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ELEVATE

CHURCH STRATEGY SUMMIT
TUESDAY • APRIL 30 • FBC BARNESVILLE



Replant



Bob Bickford
Associate Director of
NAMB REPLANT

Free for Members of Centennial Churches. For information and registration, visit www.centennialbaptistassociation.com/elevate-2019

ELEVATE 2019 Schedule

4:30 Welcome/Prayer

4:45 **The State of Churches In North America: Is our church healthy?**

You may have heard that churches across North America are struggling to grow, impact their communities and maintain viability. What are the differences between healthy congregations and plateaued or declining churches? How healthy is your church?

5:30 Peer Learning Groups

6:00 Meal

6:50 Q&A

7:10 **Pathways for Partnership:** Church health, vitality and impact are increased when churches partner together for the sake of the Gospel. What does effective partnership look like? How can every church partner for impact? How can we see leaders raised up and sent out on mission?

8:00 Closing Comments, Prayer

*All activities will take place in the gym on the campus of FBC Barnesville



**"He is not here, for He has risen just as He said.
Come and see..." Matt 28:6**



These are a few of our favorite pictures from Israel.
Hallelujah, He is risen therefore redemption's price has been paid once for all!



There will be a GA Baptist Children's Home **TRUCK LOADING** for the Meansville Campus during ELEVATE at FBC Barnesville. Please donate items and drop them at the trailer in the parking lot. The Children's Home always benefits from laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, paper goods, and gift cards. A comprehensive list of items will be posted soon at

www.centennialbaptistassociation.com/elevate-2019

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A Word from Your Mission Strategist, Steve Laughman

Thank you for allowing me and Marni to take a life-changing trip to Israel! The purpose of our trip was to embark on a Prayer Journey throughout the country. We saw many of the sites that you would expect, but more importantly, we were able to meet with people who are seeking to impact the area with the Gospel. We now know better how to pray for the people of Israel. We look forward to sharing with you more about our experiences.

Many of you are in the midst of preparations for Resurrection Sunday. Whether you focus on outreach events, musical productions, or other ways of celebrating our Lord's resurrection, our hope and prayer is that the name of Jesus is praised and that people are drawn to Him. We all know that there are some who will only be in church this one Sunday. This is a time when people

will be open to coming to church with just a simple invitation. Encourage your members to go the extra mile to invite people to Bible study and worship on Resurrection Sunday.

April 30th we will gather for the Elevate Church Strategy Summit. The theme this year is Replant. Every church can be a stronger, healthier church, no matter the size or the condition. Elevate will provide tools for you to examine the needs of your church and take steps toward a stronger church body. The structure of the event will differ from last year. Rather than having several topics covered in various workshops, we will focus on two aspects of the main topic. Each session will be led by Bob Bickford, Associate Director of NAMB Replant. This event is not just for pastors and staff. We encourage all church members to attend. There is no cost, but you can help us plan by registering yourself or your church at centennialbaptistassociation.com/elevate or by calling the CBA office.

Exciting things are happening in the Centennial Baptist Association. Thank you for being a part of the work God is doing here. Let us know how we can help you reach your local mission field.

Maynard invites you to attend

MAY DAY PRAY DAY.

This interactive prayer walk experience will
leave you **CHANGED.**

May 4th from 11:30AM—3 PM



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with PRISCILLA SHIRER

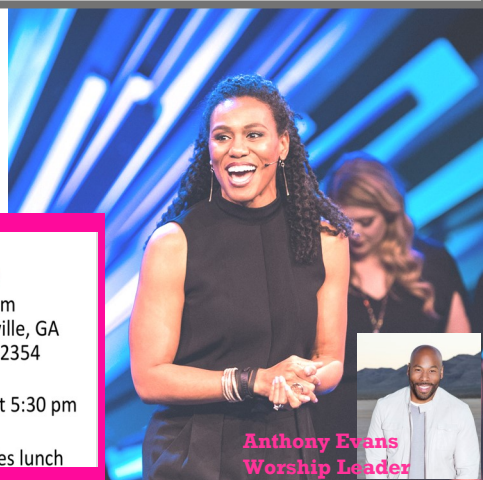
JOIN US!

APRIL 6, 2019

First Baptist Church Gym
200 Zebulon Street, Barnesville, GA
Information Call 770-358-2354

Doors open at 9:00 am Ends at 5:30 pm

Cost of Ticket: \$20.00 includes lunch



Anthony Evans
Worship Leader



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Register your church TODAY!



Centennial has a vision for an **Outreach Trailer.** This resource will be filled with inflatables, block party games, popcorn machine, and more. We pray it will be an incredible resource for your church to use as a tool to engage the lost in your

community. Will you join with us as we pray for wisdom to move forward?

If you, your church, Sunday school class, or family would like to financially contribute, send donations to the CBA office designated as "Outreach Equipment".



Ministers Meeting

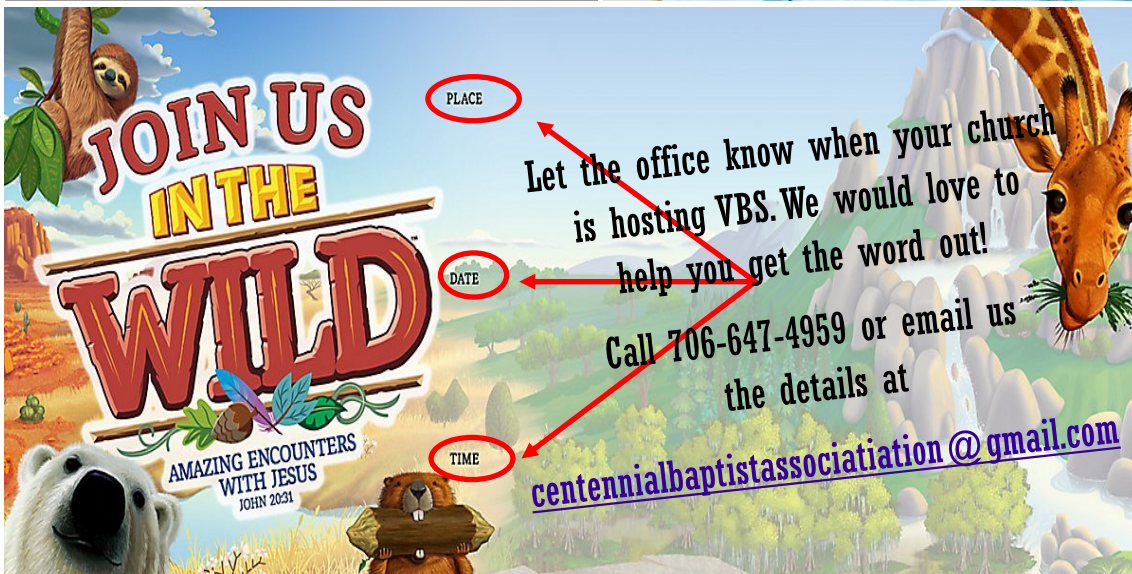
The Garden Patch
100 Southland Drive
Barnesville, GA 30204

April 8, 2019

12 Noon

All ministers are invited.

Thank you to all of the CBA volunteers that made the 2019 Dental Clinic a success! There were over 80 patients served. That's a lot of happy smiles.



JOIN US IN THE WILD

AMAZING ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS
JOHN 20:31

Let the office know when your church is hosting VBS. We would love to help you get the word out!

Call 706-647-4959 or email us the details at centennialbaptistassociation@gmail.com

Annotations: PLACE, DATE, TIME

OUR VISION:

By 2020, CBA will be a unified yet diverse network of equipped churches moving in a strategic missional direction.

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LOVE ONE ANOTHER. JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU JOHN 13:34

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Quarterly Fellowship Lunch • Shiloh Upson, 2737 Hwy 19N

May 9th @ 12 Noon

Income for February 2019

	Feb 19	Jan19 – Feb19
Checking Interest	6.98	14.31
Antioch	636.12	1,520.04
Bethany	291.67	541.67
Beulah	221.00	414.00
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Clark's Chapel	100.00	200.00
Concord	0.00	0.00
Culloden	0.00	150.00
East Thomaston	278.16	705.52
Elkins Creek	0.00	0.00
Emory's Chapel	0.00	0.00
FBC Barnesville	1,186.22	7,699.89
FBC Forsyth	0.00	0.00
FBC Thomaston	804.97	1,885.31
Fellowship	0.00	707.13
Garden Hill	0.00	0.00
GracePoint	50.00	100.00
Hendricks	0.00	0.00
Jeff Davis	25.00	75.00
King's Chapel	0.00	0.00
Macedonia	150.00	150.00
Maynard	576.53	1,688.45
Meansville	250.00	500.00
Milner	398.94	1,235.07
Molena	0.00	0.00
Mount Olive	972.81	2,599.56
Mountain View	2,494.00	4,264.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	0.00
Mt. Zion	0.00	39.00
Neal	50.00	150.00
New Bethel	100.00	100.00
New Harmony	38.03	104.92
New Hope Thomaston	100.00	200.00
New Hope Zebulon	164.55	344.64
Pine View	0.00	0.00
Pritchett Memorial	0.00	0.00
Russellville	53.59	354.12
Shiloh Lamar	0.00	320.00
Shiloh Upson	50.00	100.00
Silvertown	0.00	0.00
The Rock	0.00	42.70
Trinity	300.00	600.00
Valley Grove	494.13	3,116.14
Yatesville	100.00	300.00
Total Church Receipts	9,885.72	30,207.16

Disbursements for February 2019

Administrative Expenses	1,149.02
Associational Programs	63.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00
Organizational Expenses	200.00
Pastorium Maintenance	0.00
Salaries and Allowances	7,069.26
Total Budgeted Expenditures	8,481.28
Designated Accounts Expenses	177.00
Monthly Surplus/Shortfall	1,404.44

Opportunities & Church News

Molena is seeking *volunteers to serve in music and youth ministries*. Contact Pastor Terry Murphey at murphey1@bellsouth.net

Northridge LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) will be hosting the *Priscilla Shirer Simulcast* on April 28th 9am-5pm. Tickets are \$10 (includes lunch, brochure & prayer card)

Brooks Baptist Church in Flint River Association is looking for a *part time Youth Minister*. All interested applicants can contact Ric Veal at 706-340-5225.

Macedonia is having a *Spring Revival* April8-10. Services 7:30PM nightly. Guest speaker is Rev. Derrick Dumas of Greater Lizzieboro Baptist Church in Macon. Everyone is invited.

Shiloh in Upson is looking for a *Bi-Vocational Minister of Music*. All interested should send resumes to 2737 Highway 19N, Thomaston, GA 30286.

Calendar of Events

April 2019

1	Cliburn Scholarship Application Deadline		
8	Ministers Meeting	Garden Patch	12 Noon
15	SS Mentoring Session #9	Trinity	6:30 PM
21	Resurrection Sunday		
30	Elevate Church Strategy Summit	FBC Barnesville	4-8:30 PM

May 2019

2	National Day of Prayer		
7	Steering Committee Mtg	Milner	6:30 PM
9	Upson Pike Roundtable	Gathering Grounds	10:00 AM
	Quarterly Fellowship Lunch	Shiloh Upson	12 Noon
13	Ministers Mtg/Pastor Enrichment	Garden Patch	12 Noon
	SS Mentoring Session #10	FBC Thomaston	6:30 PM



Our trip to Israel was life changing, shocking, and heartbreaking. My prayer for God's chosen people has forever changed. I wept when I heard the Muslim call to prayer. I giggled when a Jewish boy was chasing his father and yelled "Abba, Abba...". I felt the urgency of a Holocaust survivor pleading with me in German to never forget. I was torn by the many souvenir shops erected at holy sites. I was humbled by the majority of Israelis reverence to religion. I saw evidences of prophecy being fulfilled and I prayed with and for believers who live and work in the Holy Land. May God raise up a believing remnant of His chosen this side of His coming. May they understand Yeshua is the Messiah they yearn for yet adamantly deny. May the lovers of the Torah have an insatiable appetite for answers to questions they can not articulate. May they discern corrupt teachings and be calloused to false doctrines. I pray for the generations of the veiled that Elohim may place within their hearts a burning desire to pursue truth about Christ. May they enter into redemption through a "new and living way which He [Christ] inaugurated through the veil, that is His flesh". I plead with the Father for many to experience a lifting of the veil of darkness by the knowledge of His Son. Thank you CBA for allowing us the time out of the office. I pray that our experience there helps us to serve you well in the days ahead. We are a blessed people who have grown accustomed to freedoms we do not even think about on a daily basis. The USA, with all of our faults, still affords us religious freedoms other countries do not extend to their citizens. May we never take that for granted. If you have a desire to go to Israel, I encourage you to put it on the short list. Be in charge of your time there and have a plan. Be intentional and look for God at work. Pray for the lives you will touch while visiting. God is doing some incredible things in Israel! Make no mistake, the redeemed are knitted together by one Spirit and it is universal. Much like we do here, you will feel at home among believers, mourn for those who have been persecuted, and be jealous for those who worship the Father yet deny the Son. Those that shouted "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord," fully understood they were to praise the Lord passionately with a loud voice. If Israel's rocky landscape were to cry out in their stead, it would have been deafening! Oh, and to set your mind at ease, I felt safer there than I do here.

Marni