A.M. at the AGC Office: 754 Downtowner Loop West – Mobile.

Breakfast will be served, therefore **RESERVATIONS are REQUIRED.**
Please contact the office: 344-8220 or agckgalanos@bellsouth.net

[To view flyer, please click here.](#)

Bagby & Russell Hosts 2012 Wounded Warrior Hunt

Bagby & Russell Electric will be hosting their 2nd Annual Wounded Warrior Hunting Trip January 13th through 16th.

This year they are anticipating 4 hunters – one of which is confined to a wheelchair, while another is blind due to injuries sustained during their service in the armed services while protecting our country.

AGC applauds Bagby & Russell for their efforts to provide this experience as an expression of thanks to these young men for their sacrifices for our Country.

Bagby & Russell understands that times are tough for everyone, but any donation, of any size would be appreciated to help provide a first class experience for these soldiers. If you would like to show your appreciation

for the sacrifices they have made for all of us. Please send financial donations to:
WWIA c/o Richard Russell
5500 Plantation Rd.
Theodore, AL 36582

For more information about the Wounded Warriors in Action, please visit:

www.woundedwarriorsinaction.org.

Or contact Ritchie Russell at 344-5987 or email: ritchie@bagrus.com

[To view flyer, please click here.](#)

Appreciation to 2011 Sponsors and Supporters

Special appreciation is extended to each of the firms and individuals who generously sponsored our events throughout 2011! Your support has helped make our associations successful!

To view our [Sponsors throughout 2011 please click here.](#)

Tentative Calendar of Events for 2012

[To view the Tentative Calendar of Events for 2012 - please click here.](#)

We are currently seeking sponsors for our 2012 events. If you are interested in participating, please contact our office: 251-344-8220 or agckgalanos@bellsouth.net

Recap of November Lunch & Learn - "Are You Prepared"

During the November Lunch & Learn **Greg Parker with Turner Insurance & Bonding** shared his personal journey as an "only child" that unexpectedly became a care-giver, care-manager and ultimately executor over his parents' estate due to the affects of dementia, stroke and heart attack. His message brought the question of "What if you or a family member were seriously injured or developed some type of disabling disease".... would you be ready? We all have learned that we can't "predict" what will happen tomorrow but we can "prepare".

Attendees received a free copy of the **"Life Walk Planner"**, a document created by Greg designed to help with the planning and documentation of an individual's estate. **To receive a copy of this handout, please contact Greg Parker: gparker@turnerfirst.com**

(Note: This was not a sales session....only information designed to save time, money, effort and additional stress when the time comes.)

Obama Signs into Law 3% Withholding Repeal and Job Creation Act

Nov. 21, President Obama signed into law the 3 Percent Withholding Repeal and Job Creation Act. The law permanently repeals the requirement that federal, state and large local governments begin withholding 3 percent of each payment of \$10,000 or more to a contractor after Jan. 1, 2013. The bill signing is the culmination of a [five-year effort by AGC, chapters, members and industry stakeholders](#) to repeal the 2006 provision. **Read More** →

Mobile Section Member News

(All members are encouraged to submit articles for Member News -

Please contact Charlotte Kopf – mobagc@bellsouth.net)

Welcome New Mobile Section, Alabama AGC Member

Bryan Contractors LLC

19140 Prine Road
Citronelle, AL 36522
251-680-3217 Fax: 251-866-0172
Septic Tank Repair, Grading
Contact: Renae Bryan
www.bryancontractorscitronelle.com

News from SafeWorker Alliance

Importance of Safety Training:

Routine work can dull alertness and a relaxed attitude can replace the caution that existed when the job was new and interesting. In many jobs the same route is traveled daily over the same roads or the same tasks are repeated with little conscious thought. Without some periodic reawakening to the ever-present hazards, lethargy deepens and the odds of an accident occurring can increase.

To Read More – [News from Safeworker Alliance](#)

WILLIS Offers Holiday Crime Awareness Tips

Holidays are a time for relaxing with family and friends. Unfortunately, criminals use this time to shift into high gear. Copper and equipment thefts as well as general business/home burglaries typically spike over these long weekends while occupants and property owners are away. Crime statistics for November 2011 indicate that this year will be no exception to the historical trend.

[Click here to read a few things to be aware of during this holiday season.....](#)

**Anthony R. O'Connor
Willis**

News from National AGC:

Data DiGest dated November 25, 2011

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DATA DIGEST



Download the one-page Data DiGest

Construction employment rose in half the states and decreased in half in October and during the past year, closely matching the stable national employment picture, according to an analysis by the Associated General Contractors of America of Labor Department data. The even split between gains and losses reflects the accelerating improvement in apartment and private nonresidential construction, offset by a declining public market and stalled single-family sector.

“Construction employment gains are likely to remain spotty for months to come,” said Ken Simonson, the association’s chief economist. “Local factors, rather than regional or industry trends, seem to dictate whether a state has rising or falling construction employment in a given month.”

To read the full press release, click [here](#). View the state employment data by [rank](#) and by [state](#).

Price Squeeze on Contractors Continues as Construction Employment Grows in Half the States, Shrinks in the Other Half

The amount contractors pay for a range of key construction materials dropped slightly (-0.6 percent) in October but climbed 6.9 percent from the year-earlier level, according to an analysis of producer price index figures released AGC. Meanwhile, the price contractors charge for new nonresidential building construction edged up only 3.3 to 4.3 percent over 12 months, depending on building type. [Read More](#) ➔

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Guessing about Prices

One of the biggest challenges in construction (and economics!) is figuring out where prices will be a year—or even a day—from now. While all businesses share this problem to some degree, it is much more acute in construction, because contractors typically provide owners a guaranteed price months or years before they buy materials. Also, contractors have virtually no ability to substitute materials or change quantities once the design is complete. Adding another layer of difficulty, construction depends on delivery of heavy, bulky items for which rising diesel prices can push up delivered price even if the production cost stays flat. [Read More](#) ➔

National AGC Convention – March 13-17, 2012 Honolulu Hawaii Take Advantage of Early Registration

Registration is now open for the 2012 AGC Convention in Honolulu Hawaii.
Early bird discounts apply for those who register before Dec. 15.

For more information, or to register, visit National AGC's Convention [homepage](#). [Read More](#) ➔

Recap of "Alabama Immigration Law Update" Lunch & Learn held October 26th

Mobile lawyers Bill Daniels, and Anna Scully with the firm of Burr Forman updated us on how the Immigration Act will affect general contractors, as well as specific revisions to subcontracts that are necessary to protect company's from committing violations of the Act. They also addressed steps that need to be taken to comply with the specific requirements for all new contracts with state entities in Alabama.

[To view an informative summary of the Lunch & Learn please click here.](#)

or visit Burr Forman's website: www.burr.com

Reminder: NLRB Posting Requirements Delayed until January 31, 2012

The National Labor Relations Board has postponed the implementation date for its new notice-posting rule by more than two months in order to allow for enhanced education and outreach to employers, particularly those who operate small and medium sized businesses.

The new effective date of the rule is Jan. 31, 2012. The decision to extend the rollout period followed queries from businesses and trade organizations indicating uncertainty about which businesses fall under the Board's jurisdiction, and was made in the interest of ensuring broad voluntary compliance. No other changes in the rule, or in the form or content of the notice, will be made.

Most private sector employers will be required to post the 11-by-17-inch notice, which is available at no cost from the NLRB through its website, either by downloading and printing or ordering a print by mail.

[For more information on the posting requirements - please click here to view Starnes Davis Florie LLP Labor & Employment Bulletin dated September 2011](#)
or www.starneslaw.com

Baldwin County Road Builders Monthly Meeting

**The next meeting will be held
Tuesday, January 10th at 6:30 P.M.
at the Fairhope Elks Club.**

There will not be a meeting during the month of December due to the Christmas Party scheduled for December 9th.

Mobile County Road Builders Monthly Meeting

There will **NOT** be a December Meeting due to the Holidays.
Please note a change to the JANUARY Meeting date: Tuesday, January 17th!
(Due to the last day of the Hunting Season falling on our usual meeting date of January 31st- we have moved the meeting forward to January 17th)

Are you getting the most out of your AGC Membership?

Click here to see [what does AGC does for you?](#)

[Click here to learn more about AGC. AGC Fact Sheet](#)

Lunch & Learns for 2012

We are in the process of setting up our Education and Lunch & Learn Calendar for 2012. Please let us know if you are interested in hosting/providing a Lunch & Learn program during the year. We try to schedule at least one program per month. Please contact Charlotte Kopf: 251-344-8220.

Plans Available in LDI's Plan Room – Mobile, AL

The Alabama AGC Mobile Section is **now** offering its members a free plan room and weekly project news bulletin - through a partnership with LDI Reproprinting Services.

Members can view plans at LDI's location - **1170-B West/I-65 Service Road South**-- around the corner from the AGC office. LDI also offers a full range of copying services available at the location for a fee.

Of course, Alabama AGC members still are encouraged to utilize the on-line services of **iSqft**, our chapter-wide internet plan room partner. Contact the Mobile Office at 251-344-8220 or [@bellsouth.net](#)

For more information on the plan room or membership in Alabama AGC.

To view plans available at LDI as of

[22nd](#)

[28th](#)

Or visit our website: [.theconstructioncenter.org](#)

To reach LDI contact Scott Cook: 251-340-6093

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[To view photos from events please click on this link](#)

Visit www.GoBuildAlabama.com Website

Alabama Construction Recruitment Institute (ACRI) continues their construction recruitment ads featuring Mike Rowe the host of “Dirty Jobs” . Visit their website [.GoBuildAlabama.com](http://www.GoBuildAlabama.com)

AGC Member Discounts

[Click here to view AGC Member Discounts](#)

2011 Worlds of Opportunities Career Expo

[Click here to view 2011 "World of Construction" photos, exhibit partners, and sponsors.](#)

Recap of Fall Golf Tournament Held October 20, 2011

[To view photos on FaceBook click here](#)

[here to view Winners & Sponsors](#)

Classifieds – Resumes on File

Mobile Section has several resumes on file of people seeking employment in the construction industry:

2011 USA Engineering graduates

Civil, Mechanical, and Electrical

2011 Auburn Building Science Graduates