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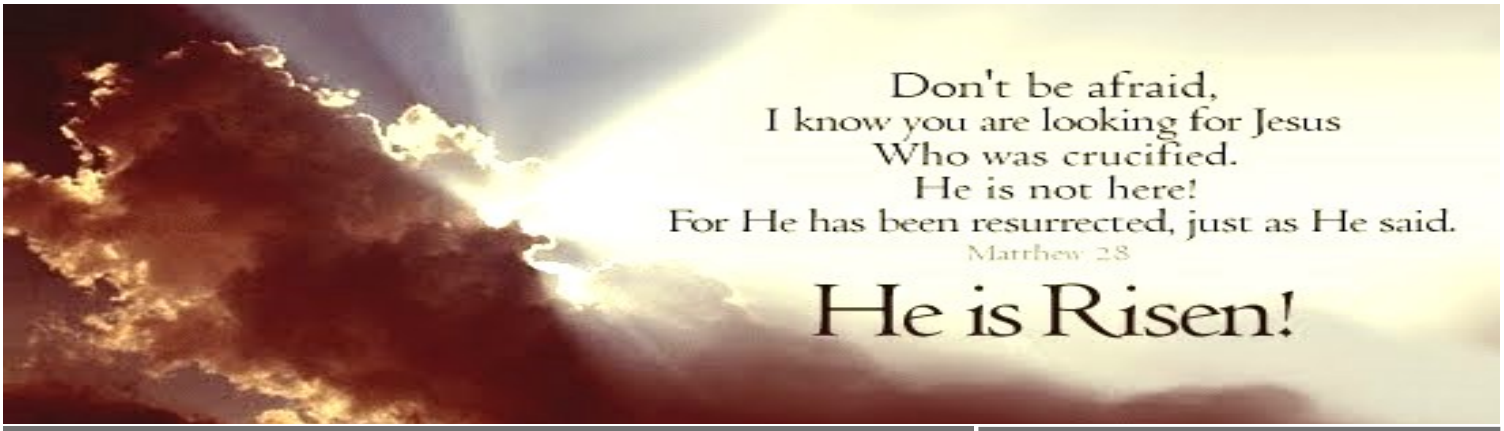


Centennial Baptist Association

Women's Ministry
Spring Inspirational Meeting

April 24, 2017

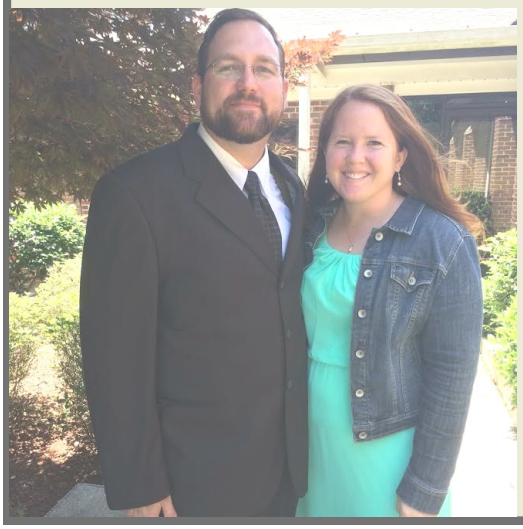
Clark's Chapel Baptist Church
176 Mathis Lake Rd.
Thomaston, GA 30286

6:00 PM Covered Dish Supper
7:00 PM Inspirational Meeting

Guest Speaker:
Rev. John Blackmon
Pastor, Meansville Baptist Church

ALL Ladies are invited:
Bring a Friend. Bring your Husband. Bring your Pastor.

CBA will provide the meat for the meal. No RSVP required but is encouraged by April10th. Call 706-975-6389 or email: lo_lillyan@yahoo.com.



Speaker Biography: John and Cheryl Blackmon came to Meansville Baptist Church in 2011 where John serves as pastor. Meansville Baptist Church has partnered in ministry with Montana Indian Ministries and native Pastor and Missionary, Bruce Plummer, since 2012. John has also personally partnered with Bruce and MIM for Bible Training institutes with Natives in Montana and Alaska. MIM seeks to reach the Indian tribes of Montana with the Gospel of Jesus Christ through servanthood and in a culturally sensitive way. In Bruce's words, "Native Americans are one of the most evangelized people groups with the least results." For more information feel free to visit montanaindianministires.org

The Big Invite

More Guests Than Ever For Easter

Get Your Step-By-Step Plan To Have More Guests Than Ever For Easter!

Join other Georgia Baptist pastors as, in one united effort, we invite 1 million Georgians to be our guests for Easter.

The Big Invite Campaign Will Include:

- A Proven Blueprint For Having More Guests Than Ever For Easter
- A Point-By-Point Checklist For Making Sure Your Church Is Ready For Guests
- Case Studies Of Churches That Have Had Big Results Using Elements of The Big Invite
- Tools And Resources To Make Promotion Simple, Cost-Effective & Convenient
- Strategies That Mobilize As Much As 90% Of Your People In The Effort To Invite Easter Guests

And So Much More!

Register Now for The Big Invite Campaign!

Register online and gain access to all of The Big Invite campaign resources…

http://thebiginvite.org/

Rev. Steve Laughman- Associational Missionary
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Rev. Bill Barber- Vice Moderator

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A Word from Your Missionary:

"The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed and be raised up on the third day." – Jesus Christ (Luke 9:22)

On the third night of the "Preacher Swappin', People Hoppin' Revival" as Jeff Morgan, pastor of Antioch Baptist Church, preached on the above passage, he said "Aren't you thankful that Jesus suffered for you? And that He was rejected for you? And that He was killed for you? And that He arose for you?" He further pointed out that Jesus did all this because it was worth it to Him for us to have a relationship with Him.

Earlier that same night, I listened to my wife Marni tell the story of Jesus' arrest, mistreatment, death, and burial to a group of AWANA Sparks (K-2nd graders). Her voice shook and even broke as she expressed the price Jesus paid for our sin. The weight of His sacrifice was evident as she shared with the children.

After these two reminders I found myself pondering the indescribable act of the cross. What our Lord did for us overwhelms me at times to the point that I have no words. Every effort at thanking Him seems too small. Even obedience to His will seems minuscule compared to His obedience to the Father. To think that my sin resulted in His suffering is too much to bear. Fortunately, His grace is sufficient. In our weakness He is strong. He carries our burdens. And He knows how very small and frail we are.

As we observe a time of remembering the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord this month, I pray that we will each know the forgiveness that He made possible. That we will live in the freedom His death provides. That we will not shy away from proclaiming His story to anyone within earshot. Let us make His name known throughout our cities, our state, and our world.

"And when before the throne, I stand in Him complete
'Jesus died my soul to save,' my lips shall still repeat.
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain. He washed it white as snow."

In His Name,
Steve Laughman

Equip2017

945 cans of food

570 baby care items

443 hygiene items

359 packs of plates, cups & service ware

703 bars of soap

Total: 3,020 items for the 5 area ministries collected by students at Equip 2017

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We would like to publish dates and times of vacation Bible schools. If you would like to have yours published, please contact the CBA office.

Shiloh Lamar Baptist Church
9th Annual Alvin Hunnicutt Memorial Golf Tournament
Forsyth Golf Club
May 20, 2017 at 9 AM
Four Man Scramble
$200 Per Team Entry
Prizes: 1st Place$400
2nd Place $200
3rd Place $100
Contact Wesley Zellner 478-973-2372
Or Sinclair Horne 478-994-9299

Ministers Meeting

The Garden Patch
100 Southland Drive
Barnesville, GA 30204

April 10, 2017

12:00 Noon

This meeting is for anyone in ministry.

You're Invited...

Pastor Breakfast

At Heritage Pregnancy Center

Tuesday, April 11, 2017 8:30 AM

Come meet and greet our staff, tour our facility, and learn how your church can be involved in serving our community.

Call 706-647-8602 for questions

Pastors! We want to hear from you. Contact the CBA office to set up an interview time to provide input on the needs of our churches and the future of our association.

Interviews will be conducted by GBMB staff and held April 24 & 25 at Shiloh Upson and FBC Barnesville.

Strategy Planning Team

The **COMMUNITY THRIFT STORE** located in Thomaston is in need of **VOLUNTEERS**. This is a non-profit ministry that gives monetarily to mission work within Upson County. If you find yourself with time on your **hands** and have a **heart** to serve, then please contact the CBA office. Any time you spend in service to others is time spent in service of **Christ.**

Bible Reading Marathon

Upson County Courthouse lawn

April 30– May 5

Sign up today

http://www.centennialbaptistassociation.com/bible-reading-marathon/

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Church Receipts: February 2017

	Feb 17	Jan 17– Dec 17
Antioch	774.41	774.41
Bethany	250.00	750.00
Beulah	242.00	458.00
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Clark's Chapel	100.00	200.00
Concord	0.00	0.00
Culloden	0.00	150.00
East Thomaston	344.28	635.81
Elkins Creek	0.00	0.00
Emory's Chapel	0.00	0.00
FBC Barnesville	1,215.51	2,717.22
FBC Forsyth	0.00	0.00
FBC Thomaston	1,082.80	2,266.42
Fellowship	451.00	857.00
Garden Hill	64.33	121.81
Hendricks	0.00	0.00
Jeff Davis	25.00	50.00
King's Chapel	0.00	0.00
Maynard	862.00	1,580.25
Meansville	241.66	483.32
Milner	483.06	893.13
Molena	0.00	0.00
Mount Olive	941.47	1,941.54
Mountain View	0.00	1,533.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	0.00
Mt. Zion	93.00	118.00
Neal	50.00	100.00
New Bethel	50.00	100.00
New Harmony	0.00	29.88
New Hope	0.00	250.00
Pine View	0.00	0.00
Pritchett Memorial	277.75	277.75
Russellville	0.00	0.00
Shiloh (Upson)	50.00	100.00
Shiloh Lamar	0.00	0.00
Silvertown	152.84	315.05
The Rock	16.52	44.12
Trinity	300.00	600.00
Valley Grove	0.00	314.52
Yatesville	0.00	100.00
Total Church Receipts	8,067.63	17,761.23

Disbursements for February 2017

Administrative Expenses	1,522.05
Associational Programs	0.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00
Organizational Expenses	51.01
Pastorium Maintenance	0.00
Salaries and Allowances	6,775.04
Total Budgeted Expenditures	**8,348.10**
Designated Accounts Expenses	1,265.43
Monthly Surplus/Shortfall	**(280.47)**

Opportunities & Church News

Neal is seeking a pianist. Contact Clarence Burton at 770-229-6132.

Jeff Davis is seeking a pianist. Contact Betty Blackston at 706-647-9273 or mail inquiry to: Jeff Davis Baptist Church, 236 Jeff Davis Road, Thomaston, GA 30286.

Antioch seeks a Family Minister to oversee all of their Youth & Children's Ministries. Please send resumes to antioch.pastor@windstream.net

New Hope is seeking a pianist. Also seeking a worship leader. Blended worship for all services. Part-time position with the potential for full time as they grow. If you are interested in applying for either position, please email your resume to newhopebaptist1@windstream.net

Silvertown is seeking a pianist. Anyone interested should contact Steve Shock at (706) 741-6762.

Valley Grove is seeking a part-time youth director. 12 hrs. minimum per week. Will lead middle and high school age youth on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. High school diploma required. Send resume to secretary@valleygrovechurch.org or to 1372 Atwater Rd, Thomaston, GA 30286.

Concord seeks a full-time senior pastor as we seek His will for His church. Those interested may email their resume to: searchcommittee2017@gmail.com or Pastor Search Committee, Concord Baptist Church, P.O. Box 181, Concord, GA 30206. We will accept resumes through April 15, 2017.

Piano/Organ donated to a good church. Contact Pauline Hartness for more details. 400 Woodall St, Barnesville, GA; 706-601-8664

If your church would like to post a ministry opportunity or an event, please contact the CBA office by the third week of the month to get it into the next month's newsletter.

Calendar of Events

April 2017			
1	Application Deadline for Cliburn Scholarship		
10	Ministers Meeting	Garden Patch	12 Noon
	Strategy Planning	Yatesville	6:00 PM
16	Resurrection Sunday		
24	Women's Ministry Spring Mtg.	Clark's Chapel	6:00 PM
24-25	Strategy Pastor Interviews	Shiloh Upson & FBC Barnesville	
25	Monroe Roundtable	New Providence	2:00 PM
4/30-5/5	Bible Reading Marathon	Upson Courthouse	2:00 PM
May 2017			
2	Steering Committee	Yatesville	6:30 PM
4	National Day of Prayer		
8	Minister's Meeting	Garden Patch	12 Noon
11	Quarterly Fellowship Lunch	Shiloh Upson	12 Noon

April Anniversaries

Albert Parker — Culloden — 7 yrs

April Birthdays

Chris Keys — Maynard — April 1

Jason Teal — FBC Barnesville — April 7th

*If this information needs to be updated, please notify the office. I cringe at the thought of leaving off any of our ministers!! Please help me keep up :)