

JOIN THIS CALL TO PRAYER & FASTING MOVEMENT August 3-9

2020 has brought great challenges and crises. In desperate times like these, God's people are to cry out to Him for forgiveness, guidance, and hope. Joel 1:14

To join just text "intercede" to 706-408-9899

Ways to Be Involved:

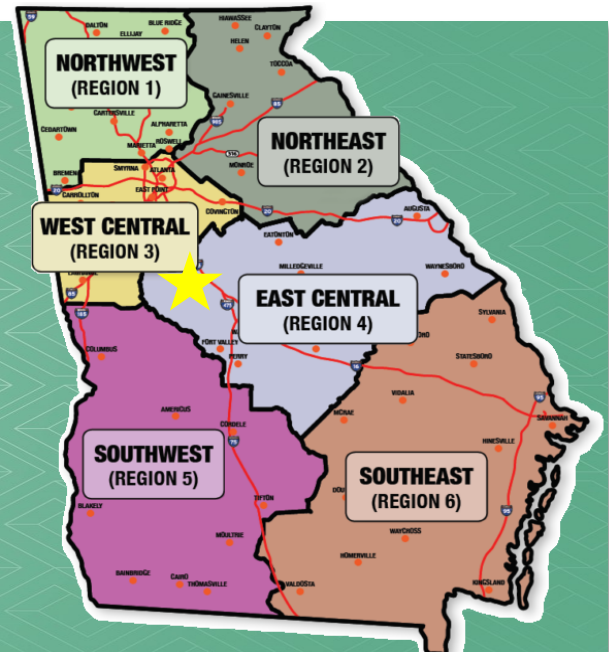
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Post the Daily Devotional to your social media accounts

#PrayGeorgia



2020 SPARK CONFERENCE

Strengthen Your Church To Advance A Disciple-Making Movement

[Claim Your FREE Ticket Here](#)

One-Day Total Church Equipping Conference
Premiers Online August 28th



Robby Gallaty
Long Hollow Baptist Church



Paul Chitwood
IMB President



Tyrone Barnette
Peace Baptist Church

Formally GO Georgia, 2020 SPARK Conference is now a national virtual event hosted by the Georgia Baptist Mission Board. Your FREE ticket will give you access to the content for almost a month; however, CBA has purchased access to the entire online conference including keynote speakers and all 50+ breakout sessions for one year. Contact the office for login information.



CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

Centennial Association has been asked to help provide Christmas Backpacks for children and teens in Randolph and Quitman Counties. Due to restrictions in these counties' schools, backpacks will be distributed differently there this year, but the need is still great.

Collection will take place Tuesday, October 20 at our annual Fall Meeting to be held at Trinity Baptist Church.

(If circumstances require a change of plans, we will let you know as soon as possible.)

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

Two steps forward, one step back. That might make sense on the dance floor, but it can be frustrating when you are trying to lead a group of people. As so many things become more uncertain, pastors are doing their absolute best to follow God's lead as they lead the church.

Let me take a moment to speak to those of you who make up the majority of the church. You're not the pastor or a staff member. Your name may not be printed on a sign or in the bulletin. But you do your part to pray, serve, and participate in God's work in your local church. You have watched services online, even when it was a bit strange at first. You grieved the loss of fellowship with your Sunday School class. You may have even been able to return to in-person gathering for worship but questioned whether it was the smartest thing to do.

Let me say this to you: Thank you for loving your pastor and his family. He and the other leaders of your church are struggling just like you are. They are questioning the wisdom of every decision, trying to discern how to minister best to you. They crave worship like you do. They mourn over having to step back plans to reopen

when the state of things change rapidly. They see how vital ministries have been put on hold and long for a day when they can begin again. Your pastor feels your pain more than you know. He bears your burdens even when you don't notice. So, thank you for extending some grace to him as he seeks to follow God down this uncertain path.



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There are so many things we could debate, and very often we do. Our world loves to draw lines in the sand and tell you to take a side. The election cycle elevates this tendency to ridiculous levels. This often leads to situations where church leaders are criticized no matter what decision they make. I trust your pastor and other church leaders to act in your best interest. Remember that they love you, and they love the Lord. Reserve judgement and assume they have stayed up late and risen early to pray over what actions to take.

August 3-9 has been set aside as a time to pray and fast for our state. Details can be found at gabaptist.org/prayerweek. Our region of Georgia has been asked specifically to fast on Wednesday, August 5. I would encourage you to lift up your pastor and other church leaders during this time. And if you are so inclined, take a moment to contact your pastor and let him know how much you appreciate him.

Centennial Committees Fall Meeting Schedule

Mission Team Meeting August 3, 2020 @ 6:30 PM GoToMeeting	Nominating Committee Meeting August 4, 2020 @ 9:30 AM Tasty Shop, Thomaston	Steering Committee Meeting August 4, 2020 @ 6:30 PM Virtual- GoToMeeting	Budget & Finance Committee Meeting August 17, 2020 @ 6:30 PM Virtual- GoToMeeting
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PASTORS' ROUNDTABLES

UPSON-PIKE
ROUNDTABLE
SEPT 10TH. 10 AM
GATHERING GROUNDS

**WHERE
IRON
SHARPENS
IRON**

VIRTUAL
ROUNDTABLE
AUG 20TH. 8 PM
GoToMeeting code
CBARoundtable

MONROE-LAMAR
ROUNDTABLE
AUG 18TH. 2 PM
NEW PROVIDENCE BC

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

CONNECTING YOU TO RESOURCES.

IMB AFFINITY
STATESIDE
ASSOCIATES FOR
THE AMERICAS

Doug & Dana
Roberts

MINISTERS
CONNECTION

Location TBD
Sept 21st at 12 Noon

MISSION GEORGIA

Gospel-centered care for every Georgia community

AREAS OF FOCUS:

PROJECT: Well Fed

Human Trafficking

Pre/Post Natal Care

Childhood Literacy

Refugees & Internationals

Foster Care & Adoption



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

• GOTOMEETING APP OR ONLINE.
CLICK HERE FOR ACCESS

Sept 10th
@
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."

Local Missions

Looking for something to do?

If you had to cancel mission trips due to COVID-19, and you're looking for a local missions opportunity, here are a couple to choose from:

- Camp Kaleo, Forsyth, is a mission of the GBMB Men's Ministry. They are in need of teams to paint and stain buildings and to clear trails. Contact Mike Flowers at 478-994-5333.
- Campers on Mission needs volunteers to help with their booth at the Georgia National Fair, Perry, Oct. 12-18. Contact David Lowrey at 770-539-2714.

2020 Pastors and Wives Retreat!

Join us at Epworth by the Sea • St. Simons Island, GA

October 16-18, 2020

SPACE IS LIMITED!

*Refuel.
Relax.
Refresh.*



FEATURED SPEAKER

Johnny Hunt
Senior VP of Evangelism and Pastoral Leadership
North American Mission Board



WORSHIP LEADER

Matt Duren
Worship Pastor
Eagles Landing First Baptist Church
McDonough, GA



RETREAT LEADER

Tim Dowdy
Lead Strategist
Georgia Baptist Mission Board



RETREAT SPEAKER

Shawn Dorrrough
Representative
Guidestone



RETREAT SPEAKER

Tanaya Meaders
Health & Wellness
Georgia Baptist Mission Board

Register online today!
gabaptist.org/event/pastorsretreat

Gifts of Georgia Baptists through the Cooperative Program enable us to partner together in fulfilling the Great Commission.



Ministers Dental Projects 2020

These dates are open to any GBMB Minister and spouse and retirees who do not have dental insurance. For appointments and information regarding these events, contact Laura Gray 706-936-5364 or email Ted Kandler at tkandler@gabaptist.org.

Aug 20-22 McDonough Rd Baptist Church, Fayetteville, GA

Sept 9-11 Toccoa Baptist Conference Center, Toccoa, GA

Oct 28-31 Danielle Baptist Association, Ailey, GA

Steering Committee Meeting • Aug 4 • 6:30 PM

Visit the GoToMeeting app or www.gotomeeting.com and join this virtual meeting by entering the code: CBARoundtable

For the latest Coronavirus Resources & Updates from the GA Baptist Mission Board visit <https://gabaptist.org/covid19>



The Worship Ministries of Clark's Chapel, Fellowship, & Mountain View present

GEORGIA JAM

At Mountain View Baptist Church, Thomaston
FREE Admission-Love Offering Received
August 14th @ 7:00PM; Doors Open @ 5:30



Income for June 2020

	June 2020	YTD 2020
Checking Interest	6.43	42.54
Antioch	1,058.79	4,513.62
Bethany	333.33	1,999.99
Beulah	0.00	328.00
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Clark's Chapel	100.00	600.00
Concord	0.00	0.00
Culloden	0.00	150.00
East Thomaston	310.74	1,989.21
Elkins Creek	0.00	0.00
Emory's Chapel	0.00	0.00
FBC Barnesville	1,637.01	8,848.60
FBC Forsyth	0.00	0.00
FBC Thomaston	1,095.98	5,513.58
Fellowship	0.00	200.00
Garden Hill	75.00	450.00
GracePoint	0.00	0.00
Hendricks	0.00	0.00
Jeff Davis	25.00	150.00
King's Chapel	0.00	0.00
Macedonia	600.00	900.00
Maynard	947.49	5,276.57
Meansville	250.00	1,500.00
Milner	597.30	2,849.34
Molena	0.00	0.00
Mount Olive	1,685.38	7,956.67
Mountain View	1,780.00	11,864.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	0.00
Mt. Zion	0.00	179.00
Neal	50.00	300.00
New Bethel	50.00	300.00
New Harmony	59.03	302.82
New Hope Zebulon	0.00	935.58
Pritchett Memorial	262.90	1,373.30
Russellville	102.55	544.63
Shiloh Lamar	0.00	800.00
Shiloh Upson	50.00	300.00
Silvertown	202.04	801.70
The Rock	0.00	340.57
Trinity	300.00	1,800.00
Valley Grove	0.00	2,050.13
Yatesville	0.00	875.00
Total Receipts	11,578.97	66,034.85

Disbursements for June 2020	
Administrative Expenses	780.14
Associational Programs	0.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00
Organizational Expenses	0.00
Pastorium Maintenance	-3.50
Salaries and Allowances	7,181.59
Total Budgeted Expenditures	7,958.23
Designated Accounts Expenses	0.00
Monthly Surplus/Shortfall	3,620.74

Opportunities & Church News

Molena is seeking **volunteers to serve in their Music ministry**. Contact Pastor Terry Murphey at murphevc1@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.

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.

Shiloh Upson seeks a **PT Music Director** to lead blended worship services and who is proficient in Media Shout. This position will report to the Pastor and Deacon Board. Responsibilities will include but are not limited to choosing service songs and soloists while coordinating with pianist and leading choir and holiday presentations. Send resumes to shilohbaptist1@windstream.net.

Aug 2020

3	Mission Team Meeting	GoToMeeting	6:30 PM
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4	Steering Committee	GoToMeeting	6:30 PM
17	Budget & Finance Committee	GoToMeeting	6:30 PM
18	Monroe-Lamar Roundtable	New Providence	2:00 PM
20	Virtual Roundtable	GoToMeeting	8:00 PM
28	GoGeorgia aka SPARK Conference		

Sept 2020

10	Upson-Pike Roundtable	Gathering Grounds	10:00 AM
10	Executive Committee	GoToMeeting	6:30 PM

Shepherd Stories

This couple right here needs no introduction for most of you. Joe and Reba Allen have served the churches of this association for many years. Joe has served as Pastor of Silvertown, led worship at Valley Grove, and worked as Associational Missionary for Centennial. Reba served alongside her husband in his various roles and was on staff as Music Minister during their time at Valley Grove. They have recently announced they will be retiring.

Throughout their time in ministry, these two have served the Lord faithfully and modeled an unwavering dedication. Even when faced with various trials in life and ministry, they remained joyful. Joe has always been a great encouragement and was a tremendous help to Steve when he began in 2012. Reba was gracious to me as well and always understood the challenges of serving as a minister's wife. I am so very grateful for both of them.

They plan to spend more time at the lake, more time with grandchildren, and more time with each other.

I love this picture of them. I feel like it is a perfect representation of who they are.

Joe and Reba, we hope you enjoy this new phase of life and always consider Centennial home. We love you!



Marni Laughman, Your Associational Ministry Assistant