



**2020 Dental Clinic
March 12-14**

Pritchett Memorial
496 Jugtown Road
Meansville 30256

If you or someone you know is interested in attending this free clinic, appointments are given on a first call-first serve basis.

Call 706-741-2029

March 9th at 9:00 AM.

If you are interested in **volunteering** to help, please contact the Centennial office.

We are in need of trained medical professionals, dentists as well as willing individuals.

Sponsored by the churches that make up Centennial Baptist Association and the Baptist Mobile Health Ministry of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board.



Don't forget to reserve The Traveler Outreach Trailer for your VBS and summer activities. [Click here for details.](#)

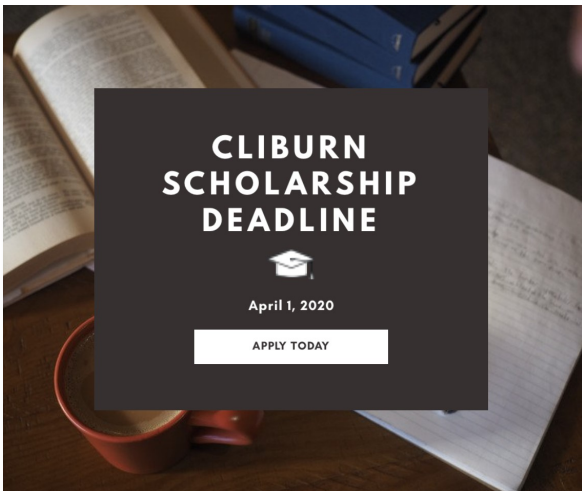
GBMB VBS Equip Events have been constructed to train every VBS leader to prepare for their Concrete and Cranes VBS. **Friday, April 3rd at 7 PM** is a bonus time with worship, games, and decorating ideas for your VBS. **Saturday, April 4th** will begin with a continental breakfast, tour of rooms, worship rally, sessions for every age, lunch, and then two breakout sessions.

\$15 through February 3

\$20 through March 30

\$25 At the Door

[Register NOW!](#)



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.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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6:30 P

Membership: "The Executive committee shall be composed of the pastor of each church, one lay member from each church elected by the church, the Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, members of the Steering Committee, all Directors and Committee Chairmen, Associational Missionary, and all full-time staff of member churches."

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

“O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Corinthians 15:55-57)

Death stings. Even for those of us who have the hope of eternal life, when we lose someone we love, it hurts. Death entered God's perfect creation as a result of man's sin. Although one day we will experience life without death, that is not our current reality. In a chapter that focused on the resurrection of Christ, Paul reminds us that we have victory over death. Because Jesus defeated death, we have hope – a hope that allows us to mourn differently than the world. Yet we still mourn.

I am reminded of how Jesus responded to Martha and Mary when their brother Lazarus had died. Jesus knew that he was going to call Lazarus back to life, but when Mary approached him in tears, he wept with her. When Martha approached him with questions as to why this had happened, he responded with hope and comfort. My guess is that there were times when Mary questioned, and Martha wept. Each of us goes through both of these and many other responses when a loved one dies. At every point and no matter how we grieve, our Lord is there with the perfect response. He meets us where we are. He is near to the brokenhearted.



Steve Laughman

I honestly do not understand how people face death if they don't know Jesus. My prayer is that they would see the way we face matters of eternity and death and be drawn to our Lord. If you are not currently going through a time of mourning and grief, then the time is coming when you will. We all do. For those who are in the midst of one of the

hardest times in your life, know that you are loved perfectly by a perfect Savior. When people are at a loss for words and when you can't cry because you are beyond tears, He is the one who will be there. This life is but a vapor. But on this side of death, we only see dimly what eternity will be. One day soon we will see Jesus face to face and will be changed. Keep your focus on him. Treasure the moments you have now with those who are with you. And never forget that he feels your pain and mourns with you.

Twice in January we received calls that people we love had been rushed to the hospital. Both of these men passed away before we arrived. Matt Blackmon was a friend and fellow minister of the Gospel. Buddy Bell was Marni's dad and one of the kindest, most authentic servants of God I have had the honor of knowing. Pray for our families and all those who mourn. We are very thankful to serve with people like you who never fail to let us know that you love us and feel our pain.



♥ Quarterly Fellowship Lunch ♥ Milner Baptist ♥

♥ 107 Pecan Dr ♥ Feb 13 ♥ 12 Noon ♥

SS Mentoring 6-Month Fellowship



March 9th at
Yatesville at 6:30 PM.

FBC BARNESVILLE | 200 ZEBULON ST | 770-358-2343

Bible Emphasis
W E E K E N D 2020

MARCH 7, 2020 | DOORS OPEN AT 8A

COME EXPERIENCE ISRAEL NOW WITH REV. ANDY COOK!
BREAKFAST AND LUNCH WILL BE SERVED. THIS IS A FREE EVENT!

CALL OR REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.FBCBARNESVILLE.COM/BEW2020/

Andy Cook from Experience Israel Now will be our keynote speaker and has spoken to thousands of people about the "Secrets from the Ancient Paths," lessons learned from the land of the Bible. Using **Google Earth technology** and high-definition **video from Israel**, he's not a teacher in the video ... he's a teacher in front of the video! It's a novel concept, but these virtual tours are much more than entertaining presentations of biblical material. His application of Bible truths will stay with an audience long after he packs up his screen and projector and heads back to Israel. We will also have several **breakout sessions** on various topics.

This conference is **free** and it **includes breakfast and lunch**. Just need to know how many are coming for food preparation.

You can [register online](#) or call FBC @ 770-358-2354.

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, just enter **CBARoundtable** to be connected. Let us know what you think and we look forward to connecting.



YOU HAVE A VOICE
MINISTERS' VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE
 LET IT BE HEARD.

GoToMeeting

FEB 6 @ 8 PM

PASTORS' ROUNDTABLE

UPSON-PIKE ROUNDTABLE
 MARCH 26 . 10 AM
 GATHERING GROUNDS

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VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE
 FEB 6 . 8 PM
 From the GoToMeeting App or website, enter meeting code **CBARoundtable**.

MONROE-LAMAR ROUNDTABLE
 FEB 11 . 2 PM
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CONNECTING YOU TO RESOURCES.

GBMB HISPANIC CONSULTANT

MINISTERS CONNECTION

David Cardoza

Shoney's, Forsyth
 March 9th at Noon



Riverbend Church Planting Network
 Bethlehem, PA CBA Mission Trip
\$300 per person
 Includes airfare, lodging, transportation and 2 meals each day. Other expenses not included are daily lunch meals and ministry expenses.
There are only 12 spots available.
 Please reserve your spot quickly since airfare needs to be purchased.

June 23 – 28



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 FOCUS 2020
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In the spring, Centennial will be hosting **missionaries** from around the globe to connect with **YOU** at **FOCUS2020!**

Things will kick off Saturday, **April 25th** at Mountain View, 2569 Jeff Davis Road, in Thomaston.

Important dates to remember:

- February 25 Request Missionary speaker(s) for your church
 - March 15 Recruit Host home(s)
 - April 15 Collect honorarium to serve as a love offering for our missionaries
 - April 25 **FOCUS2020 Family Event**
 - Meet Missionaries
 - Community Choir
 - Missions Scavenger Hunt for the children
 - Q&A with Missionaries
 - Celebration Worship
 - April 26 **FOCUS2020 Missionaries in CBA churches**
- Other dates to look forward to??... Choir practice, ya'll!

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

Income for December 2019

	Dec 19 Jan19 – Dec 19	
Checking Interest	7.14	90.21
Antioch	1,459.83	9,445.34
Bethany	291.67	3,750.04
Beulah	318.00	2,144.00
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Clark's Chapel	100.00	1,200.00
Concord	100.00	1,200.00
Culloden	150.00	750.00
East Thomaston	665.12	4,307.81
Elkins Creek	0.00	0.00
Emory's Chapel	0.00	0.00
FBC Barnesville	3,509.64	23,227.02
FBC Forsyth	0.00	0.00
FBC Thomaston	1,930.89	11,658.43
Fellowship	50.00	1,621.31
Garden Hill	75.00	450.00
GracePoint	0.00	500.00
Hendricks	0.00	0.00
Jeff Davis	50.00	350.00
King's Chapel	0.00	100.00
Macedonia	300.00	1,650.00
Maynard	1,561.92	9,980.44
Meansville	500.00	3,250.00
Milner	942.09	5,939.91
Molena	0.00	0.00
Mount Olive	1,182.44	14,727.75
Mountain View	1,918.00	24,100.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	300.00
Mt. Zion	179.00	523.00
Neal	100.00	700.00
New Bethel	100.00	650.00
New Harmony	67.15	510.99
New Hope Thomaston	0.00	400.00
New Hope Zebulon	414.21	2,328.61
Pine View	0.00	0.00
Pritchett Memorial	0.00	375.27
Russellville	172.47	1,147.59
Shiloh Lamar	600.00	2,127.00
Shiloh Upson	100.00	650.00
Silvertown	800.00	800.00
The Rock	0.00	128.34
Trinity	300.00	3,600.00
Valley Grove	1,881.10	9,105.25
Yatesville	100.00	1,300.00
Total Church Receipts	19,925.67	144,998.10
Disbursements for December 2019		
Administrative Expenses		2,687.13
Associational Programs		1,448.81
Miscellaneous Expenses		0.00
Organizational Expenses		0.00
Pastorium Maintenance		725.00
Salaries and Allowances		7,069.26
Total Budgeted Expenditures		11,930.20
Designated Accounts Expenses		361.55
Monthly Surplus/Shortfall		7,995.47

Opportunities & Church News

Molena is seeking volunteers to serve in their Music ministry. Contact Pastor Terry Murphey at murpheytc1@bellsouth.net
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.



The congregation of Milner welcomed their new pastor, Dr. Brad Ellington and his wife, Carolyn, on January 1st. He has served churches in Georgia and South Carolina during his more than 28 years of pastoral ministry. During that time, he served in various leadership roles within the local Baptist associations. Dr. Ellington describes his years in ministry as a "glorious privilege." Members of the community are invited to meet the Ellingtons and experience dynamic biblical preaching on Sunday at 11 AM & 6 PM and Wednesday at 7 PM.

February 2020

2	Mission Team Meeting	The Rock	1:00 PM
3-5	AMS Retreat-Centennial office closed	Toccoa	
6	Virtual Roundtable	GoToMeeting app	8:00 PM
11	Monroe-Lamar Roundtable	New Providence	2:00 PM
13	Quarterly Fellowship Lunch	Milner	12 Noon
25	Executive Committee	Concord	6:30 PM

March 2020

9	Dental Clinic Appointments Open	706-741-2029	9 :00 AM
9	Ministers Connection	Shoney's in Forsyth	12 Noon
9	6 month SS Mentoring Fellowship	Yatesville	6:30 PM
12-14	Dental Clinic Screenings & Appointments	Pritchett Memorial	
26	Upson-Pike Roundtable	Gathering Grounds	10:00 AM

Shepherd Stories

Child of God. Husband. Father. Son. Pastor. Church Planter. Musician. Minister. Co-Laborer. Friend. Matthew Blackmon was all of those things and so much more. When he passed away on January 5th, he was serving as pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Thomaston. He and his wife, Heather, moved back home after planting Gravity Church in Florida a couple of years ago. Our family went on an associational mission trip to serve the church in FL our first summer after moving to Thomaston. Matthew's love for that church plant was apparent, and he was so proud of the work God had been doing there. It was a privilege to serve them, and now I am more thankful to have had that opportunity. Matthew was currently serving as one of the external elders of The Rock Church restart. Matthew also served as the Empty Stocking Fund coordinator for the Upson Ministerial Association. Matthew also worked alongside Heather in her job as the Main Street Coordinator. Matthew also faithfully attended the Upson-Pike Roundtables for CBA Ministers. Matthew was also a vital member of the CBA Mission Team. Matthew was also homeschooling one of his children. I am quite sure that I do not even know half of all that Matthew was a part of. He did not care what religious affiliation you ascribed to as long as you believed in Jesus Christ crucified, buried, and resurrected. The hole left by him will be felt deeply by the Thomaston community and beyond. Please remember Heather, Kaleb-19, Lason-14, Jaden-9, and Bella-7 as they grieve. If you feel led to write them a card, you can send it to 121 Kennesaw Dr., Thomaston, 30286. God trusted us with this family as they navigate Matthew's passing. May we be found faithful.



Marni Laughman
Your Associational Ministry Assistant