



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: 9 AM - 2:30 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.

Schedule

9:00 AM Welcome & Session 1: Soul care in the Local Church

10:00 AM Breakout 1:

Creating balance in the ministry - *Pastor/Staff Track*

Biblical Counseling as Discipleship - *Member Track*

11:00 AM Lunch

Q&A - Pastoral Ministry Renewal Leave

12:00 PM Breakout 2:

Creating a Culture of Soul Care in Your Church - *Pastor/Staff Track*

Loving your Pastor and Staff Well - *Member Track*

1:00 PM Session 2: Living As Those with Hope

1:45 PM Panel Discussion

Please register by completing the form below or by calling the CBA office at 706-647-4959 no later than Monday, April 22, 2024.

www.centennialbaptistassociation.com/spring-meeting

REGISTER HERE

New Mercies Biblical Counseling exists to offer the hope of Jesus through counseling to sinners and sufferers and help train and equip members of the local church to counsel one another.

20th Annual 24th GOLF TOURNAMENT

100% of all proceeds go to
NEW MERCIES
BIBLICAL COUNSELING

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024

Griffin Golf Course 7:30 Registration, Breakfast, Warm-Up
625 Camp Northern Rd 8:30 Introduction, Rules of Play
Griffin, GA 30224 9:00 Shotgun Start

REGISTRATION \$400 (Team)	MULLIGAN Pkg \$25 (Person)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4-Person Scramble• 18 Holes• Range Balls• Golf Cart• Breakfast & Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 Mulligans• 1 Red Tee• 1 Throw• 1 Raffle Ticket

CASH PAYOUTS

- 1st PLACE \$600
- 2nd PLACE \$400
- 3rd PLACE \$300

PLUS, PRIZES FOR

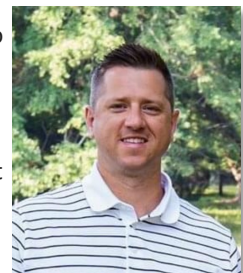
- Raffle
- Longest Drive
- Closest to pin on all Par 3's
- Putting Contest

To Register Contact Stephen Goodman
Call 770.584.1400 / Email Stephen@GoodmanGrading.com

MONEY DUE BY APRIL 1, 2024

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
New Mercies Biblical Counseling
3890 Kings Rd, Meansville, GA 30256
NewMerciesBiblicalCounseling.org

Chad is the founder of New Mercies Biblical Counseling. He and his wife, Molly, have two daughters – Macey and McKenzie. After moving away from the area, they returned with the desire to plant deep roots and invest in the local community. Chad holds a Master of Arts in Biblical Counseling from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, a Master of Arts in Professional Counseling from Liberty University, and a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from the University of Georgia. He is a certified biblical counselor through the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors (ACBC). After earning his MA in Professional counseling, Chad went through biblical counseling as a counselee. Through that process, not only did God set him free but also changed his whole life and his views on counseling. It's Chad's desire to pour out to others the mercy that was poured into him, that others too would experience the redemptive, life-changing work of Christ through counseling. It was during this season as well that God began to burden his heart for the local church and the need for it to be equipped to excel in caring for members of the body.



A Word from Your Mission Strategist, Steve Laughman

We are less than a month away from our annual Spring event. This year our focus will be on **Caring Well** for one another. I hope you will be able to join us on April 27 at Mount Olive. I am grateful for Wesley Lassiter, pastor at The Rock, who has spearheaded the effort to schedule quality speakers who will speak on topics facing our churches today. A full schedule is available on our website. Our hope is that every church will bring a group to this event. You will leave with a better understanding of our calling to care for the hurting and with tools to take to your own church.

High Falls First Baptist Church hosted our annual **dental clinic** in March. We were able to care for many in that community and beyond who had physical needs, but who also had spiritual needs. Several people made decisions to follow Christ. Many of the volunteers were able to pray with patients and invite them to worship. I was able to connect a family to a church two hours away where they live. Another gentleman discovered a serious health condition because we encouraged him to contact his doctor. He told me that we may have saved his life. I am thankful that our association has made this ministry a priority.



"Know that you are never alone in your circumstances. We are all here to help one another."

CBA is wrapping up our first semester of the **Georgia Baptist Bible Institute classes**. By all measurements, this semester has been a success. Currently, we plan to offer two classes in the fall including an Introduction to New Testament. These college-level classes are for anyone who desires to be a better teacher of the Word. The CBA website will be updated with the final schedule as soon as we have it. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact us at the CBA office.

Vacation Bible School and other summer activities will be here soon. We are thankful for our partnership with the Georgia Baptist Mission Board which held a regional **VBS training** event at FBC Barnesville recently. As you prepare for your summer, please let us know when your VBS will be held. We would love to come support what you are doing. And don't forget to reserve the **Outreach Trailer**. Dates are filling up fast!

Thank you for praying for your fellow church families. We are blessed to have such a great **spirit of cooperation** here at Centennial. This is never more evident than when a church is struggling. We have witnessed churches crying out to God on behalf of hurting sister churches. Know that you are never alone in your circumstances. We are all here to help one another.



All Pastors plan to be at FBC Thomaston on May 20th at 2:00 PM 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.



Beginning January 2025, John Blackmon will official begin serving Calvary International Baptist Church as Senior Pastor! The church wide vote was unanimous. Pray for both the Chappells and the Blackmons as they all transition.

We look forward to future plans for partnering with them for short and long term mission trips. Stay tuned for upcoming dates and details! Plans are underway and will be announced soon... 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.



Centennial Baptist Family,

This year the Gordon State College BCM spring break mission trip was to Brooklyn, New York. We worked with Graffiti Fellowship, a church on Coney Island. When you hear Coney Island, you probably think of roller coasters and Nathan's Hot Dogs. While those things are a large part of the culture in Coney Island, Coney Island is an area of high need where very few people have a relationship with Jesus.

The pastor at Graffiti Fellowship, Stephen Trainer, taught us the philosophy that churches within the Graffiti network have been using in New York City for several decades. The



Graffiti model is based on an old proverb, "A hungry child has no ears." This means that if a person has unmet physical needs, he or she is probably not going to listen to what his or her spiritual needs are. The best way to tell people in communities of high need about Jesus is to

meet physical needs or do random acts of service that come with no strings attached. Monday, we broke up into teams and took turns alternating between ministering at a local laundromat and prayer walking the community. At the laundromat, Stephen

filled two cards with money that allowed us to pay for people to wash and dry their clothes. This is a huge need as most apartments don't have laundry areas inside. People always wanted to know why we were doing it. We told them because God loves them, and this is one way we can show them. Stephen had cards from the church that had smiley faces that said, "Just for you just because," so people would know there were no strings attached.



Tuesday, we once again split up into two groups. One group spent the morning asking businesses if we could clean their windows while the other group went to businesses on the other side of the street and asked if they could clean their bathrooms. Most people could not believe we wanted to clean their bathrooms. They didn't even want to do that. Once again, we told them it was because God loved them. We switched after lunch so each team got a chance to clean bathrooms.

Wednesday and Thursday, we spent the mornings volunteering at a local elementary school. This wasn't a setting where we could openly share the gospel. But it is a place where we could build relationships with not just students but teachers. In this school Stephen teaches a GED course. Through this program, Stephen has met and led people to The Lord. On Wednesday we spent the second half of the day handing out gift bags at Subway stations.



This trip would not have been possible without the commitment that Centennial Baptist Association Churches have made to support BCM. Through our budget as well as designated gifts to BCM, we were able to supplement the cost of the trip for students to make it affordable. Most of our students are not used to big city life. This trip pushed them out of their comfort zones and allowed them to see what it looks like to serve Jesus in an entirely different context. At the same time, we learned things that we can bring back to Barnesville and use to help us minister on our campus.

Gabe Thomas

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WHERE IRON SHARPENS IRON
MINISTER ROUNDTABLES
Upson-Pike May 2 · 10 AM
Country Cupboard
Monroe-Lamar April 9 · 10 AM
New Providence BC

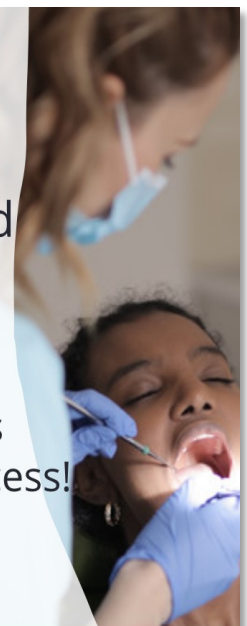
No one knows what it is like to pastor a church but a pastor. Each of us comes to the table with different perspectives, levels of experience, and personal challenges. We all leave the table encouraged and knowing that we are not alone.

www.centennialbaptistassociation.com/minister-roundtables

The
DENTAL CLINIC
serviced 78 patients and
PROVIDED \$55,000+
in FREE dental procedures.
Thank you to the volunteers
who made this a HUGE success!

We are already making preparations for 2025!

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



CBA Financials for February 2024

	Feb 24	Jan - Feb 24
Checking Interest	3.25	6.98
Antioch	517.93	1,314.32
Bethany	333.33	333.33
Beulah	551.00	746.70
Calvary	200.00	200.00
Clark's Chapel	100.00	300.00
Concord	150.00	300.00
Culloden	0.00	0.00
East Thomaston	223.54	636.96
Elkins Creek	0.00	0.00
Emory's Chapel	0.00	0.00
FBC Barnesville	0.00	0.00
FBC Forsyth	100.00	200.00
FBC of High Falls	0.00	1,311.44
FBC Thomaston	1,293.73	23,24.65
Fellowship	0.00	691.04
Garden Hill	0.00	0.00
Grace Community	0.00	0.00
Hendricks	1,280.00	1,280.00
Jeff Davis	0.00	0.00
King's Chapel	0.00	0.00
Macedonia	150.00	150.00
Maynard	756.20	1,890.96
Meansville	250.00	500.00
Milner	208.14	702.21
Mount Olive	1,526.97	3,853.41
Mountain View	2,510.00	4,630.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	0.00
Mt. Zion	0.00	0.00
Neal	50.00	150.00
New Bethel	0.00	50.00
New Harmony	37.23	76.43
New Hope Zebulon	245.45	515.44
Pritchett Memorial	220.00	473.32
Russellville	66.79	149.32
Shiloh Lamar	400.00	400.00
Shiloh Upson	50.00	100.00
Silvertown	0.00	0.00
The Rock	0.00	587.94
Trinity	300.00	600.00
Valley Grove	0.00	1,804.50
Yatesville	175.00	350.00
Total Receipts	11,898.56	26,828.95

Disbursements for February 2024	
Total Budgeted Expenditures	12,584.58
Designated Accounts Expenses	2,000.00
Monthly Surplus/Shortfall	(686.02)

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.
Silvertown is seeking someone 4-6 hours a wk to assist in the office. Contact pecaspers@gmail.com
FBC Barnesville is seeking an **Associate Pastor of Worship & Leadership**. Qualified applicants may submit resumes to fbcpersonnelteam@gmail.com.
Valley Grove is seeking a part-time **Ministry Assistant**. To learn more and to apply visit [HERE](#).
Mount Olive is seeking a part-time **Church Secretary**. Submit resumes to office@movingoutboldly.org.

April 2024			
1	Cliburn Scholarship application deadline	CBA office email	11:59 PM
9	Last Day of GBBi classes Spring semester	FBC Barnesville, Barnesville	6:00 PM
9	Monroe Lamar Roundtable	New Providence, Forsyth	10:00 AM
18	Student Leader Meeting	Mountain View Outback Bldg	6:30 PM
19	New Mercies Golf Tournament	Griffin Golf Course, Griffin GA	7:30 AM
23	Church Health & Strengthening Mtg	La Fiesta, Thomaston	5:00 PM
27	CARING WELL Spring Equipping Conf	Mount Olive Baptist Church	9:00 AM– 2:30 PM
May 2024			
2	Upson Pike Roundtable	Country Cupboard, Thomaston	10:00 AM
18	Children's Ministry Roundtable	FBC Barnesville, Barnesville	9:00 AM
20	GBMB Church Strengthening Roundtable	FBC Thomaston, Thomaston	2:00 PM
30	Mission Team Meeting	The Rock Church, The Rock	6:30 PM
June 2024			
9-13	SBCAL & Southern Baptist Convention	Indianapolis, Indiana	CBA office closed

STUDENT LEADERS MEETING on 4/18 @ 6:30 PM @ Mountain View Outback Building to discuss EQUIP2024 & future ministry opportunities. Food is provided. Text Steve @ 770-314-6107 to RSVP by 4/17.

Children's Ministry Roundtable @ FBC Barnesville on 5/18 @ 9:00 AM to discuss ministry to children and their families. Food is provided. Text Steve @ 770-314-6107 to RSVP by 5/17.

On 5/7 @ The Rock Church the **Steering Committee** will meet @ 6:30 PM to discuss the ministry of the association. All Committee Chairs and Priority Team Leaders please make every effort to attend.

Church Health & Strengthening Team Meeting on 4/23 @ 5:00 PM @ La Fiesta in Thomaston. All team members are encouraged to attend.

MISSION TEAM MEETING @ The Rock Church on 5/30 @ 6:30 PM to discuss opportunities for service within our association. All team members are encouraged to attend.