

Your Special Attention Is Required: The most accurate information available about ministries, dates and times will be published in this monthly newsletter and on the [website](#). If you have any questions, please call 706-647-4959 or contact Steve directly at 770-314-6107. The health and safety of our churches are our priority as we all seek to discover ways to worship, disciple, and minister to one another in response to COVID-19. Every date and time is subject to change; however, if we can assist you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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# FOCUS 2020

# SEPTEMBER 20

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In just a few short months, Centennial will be hosting missionaries from around the globe to connect with YOU for a ONE DAY missions event ...

## FOCUS 2020!

Sunday morning, September 20th, missionaries will speak in CBA churches.

That afternoon, Mountain View, 2569 Jeff Davis Road, in Thomaston will host our

### Family Event & Celebration Service.

### Important (new) dates to remember:

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|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| July 27      | Confirm Missionary speaker(s) for your church         |
| August 17    | Recruit and Confirm Host home(s) for our missionaries |
| August 30    | Collect honorarium for missionaries' love offering    |
| September 20 | FOCUS 2020 Missionaries in CBA churches               |
| September 20 | FOCUS 2020 Family Event                               |
- \*Meet Missionaries
  - \*Community Choir
  - \*Missions Scavenger Hunt for the children
  - \*Q&A with Missionaries
  - \*Celebration Worship

Other dates to look forward to??... Choir practice, ya'll!

Save these dateS.

We look forward to seeing you there!

As always, any questions you may have can be answered by the office or may be found [here](#).

We are happy to help you spread the word!

## A Word From Your Mission Strategist:

Every mission trip I have participated in shared one simple rule: be flexible. Ministry can be a roller-coaster of emotions and activities. So often the real work happens when the unexpected occurs. We are all experiencing an unprecedented time of change and adaptation. May we be found faithful even as our methods and routines change.

By now you may have heard that FOCUS 2020 has been moved to September 20, 2020. We have also made the decision to make this a one-day event, which is something we talked about even before rescheduling it. More details will come out as we get closer. We hope to have many of the same missionaries with us, and they will still be available to speak in every church on that Sunday morning. Take this time to pray for the work that is still going on throughout the world, our nation, and this state to reach the lost with the Gospel.

It was a joy to be able to watch so many of your services through social media and other means. Some of us are more comfortable with technology than others,

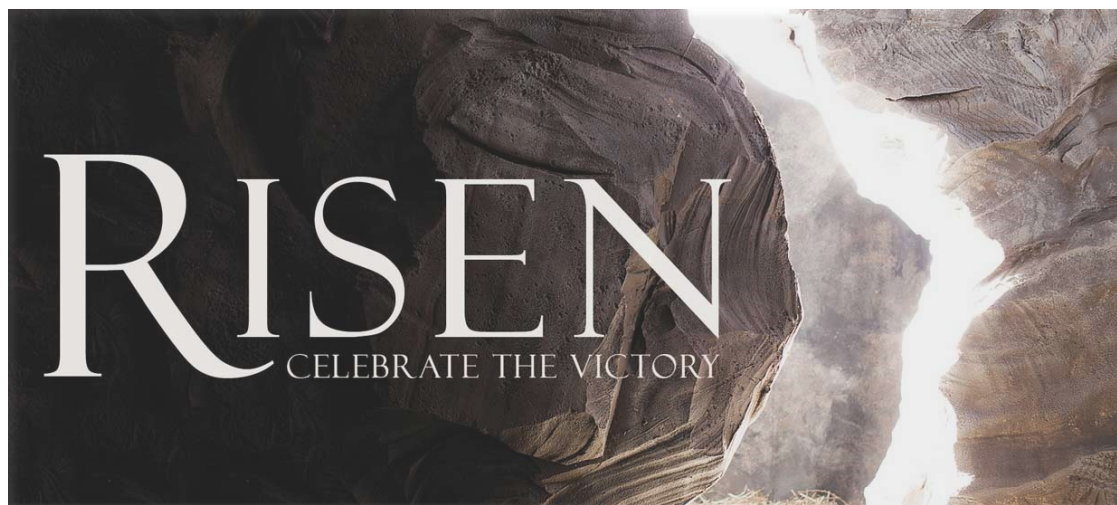


*“... I believe more people will hear the Gospel as a result of your efforts.”*

but I believe more people will hear the Gospel as a result of your efforts. I am also hearing how churches are pulling together to care for one another. God always has a plan. Perhaps this time will help us focus on what truly matters. We are still the church, even when we cannot meet for corporate worship. Just like you, I am anticipating the day when we can get back to normal, but let's not waste the lessons we are learning through this.

You will also notice that the mission trip we had planned to Pennsylvania has been postponed. Pray for Travis and Grace Ross and the whole Riverbend family. With their proximity to New York, there is a great deal of concern. Once we have clear direction, we will reschedule this trip.

Regarding other events and ministries of our association, our website should have the most up-to-date information. We have added a virtual component to many of our meetings and will probably continue to do so in order to use our time and technology efficiently. If you have any questions about an associational event, please feel free to contact the CBA office. Marni and I are here to help.



Our Resurrection celebrations will look different in 2020,  
but may our worship be more intentional and focused. He is risen indeed!



### **ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING**

**100%** of all gifts  
go to the mission field.

What is the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering?  
Where does your money go?  
It's all about the GOSPEL. Click [here](#) for more information.

You can send Annie Armstrong Easter Offering  
donations by clicking [here](#). It's quick and easy... and  
your missionaries will appreciate every cent given.

PASTORS' ROUNDTABLE

UPSON-PIKE ROUNDTABLE  
MAY TBD. 10 AM  
GATHERING GROUNDS

**WHERE IRON SHARPENS IRON**

VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE  
MAR 31. 8 PM  
From the GoToMeeting App or website, enter meeting code CBARoundtable.

MONROE-LAMAR ROUNDTABLE  
APR 28. 2 PM  
NEW PROVIDENCE BC

Centennial Baptist Association exists to network churches through equipping and encouraging them to make disciples.

CONNECTING YOU TO RESOURCES.

GBMB EAST CENTRAL DISCIPLESHIP CONSULTANT  
Matthew Gibbs



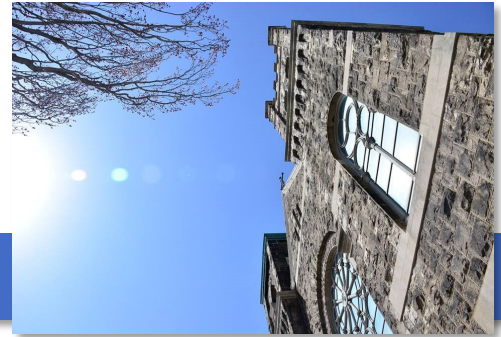
**MINISTERS CONNECTION**

Link Joint, Zebulon  
May 11th at Noon



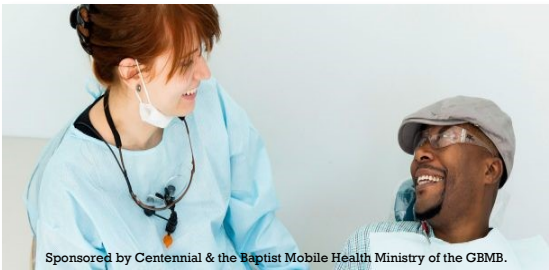
**Riverbend Church Planting Network**

Bethlehem, PA CBA Mission Trip  
**\$300 per person**  
Includes airfare, lodging, transportation and 2 meals each day. Other expenses not included are daily lunch meals and ministry expenses.  
**There are only 12 spots available.**  
\*Please pray for the Mission Team as they prayerfully consider how to move forward in planning this trip.



POSTPONED

Quarterly Fellowship Lunch • Hendricks Baptist  
2233 Hendricks Church Rd • May 14 • 12 Noon



Our 2020 Dental Clinic was a huge success. **Thank you** to our volunteer dentists, hygienists, and medical professionals as well as the members of Pritchett Memorial and numerous CBA churches that made this annual outreach possible. **60 patients** received much needed dental services ranging from screenings, X-rays, extractions, fillings, repairs, and cleanings. Every person attending heard the **Gospel** clearly proclaimed and we have full assurance the Word will not return void. Centennial is proud to annually sponsor the **Baptist Mobile Health Ministry of the GBMB** as they service those without dental insurance in the area that we have been entrusted.



**Don't forget to reserve The Traveler Outreach Trailer for your VBS and summer activities. Click here for details.**

GBMB VBS Equip Event for Friday, April 3rd & Saturday, April 4th have been **cancelled**. Registration refunds will be made to the accounts that pre-registered. Check [here](#) for VBS training videos to be posted later this month.



**Income for February 2020**

	*Jan 2020	Feb 2020	YTD 2020
Checking Interest	7.38	7.21	14.59
Antioch	1,625.27	621.55	2,246.82
Bethany	291.67	375.00	666.67
Beulah	148.00	0.00	148.00
Calvary	0.00	0.00	0.00
Clark's Chapel	0.00	100.00	100.00
Concord	0.00	0.00	0.00
Culloden	150.00	0.00	150.00
East Thomaston	363.73	333.34	697.07
Elkins Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00
Emory's Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00
FBC Barnesville	2,025.87	1,277.91	3,303.78
FBC Forsyth	0.00	0.00	0.00
FBC Thomaston	1,131.96	912.01	2,043.97
Fellowship	50.00	0.00	50.00
Garden Hill	75.00	75.00	150.00
GracePoint	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hendricks	0.00	0.00	0.00
Jeff Davis	25.00	25.00	50.00
King's Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Macedonia	0.00	300.00	300.00
Maynard	834.66	644.67	1,479.33
Meansville	250.00	250.00	500.00
Milner	542.40	463.08	1,005.48
Molena	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mount Olive	2,774.87	1,307.30	4,082.17
Mountain View	4,326.00	2,078.00	6,404.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mt. Zion	46.00	0.00	46.00
Neal	50.00	0.00	50.00
New Bethel	50.00	50.00	100.00
New Harmony	26.59	45.71	72.30
New Hope Zebulon	251.61	156.00	407.61
Pritchett Memorial	152.50	158.35	310.85
Russellville	137.51	72.05	209.56
Shiloh Lamar	0.00	0.00	0.00
Shiloh Upson	50.00	100.00	150.00
Silvertown	0.00	110.43	110.43
The Rock	101.26	83.49	184.75
Trinity	300.00	300.00	600.00
Valley Grove	1,364.43	685.70	2,050.13
Yatesville	175.00	175.00	350.00
<b>Total Church Receipts</b>	<b>17,326.71</b>	<b>10,706.80</b>	<b>28,033.51</b>

\*Corrections have been made to the Jan2020 financials.

<b>Disbursements for February 2020</b>	
Administrative Expenses	1,583.55
Associational Programs	290.51
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00
Organizational Expenses	0.00
Pastorium Maintenance	0.00
Salaries and Allowances	7,270.13
<b>Total Budgeted Expenditures</b>	<b>9,144.19</b>
Designated Accounts Expenses	0.00
<b>Monthly Surplus/Shortfall</b>	<b>1,562.61</b>

**Opportunities & Church News**

**Maynard** in Forsyth is seeking a **part-time Worship Leader**. Salary is \$15,000 per year for 15 to 20 hours per week. Send resumes or questions to Don at [Music@maynardbc.com](mailto:Music@maynardbc.com).

**Molena** is seeking **volunteers to serve in their Music ministry**. Contact Pastor Terry Murphey at [murphey1@bellsouth.net](mailto:murphey1@bellsouth.net)

**Concord** is seeking someone to oversee all aspects of **music and worship**. Contact Bob Hurd at 770-656-5447 or email [bobhurd5@gmail.com](mailto:bobhurd5@gmail.com).

**High Falls Baptist Church** is seeking a **pianist** for Sunday services. Compensation is negotiable. Contact 478-733-1955.

**Neal** is seeking a **Children & Youth Minister** to grow those ministries. Please submit resume, statement of faith and recommendation from current pastor/church to [nealbaptist@gmail.com](mailto:nealbaptist@gmail.com).

**April 2020**

12	Resurrection Sunday		
19	Virtual Mission Team Meeting	GoToMeeting	2:00 PM
28	Monroe-Lamar Roundtable	New Providence	2:00 PM

**May 2020**

5	Steering Committee	The Rock	6:30 PM
7	National Day of Prayer		12 Noon
10	Mother's Day		
11	Minister's Connection	Oink Joint, Zebulon	12 Noon
14	Quarterly Fellowship Lunch	Hendricks	12 Noon

**Shepherd Stories**

Pastor Eddie Johnson and Mrs. Joyce have been ministering at Macedonia in Thomaston for 17 years now. They live in Macon and he is happy to make the commute. Although I have yet to attend a Sunday morning service there, I have worshipped with them during various Centennial meetings and at Rescue Thomaston. Rescue Thomaston is a four night-four church annual revival between Trinity, East Thomaston, Silvertown and Macedonia. We love to see churches cooperating together!



Pastor Eddie made fast friends with other Centennial pastors before Macedonia joined this association back in 2017. Since, he has made Pastor Roundtables, Ministers Meetings, Executive Committee meetings, and other associational meetings a high priority on his personal calendar. And, he asks his church leadership as well as his membership to do the same. I LOVE THAT ABOUT HIM!! He currently serves as Vice-Moderator for CBA, and Mrs. Joyce works for Navicent Health in Macon. Please pray for them specifically as she is on the front lines of this battle against COVID-19. I am grateful for their family and honored to call them friends.

Please do not think I have yet to hear him preach just because I have not attended Macedonia on a Sunday morning. I have actually lost count of the number of times I have heard Pastor Eddie bring the Word. He preaches with passion and fire.

Along with his Bible and sermon notes, he will also carry a towel and a drink. He meticulously manuscripts his sermons and delivers them with deep conviction and I can not help but make sure he knows I am there. He engages the hearer and asks for participation as a confirmation that you are open to the Holy

Spirit moving in your heart as you worship through the Word. He knows the ears of the hearers are often prone to wander, and he can not be accused of bringing a solemn sermon. I cherish this man and the "queen of his house", and I love that God has forever knitted them into our lives. I do not want to leave out the most important achievement of Pastor Eddie and Mrs. Joyce's lives. They became grandparents just a short time ago to Miss Nova Lee Skye Johnson, their first grandbaby. I can not wait to meet her myself!

Marni Laughman  
Your Associational Ministry Assistant