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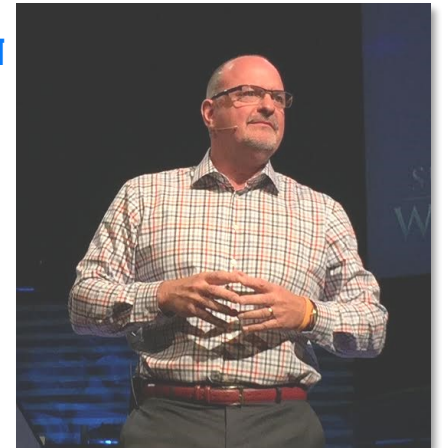
THE GEORGIA BAPTIST EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

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Central Baptist Church
1120 Lake Joy Road
Warner Robins

PASTOR WELLNESS LISTENING SESSION

As part of the restructuring of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board (GBMB), **Thomas Hammond**, Executive Director, has made listening sessions focusing on Pastors a high priority. **Pastors**, join the GBMB Missionaries and other staff as well as other pastors from across the state at **Mabel White Baptist Church in Macon** on **January 29th** at **10AM** to discuss real issues that weigh heavy on the hearts of church leaders. Encourage your pastor to participate in what could be something monumental in his ministry and personal wellness.



FBC Barnesville will be hosting a Jumpstart! At the GBMB VBS Jumpstarts, we'll be discussing creative ways to invite your community to VBS, ideas for enlisting and training your leaders, and exploring and digging into the LifeWay's VBS curriculum. This will be a great opportunity for VBS Directors, Key Leaders, and Pastors to get a jumpstart on VBS to make sure everything runs a little more smoothly the weeks leading up to VBS. Some of the best VBS leaders in our state will lead these events. This is a **FREE** event.

Rev. Steve Laughman- Associational Mission Strategist
Rev. Joey Smith- Moderator
Rev. Eddie Johnson- Vice Moderator

Mrs. Marni Laughman- Ministry Assistant
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2020 is here and the return of our Lord is just that much closer! Until He appears, my hope is that you will eagerly anticipate that day while also continuing the work He has prepared for you in the meantime. Maybe this year will be a time for you and your church family to try something new. Or maybe it will be a time to return to some of the basics which have been neglected. Regardless of where you are, or where you are going, know that you are not alone. We serve together as one Church in many locations.



A Word from your Mission Strategist, Steve Laughman

Take note of the many opportunities coming soon to our area. VBS Directors and Pastors are encouraged to attend the VBS Jumpstart event that FBC Barnesville will host for the GBMB on January 21. The State Evangelism Conference, REACH, will once again be held in Warner Robins, so we won't have too far to travel for that event. The Centennial Monthly Ministers Meeting is now the

Ministers Connection and will be held in various locations every other month. This will also allow us to have guest speakers each time. Brad Marchman, GBMB Evangelism Consultant, will be our guest on January 13th.

Your CBA Mission Team has been working hard to plan

FOCUS 2020. This event will bring many of the missionaries that you already support through Cooperative Program to our area. We will host 35-40 missionaries serving through our International Mission Board, North American Mission Board, and Georgia Baptist Mission Board. The schedule for all activities will be made available soon, but here are some things you can do now to prepare:

Put FOCUS 2020 (April 25-26) on your church and personal calendars and begin talking about it.

Consider hosting a missionary in your home. Eternal connections will be made.

Contact the CBA office to request a missionary speaker for your church. They will be available for Sunday School, AM & PM services, and Sunday lunch.

Encourage mission groups, children's classes, small groups, and anyone else in your church to attend. Saturday's events will all be family focused and interactive.

Pray for our missionaries as they prepare to visit with us. The work they are doing does not stop just because they take the time to come see us. We want to be a blessing to them in as many ways as possible.

Only God knows what He will do through us this year. My prayer is that He calls out missionaries, pastors, musicians, teachers, servants, counselors, greeters, singers, worshippers, cooks, woodworkers, hunters, athletes, men, women, students, children from all walks of life to go and make disciples this year. Join me in prayer and in this work!



♥ Quarterly Fellowship Lunch ♥ Milner Baptist Church, 107 Pecan Drive, Milner ♥ February 13th ♥ 12:00 Noon ♥

PASTORS' ROUNDTABLE

UPSON-PIKE ROUNDTABLE
JAN 16 . 10 AM
GATHERING GROUNDS

WHERE IRON SHARPENS IRON

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

MONROE-LAMAR ROUNDTABLE
FEB 11 . 2 PM
NEW PROVIDENCE BC



2020 Dental Clinic
March 12-14

Meansville Campus of the Georgia Baptist Children's Home
2821 US Hwy 19, Meansville, GA 30256

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

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 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.

CONNECTING YOU TO RESOURCES.

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Brad Marchman

MINISTERS CONNECTION

Country Cupboard
Thomaston
January 13th at Noon

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

February 6 @ 8 PM



As of 2020, Centennial will no longer be collecting used or expired literature due to limited office space. Thank you for understanding.

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!

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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!

Income for November 2019

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Checking Interest	7.04	83.07
Antioch	609.51	7,985.51
Bethany	291.67	3,458.37
Beulah	155.00	1,667.00
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Clark's Chapel	100.00	1,100.00
Concord	100.00	1,100.00
Culloden	0.00	600.00
East Thomaston	280.41	3,642.69
Elkins Creek	0.00	0.00
Emory's Chapel	0.00	0.00
FBC Barnesville	1,404.31	19,717.38
FBC Forsyth	0.00	0.00
FBC Thomaston	685.31	9,727.54
Fellowship	50.00	1,571.31
Garden Hill	75.00	375.00
GracePoint	0.00	500.00
Hendricks	0.00	0.00
Jeff Davis	25.00	300.00
King's Chapel	0.00	100.00
Macedonia	150.00	1,350.00
Maynard	686.28	8,418.52
Meansville	250.00	2,750.00
Milner	335.58	4,997.82
Molena	0.00	0.00
Mount Olive	915.46	13,545.31
Mountain View	2,572.00	22,182.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	300.00
Mt. Zion	0.00	344.00
Neal	50.00	600.00
New Bethel	50.00	550.00
New Harmony	50.65	443.84
New Hope Thomaston	0.00	400.00
New Hope Zebulon	160.20	1,914.40
Pine View	0.00	0.00
Pritchett Memorial	154.34	375.27
Russellville	132.90	975.12
Shiloh Lamar	0.00	1,527.00
Shiloh Upson	50.00	550.00
Silvertown	0.00	0.00
The Rock	0.00	128.34
Trinity	300.00	3,300.00
Valley Grove	0.00	7,224.15
Yatesville	100.00	1,200.00
Total Church Receipts	9,744.66	125,079.57

Disbursements for November 2019

Administrative Expenses	1,494.67
Associational Programs	2,072.47
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00
Organizational Expenses	114.38
Pastorium Maintenance	27.85
Salaries and Allowances	8,469.24
Total Budgeted Expenditures	12,178.61
Designated Accounts Expenses	925.37
Monthly Surplus/Shortfall	(2,433.95)

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 murphey1@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.
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.
 Centennial Pastor, **Matthew Blackmon** at Shiloh in Thomaston, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, January 5th. Please pray for his wife, Heather, four children, and this church family as they grieve.

January 2020

Please take note of changes to the calendar

13	Ministers Connection	Country Cupboard	12 Noon
*14	Steering Committee	The Rock	6:30 PM
*16	Upson/Pike Roundtable	The Gathering Grounds	10:00 AM
21	VBS Jumpstart	FBC Barnesville	7:00 PM
26	Mission Team Meeting	FBC Barnesville	1:00 PM

February 2020

3-5	AMS Retreat-Centennial office closed	Toccoa	
6	Virtual Roundtable	GoToMeeting app	8:00 PM
13	Quarterly Fellowship Lunch	Milner	12 Noon
*25	Executive Committee	TBA	6:00 PM

Shepherd Stories

Rick Rose is the Pastor at Pritchett Memorial Baptist Church in Meansville. He and his wife, Melisa, have been serving there since 2014. In fact, they were members there before Rick answered the Lord's call to preach. Rick is a bivocational pastor and just over a year ago, he fell while on a job site and suffered a severe back injury that left his out of work and in much pain. He continued to preach every Sunday until he had back surgery in late 2019. Melisa needed lots of prayers to keep him in the bed and off his feet during the recovery and the members of Pritchett Memorial pulled together and made sure things ran smoothly. They even had fundraisers to help the Rose family. Rick was out of the pulpit a grand total of one week before returning to preach. I am sure some of you other pastor wives can relate to Melisa's struggle to keep him idle. Although Rick is not fully recovered, in time and through much prayer, that is the hope.



Melisa is a talented individual with many artistic gifts. Steve and I have had the privilege of seeing some of her work throughout this association. Whether she is creating a backdrop for a sister church

for vacation bible school or baking a cake for a fellowship at Pritchett Memorial, Melisa puts her best foot forward every time. Her creations are nothing short of brilliant and could easily be bought for a high price. She is just that excellent!

Pastor Rick and Melisa's three children are just as talented and genuine as their parents. For years now, Steve and I have watched them grow into incredibly strong individuals with endowments all their own.

This family is truly a delightful gift to the members of Pritchett Memorial Baptist Church and are loved deeply by those that worship there.

Please pray for Rick as he continues to recover from this back surgery and for the church family as a whole. They have recently lost their church secretary and pianist, Teresa Harper to a life long battle with her heart. She is no longer in poor health and is at home with her Lord. Teresa's husband, John, her children and grandchildren, as well as this church family and Centennial Association, will always remember the years Teresa faithfully served. She was a devoted servant of Christ and His church.

Marni Laughman
Your Associational Ministry Assistant