



CARING WELL

SOUL CARE IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

An event for the whole church as we seek to care well for one another.

Date: April 27
Location: Mount Olive Baptist Church
Time: 8 AM - 2 PM

As a believer, it is often times difficult to know how to care for a fellow believer in times of trouble. We may fear how to navigate those situations and wonder what words can and should be spoken. At the spring event, **CARING WELL**, **Chad Minter** from **New Mercies Biblical Counseling** will speak on the importance of the Church caring well for one another. Save this date and make every effort to join this conversation.



GEORGIA BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE

This January, Centennial officially opened as an off-site location for Brewton Parker and Temple Baptist Theological Seminary. The Georgia Baptist Bible Institute (GBBI) of Brewton-Parker College is a collaborative effort with local Baptist Associations which provides **Biblical and Ministry training for pastors, ministers, or lay persons who desire to increase their effectiveness in ministry and pursue a college education. New classes will be offered in the fall of 2024.**

How to Apply and Register:

- Apply online for the GBBI program at www.apply.gbbl.bpc.edu
- Once you have applied, you can register for your class online or by using the form provided by your instructor.

Courses provided by Temple Baptist Theological Seminary of Brewton-Parker College *Biblically Based—Ministry Focused*
Apply Now: www.apply.GBBI.bpc.edu More information at www.centennialbaptistassociation.com/registration

Rev. Steve Laughman- Associational Mission Strategist
Rev. Mark Harris- Moderator
Rev. John Wesley Long- Vice Moderator

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Free DENTAL CLINIC

March 7-9

LIMITED APPOINTMENTS

Call 706-741-4737 on March 4th @ 9 AM to schedule a screening.

Number will not be active until this date & time.

Hosted by GBMB, & Centennial Association at First Baptist Church High Falls



The Dental Health Clinic is sponsored by the Centennial Baptist Association and the Georgia Baptist Mission Board. Over the years, we have been able to serve over 550 people with dental needs. Our next dental clinic will be held **March 7-9, 2024 at First Baptist Church High Falls in Monroe County.** Our most recent clinic was held at First Baptist Church Thomaston where we served over 50 patients. Thank you to all who served our community through this wonderful ministry.

- If you or someone you know is without dental insurance and in need of dental care, call **706-741-4737 for an appointment beginning March 4th at 9:00 AM. This number will not be active until that morning.** The person in need of dental care will need to be the one making the appointment, since we have to ask personal medical questions. Please note that no one will be seen without an appointment. Patients will need reliable transportation to FBC High Falls in Jackson, GA **TWICE** between Thursday and Saturday. These appointments are in high demand and the call volume is high. Please continue to call until you speak with someone. **No voicemails will be returned.**
- If you are a **dentist, dental assistant, or medical professional and would like to serve the community through this ministry**, please contact the CBA office and we will put you in touch with our coordinator. It is vital that we have all of our dental and medical professionals scheduled at least two weeks prior to the clinic.
- If you would like to **volunteer to serve** at the dental clinic in some other capacity, we invite you to attend the Volunteer Training Session which will be held at 4:00 PM the day of screening appointments, March 7th. If you have attended this training before it is not necessary to attend again, but we still need you to contact the CBA office so we can schedule you to help.

For more information about the **Georgia Baptist Mobile Health Ministry**, click on the button below:

BAPTIST MOBILE HEALTH

Mrs. Marni Laughman- Ministry Assistant
Mrs. Joan German- Treasurer

A Word from Your Mission Strategist, Steve Laughman

“Now as to the love of the brethren, you have no need for *anyone* to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another;” – 1 Thessalonians 4:9

Paul encouraged the Thessalonians to keep up the excellent work of loving one another well. It is a beautiful thing to witness the body of Christ caring for one another. So far this year, I have witnessed church members crying out to the Lord on behalf of one another. I have heard of how believers have come alongside hurting brothers and sisters to pay bills, give counsel, and provide a shoulder to cry on. I have no doubt that genuine, godly relationships flourish among our churches, and I am thankful. I also understand that there are so many who are hurting and broken who still need help.

What are we doing about this? In addition to what your churches do through so many individual connections with people, Centennial wants to provide you with more tools and more opportunities to serve one another. Our upcoming Spring Meeting will focus on Caring Well for one another. This one day equipping conference is designed to give you practical instruction on how to love one another the way Christ has commanded. There will be tracks for both ministers and lay people. If you have a desire to use your gifts to care well for one another, please make plans to join us at Mount Olive on April 27th.



“...allow me to echo [Paul’s] words to “excel even more.” We can make such an impact if we are intentional and equipped.”

We also know that God has commanded us to love our neighbors. The Dental Clinic is one way we meet physical needs in hopes that we can also meet spiritual needs. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact our office. We need dental and medical professionals as well as other volunteers who are simply able to help patients with paperwork, hold a door open, or sit and pray with a nervous patient.

The Missions and Community Impact Team recently added new members, Tavein and Valarie Freeman, who will be serving as Champions for Foster Care and Adoption. We are in the initial stages of what this ministry will be, so pray with us as we look forward to making an impact in this area. Our first steps are to create awareness and to find people from our churches who may already be involved in foster care and adoption. If you would like to be part of this effort, please contact the CBA office, and we will connect you with the Freemans.

There are so many needs. Thank you for what you are doing to feed, clothe, and care for people. Thank you for loving one another well. Thank you for representing our Lord in this lost world. As Paul wrote to the Thessalonians regarding their pattern of already loving one another, allow me to echo his words to “excel even more.” We can make such an impact if we are intentional and equipped. May God bless you as you seek to honor Him.



All Pastors plan to be at FBC Thomaston on May 20th to participate in a Church Health and Strengthening Roundtable sponsored by GBMB.

TOPIC: Four Gateways of a Healthy Church

Words like mission, values, strategy and vision are buzz words we often use in our ministry conversations. And while they are easily spoken, they are difficult to implement. Join us for an informative discussion and details on how you can join other ministry leaders in a church strengthening process. In 90 minutes, we will share information that will show you how to prepare yourself and your congregation to make disciples, develop leaders and increase missional engagement. Registration is FREE. Please contact Jessica Purvis at jpurvis@gabaptist.org with questions and registration details.



As you pray, remember the Blackmons. John’s candidacy for pastor has formally been presented to Calvary International. The church is prayerfully seeking the Lord the month of February before they vote at the end of the month.

We look forward to future plans for partnering with them for short and long term mission trips. Stay tuned for upcoming dates and details!

If you want to stay in touch, see current photos, and pray specifically, subscribe to their newsletter by simply emailing

bangkokblackmons@gmail.com or

by following John on at [facebook.com/john.blackmon.39](https://www.facebook.com/john.blackmon.39)

Please clearly mark all financial support sent to, PO BOX 210, Thomaston, GA 30286 for “Thailand Missions”.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about Centennial’s partnership with the Blackmons.



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

Every year, SBC churches observe the Week of Prayer for North American missions by praying for missionaries, their ministries and their families. Because these missionaries make Jesus known in places all over the U.S. and Canada where there's little or no gospel witness, they experience opposition and they battle loneliness and discouragement. That's why they need your prayers. This year, the official date for the Week of Prayer is March 3-10. Your church can choose this week or any other time during the Easter season to participate. Your prayers and gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering will fuel their work. The offering goal for this year is \$75 million. Use this page or download the [prayer guide](#) to follow along daily.

Join Jenni Carter, Statewide Kids Ministry Consultant, and team to equip and pump up your team for **VBS 2024!** This training is designed to equip your church leadership and volunteers to create an excellent, safe, and effective VBS for your church and community. Whether you are using Lifeway's "Breaker Rock Beach" themed curriculum or another resource, **THIS TRAINING IS FOR YOU!**
Date: Saturday, March 16, 2024 **Location:** First Baptist Church
Address: 200 Zebulon St, Barnesville, GA 30204-1127
 You have two options from which to choose.
LIFEWAY CHURCHES – \$25 each; \$30 at the door



Centennial Baptist Family,

On the first three days of class, Gordon State students saw temperatures well below freezing. They also saw students from Gordon State BCM set up outside on campus handing out doughnuts and coffee. Many were shocked that students were willing to stand outside in such cold weather. But our students were eager to show God's love by braving the cold for a few hours so that we could welcome students into a new semester.

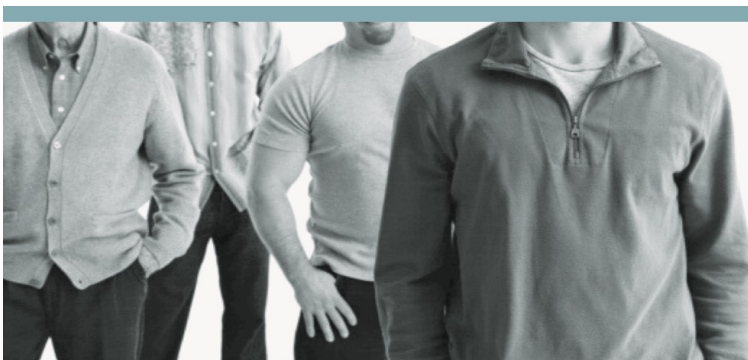
This past Monday we had our worship service, The Gathering, for the first time this semester. Instead of meeting in an auditorium in the student center, we moved out into the open to an area that BCM met a few years earlier. We had over thirty students show up. We had to keep pulling up chairs in order to have a place for students to sit. The most exciting part was that when it was over, I was able to pray with a young man to receive Christ. Praise God!

BCM is now back in full swing for the semester. We have The Gathering about twice a month and are always in need of snacks for students to have when they arrive. We also have other Monday night events that we are in need of supplies for. We are even preparing to start a women's Bible study we will purchase books for. If you are interested in providing something for BCM, please email me at cbacollegiateministry@gmail.com.

In other exciting news, one of our own students was selected to go serve as a Send Me Now missionary in Brunswick, Georgia this summer. Send Me Now is the Georgia Baptist Collegiate summer missions program. Send Me Now is almost exclusively funded by fundraising students at BCMs across the state do throughout the school year. This money will help send students from Georgia all over the world this summer. Below is a QR code that links to an order form for t-shirts that Gordon State College BCM is selling to raise money for Summer Missions. All proceeds will go to help send college students from Georgia all around the world.

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WHERE IRON SHARPENS IRON MINISTER ROUNDTABLES

Upson-Pike
 March 14 · 10 AM
 Country Cupboard

Monroe-Lamar
 Feb 13 · 10 AM
 New Providence BC

No one knows what it is like to pastor a church but a pastor. Each of us comes to the table with different perspectives, levels of experience, and personal challenges. We all leave the table encouraged and knowing that we are not alone.

www.centennialbaptistassociation.com/minister-roundtables



Do you know a young person whom God is calling to vocational ministry?

Are you willing to mentor young people as they pursue God's call?

Called Cohorts are monthly Zoom calls designed to give young people the skills needed to follow God's call on their lives. God is calling middle schoolers, high schoolers, college students, and young adults to serve Him, and we want to help. Leaders are needed to guide students through the process. We also need your help connecting us to students who want to be a part of a Called Cohort.

Contact **Steve** at cbaamsteve@gmail.com or **770-314-6107** for more information.

CBA Financials for December 2023

	Dec 23	Jan - Dec 23
Checking Interest	3.43	46.34
Antioch	537.51	6,494.14
Bethany	666.66	3,999.96
Beulah	256.00	2,923.00
Calvary	392.50	2,882.53
Clark's Chapel	100.00	1,100.00
Concord	300.00	1,800.00
Culloden	0.00	750.00
East Thomaston	289.32	3,731.73
Elkins Creek	0.00	0.00
Emory's Chapel	0.00	0.00
FBC Barnesville	0.00	20,433.69
FBC Forsyth	100.00	1200.00
FBC of High Falls	0.00	4,468.79
FBC Thomaston	860.67	11965.01
Fellowship	0.00	2,237.98
Garden Hill	0.00	0.00
Grace Community	0.00	0.00
Hendricks	0.00	3,110.00
Jeff Davis	50.00	125.00
King's Chapel	0.00	0.00
Macedonia	300.00	1,800.00
Maynard	1,686.45	9,597.99
Meansville	250.00	3,000.00
Milner	323.13	4,967.40
Mount Olive	1,542.48	19,763.33
Mountain View	2,667.00	27,142.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	0.00
Mt. Zion	0.00	0.00
Neal	0.00	550.00
New Bethel	50.00	600.00
New Harmony	141.68	572.56
New Hope Zebulon	216.06	4,088.78
Pritchett Memorial	0.00	2,275.60
Russellville	122.61	1,019.58
Shiloh Lamar	400.00	2,600.00
Shiloh Upson	50.00	600.00
Silvertown	0.00	919.11
The Rock	0.00	1,618.97
Trinity	300.00	3,600.00
Valley Grove	1,452.80	6,759.96
Yatesville	175.00	2,100.00
Total Receipts	13,133.30	160,843.45

Disbursements for December 2023	
Total Budgeted Expenditures	16463.28
Designated Accounts Expenses	3950.32
Monthly Surplus/Shortfall	(3329.98)

Opportunities & Church News (Full job descriptions and other positions are listed [HERE](#))
Concord is seeking a full-time **Minister to Students and Family**. Send resumes to jeff.yearwood@fnf.com
FBC Forsyth is seeking both an **organist and pianist** to play for their traditional service. Contact jerryelder@fbcforsyth.com
FBC Thomaston is seeking full or part time **Minister of Music**. Please submit your cover letter, resume, and current picture via email at fbcmusicsc@gmail.com.
Russellville is seeking a **Music Director & Pianist** Resumes can be sent to Russellville Baptist Church, P. O Box 6004, Forsyth, GA, 31029 or to Mary Ann Jarrell, Church Clerk, 1212 Abercrombie Road, Culloden, GA, 31016. For more information call 478-955-7375 or e-mail ma.jarrell@hotmail.com.
Silvertown is seeking someone willing to temporarily assist with processing bills and financial contributions until a permanent person is hired. 4-6 hours a wk. Contact pecaspers@gmail.com

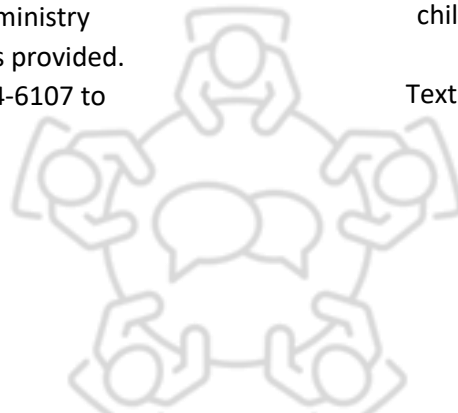
February 2024			
8	Student Ministry Leaders Meeting	Mountain View Outback Bldg	6:30 PM
13	Monroe Lamar Pastor Roundtable	New Providence BC	10:00 AM
29	Executive Committee Meeting	The Rock Church, The Rock	6:30 PM
March 2024			
3-10	North American Missions Week of Prayer	Global event among the SBC	All day every day
4	Appointment calls open for Dental Clinic	706-741-4737	9:00 AM– 5:00 PM
7-9	Dental Clinic	FBC High Falls, Monroe County	4:00 PM– 9:00 PM
14	Upson Pike Pastor Roundtable	Country Cupboard, Thomaston	10:00 AM
16	Vacation Bible School Training	FBC Barnesville, Barnesville GA	9:00 AM– 3:00 PM
23	Children's Ministry Roundtable	FBC Barnesville, Barnesville GA	9:00 AM– 11:00 AM
31	Resurrection Sunday	Global event	All day
April 2024			
1	Cliburn Scholarship application deadline	CBA office email	11:59 PM
9	Last Day of GBBi classes Spring semester	FBC Barnesville, Barnesville GA	6:00 PM
27	CARING WELL Spring Equipping Conf	Mount Olive Baptist Church	8:00 AM– 4:00 PM

STUDENT LEADERS MEETING

on 2/8 @ 6:30 PM @ Mountain View Outback Building to discuss EQUIP2024 & future ministry opportunities. Food is provided. Text Steve @ 770-314-6107 to RSVP by 2/7.

Children's Ministry Roundtable

@ FBC Barnesville on 3/23 @ 9:00 AM to discuss ministry to children and their families. Food is provided. Text Steve @ 770-314-6107 to RSVP by 3/21.



On 2/29 @ The Rock Church the **Executive Committee** will meet @ 6:30 PM to discuss the ministry of the association. Food is provided. All stakeholders please make every effort to attend. Text Steve @ 770-314-6107 or call the office @ 706-647-4959 to RSVP for dinner by 2/28.