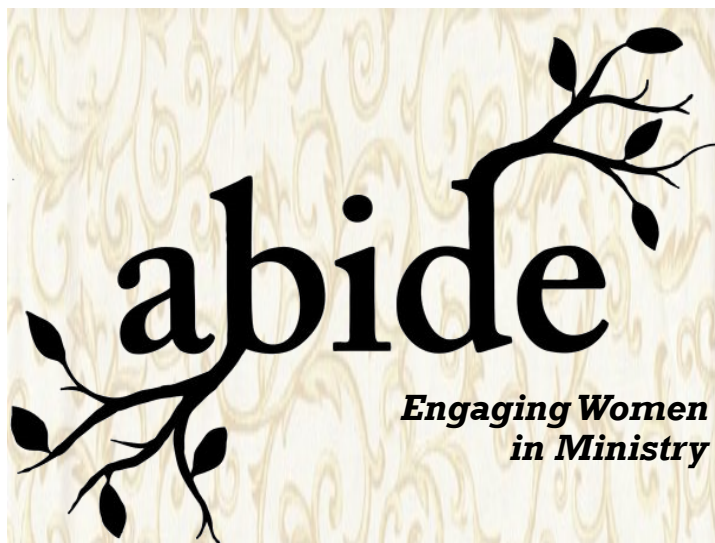


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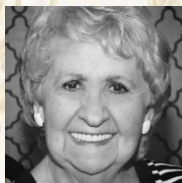
BAPTIST NEWS

Networking churches to make disciples

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Saturday, September 22, 8:30 AM-1 PM
Molena Baptist Church
2526 Main Street
Molena GA 30258



Keynote Speaker
Nancy Taylor

Breakout Leaders



Cara Gorobbelaar, BCM Gordon State
Julie Rogers, Maynard, Prayer
Raquel Russell, New Choices
Christie Guy, New Choices
Nancy Riner, Another Alternative

**Get inspired to live out the
Great Commission in your
Jerusalem.**

**RSVP to 706-647-4959
for lunch by September 17th.**

Quarterly Lunch Fellowship will be hosted by the GBCH on the Meansville Campus, August 9th at noon. All attending are asked to RSVP for a catered lunch by August 6th to the CBA office. We look forward to hearing from Byron Smith, Campus Administrator.



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Homes and Family
Ministries, Inc.**



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TRAINING
NATIONAL
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**ALL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
Mark your calendars for September 6, 2018. We will meet at Neal
Baptist Church at 6:30 PM for a working dinner meeting.**

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, the Vice Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer of the Association, the Parliamentarian, members of the Steering Committee, all Directors and Committee Chairmen, Associational Missionary, and all full-time staff of member churches."

Rev. Steve Laughman- Associational Missionary
Rev. Bill Barber- Moderator
Rev. Joey Smith- Vice Moderator

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A Word from Your Missionary, Steve Laughman

Laugh at me if you want, but I was one of those weird kids who liked going back to school. My name is Steve, and I am a nerd. (Hi, Steve.) To all the other nerds or former nerds out there, you know the feeling of getting new school supplies and gleefully finishing your summer reading in anticipation of that first day back in the classroom. You had your new mechanical pencil and Scooby-Doo lunch box ready to go long before you needed them. Even now as I walk the aisles of Walmart, I resist the urge to buy new, clean, unmarked notebooks and calendars. There is something about a new start.

I guess that is why I enjoyed the beginning of school. It was a chance to start over. The notebooks served as a modern clean slate on which I would eventually work out problems or write about the things I was learning. A new school year was a chance to prove myself again, a chance to rise to the challenge and explore the possibilities.

Of course, I didn't always get it right. I remember when erasable ink came out. In theory, you could erase your mistake, even if it was written in pen. In reality, you just smudged the paper and probably rubbed a hole in it. Aren't you glad God doesn't leave it up to us to erase our own mistakes? He offers a clean slate each time we mess up. If it were my job to clean up my messes, I would surely make a bigger mess. But I serve a Savior who is bigger than my mistakes. He covers them with His blood and removes them from my account. I have the joy of a fresh start every single day.

Whether you or your church is riding the wave of God's goodness or you are sinking because of the weight of your burdens, look to Him for your joy and success. He offers a new start when times are hard, and He sustains us when times are good. Let us not rely on our own abilities or talents, but rest in His strength and power.

CBA works to connect you with the resources you need to be the church God wants you to be. I would encourage everyone to take advantage of the offerings listed here in the newsletter. GO Georgia is an especially good opportunity for you to receive training and encouragement no matter what area of ministry you are called to. We are fortunate that this year it will be held in Macon, very close to most of us. Sunday School Mentoring starts this month. It is not too late for your church to participate. Contact me for more information on this or anything else you read here.

Centennial's **135th Annual Fall Meeting** will be on **October 23, 2018** at **Yatesville Baptist Church**. The business meeting will begin at **4:30 PM** followed by dinner. Worship will begin at **6:45 PM**. We will collect **Christmas Backpacks** for Bethel Association beginning at 4:30. For details, visit <http://www.centennialbaptistassociation.com/christmasbackpacks/>



CBA will include school supplies in our backpacks, so pick those up now while they are on sale

Our Goal: 500 backpacks



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?

OUR VISION:

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



CANOPY
THURSDAY, AUGUST 23 / 7PM

**CANOPY IS A WORSHIP
EVENT FOR ALL WOMEN
HELD ON THE CAMPUS OF
FBC BARNESVILLE.**

GC Challenge

How are YOU doing reaching your personal goal for gospel conversations in 2018?

Be intentional. Be the church.

Cause ain't nobody else gonna do it!

<https://gcchallenge.com/>

ELEVATE

CHURCH STRATEGY SUMMIT

Audio Recordings are NOW UP on

www.centennialbaptistassociation.com/elevate-recordings-2018/

Go:21 **OCT 06 07 2018**

If your students love Equip, don't miss Go:21. This GBMB event will challenge students and adults alike. Sign up today and don't miss Go:21 PINNACLE RETREAT CENTER

JESUS SAID, "PEACE BE WITH YOU! AS THE FATHER HAS SENT ME, I AM SENDING YOU."

JOHN 20:21

youth missions immersion weekend

OCT 06 07 2018

SPEAKER: RICKY SMITH

WORSHIP TEAM: LEVEL GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

JOIN US AT PINNACLE RETREAT CENTER, CLAYTON, GA

\$79 EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION Deadline: August 15	\$89 REGULAR REGISTRATION Deadline: September 6
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Registration includes: conference fee • lodging • 4 meals • t-shirt

REGISTER ONLINE: GABAPTIST.ORG/G021

Go:21 is a missions immersion weekend for middle and high school students sponsored by Georgia Baptist Women, Georgia Baptist Student Groups & Faith Development, and Northeast Area Missions Program.

Questions, or for more information, please call: 1-800-746-4422 x326

Georgia Baptist Mission Board Georgia WAMU & WEM #reachingnextgen

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

Ministers Meetings

The Garden Patch
100 Southland Drive
Barnesville, GA 30204

August 13, 2018

12 Noon

All ministers are invited.

Wellness & Dental Care Assistance for Ministerial Staff & their Spouses

Save the date
Sept 12-15, 2018

Ministers and Wives Wellness Retreat Georgia Baptist Conference Center, Toccoa

This event is sponsored by the Georgia Baptist Mission Board Church Minister Relations and Mobile Health Ministries. Registration is open to any Georgia Baptist Convention minister and spouse who do not have preventive health insurance. Dental service is offered to participants of this event who do not have dental insurance.

Thank you for your continued support of the Cooperative Program!

WHY ME MEN'S CONFERENCE

ADMISSION FREE

Friday August 3rd, 2018
& Saturday August 4th, 2018

"NOT ON MY WATCH"

Supper: Friday 5p - 6:45p
Doors Open: Friday 6:45p
Doors Open: Saturday 7:45a

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For More Information Call: 706-648-6224
Or Visit: www.whymemensconference.com

Mountain View Baptist Church 2569 Jeff Davis Rd. Thomaston Ga.

The Bible and The Family Conference



Three Churches. Three Nights. Three Preachers. One Message.

Sunday: Concord Baptist Church; John Blackmon (Pastor, Meansville)
Monday: Mount Olive Baptist Church; Jacob Sparks (Pastor, Concord)
Tuesday: Meansville Baptist Church; Mark Harris (Pastor, Mount Olive)

A special offering will be collected each night to benefit the Heritage Pregnancy Center in Thomaston.

HERITAGE PREGNANCY CENTER, INC.

Help our Baptist Collegiate Ministry at Gordon College help students at Move in Day

August 4th
Contact Jason Teal
At
wjteal@gmail.com
or
770-358-2353

Income for June 2018

	Jun 18	Jan18 – Jun18
Checking Interest	6.31	36.96
Antioch	583.44	3,921.70
Bethany	250.00	1,750.00
Beulah	337.00	1,390.00
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Clark's Chapel	100.00	600.00
Concord	400.00	1,200.00
Culloden	0.00	300.00
East Thomaston	343.08	2,100.62
Elkins Creek	0.00	0.00
Emory's Chapel	0.00	0.00
FBC Barnesville	1,329.61	9,894.93
FBC Forsyth	0.00	0.00
FBC Thomaston	802.16	5,359.62
Fellowship	637.09	3,607.06
Garden Hill	0.00	0.00
GracePoint	0.00	50.00
Hendricks	0.00	0.00
Jeff Davis	25.00	150.00
King's Chapel	0.00	100.00
Macedonia	0.00	0.00
Maynard	509.42	3,470.14
Meansville	241.66	1,449.96
Milner	419.85	2,677.70
Molena	0.00	0.00
Mount Olive	985.4	6,728.22
Mountain View	2,224.00	11,352.00
Mt. Pleasant	300.00	300.00
Mt. Zion	76.00	509.00
Neal	50.00	350.00
New Bethel	50.00	300.00
New Harmony	0.00	198.88
New Hope Thomaston	0.00	163.08
New Hope Zebulon	0.00	813.31
Pine View	0.00	300.00
Pritchett Memorial	0.00	469.76
Russellville	66.21	323.71
Shiloh Upson	50.00	300.00
Shiloh Lamar	328.00	1,202.00
Silvertown	139.43	1,118.33
The Rock	25.10	151.10
Trinity	300.00	1,800.00
Valley Grove	262.06	2,668.94
Yatesville	100.00	600.00
Total Church Receipts	10,934.15	67,670.06

Disbursements for June 2018

Administrative Expenses	1,415.42
Associational Programs	1,115.30
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00
Organizational Expenses	0.00
Pastorium Maintenance	0.00
Salaries and Allowances	6,902.06
Total Budgeted Expenditures	9,432.78
Designated Accounts Expenses	48.08
Monthly Surplus/Shortfall	1,501.37

Opportunities & Church News

New Hope is seeking a *pianist*. If you are interested in applying, please email your resume to newhopebaptist1@windstream.net

Silvertown is searching for an *Associate Pastor of Music*. This bi-vocational position requiring approximately 12-16 hours per week. Visit www.silvertownbc.com/staffneeds for details and application instructions.

FBC Barnesville is seeking a full-time Children's Minister (Preschool–5th) with adequate theological education and/or experience. Please send resumes to First Baptist Church, 200 Zebulon St., Barnesville, GA 30204 (Attention: Pastor) or email them to fbcpastor@fbcbarnesville.com. Receiving resumes through September 15, 2018.

Molena is seeking volunteers to serve in music and youth ministries. Contact Pastor Terry Murphey at murpheyc1@bellsouth.net

Calendar of Events

August 2018

2	GoGeorgia Preview Lunch	Pine Forest, Macon	12 Noon
7	Steering Committee Mtg	Milner	6:30 PM
9	Quarterly Fellowship Lunch	Meansville Campus GBCH	12 Noon
13	Ministers Meeting	Garden Patch	12 Noon
13	SS Mentoring Session #1	Yatesville	6:30 PM
14	Monroe Roundtable	New Providence	2:00 PM
17-18	GoGeorgia	Mable White, Macon	Fri 3PM-Sat 6PM
21	Nominating Committee Mtg	FBC Barnesville	12:00 Noon

September 2018

6	Executive Committee	Neal	6:30-8 PM
10	Ministers Meeting	Garden Patch	12 Noon
10	SS Mentoring Session #2	TBA	6:30 PM
22	Abide Women's Conference	Molena	8:30 AM-1 PM
27	Upson Pike Roundtable	Gathering Grounds	10 AM

Shepherd Stories

The last several times I have run into Mark Harris, Pastor of **Mount Olive Baptist Church, Molena GA**, he was grocery shopping for his family at Walmart. Chanda, his wife, was at work and the kids were at school. That's the kind of man Mark is. He sees a task that needs completing, and he does the work necessary to complete the job. He's taught me a few things about hunting, not that I EVER intend to put those nuggets of wisdom to use, and he has preached from an iPad with a camouflage cover every Sunday that I

have attended services. This guy is passionate about the Word and makes no apologies for how black and white the truths within Scripture actually are. His congregation has learned to trust their Shepherd in the 14 1/2 years they have sat under him. He is not inhibited by God-sized tasks nor does he cower in the face of the enemy. Chanda and Mark have adopted all four of their children and are a living example of James 1:27. Those smiles in the picture above are genuine. This couple does ministry together in their home, church, community, and beyond. In the almost 6 years that I have been living in Upson County, I have never heard a single negative comment about either of these two incredible humans! That's exceptional, because we all know how small towns can be:) Mount Olive just completed an expansion to their campus (talk about getting the job done) and is blessed beyond measure to call this family their own. Don't they just look like the kind of family you could have over for a BBQ in your backyard?



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