



All ministers and their spouses are invited to a time of fellowship on December 2nd starting at 6:30 PM at Shiloh Lamar. We are asking everyone to bring a heavy hors d'oeuvre to share and childcare will be provided for the children. We will play a few games and enjoy a relaxing time together.

Carpool with other people if you can! See everyone there.

We understand the demands of our Co-Vocational Ministers. Your time is stretched and adding another meeting to your life means choosing between family and ministry. **GoToMeeting** will help. This virtual meeting platform allows us to glean from one another while not demanding a commute. The log-in procedure is quick and easy to follow. From the GoToMeeting app or website, enter meeting code **354-531-245** or dial in by calling **(669)224-3412**.

Let us know what you think and we look forward to connecting on December 5th at 8PM.



A Word from Your Mission Strategist, Steve Laughman

“She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”

The news of the Messiah’s expected birth came as a surprise to Joseph and Mary. God interrupted their lives in the most wonderful, yet dramatically life-changing way. This righteous man and woman were entrusted with the infant Christ. No one else had ever been given such a responsibility or privilege. God became flesh and dwelt among them – in their home, eating at their table, sleeping in their house, growing into a man before their eyes.

I wonder what kind of life they had planned out for themselves before the angel came to each of them with the news of Jesus’ birth and the part they would play. It probably did not include the unforgiving and misunderstanding people who assumed they had conceived a child together before marriage. I doubt it included fleeing to Egypt or being visited by Magi. Their plans certainly did not include Mary having to watch her son die on a Roman cross. The burden of being Jesus’ parents could not have been light.

However, the life they were given in exchange for the life they expected was so much more. They experienced first-hand being with Jesus day after day. They caught glimpses of heaven as he spoke and grew and interacted with those around him.

Their relationship with Jesus was personal and intimate, in a way few understand. At the end of their lives, I am sure they would not have changed a thing.

How many times has God put something unexpected in your path and your first reaction was to reject it? Maybe it didn’t fit into your plan or seemed too difficult to deal with. Maybe you didn’t feel up to the challenge or equipped to reach the goal. Mary and Joseph were simple, faithful followers of God. They were not all that different than many of us. They sought to please our Father by obeying him in all things. None of that would have been possible without the strength and grace given to them by God. He was the one who empowered them and guided them. In the same way, he gives us grace and strength to achieve so much more than we would have planned for ourselves.

My prayer for you this Christmas season is that God would stretch your faith and that you will be obedient to whatever he wants for you. I pray that your relationship with Jesus will become even more personal and intimate this year. I pray that you find all the strength and grace you need in him. Whatever unexpected challenge you face, look to Jesus and face it with the confidence of a child of God.

Merry Christmas to you and to all those you love!



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PASTORS' ROUNDTABLE

**UPSON-PIKE ROUNDTABLE
JAN 9. 10 AM
GATHERING GROUNDS**

WHERE IRON SHARPENS IRON

**VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE
DEC 5.8 PM**
FROM THE GOTOMEETING APP OR WEBSITE, ENTER MEETING CODE 354-531-245. OR YOU CAN DIAL IN FROM A PHONE BY CALLING (669) 224-3412.

**MONROE-LAMAR ROUNDTABLE
DEC 10.2 PM
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Brad Marshman

MINISTERS CONNECTION

Country Cupboard,
Thomaston
January 13th at Noon



As of January 2020, Centennial will no longer be collecting expired literature. The office space is limited. Thank you for understanding.

2020 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUMP STARTS

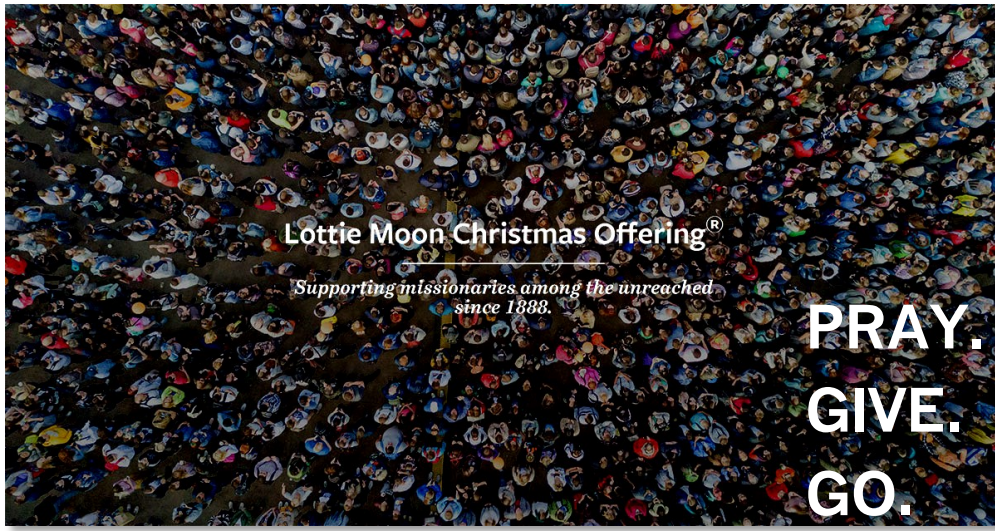
DON'T MISS THIS FREE EVENT!

TIME: 7-8:30 P.M.

JANUARY 21
First Baptist Church
200 Zebulon St.
Barnesville, GA 30204

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BUILDING ON THE LOVE OF JESUS
PHILIPPIANS 1:6



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®

Supporting missionaries among the unreached since 1888.

**PRAY.
GIVE.
GO.**

As Southern Baptists, we share many things. Every year in December, we are invited to participate in a week of prayer for international missional efforts. As you pray December 1-8, also ask God what He would have you give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Every penny raised will be sent to our workers in the field as they live to reduce lostness.

Pray for their efforts to be multiplied.

Pray for those saved from darkness.

Pray indigenous people as they rise up and answer the call to preach the gospel.

Pray and give.

#lottiemoonchristmasoffering

In the spring, Centennial will be hosting **FOCUS2020** where missionaries from around the globe will gather here to connect with you! Things will kick off Saturday, **April 25th** at Mountain View, 2569 Jeff Davis Road, in Thomaston. This event promises to be a kid-friendly atmosphere to engage with missionaries face to face.

You will be encouraged to ask questions that will help you understand more about the efforts being made to reduce lostness. Connecting on this level will help you pray more effectively for our workers in the field.

Who's Your One is a challenge set forth by the North American Mission Board (NAMB). You will be asked to identify one person you will commit to pray for and share the Gospel with in 2020. It's a simple challenge with eternal rewards.

The International Mission Board (IMB) has made **translating the Bible** into languages for people groups a priority for those who have yet to see Scripture in their heart language. You can join this effort and God promises that the Word will not return void!



There will be some good food. Who doesn't love a good meal with good people??

Then we will have a time of corporate worship where we will experience a **massive celebration choir** made up of volunteer individuals from Centennial churches. The worship will continue as we hear a bit more about what our missionaries go through to share the Good News. The Spirit will be free to move among us all to convict and call.

Finally, the weekend will close with **missionaries in our churches**. Our prayer is that in all 41 of the Centennial churches, people will hear even more about the efforts being made to reach the masses for Christ.

FOCUS2020 will be a time of refreshing and learning. We pray it will challenge us all to be engaged deeper, give more, and answer the call to go farther.

Save the date.
We look forward to seeing you there!



JANUARY
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Central Baptist Church
1120 Lake Joy Road
Warner Robins

Income for October 2019

	Oct 19	Jan19 – Oct19
Checking Interest	7.39	76.03
Antioch	863.56	7,376.00
Bethany	291.67	3,166.70
Beulah	155.00	1,667.00
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	376.21	3,362.28
Elkins Creek	0.00	0.00
Emory's Chapel	0.00	0.00
FBC Barnesville	1,268.42	18,313.07
FBC Forsyth	0.00	0.00
FBC Thomaston	1016.30	9,042.23
Fellowship	50.00	1,521.31
Garden Hill	75.00	300.00
GracePoint	50.00	500.00
Hendricks	0.00	0.00
Jeff Davis	25.00	275.00
King's Chapel	100.00	100.00
Macedonia	150.00	1,200.00
Maynard	859.20	7,732.24
Meansville	250.00	2,500.00
Milner	427.26	4,662.24
Molena	0.00	0.00
Mount Olive	1,445.46	12,629.85
Mountain View	1,675.00	19,610.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	300.00
Mt. Zion	0.00	344.00
Neal	50.00	550.00
New Bethel	50.00	500.00
New Harmony	35.96	393.19
New Hope Thomaston	0.00	400.00
New Hope Zebulon	189.60	1,754.20
Pine View	0.00	0.00
Pritchett Memorial	0.00	220.93
Russellville	91.25	842.22
Shiloh Lamar	0.00	1,527.00
Shiloh Upson	50.00	500.00
Silvertown	0.00	0.00
The Rock	0.00	128.34
Trinity	300.00	3,000.00
Valley Grove	0.00	7,224.15
Yatesville	100.00	1,100.00
Total Church Receipts	10,294.89	115,341.95

Disbursements for October 2019

Administrative Expenses	1,737.78
Associational Programs	549.07
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00
Organizational Expenses	0.00
Pastorium Maintenance	0.00
Salaries and Allowances	7,069.26
Total Budgeted Expenditures	9,356.11
Designated Accounts Expenses	1,295.54
Monthly Surplus/Shortfall	938.78

Opportunities & Church News

Maynard is seeking a bi-vocational Minister of Music / Worship Leader. Apply or send questions to the search committee by email to: Don.Johstono@gmail.com

Molena is seeking volunteers to serve in Music and Youth ministries. Contact Pastor Terry Murphey at murpheytc1@bellsouth.net

Shiloh Upson is looking for a Bi-Vocational Minister of Music. All interested should send resumes to 2737 Highway 19N, Thomaston, GA 30286.

Trinity is in need of a Part-time Music Director & Part-time Children's Director. Send resumes to Trinity Baptist Church, 410 S Church ST, Thomaston. Or Call 706-647-4234.

FBC Thomaston is in need of volunteers to work in the House of Care Tues & Thurs 12:30-2 PM processing clothes. Please contact Susan Dasher at 706-648-8006 for more information.

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.

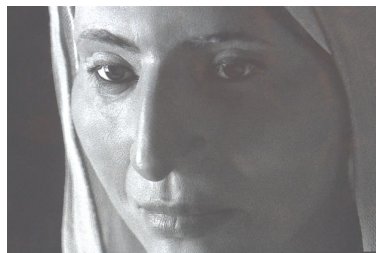
December 2019

1-8	Week of Prayer for International Missions	Southern Baptists	
2	Minister and Wives Gathering	Shiloh Lamar	6:30 PM
8	Virtual Pastor's Roundtable	gotomeeting app or website	8:00 PM
10	Monroe-Lamar Roundtable	New Providence	2-3:30 PM
21	VBS Jumpstart	FBC Barnesville	7:00 PM
26	Mission Team Meeting	FBC Barnesville	1:00 PM

January 2020

The Shepherd's Stories

This month I have dedicated this space to the redemption of Mary Magdalene and her love for her LORD. To see her as Emmanuel saw her, we must rewind the clock. The setting is one where society did not allow women to inherit land or worship alongside men. A female's testimony was not lawfully credible, and it was common for women to be treated as possessions. In Luke 8, we are introduced to Mary Magdalene, an affluent female who was delivered from seven demons. Let's take a minute and rest here. Seven demons. Seven. Being delivered from one demon is a life altering event! How many of us wrestled with a demon for too long and now rejoice over our changed lives? But seven demons? Can you imagine her devastating reality? The loss that such a burden would create? The relationships severed and the loneliness that would follow? BUT JESUS! He made her whole in an instant. She went from broken to mended; isolated to restored. We know this because every Scripture after that describes her following after Jesus and taking care of the needs of the group. She KNEW what she had been delivered from and spent the rest of her life sharing her story in the footsteps of her Deliverer. Then, one day, things took a turn for the worst. The One in whom her faith was rooted was arrested, killed, and not shown a



proper burial. Mary Magdalene didn't wait until the sun rose to mark the end of Sabbath, but got to that burial site when it was still dark. She was upset and couldn't understand the need for the enemies of Jesus to move His body. It wasn't until He spoke her name, "Mary", that she understood the miracle she had been entrusted to proclaim. Out of all mankind, God chose her to be the messenger of the resurrection story. A broken yet redeemed woman was chosen before the foundation of the world to run back to the others and proclaim that Jesus was alive. Christ redeemed all of womankind that day. We know He could have appeared to the others that were locked behind closed doors. And He didn't. Emmanuel chose to appear to her. During Christ's life on earth, He gave women space to sit at his feet, to listen and learn from His teaching, to break down the social barriers and redefine by His own example women in society. This piece of history isn't just an Easter story. It's an everyday story that we all need to share. The enemy has written the lie of inferiority and worthlessness on the hearts of so many of us. If this is you, pray God breaks that stronghold over you. That demon was defeated the day He arose! As you celebrate His birth this Christmas, may the peace of God transcend!

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