



**WHY ME?
MENS
CONFERENCE**

**Friday, August 4, 2017
&
Saturday, August 5, 2017**

**DITCHES,
FENCES
&
MOUNTAINS**

Hosted by Mountain View

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**Righteous Manhood
State Men's Conference**

Saturday, August 12, 2017

Mabel White Baptist Church, 1415 Bass Road, Macon

Featuring



Kelvin Cochran



**Chaplain Major
Phil Kramer**



**Music:
Chris McDaniel**

Time: 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (doors open at 7:30 a.m.)

Cost: \$20 until Aug 4; \$25 after Aug 4

**Register at gabaptist.org/mensministry
or call 770-936-5257.**

 **Georgia Baptist
Mission Board**
Georgia Baptist Men's
Ministry

Gifts of Georgia Baptists through
Mission Georgia and the Cooperative
Program enable us to partner together
in fulfilling the Great Commission.

Pray for your Centennial mission team as they serve in Copper Basin July 7-11. As many of you know, this area is one of the poorest areas of our country. Many do not have what you and I consider to be basic daily needs. Our 3 year partnership with the Copper Basin Crisis Center is coming to a close, yet there are still needs... and there always will be. May we be diligent to extend a helping hand, share a loving word, and bend a listening ear to the hurting. We have been entrusted with much, and may we be found faithful to the task laid before us!



Centennial will be partnering with the Bethel Baptist Association to help supply **BACKPACKS OF HOPE** to children in **Quitman County** which is one of the poorest counties in GA. If your church, civic/small group, or family would like to pack a bag for a child in need, please contact our office for information and supplies. We will be *collecting* all filled and labeled packs at our Fall meeting on **October 24 at Antioch Baptist Church**.

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A Word from Your Missionary, Steve Laughman

"It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore, keep standing firm and do not be subject again to the yoke of slavery." – Galatians 5:1

We who have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ know a freedom that the rest of the world does not understand. We have been set free from the bondage of our past, from the bondage of sin, and from the curse of death. For this reason, we are implored to stand firm against those things that have the potential to ensnare us again. Even when we think we are well-guarded, we all have the potential to fall once again. Praise God for a Savior who forgives and restores willingly! Let us remember that true freedom is only found in Jesus Christ.

Throughout the month of June I was able to visit several of you during VBS. Thank you for giving of your time and talents to serve the children and lead them to

Jesus. Your investment in them is an investment in the future of your church and in the Kingdom of God. I look forward to seeing many more of you this month as we wrap up our VBS season and move on toward all of our back to school activities.

Pray for our mission team as we head to Copper Basin this month. We will once again be serving at the Crisis Center and helping residents in the area with some home repairs. Although this is our final year of partnering with Copper Basin, rest assured that we will continue to collect Backpacks of Hope to be used during Christmas outreach. You will hear more about this effort in the coming months.

Check out the rest of the newsletter for information about upcoming events. GO Georgia was so good last year that they decided to add a second location. GO Georgia is an equipping conference for all church leaders. There will be training sessions for every ministry of your church including but not limited to Sunday School, church administration, music, children's ministry, youth ministry, and missions. The cost is extremely reasonable and the content is excellent. I plan to attend the event in Tifton, and I hope to see many of you there. For more information including how to register and a list of all training sessions, go to gogeorgia.net.

Continue to pray for your CBA Strategy Planning Team. God has blessed us with some productive time together, and we are excited about how the process is going. Thank you for being a part of the Centennial Baptist Association. Together we are making Christ known throughout our four counties and beyond.

GO Georgia

August 18-19, 2017 // 774 Roswell Street, Marietta • August 25-26, 2017 // 404 Love Avenue, Tifton

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Sponsored by the Georgia Baptist Mission Board, GO Georgia is a 2-day church leadership training event that includes 100+ topics, top national speakers, affinity and specialized training. The title of the event is GO Georgia because Georgia needs to hear the Good News.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Over 100 breakout sessions related to various church leadership roles will be offered. Whether you work with kids, teach Sunday School, sing in the choir, lead the youth group, coordinate the children's worship, direct the women's ministry or serve on the church finance team, there will be something for YOU!

NATIONAL SPEAKERS

GO Georgia features a phenomenal array of both nationally recognized speakers and leading practitioners from Georgia. Anyone serving in church ministry roles will gain meaningful, practical information on a wide-range of ministry-oriented topics, while networking with like-minded people.

CBA VBS Summer 2017
Fellowship June 27-July 1
Concord July 10-14
Maynard July 10-14
Meansville July 10-14
Molena July 17-20
Hendricks July 23-26

For more information regarding each VBS, please contact the church directly.

Quarterly Lunch Fellowship
August 10th
12 Noon
Hendricks Baptist Church
2233 Hendricks Church Road
Thomaston, GA 30286

Don't miss out on this great time of fellowship and fun!

Ministers Meeting

The Garden Patch
 100 Southland Drive
 Barnesville, GA 30204

July 17, 2017

12:00 Noon

This meeting is for anyone in ministry.



EQUIP Missions Update
 4 Counties
 8 Project Sites
 5 Churches served
 71 Students Registered
 70+ Volunteers

16 Decisions for salvation and personal calls to the ministry...

For a more detailed view of what God did through this event, check out Steve's blog at centennialbaptistassociation.com/blog



Church Financial Compliance & Giving Seminar

Keys to Best Practices in Church Compliance & Giving in the Church

September 7th, 6:00 - 9:00PM
Mabel White Baptist
 1415 Bass Rd., Macon, GA 31020
 Mid-State Association
 \$10.00 per person



Check website for other location options.

FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE CHURCH COMPLIANCE GIVING

Registration and Info: gabaptist.org/churchadministration

TWO Tracks • THREE Sessions

Welcome/Intro: 6:00 - 6:15 PM

Session 1: 6:15 - 7:00 PM

- Track A: Financial Compliance: Collections, Counting & Culpability - *Tony Neal*
- Track B: High Giving Churches: Latest Research & New Insights & tools you can implement now! - *Dr. Scott Preissler - Cooperative Program, Giving & Stewardship*

Break 7:00 - 7:15 PM

Session 2: 7:15 - 8:00 PM

- Track A: Financial Compliance: Contribution; Credits & Statements - *Tony Neal*
- Track B: The Forgotten Formula for Funding Church Ministry - *Sam Warner, Georgia Baptist Foundation*

Break 8:00 - 8:15 PM

Session 3: 8:15-9:00 PM

- Track A: Financial Compliance: Designated Funds & Benevolence - *Tony Neal*
- Track B: Church Compliance: Constitution/By-Laws; Policies/Procedures - *D. Alan Folsom*

Income for May 2017

	May 17	Jan17- Dec17
Checking Interest	4.16	12.08
Antioch	781.92	2,715.85
Bethany	250.00	1,500.00
Beulah	293.00	1,188.00
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Clark's Chapel	100.00	500.00
Concord	200.00	1,000.00
Culloden	150.00	300.00
East Thomaston	355.10	1,609.54
Elkins Creek	0.00	0.00
Emory's Chapel	0.00	0.00
FBC Barnesville	1,539.74	6,567.36
FBC Forsyth	0.00	0.00
FBC Thomaston	984.14	4,921.93
Fellowship	0.00	1,738.00
Garden Hill	67.39	325.52
Hendricks	0.00	0.00
Jeff Davis	25.00	125.00
King's Chapel	0.00	100.00
Maynard	388.35	2,887.69
Meansville	241.66	1,208.30
Milner	743.13	2,518.68
Molena	0.00	0.00
Mount Olive	1,115.89	5,227.20
Mountain View	1,885.00	7,043.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	0.00
Mt. Zion	87.00	320.00
Neal	0.00	200.00
New Bethel	50.00	250.00
New Harmony	335.41	498.42
New Hope	500.00	1,250.00
Pine View	0.00	0.00
Pritchett Memorial	0.00	277.75
Russellville	0.00	0.00
Shiloh (Upson)	50.00	250.00
Shiloh Lamar	300.00	903.00
Silvertown	297.93	878.04
The Rock	35.86	139.28
Trinity	300.00	1,500.00
Valley Grove	617.60	1,541.14
Yatesville	100.00	500.00
Total Church Receipts	11,794.12	49,983.70

Disbursements for May 2017

Administrative Expenses	865.13
Associational Programs	10.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00
Organizational Expenses	0.00
Pastorium Maintenance	0.00
Salaries and Allowances	6,921.59
Total Budgeted Expenditures	7,796.72
Designated Accounts Expenses	0.00
Monthly Surplus/Shortfall	4,001.91

Opportunities & Church News

New Hope is seeking a *pianist*. Also seeking a worship leader. Blended worship for all services. Part-time position with the potential for full time as they grow. If you are interested in applying for either position, please email your resume to newhopebaptist1@windstream.net

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

Concord seeks a full-time *Senior Pastor* as we seek His will for His church. Those interested may email their resume to: searchcommittee2017@gmail.com or Pastor Search Committee, Concord Baptist Church, P.O. Box 181, Concord, GA 30206.

FBC Gray will be hosting Karen Peck and New River in concert August 11 at 7 PM. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at firstbaptistgray.org/events.

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

July 2017

7-11	Copper Basin Mission Trip	Copper Basin, TN	
13	Upson-Pike Roundtable	Trinity	10:00 AM
17	Ministers Meeting	Garden Patch	12 Noon
23-30	AM Vacation	Office Closed	
31	Strategy Planning Meeting	Meansville	6:00 PM

August 2017

6	Back to School Prayer Ser.	UL Fine Arts Center	6:00 PM
14	Ministers Meeting	Garden Patch	12 Noon
14	Strategy Planning Meeting	New Hope, Thomaston	6:00 PM



Shepherd Stories

Pastor Garth and Mrs. Suzanne just celebrated 25 years of ministry at FBC Barnesville! I will never forget the training video that introduced me to this champion of CBA. He was conditioning not for a marathon but for a hunting trip:) Needless to say, Pastor Garth is an avid outdoorsman. He is a wealth of knowledge concerning all things hunting related. He is also a man that loves the Lord and approaches the pulpit with a holy reverence for the Word. FBC Barnesville understands what a pastor leader should be because of his faithful years of service there. Mrs. Suzanne graciously serves right alongside her man in the ministries of their church. Together they pour into their congregation, residents of Barnesville, this state, and the world. At this very moment, Pastor Garth is on a mission trip with a team from his church to Panama AND his Suzanne, fellow staff members and church family have been amazing hosts to EQUIP Missions 2017. It can not be said of this body of believers that while their shepherd is away, they will relax! It has been an absolute breath of fresh air to get to know this amazing couple and witness the health of spirit those in their midst live under. Thank you Pastor Garth and Mrs. Suzanne for living out God's call for your lives in Barnesville, GA. You both are a champion couple for the cause of Christ and Centennial Baptist Association. It is my great privilege to call you both friends!

Marni Laughman