

*The Gathering: Pastors' Wives Retreat*

He Sees Me

Crown Plaza Hotel • 201 Aberdeen Pkwy • Peachtree City GA • Jan 21-23, 2021

Scarlett Hiltibidal

Jackie Taylor

Paula Dunn

All Georgia Baptist Mission Board Pastor Wives are invited to attend this annual retreat. If your husband is the lead Pastor/Elder or serves as Pastor/Elder to students, children, mature adults, music or administration, you are invited to attend. This retreat is designed with **you** in mind. Many have made plans to attend. To register visit <https://gabaptist.org/events/pastors-wives-retreat/>

Last year more than 250 Georgia Baptist Pastor Wives attended this retreat and the state graciously made last minute accommodations for overflow. Because of Covid restrictions space is strictly limited this year. Make your reservations now because you won't want to miss

*He Sees Me 2021.*

# #MOVECONFERENCE

**DEC 29**

ALL ACROSS OUR STATE IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

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**3 LOCATIONS ACROSS THE STATE**

**3 SPEAKERS AT EACH SITE STREAMED IN**

**Midway Church**  
3982 Carrollton Villa Rica Hwy  
Villa Rica, GA 30180

**Bethlehem Church**  
548 Christmas Ave, Hwy 11 N  
Bethlehem, GA 30620

**New Providence Baptist Church**  
2560 US-41  
Forsyth, GA 31029

W/ JOEL GODDARD

BEN + KAITLYN

CHAD POE

ED NEWTON

NICK PERSON

**\$55 until Dec 3 @ 11:59pm**

The **Kids Ministry Summit** is an event for the kids ministers of Georgia Baptist churches. This is a large group event with a speaker and a worship leader, but there will also be time for roundtable discussions. This event is a great time for kids ministers to learn and network.

JAMES 1:5

**FEBRUARY 4-5, 2021**

**Jekyll Island Club**

\$60 now... \$80 after Jan 11<sup>th</sup>

Lodging Information: Call Jekyll Island Club Hotel (877-463-8914)  
For the group rate, mention you are attending the Minister of Childhood Retreat.



Shelly Melia  
Association Dean,  
Associate Professor  
of Childhood  
Education, Dallas  
Baptist University

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**

175 years ago, the Southern Baptist Convention established what we now call the International Mission Board. Reaching the nations with the Gospel is at the heart of who we are as Southern Baptists. We have always understood that we have been invited by God, in fact commanded by Him, to participate in His missional task. What role will you play?

A few months ago, we invited Doug and Dana Roberts to share with our pastors about how we can become more engaged in the work of the IMB. As Southern Baptists, we know that our Cooperative Program dollars support this work. We also know that every penny given to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goes to support the work on the field. But we wanted to know more. Here are some of the things we learned from them:



*“My prayer is that we will see a wave of people from our churches being called to missions.”*

Although COVID has dramatically affected the way missionaries complete their task, even causing some to have to leave the field temporarily, the work is still being done all over the world.

A large percentage of Southern Baptist churches did not report any giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering last year. The goal for 2025 is to have 75% of all SBC churches supporting LMCO.

There is a great need for missionaries. The goal for 2025 is to have 500 additional missionaries on the field. It should go without saying that these missionaries will come from our local churches. To that end, we need to be prayerful and intentional about equipping people for missions.

I am extremely thankful for the work being done throughout the world by our IMB personnel. If you want to be better informed of how we are proclaiming the Gospel, go to [imb.org](http://imb.org) where you will find videos, statistics, and even links to start the process of becoming a missionary yourself. If I can help you navigate this process, please reach out to me. My prayer is that we will see a wave of people from our churches being called to missions. Let us help you.

This isn't just a season for missions. It is most importantly the season when we celebrate the birth of Jesus. My hope for you this Christmas is that God's peace will comfort you, that His joy will overwhelm you, and His presence will encourage you. As we think about our Savior who took on flesh and dwelt among us, may we experience all that He intended for us.

From our family to yours, Merry Christmas!

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**THE GEORGIA BAPTIST  
EVANGELISM CONFERENCE**

**JANUARY 25-26, 2021**

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

**Capitalizing on Gospel Opportunities**

Every church has gospel opportunities. At this year's FREE conference, you will learn how to spot those opportunities and how to take advantage of them. You will be able to take what you learn and apply it to your fellowship with immediate impact.

Central Baptist Church  
1120 Lake Joy Road  
Warner Robins GA

**CONFERENCE SPEAKERS**

FREE: Lunch N Learns  
are available for \$10



**Dr. Richard Blackaby**  
Blackaby Ministries International



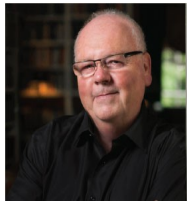
**Rev. Jordan Easley**  
First Baptist Cleveland, TN



**Rev. Kenny Grant**  
Calvary Baptist Temple, Savannah, GA



**Dr. Fred Luter**  
Franklin Avenue Baptist Church, New Orleans



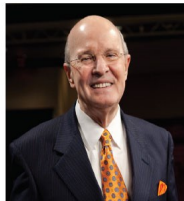
**Dr. Reggie McNeal**  
Leadership Network



**Rev. Vance Pitman**  
Hope Church, Las Vegas, NV



**Dr. Shane Pruitt**  
North American Mission Board



**Dr. Jerry Vines**  
Jerry Vines Ministries

**PASTORS'  
ROUNDTABLES**

**UPSON-PIKE  
ROUNDTABLE  
JAN 7TH. 10 AM  
GATHERING GROUNDS**

**WHERE  
IRON  
SHARPENS  
IRON**

**VIRTUAL  
ROUNDTABLE  
DEC 17TH. 8 PM  
GoToMeeting code  
CBARoundtable**

**MONROE-LAMAR  
ROUNDTABLE  
DEC 1ST. 10 AM  
NEW PROVIDENCE BC**

# PREACHING/TEACHING LAB

JAN 2021  
FIRST SEMESTER BEGINS



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

[CENTENNIALBAPTISTASSOCIATION.COM/PTLAB](http://CENTENNIALBAPTISTASSOCIATION.COM/PTLAB)

The first semester of the Centennial Preaching/Teaching Lab is scheduled to begin January 2021. The lab will be divided into two semesters for 2021.

### Spring Semester - Preparing the Message

January 16, 2021. "What is Preaching and Teaching?"

March 20, 2021. "The Sufficiency of Scripture"

May 15, 2021. "The Prepared Messenger"

### Fall Semester - Delivering the Message

August 21, 2021. "Proclaiming Christ"

October 16, 2021. "Hearing the Message"

December 11, 2021. Delivery Practicum

- Each class will include large group sessions, individual sessions for both the preaching and teaching track, and a Q&A panel discussion.
- All sessions will take place at The Rock Church unless otherwise noted. 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 purchase of these books is at the discretion and expense of each person.
- 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)

For the latest Coronavirus Resources & Updates from the GA Baptist Mission Board

visit <https://gabaptist.org/covid19>

A Great *Multitude* + You  
Rev 7:9

2020 GOAL

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING GOAL

\$175 million

NOV 29- DEC 5  
Week of Prayer for a Lifetime of Change

# 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](#)

CONNECTING YOU TO RESOURCES.

LORNA BIUS  
MISSION GEORGIA

Ministry Leadership CONNECTION

All are invited to attend this casual lunch meeting as we discuss how the Church can be involved in Mission Georgia.

The Garden Patch  
Barnesville, GA  
Jan 11th @ 12 Noon

MERRY  
Christmas

**Income for October 2020**

	<b>Oct 2020</b>	<b>YTD 2020</b>
Checking Interest	7.29	71.41
Antioch	1,393.75	7,823.69
Bethany	666.66	3,666.64
Beulah	250.00	1,299.00
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Clark's Chapel	100.00	1,000.00
Concord	100.00	1,000.00
Culloden	150.00	600.00
East Thomaston	316.10	3,355.19
Elkins Creek	0.00	0.00
Emory's Chapel	0.00	0.00
FBC Barnesville	2,188.94	13,670.99
FBC Forsyth	0.00	0.00
FBC Thomaston	696.54	8,609.79
Fellowship	150.00	500.00
Garden Hill	75.00	750.00
GracePoint	0.00	0.00
Hendricks	0.00	0.00
Jeff Davis	0.00	225.00
King's Chapel	0.00	0.00
Macedonia	150.00	1,500.00
Maynard	685.11	8,387.15
Meansville	250.00	2,500.00
Milner	412.11	4,470.73
Molena	0.00	0.00
Mount Olive	2,375.61	14,561.58
Mountain View	3,639.00	21,289.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	300.00
Mt. Zion	0.00	374.00
Neal	50.00	500.00
New Bethel	50.00	500.00
New Harmony	29.29	524.38
New Hope Zebulon	144.63	1,880.24
Pritchett Memorial	0.00	1,967.82
Russellville	194.60	863.53
Shiloh Lamar	0.00	1,525.00
Shiloh Upson	50.00	500.00
Silvertown	167.34	1,636.01
The Rock	0.00	497.21
Trinity	300.00	3,000.00
Valley Grove	580.00	4,069.13
Yatesville	175.00	1,750.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>15,446.97</b>	<b>115,167.49</b>

<b>Disbursements for October 2020</b>	
Administrative Expenses	1,289.49
Associational Programs	100.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00
Organizational Expenses	0.00
Pastorium Maintenance	0.00
Salaries and Allowances	7,181.59
<b>Total Budgeted Expenditures</b>	<b>8,571.08</b>
Designated Accounts Expenses	50.00
<b>Monthly Surplus/Shortfall</b>	<b>6,875.89</b>

**Opportunities & Church News**

**Concord** is seeking **Worship Leader**. Contact Bob Hurd at 770-656-5447 or [bobhurd5@gmail.com](mailto:bobhurd5@gmail.com).  
**Neal** is seeking a **Children & Youth Minister**. Please submit resume to [nealbaptist@gmail.com](mailto:nealbaptist@gmail.com).  
**Shiloh Upson** seeks a **PT Music Director**. Send resumes to [shilohbaptist1@windstream.net](mailto:shilohbaptist1@windstream.net).

**December 2020**

1	Monroe Lamar Roundtable	New Providence	10:00 AM
17	Virtual Roundtable	GoToMeeting	8:00 PM
23-31	CBA Office closed		
29	MOVE Conference	3 locations	

**January 2021**

5	Steering Committee Meeting	GoToMeeting	6:30 PM
7	Upson Pike Roundtable	Gathering Grounds	10:00 AM
11	Ministry Leadership Connection	The Garden Patch	12 Noon
16	First Semester Preaching/Teaching Lab begins	The Rock Church	8:30 AM
21-23	GBMB Pastor Wives Retreat	Peachtree City	Check-in 4:00 PM
25-26	GBMB Evangelism Conference	Warner Robins	

**Shepherd Stories**

Pastor Garth Forster will be retiring from First Baptist Church in Barnesville at the end of 2020. He and his wife, Mrs. Suzanne, have faithfully served there for over 28 years.

As a young teenager, Pastor Garth gave his life to the Lord. He graduated from Auburn University then studied at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary where he earned a Master of Divinity. He was called to Pastor in Alabama and Texas before coming to First Baptist Church Barnesville. He and Mrs. Suzanne have two adult children, Brent and Savannah.

In the eight years that Steve and I have served Centennial, I have grown to love Pastor Garth and Mrs. Suzanne. I learned very early that Pastor Garth was a man of integrity and honor. In the summer of 2015 our association took a mission trip to Ducktown, TN. Pastor Garth encouraged many from his church to attend, and he also was able to join us for a couple of days. I distinctly remember riding in the front seat of his new car. He told me the story of how God had blessed he and Mrs. Suzanne with this vehicle. He made sure I understood that without God working out such an incredible deal and orchestrating the people and circumstances, he would never have bought



the vehicle. I appreciated his honesty but didn't really understand why he made sure I knew the story. I know now that God wanted me to appreciate that Pastor Garth is both wise and humble. After that drive, I knew that I could encourage Steve to receive counsel from Pastor Garth on any matter of ministry. You see, I meet lots of pastors. From time to time, the Holy Spirit will show me my husband is safe in their counsel almost instantly.

Pastor Garth is one of those men. As Steve's wife, I know when circumstances exceed my understanding. In ministry, my husband needs other men who would listen with an understanding ear, speak from experience, give wise counsel, and give encouragement in the faith. Pastor Garth is one of those men that I have encouraged Steve to meet with and call. I trust Pastor Garth, and I will miss his leadership at FBCB immensely.

Please be in prayer for the Pastor Search Committee at FBCB. They have some very big shoes to fill. And if you feel prompted to thank Pastor Garth for his service to the Lord, you can email him at [fbcpastor@fbcarnesville.com](mailto:fbcpastor@fbcarnesville.com)

Your Associational Ministry Assistant,  
Marni Laughman