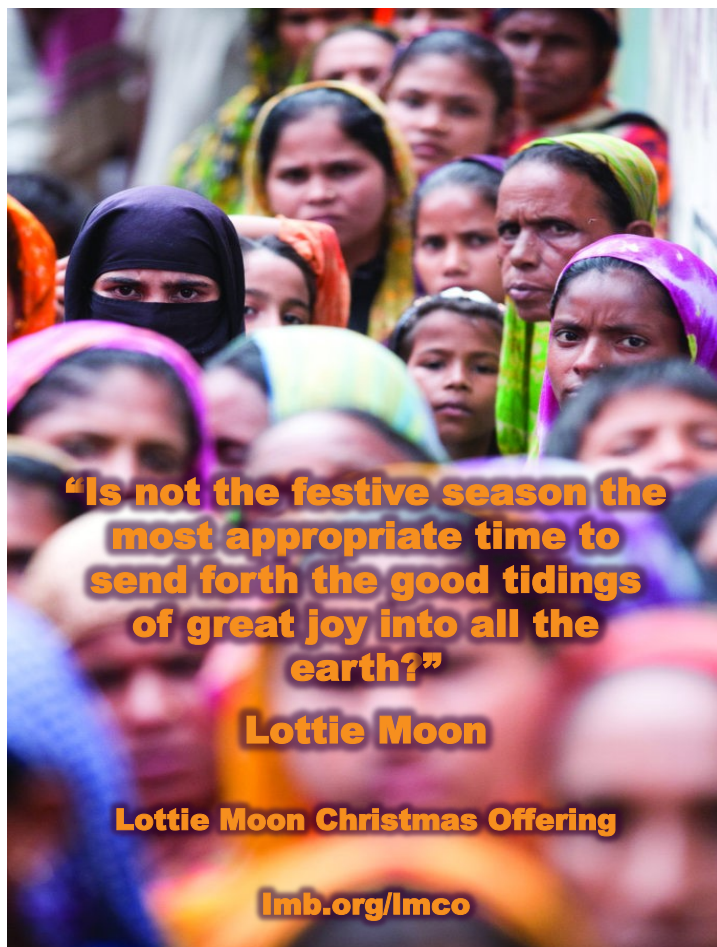


CHILDREN'S

MINISTRY WORKSHOP

Mount Olive Baptist Church
1177 Hwy 109
Molena, GA 30258

January 28, 2018



"Is not the festive season the most appropriate time to send forth the good tidings of great joy into all the earth?"

Lottie Moon

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

lmb.org/lmco

ELEVATE

CHURCH STRATEGY SUMMIT

April 28, 2018

A Centennial event to help equip every believer for ministry through the local church

Hosted by FBC Thomaston



**CHUCK
LAWLESS**
Plenary Speaker



A Word from Your Missionary, Steve Laughman

Thank you for supporting the Centennial Baptist Association this year! This ministry exists for you, and we want to express how grateful we are to be allowed to serve the Lord by serving His church. Each local body of believers has a unique personality, a specific mission field, and particular gifts and talents. Getting to be a part of what God is doing through your church is an honor and a privilege.

As 2017 comes to a close, we have many things to celebrate and even more to look forward to. We will continue with some of those ministry events that have been so beneficial in the past like the Children's Ministry Workshop, the Johnny Hunt Men's Conference Simulcast, EQUIP, and the Dental Clinic. We will also introduce some new opportunities with the state-wide Children's Missions Extravaganza being held right

here in Centennial and the Elevate: Church Strategy Summit in April. Be sure to take advantage of each of these by bringing people from your church.

Beginning with the January News, I will be focusing on specific priorities as outlined in our new strategy. In order for us to reach our goals, we must be intentional about keeping our focus. We hope it will be clear how each part works together to accomplish what we believe God has called us to do. To that end, you can help us get the word out. If you know of anyone who would like to be informed about the work of Centennial Baptist Association, ask them to sign up to receive this newsletter. You can also include information on our upcoming events in bulletins, church newsletters, and calendars. We want everyone to know what God is doing through CBA!

Let me also take a moment to wish each of you a happy Christmas season. Marni and I are blessed to have each of you in our lives. We pray that this Christmas is full of joy and wonder as you remember and proclaim the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

OUR VISION

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



Ministers & Wives Christmas Dinner & Fellowship

December 4, 2017

Justin's Place
1441 Hwy 19 North
Thomaston, GA
6 PM

Guest Speaker:
Ricky Thrasher, GBMB

Drop off for childcare 5:30
FBC Thomaston, Bldg C

**CBA Mission Trip to
Bethlehem, PA
April 7-14 2018
\$100 deposit due
&
Team Meeting
01/2/18 @ 6:30
FBC Thomaston**





Quarterly Fellowship Lunch
Do not miss out on this time of fellowship and fun each quarter. Bring a side dish to share and a friend to sit beside.
All are invited to attend!
Fellowship Baptist Church
3133 Crest Highway, Thomaston, 30286
2-8-18 @ 12:00 Noon




2018 Dental Clinic
FBC Forsyth
95 West Morse St.
Forsyth, GA 31029
March 15-17, 2018
If you or someone you know is interested in attending, appointments are given on a first come first serve basis beginning March 12, 2018.

Who:
Children in grades 1-6 & their leaders.

What:
A day for children to engage in corporate worship, discipleship, and missions.


Where:
Bethany Baptist Church
365 Pea Ridge Road
Juliette, GA 31046



When:
February 24, 2018
10AM-3:30PM

Why:
"Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." Deuteronomy 11:19

How:
\$20 Per Person includes lunch & all ministry supplies



EQUIP TO WIN

LISTEN UP STUDENTS & WORKERS 6TH GRADE & UP
MARCH 9 & 10
MEANSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
12295 HWY 109
\$20
CBA STUDENT DISCIPLESHIP WKND



REBUILD TEAMS NEEDED



Texas Baptist Men have requested teams to help rebuild after Hurricane Harvey. This opportunity is open to church groups with skilled workers, but you do not need to be trained through Disaster Relief to participate. If your church would like to organize a trip, there is funding available through the GBMB Disaster Relief. Contact Steve at CBA for more information.

Income for October 2017

	Oct 17	Jan17– Dec17
Checking Interest	5.22	45.46
Antioch	518.28	5,832.24
Bethany	250.00	2,750.00
Beulah	250.00	2,277.00
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Clark's Chapel	100.00	1,000.00
Concord	200.00	2,000.00
Culloden	150.00	600.00
East Thomaston	312.87	3,382.78
Elkins Creek	0.00	0.00
Emory's Chapel	0.00	0.00
FBC Barnesville	1,253.69	12,471.07
FBC Forsyth	0.00	0.00
FBC Thomaston	705.50	8,905.92
Fellowship	482.00	4,850.00
Garden Hill	0.00	469.63
Hendricks	0.00	0.00
Jeff Davis	25.00	250.00
King's Chapel	0.00	200.00
Maynard	506.91	5,520.73
Meansville	241.66	2,416.60
Milner	441.33	4,867.48
Molena	0.00	0.00
Mount Olive	915.26	9,998.58
Mountain View	1,630.00	17,481.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	300.00
Mt. Zion	50.00	659.00
Neal	50.00	500.00
New Bethel	50.00	500.00
New Harmony	42.27	706.07
New Hope	0.00	2,250.00
Pine View	300.00	300.00
Pritchett Memorial	0.00	473.56
Russellville	0.00	0.00
Shiloh (Upson)	0.00	450.00
Shiloh Lamar	0.00	1,805.72
Silvertown	132.15	1,683.00
The Rock	24.60	271.44
Trinity	300.00	3,000.00
Valley Grove	336.14	2,866.45
Yatesville	200.00	1,000.00
Total Church Receipts	9,467.66	102,038.27

Disbursements for October 2017

Administrative Expenses	2,147.19
Associational Programs	1,000.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00
Organizational Expenses	263.00
Pastorium Maintenance	0.00
Salaries and Allowances	6,775.06
Total Budgeted Expenditures	10,185.25
Designated Accounts Expenses	2,000.00
Monthly Surplus/Shortfall	(717.59)

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 seeking a *pianist*. Anyone interested should contact Steve Shock at (706) 741-6762.

GracePoint is seeking a pianist. Contact Derrick Keeter at 678-898-9864 if you are interested in applying.

If your church would like to post a ministry opportunity or an event, please contact the CBA office by the third week of the month to get it into the next month's newsletter.

Calendar of Events

December 2017

3-10 Week of Prayer for International Missions
 4 Ministers & Wives Christmas Dinner Justin's Place 6 PM
 22-29 CBA Office Closed

January 2018

2	Bethlehem Mission Team Mtg	FBC Thomaston	6:30 PM
8	Ministers Mtg/Pastor Enrichment	Garden Patch	12 noon
11	Upson Pike Roundtable	East Thomaston	10 AM
11	Steering Committee	Milner	6:30 PM
16	Monroe Roundtable	New Providence	2 PM
28	Children's Ministry Workshop	Mount Olive	2-5 PM
29-30	GBMB Reach Evangelism Conf	Warner Robins	



Shepherd Stories

I have wrestled with which Shepherd to feature this month. I landed on my favorite. The One that redeemed me and set me free. The One that I run to and confide in. The One that I struggle the most to follow and believe. My Shepherd. The Shepherd. This is the month we celebrate His birth, so what better month to feature Him.

He is the Giver of life and redemption for believers to an Almighty God. He is the One that called us His chosen people and reveals Himself in the lives of man. He is the spoken Word that is active and living, and He is Emmanuel, God that dwelt among men. He is the One that demons call by name, and He is the One that sits at the Father's right hand. He was obedient to His Father even when that meant His back would be ripped to shreds and thorns would be forced into His skull. He defied death's power when He rose from the grave, and one day He will witness His Father throw death away for good. He will one day, a day He does not even know, ride up in here on a beautiful white steed and with His words, make order out of chaos. And Beloved, I can not wait! He stepped out of heaven and submitted himself to take on the form of an embryo, then to be born to a set of parents who, bless their hearts, didn't have a clue... and He loved them. He sat across from brothers who more than likely talked about Him, and He graciously appeared to them and didn't say "I told you so". He is THE Shepherd... the One and only... the Child born, raised, killed and buried... risen and coming again. Merry Christmas, Beloved.

Marni