

The **transitional pastor ministry** is a guided process that prepares the congregation to receive a new pastor. The transitional pastor process is a proven path that builds unity, heals hurts, promotes fellowship, and focuses on the mission of the church. Transitional Pastor Training will be held at **Bethany Baptist Church** for pastors seeking to upgrade their skills to help churches move forward before calling a full time pastor.

Mark Marshall and Tim Dowdy will be co-teaching. The cost is \$85 for first timers and \$65 for repeaters. Dinner is provided for Monday evening.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Laura Simms at 770-936-5362 or [lsimms@gabaptist.org](mailto:lsimms@gabaptist.org)

PASTOR WELLNESS  
GEORGIA BAPTIST

## TRANSITIONAL PASTOR TRAINING

Aug. 9 - 10, 2021

Bethany Baptist Church, Juliette, Ga.

Register at [gabaptist.org/pastorwellness](http://gabaptist.org/pastorwellness)

**COST: \$85**

Georgia Baptist Mission Board

# SPARK CONFERENCE

## STRENGTHEN YOUR CHURCH

One-Day Total Church Equipping Conference  
going LIVE Thursday, August 12, 2021!

"Claim My Free Ticket Now!"

**Over 40 session leaders!**

Check Out This Year's Stellar Keynote Speakers



Ben Mandrell



Tony Evans



David Kinnamon



Charles Lowery

GBMB assembled a diverse team of practicing leaders prepared to give you best practices in their field of expertise. Every part of the gathering, from the keynote speakers to the SPARK breakout sessions, has been intentionally designed by the team to equip and inspire your leaders. Make plans now to join online for **#SPARKcon2021!**

### What You're Going To Learn...

- Strategies for ministry longevity
- How to teach teenagers
- Doing practical, simple evangelism
- Conversational apologetics in womens' outreach
- New post-pandemic rules for small group success
- Starting missions from zero
- How your church can help end human trafficking
- Leading worship in a post-pandemic world
- New ways to get your church into church planting
- Starting a bulletproof church security program
- How to implement the 3 pillars of successful childrens' ministry
  - Gaining data-driven knowledge of your community
  - Protecting your ministry in a changing culture
  - Recovering a biblical framework for discipleship
  - Engaging and mobilizing Gen Z
  - Updating to current changes related to reducing risk of abuse

### Who is this for?

**Pastors • Lay Leaders • Discipleship Leaders • Childrens' Leaders • Student Pastors • Worship Leaders • Small Group Leaders • Missions Coordinators... Anyone involved in ministry and equipping!**

Rev. Steve Laughman- Associational Mission Strategist  
Rev. Joey Smith- Moderator  
Rev. Eddie Johnson- Vice Moderator

Mrs. Marni Laughman- Ministry Assistant  
Mrs. Gail West- Treasurer

**A Word from Your Mission Strategist,  
Steve Laughman**

Many of you have asked for my observations from attending the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville. If you want a full breakdown, feel free to contact me, and we can sit down for a lengthier discussion. For now, here are my key takeaways:

- Don't believe anything you read in the national media. Controversy sells and gets people to click on links. A more accurate summary can be found at the Baptist Press or The Christian Index. The spirit of cooperation among those attending remains strong. As Baptists we are good at expressing how we think and feel about a matter, but when it's all said and done, we agree on most things.
- Good worship sets the tone for good business meetings. We handle discussion better when we have just met with the Lord in prayer and worship together.
- Once again, the International Mission Board commissioning service was the highlight of the convention. What a joy it is to celebrate the sending of missionaries to the ends of the earth!
- We can be thankful for the work being done at our six seminaries to equip men and women for ministry. The joint report from our seminary Presidents was very encouraging.
- The Executive Committee expressed that they welcome accountability regarding their handling of issues related to sexual abuse. After the focus on this issue over the last few years a

motion to conduct an audit of the EC's response was overwhelmingly affirmed.

- Another highlight of the convention was when our very own Pastor John Blackmon from Meansville introduced a motion to have NAMB and Lifeway research and produce materials to reach the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community. The motion was very well received and has resulted in much support from our national entities.

Thank you for allowing Marni and me to attend the convention and thank you for your support of the work through the Cooperative Program and gifts to CBA. We have the privilege of working together to accomplish so much throughout this world. As an association of churches, we at Centennial voluntarily partner together for ministry and missions. I pray we will continue to be effective both here where God has planted us and throughout the world as He allows.



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**Quarterly Fellowship Lunches will be cancelled for the remainder of 2021. We will make sure to update the website and newsletter with QFL dates and locations for 2022. We miss them too.**

PREACHING/TEACHING LAB

**AUGUST 2021**  
SECOND SEMESTER BEGINS



Registration, syllabus, and other information are available now at the link below.

CENTENNIALBAPTISTASSOCIATION.COM/PTLAB

PASTORS' ROUNDTABLES

UPSON-PIKE ROUNDTABLE  
AUG 19TH. 10 AM  
GATHERING GROUNDS

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WHERE IRON SHARPENS IRON

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VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE  
AUG 19TH. 8 PM  
GoToMeeting code  
CBARoundtable

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MONROE-LAMAR ROUNDTABLE  
AUG 31ST. 10 AM  
NEW PROVIDENCE BC



**Virtual Mission Team Meeting**

**August 8**

**3:30 PM**

**GoToMeeting: <https://www.gotomeetme/CBARoundtable>**

**Fall Semester** - Delivering the Message  
August 21, 2021 "Proclaiming Christ"  
October 16, 2021 "Hearing the Message"  
December 11, 2021 Delivery Practicum

- Each class includes general & individual sessions for both the preaching and teaching track, and a Q&A panel discussion.
- All sessions take place at The Rock Church. Depending on how many participants complete both semesters, the Delivery Practicum may be held in multiple locations.
- There is no cost to participate; however, there will be an optional, suggested reading list.
- The Preaching/Teaching Lab is open to **anyone** who desires to be better at proclaiming the Word of God whether it be in the pulpit, the classroom, or in your home. **Let me repeat that: the lab is not limited to just pastors!** This is a resource for any **man or woman** who wants to be better equipped to share God's Word.

**Register at [www.centennialbaptistassociation.com/ptlab](http://www.centennialbaptistassociation.com/ptlab)**



# One Day Health Care Summit

For pastors, ministerial staff and their spouses

## DO YOU KNOW YOUR RISK FACTORS?

To register go to [www.gabaptist.org/health-summit](http://www.gabaptist.org/health-summit)



### One Day Health Care Summit

This event offers a variety of valuable healthcare including dental services and a mobile Angio Screening. You may register for one or both dates. \$50 per person. For additional information call 770-936-5362.

#### August 26

Turning Point at  
Mable White Baptist Church  
1414 Bass RD, Macon

#### September 23

FBC Cartersville  
241 Douthit Ferry Road  
Cartersville GA

Equip 2021

EQUIP TO STAND  
SEPTEMBER 25  
HOST CHURCH | MOUNT OLIVE  
\$20 per person

Centennial Baptist Association

# ANNUAL FALL MEETING

OCTOBER 19, 2021

5:00 Business  
6:00 Meal  
7:00 Worship

Location:  
Maynard Baptist Church  
1195 Juliette Rd.  
Forsyth, GA 31029

CBA Mission Team will meet August 8th to decide if we will be collecting Christmas Backpacks. Details to come.



Steering Committee Meeting • August 3 • 6:30 PM

Visit the GoToMeeting app or [www.gotomeeting.com](http://www.gotomeeting.com) and join this virtual meeting by entering the code: CBARoundtable



### Sunday School Directors Summit

FBC Barnesville  
6:00 PM –8:00 PM  
September 30

Facilitated by:  
Matthew Gibbs,  
Discipleship GBMB  
East Central Region



## "Arise, Go!" Women's Conference

Jonah's Heart: Our Mess, God's Mercy

October 22nd and 23rd, 2021  
Free Admission - Bring a friend!

RSVP your headcount on the "Arise, Go!" Facebook event page OR contact Maynard Baptist Church: 478-994-2120 / [Office@MaynardBC.com](mailto:Office@MaynardBC.com)

A weekend of worship & an answer to God's call

**FRIDAY**  
Registration/Dinner: 5:30pm - 6:30pm  
Worship service: 6:30pm - 7:30pm

**SATURDAY**  
Registration/Breakfast: 9:15am - 10am  
Morning Worship Service: 10am - 11am  
Breakout Sessions A & B: 11am - 12:15pm  
Lunch and Presentation: 12:15pm - 1:00pm  
Afternoon Worship Service: 1:00pm - 2:05pm

Music Leader: Becca Martin  
Speaker: Julie Rogers

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

•GOTOMEETING APP OR ONLINE•  
CLICK HERE FOR ACCESS

Sept 7th @ 6:30 PM

Membership: "The Executive committee shall be composed of the pastor of each church, one lay member from each church elected by the church, the Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, members of the Steering Committee, all Directors and Committee Chairmen, Associational Missionary, and all full-time staff of member churches."

**Income for June 2021**

	<b>Jun 2021</b>	<b>YTD 2021</b>
Checking Interest	7.52	43.06
Antioch	930.49	4,574.70
Bethany	999.99	999.99
Beulah	0.00	1,153.00
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Clark's Chapel	100.00	600.00
Concord	200.00	600.00
Culloden	0.00	300.00
East Thomaston	370.96	1,949.98
Elkins Creek	0.00	0.00
Emory's Chapel	0.00	0.00
FBC Barnesville	0.00	3,040.32
FBC Forsyth	100.00	600.00
FBC Thomaston	1,163.88	5,597.16
Fellowship	0.00	0.00
Garden Hill	75.00	450.00
Grace Community	0.00	0.00
GracePoint	0.00	0.00
Hendricks	0.00	0.00
Jeff Davis	25.00	125.00
King's Chapel	0.00	0.00
Macedonia	150.00	900.00
Maynard	783.14	5,396.56
Meansville	250.00	1,500.00
Milner	510.46	3,211.64
Mount Olive	1,633.91	8,257.73
Mountain View	2,045.00	12,847.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	300.00
Mt. Zion	50.00	113.00
Neal	50.00	300.00
New Bethel	50.00	300.00
New Harmony	78.87	304.91
New Hope Zebulon	353.85	1,948.68
Pritchett Memorial	0.00	1,086.00
Russellville	81.52	476.72
Shiloh Lamar	265.00	1,090.00
Shiloh Upson	50.00	300.00
Silvertown	161.56	861.07
The Rock	0.00	783.92
Trinity	300.00	1,800.00
Valley Grove	605.49	2,970.04
Yatesville	175.00	1,050.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>11,566.64</b>	<b>65,830.48</b>

<b>Disbursements for June 2021</b>	
<b>Total Budgeted Expenditures</b>	<b>9,139.28</b>
Designated Accounts Expenses	1,232.88
<b>Monthly Surplus/Shortfall</b>	<b>2,427.36</b>

**Opportunities & Church News**

Neal is seeking a full time Pastor. Send resumes to [darrellgresham@yahoo.com](mailto:darrellgresham@yahoo.com) for consideration. Shiloh Upson seeks a PT Music Director. Send resumes to [shilohbaptist1@windstream.net](mailto:shilohbaptist1@windstream.net). Harps Crossing Baptist Church in Pike Co. seeks PT Youth Pastor to work with 7-12th grade students. Send resumes to Debbie Sloat at [dsloat@harpscrosing.com](mailto:dsloat@harpscrosing.com). Inquiries call 678-314-6580. FBC Barnesville is currently receiving resumes for Senior Pastor. All resumes should be sent by email to [fbcpastorsearchteam@gmail.com](mailto:fbcpastorsearchteam@gmail.com). Bethany is seeking a PT Children's Director. For more information or to apply contact the church office at 478-974-0002.

**August 2021**

3	Steering Committee	GoToMeeting	6:30 PM
8	Mission Team Meeting	GoToMeeting	3:30 PM
9-10	Transitional Pastor Training	Bethany BC in Juliette, GA	2:00 PM
12	SPARK Conference	<a href="http://www.thesparkconference.com/home2021">www.thesparkconference.com/home2021</a>	
19	Upson Pike Roundtable	Gathering Grounds	10:00 AM
19	Bi/Co Vocational Roundtable	GoToMeeting	8:00 PM
21	Preaching/Teaching Lab	The Rock	8:30 AM
31	Monroe Lamar Roundtable	New Providence	10:00 AM

**September 2021**

7	Virtual Executive Committee	GoToMeeting	6:30 PM
20	Ministry Leaders Connection		12:00 Noon
25	EQUIP2021	Mount Olive	8:30 AM
30	Sunday School Directors Summit	FBC Barnesville	6:00 PM

**October 2021**

19	Annual Fall Meeting	Maynard	5:00 PM
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**Shepherd Stories**

Many of our CBA churches are searching for a Shepherd. Please pray with us that each church and search committee will diligently pray and seek the man God has already handpicked for them. Each church has a unique need, and our Father knows that full well. Some seek to hire full time. Some part time. Some seek to hire seminary trained. Others value experience. Although our association of churches works together to service central Georgia, each church is autonomous and unique. What is right for one would not be right for all. This is just one aspect of what makes the body of Christ beautiful.

Some churches are also seeking to fill support staff positions such as worship and music as well as student ministers. Still others are searching for ministers to pastor children.

I am quite confident that God will connect ministers hungry to preach the Word with congregations that are ready to receive such a shepherd. God has proven to me over the years that He knows His timetable far better than I. He is never late to the party, and He is faithful beyond measure.

If your church is not seeking a minister of any kind, will you thank Him for the ones that serve

your church? It is difficult to bare the enormous responsibility of preparing sermons and mid week services along with pastoral care. They are human and often neglect their own families while tending the flock. If you are willing, thank them personally for their attention to your church and encourage them to press on toward the goal. Encourage their wives as well. Many are lonely and do not feel as though they have a confidant to love them in their frail humanity. They often carry burdens they are not meant to bare.

If you have made it to the end of this newsletter, I applaud you. Thank you for caring enough to read the fine print. Thank you for giving Centennial a bit of your attention in a time when you could have scrolled on by.

I love you dearly and I am thankful for each of you. May God forever meet you at your point of need. May you rest there for a time. Then may you rise a worker who need not be ashamed.

Your Associational Ministry Assistant,  
Marni Laughman

(P.S. As a child I would stare at the above painting that hung in my grandparent's dining room. I would try to imagine his sorrow, his heart, his voice. I still do.)

