

Centennial invites all **Ministers and Spouses** to **Shiloh Lamar** on December 3rd for the CBA Christmas Fellowship. Bring your favorite **heavy hors d'oeuvre AND dessert** to share. Bring your guitars for a night of **fellowship & reflection** as we **play games** and **sing songs** while enjoying their **FABULOUS fireplace**. Festivities will begin at 6 PM and childcare is provided for the little ones. See you there!

Shiloh Lamar, 1530 US-41, Barnesville, GA, 30204

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY WORKSHOP

Mount Olive Baptist Church
1177 Hwy 109
Molena, GA

January 27 @ 2:30 PM

This FREE equipping workshop is designed to provide our churches with resources, breakouts, and roundtable discussions that will inform, challenge, equip and inspire anyone who works with children. Bring a group from your church and expect God to move you.

SS Mentoring/ Small Groups Training

Trinity Baptist Church, Thomaston
Monday, January 14, 6:30

As part of our ongoing Sunday School Mentoring program, the January 14, 2019 session will include special age-graded training by experts in the field of effective Sunday School practices. Because of the special nature of this session, we are inviting **EVERYONE** who works in Sunday School/ Small Groups to attend. You **DO NOT** have to be a part of Sunday School Mentoring to participate. A meal will be provided.

We do ask that you help us out with the following:

- RSVP to the CBA office (706-647-4959) by January 8, especially if you plan to eat with us.
- Encourage others from your church to join you. This is a great time to recruit new workers who may be interested in working in Sunday School/ Small Groups in your church.
- Include this information in your church newsletter, bulletin, or Sunday School announcements.

Groups and Speakers include:

- Adults - Matthew Gibbs, Second B C, Warner Robins
- Youth - Jeff Glenn, Shirley Hills B C, Macon
- Children - Amy Autry, Sunrise B C, Newnan
- Preschool - Nan Harmon, New Hope B C, Fayetteville



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Warner Robins, GA 31088

Rev. Steve Laughman- Associational Mission Strategist
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A Word from Your Mission Strategist, Steve Laughman

"When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds began saying to one another, 'Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us.' So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger. When they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told to them about this Child. And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart. The shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them." (Luke 2:15-20)

The announcement from the angels must have come as quite a shock to the shepherds.

Although the Messiah was to come someday, they had no idea it would be that night, nor did they ever expect to be the first to hear of His birth. However, when they heard, they eagerly followed the angels' instructions. They hurried, and they proclaimed what they had seen and heard, not just to Mary and Joseph, but also to anyone who would listen. Imagine the joy they must have felt! My prayer is that we enter this Christmas season with that same sense of awe and wonder and that same sense of urgency.

No matter what you have experienced this year, you have a reason to celebrate. Some of you have been overwhelmed with loss this year. Others have sent children to college or the mission field or the military. Many in our church families have experienced anxiety, depression, and fear. But others have added children to their families or watched a dear friend come to Christ after years of praying for him or her. We have all rejoiced and mourned. God has been good through it all, because He is faithful. "We have seen and testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world." (1 John 4:14) This news alone is enough to celebrate!

This month, Marni and I complete our sixth year with the Centennial Association. Thank you for calling us here. Thank you for supporting the work the Lord has given us to do here. Thank you for being on mission with us to spread the Gospel throughout our communities. It is our joy to serve the Lord with you. We pray you have a joyful Christmas season and the news of our Savior's birth is continually in your heart and on your lips.



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?

If you, your church, Sunday school class, or family would like to financially contribute, send donations to the CBA office designated as "Outreach Equipment".



Not that this makes any difference, but this cute little guy's ancestor might have been at the birth of our Savior. As a woman who has experienced all that childbirth entails... I just can't imagine sharing it with livestock... but Mary did. I am thankful that she submitted to all that God had for her. Just something to think about.



GAME PLAN

JOHNNY HUNT

MEN'S CONFERENCE REPLAY

Valley Grove Baptist Church

Feb 2, 2019

Starts @ 8:30 AM

\$20 Tickets available at CBA office




this is my story

Equip Your Students To Go From "Scared To Prepared" To Share Their Faith Story With The World!

IMAGINE...

- ...your church, along with hundreds of others, multiplying shared faith stories across the state of Georgia, starting with your own community**
- ... thousands of stories shared one-to-one — and in the online world by video... producing digital gospel witnesses working 24/7 to bring people to Jesus.**
- ... a predictable, done-for-you discipleship process to equip your students to do it all again and again with ease**

Here are just a few benefits:

- A turn-key 4-week teaching series to watch your students go FROM SCARED TO PREPARED...**excited to share their faith.**
- A "gospel confirmation" process that helps UNSAVED STUDENTS UNDERSTAND the Gospel... **and gain their own story.**
- Access to real-world VIDEOGRAPHY TRAINING... getting every

Become part of a story-sharing movement designed to impact the lives of your students so they can impact their world!

Register your church TODAY!



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HOLT INTERNATIONAL PRESENTS

The Very Merry Christmas Tour

FEATURING



New Song



Colton Dixon



Unspoken

December 16th \$15 a ticket

Upson Lee Fine Arts Bldg
rushministries.com/events

INTRODUCING
Bethany Cruz



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THE TOUR

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS
THE FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR

THOMASTON UPSON- LEE FINE ARTS CENTER
262 KNIGHT TRAIL, THOMASTON, GA

FRIDAY DEC 21, 7PM

TICKETS: \$15 ADVANCE \$25 VIP- MEET & GREET 5:15 PM

TO ORDER TICKETS

WWW.ITICKETS.COM OR BY PHONE: 1-800-965-9324

CONCERT INFORMATION : 910-880-0354

2019 MINISTERS WIVES RETREAT

JAN 24 @ 4:00 PM — JAN 26 @ 12:00 PM
GEORGIA BAPTIST CONFERENCE CENTER

2019 MINISTERS WIVES RETREAT IS DESIGNED TO GIVE OUR GEORGIA BAPTIST MINISTERS' WIVES A WEEKEND RETREAT FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL, PHYSICAL REST AND WELLNESS, EMOTIONAL RESTORATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT IN THE ROLE OF A MINISTERS' WIFE.

\$50/PERSON DOUBLE OCC

\$125/PERSON SINGLE OCC

YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS!

REGISTER YOURSELF AND A FRIEND NOW!

Income for October 2018

	Oct 18	Jan18 – Oct18
Checking Interest	6.96	63.82
Antioch	1,024.60	7,165.70
Bethany	250.00	2,750.00
Beulah	166.00	2,227.00
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Clark's Chapel	200.00	1,000.00
Concord	0.00	1,400.00
Culloden	150.00	600.00
East Thomaston	387.97	3,618.44
Elkins Creek	0.00	0.00
Emory's Chapel	0.00	0.00
FBC Barnesville	1,365.89	15,119.53
FBC Forsyth	0.00	0.00
FBC Thomaston	1,087.85	8,902.53
Fellowship	738.47	6,026.65
Garden Hill	0.00	0.00
GracePoint	50.00	300.00
Hendricks	0.00	0.00
Jeff Davis	25.00	250.00
King's Chapel	0.00	200.00
Macedonia	150.00	300.00
Maynard	667.54	5,704.64
Meansville	241.66	2,416.60
Milner	519.36	4,556.09
Molena	0.00	0.00
Mount Olive	1,284.08	11,425.56
Mountain View	1,710.00	18,355.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	300.00
Mt. Zion	78.00	786.00
Neal	50.00	550.00
New Bethel	50.00	500.00
New Harmony	38.32	391.75
New Hope Thomaston	0.00	368.36
New Hope Zebulon	190.53	1,511.26
Pine View	0.00	300.00
Pritchett Memorial	0.00	469.76
Russellville	83.59	597.78
Shiloh Upson	50.00	500.00
Shiloh Lamar	0.00	1,827.00
Silvertown	454.90	1,729.60
The Rock	25.60	247.50
Trinity	300.00	3,000.00
Valley Grove	0.00	3,989.87
Yatesville	200.00	1,100.00
Total Church Receipts	11,539.36	110,486.62

Disbursements for October 2018

Administrative Expenses	1,908.14
Associational Programs	150.57
Miscellaneous Expenses	100.00
Organizational Expenses	0.00
Pastorium Maintenance	0.00
Salaries and Allowances	6,902.06
Total Budgeted Expenditures	9,060.77
Designated Accounts Expenses	1,461.70
Monthly Surplus/Shortfall	2,478.59

Opportunities & Church News

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

Molena is seeking *volunteers to serve in music and youth ministries*. Contact Pastor Terry Murphey at murpheytc1@bellsouth.net

FBC Barnesville would like to donate 53 maroon *choir robes* to a sister congregation. Contact Greg Burrell.

Calendar of Events

December 2018

3	Minister & Spouse's Christmas Fellowship	Shiloh Lamar	6:00 PM
10	SS Mentoring Session #5	FBC Thomaston	6:30 PM
24-31	CBA Office Closed for Christmas		

January 2018

8	Monroe Roundtable Steering Committee	New Providence Milner	2 PM
14	Ministers Mtg/Pastor Enrichment	Garden Patch	12 Noon
	SS Mentoring/Sm Group Training	Trinity	6:30 PM
27	Children's Ministry Workshop	Mount Olive	2:30 PM



I consider one of my greatest accomplishments to be the three amazing kids pictured here. I told Steve before we ever married that I would stay home with any children God blessed me with and I meant that. I still take my role as their mother very seriously and I struggle not to judge others that don't. I hurt the feelings of so many people over the years by not dropping them in the nursery or taking advantage of the offers for

free babysitters. The Lord convicted me early that no one would ever love my children to the degree that I do. (I pray now that their future spouses' love for them will put mine to shame.) The love of a mother is unmatched in creation but pales in comparison to the love of the Father. This time of year I spend a great deal of time thinking about Mary. Would I have liked the young mother of one child? Did she struggle with arrogance over her perfect One? Did she later struggle with depression over her other children and the reality of Jesus' perfection not being a result of her parenting? Or even scarier, her love? Did she cry to Joseph over the vast differences between her children and the obvious heart issues all but Jesus lived out? Did she lean too heavily into Jesus' influence and compare him to Joseph? I pray not, but I do wonder. The Scripture teaches that Jesus entrusted Mary to John, the Beloved Disciple. I believe it was one of the times that He exercised His omniscience. Jesus knew that John would live past Mary's years and that he could be trusted with the woman God had given Him to first. Jesus honored Mary. God hand picked Mary, sent angels on her behalf, and spoke directly to her. Francine Rivers, my favorite author, wrote a series of novellas entitled Lineage of Grace and included Mary. I like to pull it out this time of year and ask the Lord what new treasures He will reveal to me about his mother's character. Scripture is clear that Mary understood things more clearly after Jesus' ascension. I am sure she would warn me to be a different more thoughtful Christ follower, not to read between the lines or try and figure out the mind of the Father. I choose to believe that she forgave herself for the time she spent on her own agenda. I believe the risen Christ gave his mother some private time not recorded in Scripture and I'm sure tears were wiped away and He embraced her like her son and she worshipped Him as her Savior.

Merry Christmas to you all!

Marni