

MOVE IN DAY August 13th

Show the love of Jesus by helping students move into their dorms.

For details, contact
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GORDON STATE COLLEGE

Equip To Live is a one day discipleship event for students in middle and high school. John 10:10 teaches us the enemy wants to steal from believers in Christ the truth of their reality as a child of the Most High. Christ died so that believers might LIVE in that reality. But how do we "live life to the full" under such warfare? Our prayer is that we will be more equipped to do just that after Equip To Live. Students are encouraged to bring a friend and wear athletic clothing. The location offers ample space and opportunity for lots of outdoor activities.

EQUIP TO LIVE

I HAVE COME THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE,
AND HAVE IT TO THE FULL.

John 10:10

09•17•2022

Camp Kaleo, Forsyth
\$20 a person
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Ropes Course
Canoes
Bridge Jumping

You are invited! Georgia Baptist Convention Annual Meeting

Join with other Georgia Baptists as we celebrate the **200th** anniversary of the Georgia Baptist Convention.

Augusta, GA
November 13-15, 2022
at the Marriott Convention Center, Augusta



FORWARD

NOT DONE YET

This year, the Preaching Conference and the Annual Meeting Sessions will be live streamed through the new streaming platform called "ACTS2." ACTS2 stands for Authentically Christian, Theologically Sound. It is designed by Georgia Baptists with Southern Baptists in mind.

Simply click below, sign up, and you'll have access to the Annual Meeting live stream, plus hundreds of documentaries, trainings, short films, and more. Sign up now by [CLICKING HERE](#)



Steering Committee Meeting

August 2, 2022

6:30 PM

The Rock Church
4663 Barnesville HWY
The Rock, 30285

We will be discussing how best to restructure ministry within Centennial. Members, please make every effort to attend.

Rev. Steve Laughman- Associational Mission Strategist
Rev. Eddie Johnson- Moderator
Rev. Mark Harris- Vice Moderator

Mrs. Marni Laughman- Ministry Assistant
Mrs. Joan German- Treasurer

A Word from Your Mission Strategist,
Steve Laughman

How do we measure success in ministry? This morning I was reading from Jeremiah. God called this young man to the extremely important and difficult task of preaching the truth to people who did not want to hear it. Jeremiah's initial response to God was that he was not equipped for the work God was calling him to do. God reassured him that He would sustain him and speak through him. Ultimately, Jeremiah responded in obedience. And he lived happily ever after...

Not quite. Jeremiah faced rejection, ridicule, and a people who abused him for speaking the truth. He was told that his message was not from God. He spent his entire ministry calling people to repentance, while they continued in their sin thinking they were ok with God. Do you ever feel this way? If we measure success in ministry by how well people respond to the message, Jeremiah would be considered a complete failure. His example would not be held up as one to follow, but we are reminded that God chose him for that purpose. No one promised any of us that ministry would be easy. In fact, most of us were probably told early in life to expect rejection and failure at some point. Jeremiah serves as a



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reminder that it could be worse. He also serves as a reminder that success is based on our obedience and faithfulness to God. Most of us will never suffer the trials of Jeremiah. Fortunately, the fruit of our labor is usually evident through life-change in those we minister to. We get to see people saved and disciplined in our churches. We experience genuine worship and joy in our Sunday gatherings. New families visit our churches and get plugged in to what God is doing there. When these things happen, we rejoice! But we must remember that even when they don't happen, we are still called to be obedient and faithful to the calling God has placed on each of us.

My prayer for you is that you would be encouraged today to faithfully run the race put before you. Do not judge your own success by comparing yourself to others. Ask yourself if you are doing everything you can to do what God has called you to do. And rest in the reality that He has a plan and a purpose. He invites us to join Him in this effort for His glory and your benefit. If I can ever help you, even if it's just a word of encouragement you need, do not hesitate to call on me. We get to do this together. May the Lord open your eyes today to His goodness and purpose.

The Blackmons will be serving in

BANGKOK

THAILAND

FOR THE
CALVARY INTERNATIONAL
BAPTIST CHURCH
GLORY OVER



Cheryl, Josiah, Lillie Jo & John

The Blackmons have visas, plane tickets for August 6th, and an apartment in Bangkok!

"The prayer of a person living right with God is something powerful to be reckoned with."

James 5:16 MSG

If you have not already signed up for their monthly updates, I would encourage you to do so right now. This family will be in Bangkok in less than a week and you don't want to miss out on praying specifically! May God continue to guide and direct.

If you want to stay in touch, subscribe to their newsletter by simply emailing

bangkokblackmons@gmail.com or follow John 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.

The Nation's Largest
Total Church Equipping Conference



Registration is open!

Attend one of the gatherings:

August 6th in [Warner Robins](#)

August 13th in [Douglas](#)

August 20th in [Albany & Alpharetta](#)

August 25th [Online Live Premier](#)

August 29th in [Flowery Branch](#).



GBMB has 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 their team to equip and inspire your leaders. Make plans now to join online for #SPARKcon2022 by visiting

www.thesparkconference.com

WHERE IRON SHARPENS IRON
Pastor Roundtables

MONROE-LAMAR
ROUNDTABLE
SEPT 20TH. 10 AM
NEW PROVIDENCE

UPSON-PIKE
ROUNDTABLE
AUG 25TH. 10 AM
GATHERING
GROUNDS

Pastors, you are invited to join **Re:Tool** hosted by the GBMB Pastor Wellness team. This is a time for pastors to meet other pastors and hear from guest speaker Dr. Jim Shaddix, Preaching Professor at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He holds the W.A. Criswell Chair of Expository Preaching and has authored many books on preaching, including Decisional Preaching and two books with Jerry Vines entitled, Power in the Pulpit and Progress in the Pulpit. He will share on this topic: "How to Preach Expository Messages that Lead to Spiritual Decisions." After Dr. Shaddix shares, there will be a Q&A followed by a FREE lunch. Registration is required. www.gabaptist.org/events/retool-athens/



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WORKING DINNER

SHILOH LAMAR BAPTIST CHURCH
1530 HWY 41S • BARNESVILLE • 30204

Sept 6th
@
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."

BUDGET & FINANCE MEETING

08/23/2022

Shiloh Lamar Baptist Church
1530 Hwy 41S
Barnesville GA 30204

All members of this committee will meet to discuss the 2023 budget for Centennial. Please make every effort to attention.

MEETING TIME: 6:30 PM

NAMB Pastors Luncheon • FBC Atlanta • 4400 N Peachtree RD • Aug 15th
Free for Pastors and Pastoral Staff

The North American Mission Board invites Pastors and Pastoral Staff to participate in a **Free** Pastors Luncheon as we give a mission update, celebrate some wins, and emphasize the priority of prayer helping fulfill Jesus' strategy to "pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38).

Speaker: Dr. Anthony George-Senior Pastor, FBC Atlanta

FREE LUNCHEON + GIFTS | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

(And you guys know those NAMB gifts are worth the drive. If you know you know.)

Register by visiting www.namb.net/pastor/luncheon/

The logo for 'United 2022' features the word 'United' in a large, white, cursive font with a flame effect on the letter 'i'. Below it, '2022' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

United 2022

AUGUST 11

COMMUNITY-WIDE REVIVAL
6-9PM

MATTHEW'S FIELD

FREE FOOD & LIVE MUSIC!

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FOR MORE INFORMATION 706.646.3660 Upson County

CBA Financials for June 2022

	June 22	Jan - Jun 22
Checking Interest	1.39	7.53
Antioch	540.03	4,244.65
Bethany	666.66	1,999.98
Beulah	330.00	1,462.00
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Clark's Chapel	100.00	800.00
Concord	0.00	750.00
Culloden	0.00	150.00
East Thomaston	332.16	1,933.94
Elkins Creek	0.00	0.00
Emory's Chapel	0.00	0.00
FBC Barnesville	3,236.32	9,614.88
FBC Forsyth	100.00	600.00
FBC of High Falls	0.00	2,291.81
FBC Thomaston	796.67	6,469.68
Fellowship	0.00	1,334.93
Garden Hill	0.00	225.00
Grace Community	0.00	0.00
GracePoint	0.00	0.00
Hendricks	0.00	100.00
Jeff Davis	25.00	125.00
King's Chapel	0.00	0.00
Macedonia	150.00	900.00
Maynard	835.02	4,883.39
Meansville	250.00	1,500.00
Milner	490.59	2,839.18
Mount Olive	3,313.47	10,843.60
Mountain View	2,163.00	10,780.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	400.00
Mt. Zion	0.00	40.00
Neal	0.00	400.00
New Bethel	50.00	300.00
New Harmony	48.93	222.64
New Hope Zebulon	522.15	2,315.60
Pritchett Memorial	0.00	1,131.00
Russellville	142.23	565.71
Shiloh Lamar	0.00	950.00
Shiloh Upson	50.00	300.00
Silvertown	162.08	827.65
The Rock	343.06	1,007.60
Trinity	300.00	1,800.00
Valley Grove	0.00	2,929.97
Yatesville	175.00	1,050.00
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	1,565.00
Total Receipts	15,123.76	78,088.21

Disbursements for June 2022	
Total Budgeted Expenditures	9,345.99
Designated Accounts Expenses	8,000.00
Monthly Surplus/Shortfall	5,777.77

Opportunities & Church News (Full job descriptions and other positions are listed [HERE](#))
Bethany is seeking a **PT Children's Director**. For more information or to apply contact the church office at 478-974-0002.
Concord is seeking a full-time **Minister to Students and Family**. Send resumes to jeff.yearwood@fnf.com
Oak Hill is seeking a **full-time Children's Minister**. Contact Chuck Johnson to submit resumes and for more information. chuck@oakhillchurch.com
FBC Forsyth is seeking both an organist and pianist to play for their traditional service. Contact jerryelder@fbcforsyth.com
Heritage Pregnancy Center is seeking an **Executive Director** responsible for day-to-day operations and organization. Please submit a cover letter and resume to heritagepcthomaston@gmail.com
FBC Thomaston is seeking a **full-time Pastor** with a masters degree from a seminary, 30-50 years old, and feels God leading him to consider a move. Send resume to fbctpastorsearch.yahoo.com

August 2022

2	Steering Committee Meeting	The Rock Church	6:30 PM
6	SPARK Conference	Second Baptist, Warner Robins	8:30 AM - 5:30 PM
23	Budget & Finance Committee Mtg	Shiloh Lamar	6:30 PM
25	Upson Pike Roundtable	Gathering Grounds	10:00 AM

September 2022

6	Executive Committee Meeting	Shiloh Lamar	6:30 PM
17	EQUIP to Live	Camp Kaleo, Forsyth	8:30 AM
19	Ministry Leaders Connection		12:00 Noon
20	Monroe Lamar Roundtable	New Providence	10:00 AM

October 2022

23	Centennial Annual Fall Meeting	Fellowship, Thomaston GA	TBD
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Shepherd Stories

Josh Gilliam and his wife, Lydia, along with their three children, Norah, Hudson and Owen, serve the believers at New Hope in Zebulon. A couple of weeks ago Steve and I attended worship there then had lunch with the Gilliams and two other families. It was a joy to watch them interact with friends around the table. Their children obviously loved the other families and treated everyone with respect and kindness. I smile remembering. Josh owns a business in Griffin as well as serving as Pastor, and Lydia is currently training for a half marathon. The kids play sports and attend summer activities in their community. Josh has served in our association before as Youth Minister at Russellville. Their family also attended The Rock during the first months of the restart back in 2019. New Hope is a great place for any believer looking to grow in their faith and to serve. I look forward to witnessing how God continues to use the Gilliams and those that



worship at New Hope to minister to those moving into the area.

Your Ministry Assistant,
Marni Laughman

Centennial Baptist Association

ANNUAL FALL MEETING

OCTOBER 23, 2022

Save this date and plan to enjoy dinner, discuss the business of CBA, and worship together.

Location:
Fellowship Baptist Church
1165 Hannah's Mill Road
Thomaston GA 30286

Please plan to attend this year's annual meeting. Your Strategist and members of the Steering Committee will be presenting a restructuring plan for ministries and missions within our association. Don't miss this time of fellowship and discussion.