





The Centennial Baptist Association established this award in honor of Dr. Ed Cliburn and his years of service to the churches of this association. Our hope is that through this we can assist men and women as they seek to be equipped to serve the Lord in vocational ministry. Recipients:

2017 - Justin Mahaffey now serving FBC of Jamestown in Tennessee.

2018- John Blackmon serving Meansville Baptist Church, Meansville GA.

2020- Rebecca Milby currently attending Southern Seminary.

2021- This could be you!

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

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

"And now, Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in You." - Psalm 39:7

The tendency for many of us frail humans is to place our hope in things that (more often than not) let us down. We hope our team wins or that we will get that raise. We hope our leaders will make wise decisions. We hope our plans will come to fruition. We hope things will get better when it seems like they are just getting worse. Most of the time, that kind of hope is just wishful thinking.

But, as followers of the one, true God, we have a hope that is without fail. He is Jesus Christ, our Lord. I understand that many of us have been frustrated with the state of our world. We make plans regarding our ministries only to have to change them. I have been reminded over and over that everything we do is dependent on God's will. Long before any of us heard the word COVID, we made plans assuming those plans would come to pass. Now the Lord is reminding us that it has always depended on Him allowing it to happen.



"God is still at work... For this I am thankful.

So, we move forward with hope knowing that God is still at work. He is teaching us things we would have never learned otherwise. He is making us more flexible and resourceful. He is keeping our eyes on Him and not on our best efforts. He is strengthening our prayer lives. He is purging us from worthless things and focusing our attention on what matters. For this I am thankful.

Since the beginning of 2021 over a guarter of our churches have had to make the hard decision not to meet in person for worship at least once. Many of our pastors, staff members, and leaders are still dealing with illness. To accommodate this and to make sure we are taking into consideration your concerns, most of the events scheduled by Centennial over the next month or so will either be virtual or will have a virtual option.

We pray this allows more participation. If you have any questions regarding anything on our calendar, please contact us directly. Also keep in mind that we do not always know what is going on with your church unless you let us know. If there is anything we can do for you, just ask. We are here to serve you.



We understand that some of you may not feel comfortable coming to a Quarterly Fellowship Lunch during Covid. However, for those that are comfortable meeting together and enjoying a covered dish meal, we look forward to seeing you there. Clark's Chapel will be hosting and will save a space on the food table for your covered dish. Don't forget about the donation basket to help with the cost of the meat. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

CONNECTING YOU TO RESOURCES.









PREACHING/TEACHING LAB

MARCH 2021 FIRST SEMESTER BEGINS



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

CENTENNIALBAPTISTASSOCIATION.COM/PTLAB

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

Spring Semester - Preparing the Message
March 20, 2021. "What is Preaching and Teaching?"
May 15, 2021. "The Sufficiency of Scripture"
To Be Determined. "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



and all full-time staff of member churches.





The VBS Training Events are a great opportunity for your entire VBS team to come be motivated to have the most successful VBS to reach your community.

There will be large group times for worship as well as base level classes and over 14 breakout sessions. We are offering training for both Destination Dig and Concrete and Cranes. Choose a date that works for you, and register today!

The main theme will be Destination Dig, but we will also offer some classes for Concrete and Cranes. Some churches didn't have VBS in 2020, and they saved the curriculum to use this year.

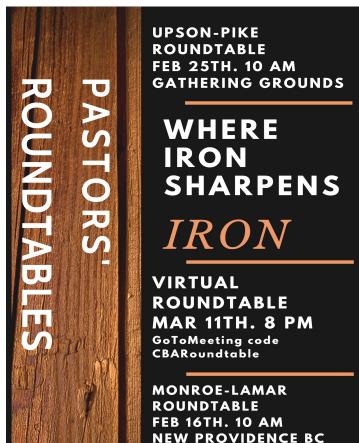


Gospel-centered care for every Georgia community

PROJECT: Well Fed
Human Trafficking
Pre/Post Natal Care
Childhood Literacy

Refugees & Internationals

Foster Care & Adoption



Income for December 2020

| | Dec 2020 | YTD 2020 | |
|--------------------|-----------|------------|--|
| Checking Interest | 6.96 | 85.45 | |
| Antioch | 821.18 | 8,644.87 | |
| Bethany | 0.00 | 3,999.97 | |
| Beulah | 0.00 | 1,467.00 | |
| Calvary | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Clark's Chapel | 100.00 | 1,200.00 | |
| Concord | 200.00 | 1,200.00 | |
| Culloden | 0.00 | 600.00 | |
| East Thomaston | 1,201.42 | 4,882.66 | |
| Elkins Creek | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Emory's Chapel | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| FBC Barnesville | 1,258.30 | 14,929.29 | |
| FBC Forsyth | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| FBC Thomaston | 888.38 | 10,228.27 | |
| Fellowship | 0.00 | 500.00 | |
| Garden Hill | 75.00 | 900.00 | |
| GracePoint | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Hendricks | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Jeff Davis | 25.00 | 275.00 | |
| King's Chapel | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Macedonia | 300.00 | 1,950.00 | |
| Maynard | 822.00 | 9,845.24 | |
| Meansville | 250.00 | 3,000.00 | |
| Milner | 443.49 | 5,321.71 | |
| Molena | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Mount Olive | 1,495.85 | 16,057.43 | |
| Mountain View | 2,060.00 | 23,349.00 | |
| Mt. Pleasant | 0.00 | 600.00 | |
| Mt. Zion | 0.00 | 395.00 | |
| Neal | 0.00 | 550.00 | |
| New Bethel | 50.00 | 600.00 | |
| New Harmony | 55.61 | 624.11 | |
| New Hope Zebulon | 176.76 | 2,258.42 | |
| Pritchett Memorial | 395.00 | 2,565.11 | |
| Russellville | 70.68 | 1,004.71 | |
| Shiloh Lamar | 200.00 | 1,925.00 | |
| Shiloh Upson | 50.00 | 600.00 | |
| Silvertown | 186.95 | 1947.13 | |
| The Rock | 0.00 | 497.21 | |
| Trinity | 300.00 | 3,600.00 | |
| Valley Grove | 545.00 | 5,334.13 | |
| Yatesville | 175.00 | 2,100.00 | |
| Total Receipts | 12,152.58 | 133,036.71 | |
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| Disbursements for December 2020 | | |
|---------------------------------|------------|--|
| Administrative Expenses | 3,966.53 | |
| Associational Programs | 226.39 | |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | 0.00 | |
| Organizational Expenses | 487.43 | |
| Pastorium Maintenance | 4,700.00 | |
| Salaries and Allowances | 7,181.59 | |
| Total Budgeted Expenditures | 16,561.94 | |
| Designated Accounts Expenses | 00.00 | |
| Monthly Surplus/Shortfall | (4,409.36) | |

Opportunities & Church News

Concord is seeking Worship Leader. Contact Bob Hurd at 770-656-5447 or bobhurd5@gmail.com. Neal is seeking a Children & Youth Minister. Please submit resume to nealbaptist@gmail.com. Shiloh Upson seeks a PT Music Director. Send resumes to shilohbaptist1@windstream.net. Harps Crossing Baptist Church in Pike Co. seeks PT Youth Pastor to work with 7-12th grade students. Send resumes to Debbie Sloat at dsloat@harpscrossing.com. Inquiries call 678-314-6580. FBC Barnesville is currently receiving resumes for Senior Pastor. All resumes should be sent by email to dsloat@harpscrossing.com. All resumes should be sent by email to dsloat@dsloat@dsloat@gmail.com.

| February 2021 | | | | |
|---------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|--|
| 7 | Mission Team Meeting | GoToMeeting | 2:00 PM | |
| 9 | Evangelism Emphasis Workshop | Maynard & GoToMeeting | 10 AM & 6:30 PM | |
| 11 | Quarterly Fellowship Lunch | Clark's Chapel | Noon | |
| 16 | Monroe-Lamar Roundtable | New Providence BC | 10:00 AM | |
| 18 | Executive Committee | GoToMeeting | 6:30 PM | |
| 25 | Upson-Pike Roundtable | Gathering Grounds | 10:00 AM | |
| March 2021 | | | | |
| 7-14 | Week of Prayer for NA Missions | | | |
| 11 | Virtual Ministers' Roundtable | GoToMeeting | 8:00 PM | |
| 15 | Ministry Leadership Connection | GoToMeeting | 10:00 AM | |
| 20 | Preaching/Teaching Lab | The Rock | 8:30 AM | |

Shepherd Stories

It is my understanding that Rex King has been the pastor of Mountain View Baptist Church since Jesus himself lived on this planet. I wouldn't know, because I have not been alive that long. I'm what they call a spring chicken compared to Rex. I have also been told that MVBC used to be a small

Honoring 43 Years of Ministry

congregation made up of a couple of families which is really hard for me to believe since I can hardly ever find a parking space the times that I have joined them in worship. As a friend of mine used to say, "You might want to pack a snack for the walk from your car to the sanctuary. It's a hike."

All jokes aside, I LOVE REX KING! This man will always be someone I hold in very high regard. In January of 2018, Pastor Rex demonstrated to me what true pastoral care should look like. Scripture warns us that all manner of evil disguises itself to appear as a counterfeit of good. Pastor Rex followed Matthew 18, and in his office painted in LSU purple and gold, evil was exposed and God won. If you ask him about this, don't be surprised if he doesn't remember. He told me that day that he would never bring it up

ever again. He hasn't. But for me, I will always remember. It was life-changing. What is cool about my story, is that I am confident that I am not the first person to have been shown what true shepherding looks and feels like in that office. When the men of God follow the Word of God to shepherd the people of God, the enemy has

havoc.
I know that God has a plan for MVBC and Pastor Rex King in the future. I am excited to see His plans unfold for the benefit of everyone and for His own glory.

no room to reek

Please pray for MVBC as they transition. Ryan Christopher will be

the Senior Pastor moving forward. I know that Pastor Rex has been instrumental in this process and gives his blessing to the new leadership.

Also pray for Pastor Rex and Mrs. Vicki personally. They have served God faithfully, and I pray they enjoy retirement for all it has to offer. Worship at MVBC on February 7th is dedicated to honoring his retirement. The service begins at 11AM. And remember: pack a snack for the hike from your parking spot. You won't want to miss this.

Your Associational Ministry Assistant, Marni Laughman