

Faithfully Stewarding Your Estate

A seminar presented by the Georgia Baptist Foundation



August 7
6-8 PM
@ Antioch in
Yatesville

A dinner just for our Pastor/Elders and their wives...

Planning for our future can be a challenge. As we move through the various stages of life, our priorities and needs change as they relate to planning for those we will leave behind. The Georgia Baptist Foundation has the expertise and experience to help **pastors, their families, and their church members** navigate stewarding our resources well.

This dinner is for senior pastors and wives. [Sam Warner](#) will be sharing valuable information about estate planning including preparing a will. This will also serve as an introduction to how this information can be shared effectively with your church as a whole.

Please register [Here](#) for the dinner no later than August 1st or contact the CBA office at 706-647-4959 to secure a reservation.

EQUIP 2023

September 8-10

For \$25 you get 3 days of intentional large group discipleship, small group break out sessions, fun games, team building activities, teen approved food & everyone gets a T-shirt!

This equipping conference is designed to help the local church provide solid opportunities for spiritual growth for students grades 6-12.

We can do more when we cooperate together.

Hosted by FBC Barnesville in the NEW Students and Young Adult facility.

For those who would like to help plan this event, mark your calendars for **August 17th @ 6:30 PM @ FBC Barnesville.**



Evan Vela, NAMB
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Levi Skipper, GBMB
Church Strengthening



Make sure your church has reserved the trailer for your block parties, Vacation Bible School community nights, and Back-To-School bashes!

Your AMS has worked hard to make sure all the activities offered in the trailer are in tip-top shape which makes this resource a quick set up for any size church. A \$100 deposit reserves your date on the calendar, and comes with enough popcorn and snow-cone syrup to entertain 100 children. Fill out [THIS](#) quick form soon while the calendar still has dates!

Or visit www.centennialbaptistassociation.com/outreachtrailer



Rev. Steve Laughman- Associational Mission Strategist
Rev. Eddie Johnson- Moderator
Rev. Mark Harris- Vice Moderator

Mrs. Marni Laughman- Ministry Assistant
Mrs. Joan German- Treasurer

A Word from Your Mission Strategist, Steve Laughman

In addition to the Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting, Marni and I get to attend the Southern Baptist Conference of Associational Leaders (SBCAL) in the two days prior to the SBC. Every time we get to be with other associational leaders from across the country, we are reminded of a few things. First, I am reminded that we are not alone in this work. Associations of all sizes and varying contexts are working with churches to accomplish this work of making disciples. Secondly, I am reminded that God is at work among His people all over the world. Finally, I am reminded that we get to serve in the best place with the best churches and the best people. You may think I am biased or that I am exaggerating, but the truth is that God placed us here, because this is the best place for us to serve. We are extremely grateful for you and for the privilege of serving you.

The SBC was held in New Orleans this year during Pride month. Talk about two very different groups of people. I witnessed preachers and drag queens walking down the same street all while the smell of someone smoking something of questionable legality was wafting through the air. (I'm fairly confident it wasn't coming from the preachers.) In the middle of this mission field, Southern Baptists have a permanent presence in the form of churches and a seminary. New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary students along with Baptists from around the country were among the 12,180 who participated in Send



"Our only enemy is Satan, and he will use anything to gain a foothold. Let us not allow him to stir up strife..."

Relief Serve Tour and Crossover events in the days leading up to the Convention. They reported 3,487 Gospel conversations resulting in at least 336 professions of faith. If you heard anything negative about the convention, remember that God brought believers together, missionaries were commissioned, and souls were saved.

As Southern Baptist churches we have the opportunity to partner for missions and ministry in so many ways. Doctrinal Integrity is a hallmark of who we are, but so is the autonomy of the local body of believers. I am thankful that despite our differences, we get to serve together. I am thankful that I am not called to serve as the Bishop over local churches, but as the associational leader. When we have disagreements, we can and should be able to work through them for the sake of our Gospel witness and our love for one another. Even when our Convention has made the hard decision to part ways with churches over doctrinal issues or practices, we need to remember that we are to move on peaceably. Our only enemy is Satan, and he will use anything to gain a foothold. Let us not allow him to stir up strife among brothers and sisters.

As we enter the second half of 2023, I am thankful for what God has done through our churches this year and I look forward to more great reports of salvations and baptisms. "Let's not become discouraged in doing good, for in due time we will reap, if we do not become weary." (Galatians 6:9)



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WORKING DINNER

VALLEY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
1372 ATWATER ROAD • THOMASTON • 30286

Sept 5th @ 6:30PM

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."



If you ever have questions about things you hear on the news, see on social media, or study in Scripture, give Steve a call. He is very smart and can answer most questions. I am thankful to have been married to him for 29+

years now. You're welcome in advance :0)

Marni



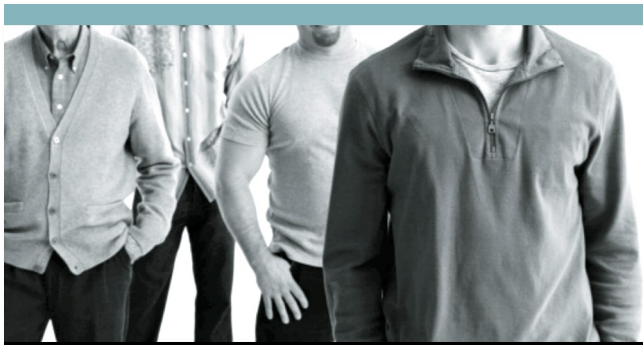
Blackmons in Bangkok

August 6th will be the one year anniversary of the Blackmons leaving the US to make Bangkok their new home. Pray for them as they continue reaching the displaced and lost in a city of over 10 million residents. If you want to stay in touch, see current photos, and pray specifically, subscribe to their newsletter by simply emailing bangkokblackmons@gmail.com or by following John on at facebook.com/john.blackmon.39

Please clearly mark all financial support sent to, PO BOX 210 Thomaston, GA 30286 for "Thailand Missions". [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about Centennial's partnership with the Blackmons.



Cheryl & John,
Lillie Jo & Josiah Blackmon



WHERE IRON SHARPENS IRON

PASTOR ROUNDTABLES

Upson-Pike Monroe-Lamar
August 17 · 10 AM August 1 · 10 AM
Country Cupboard New Providence BC

No one knows what it is like to pastor a church but a pastor. Each of us comes to the table with different perspectives, levels of experience, and personal challenges. We all leave the table encouraged and knowing that we are not alone. Minister Roundtables provide a place for... [MORE](#) or visit www.centennialbaptistassociation.com/minister-roundtables

Once again **FALL 2023**, GBMB will sponsor their **Total Church Equipping Conference SPARK2023** with **LIVE Keynotes**, plus... **over 40 session leaders!**

They've assembled a diverse team of practicing leaders prepared to give you best practices in their field of expertise. Every part of the gathering - from keynote

speakers to our SPARK breakout sessions - has been intentionally designed by their team to equip and inspire your leaders.

Make plans now to join us for #SPARKcon2023
Below are the closest locations to Centennial churches.

West Central Region
Roopville Road Baptist Church
Roopville, GA
Saturday, August 19
8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

ga.sbcworkspace.com/pub/event/register/55235988
[REGISTER HERE](#)

East Central Region
First Baptist Church
Sandersville, GA
Sunday, August 27
4:30 PM - 8:30 PM

ga.sbcworkspace.com/pub/event/register/55235990
[REGISTER HERE](#)



DISCIPLESHIP LEARNING COMMUNITIES
With Matthew Gibbs
Georgia Baptist Mission Board

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JULY 18TH
12-1 PM OR 6-7 PM
FBC BARNESVILLE
RSVP • MEAL PROVIDED

One of the most asked questions we get as an association is “How can I help my church grow?”

Although there are several ways to measure growth, most would agree that making more disciples and helping them grow in their personal walk with the Lord is a key part of any healthy church growth.

The purpose of a Discipleship Learning Community is to work through specific principles related to discipleship in order to implement them in your church. [MORE](#)

Centennial Baptist Family,

As the summer flies by, those of us in collegiate ministry begin preparing for the beginning of the upcoming fall semester. I once heard a campus minister say that the students you get in the first two weeks of the semester are largely the students you will get for the entirety of the semester. With this reality in mind, we are gearing up to welcome students to campus. **Saturday, August 12th is move-in day at Gordon State College.** We have an incredible opportunity to help students get moved in on that day. In order to reach and serve as many students as possible, we are going to need a lot of volunteers from our churches. Even if volunteers can only serve for a few hours, we would love to have you. **If you are interested in serving or want more information on move-in day, please email me at cbacollegiateministry@gmail.com or call me at 478-718-2703.**



One of the things that we will be giving to students on move-in day are **welcome bags** containing items that will help them adjust to being at college. **We are in need of items to be donated to be placed in the bags.** The items we are hoping to have donated are, highlighters, pens, mints, hand sanitizers, ramen noodles and mechanical pencils. We have three churches serving as drop-off spots for items. Silvertown Baptist Church in Thomaston, First Baptist Church Barnesville and Maynard Baptist Church in Forsyth.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Gabe Thomas
Campus Minister for the Baptist Collegiate Ministry at Gordon State College



CBA Financials for May 2023

	May 23	Jan - May 23
Checking Interest	4.67	21.18
Antioch	667.08	2,344.70
Bethany	333.33	1333.32
Beulah	237.00	1,097.00
Calvary	494.40	1,516.80
Clark's Chapel	100.00	500.00
Concord	150.00	750.00
Culloden	150.00	450.00
East Thomaston	375.17	1,619.62
Elkins Creek	0.00	0.00
Emory's Chapel	0.00	0.00
FBC Barnesville	0.00	9,511.80
FBC Forsyth	100.00	500.00
FBC of High Falls	0.00	1,981.87
FBC Thomaston	796.61	4,624.84
Fellowship	0.00	1,343.44
Garden Hill	0.00	0.00
Grace Community	0.00	0.00
GracePoint	0.00	0.00
Hendricks	0.00	1,004.00
Jeff Davis	25.00	50.00
King's Chapel	0.00	0.00
Macedonia	150.00	750.00
Maynard	960.53	4,294.16
Meansville	250.00	1,250.00
Milner	532.04	2,226.96
Mount Olive	2,104.69	8,759.70
Mountain View	2,255.00	11,188.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	0.00
Mt. Zion	0.00	0.00
Neal	0.00	200.00
New Bethel	50.00	250.00
New Harmony	31.92	138.19
New Hope Zebulon	410.80	1,870.38
Pritchett Memorial	182.40	847.56
Russellville	93.89	406.93
Shiloh Lamar	250.00	1,450.00
Shiloh Upson	50.00	250.00
Silvertown	312.10	636.22
The Rock	0.00	753.34
Trinity	0.00	1,200.00
Valley Grove	974.26	2,796.35
Yatesville	175.00	875.00
Total Receipts	12,215.89	68,791.36

Opportunities & Church News (Full job descriptions and other positions are listed [HERE](#))
Bethany is seeking a **PT Children's Director**. For more information or to apply contact the church office at 478-974-0002.

Concord is seeking a full-time **Minister to Students and Family**. Send resumes to jeff.yearwood@fnf.com

FBC Forsyth is seeking both an **organist and pianist** to play for their traditional service. Contact jerryelder@fbcforsyth.com

FBC Thomaston is seeking a part-time **Church Hostess** to prepare meals for Wednesday fellowship supper and other events. Please contact Ted Kandler at FBC Thomaston, 706-647-7889.

FBC Thomaston is seeking paid Nursery workers for Sunday AM, Sunday PM & Wednesday PM services. Please contact Ted Kandler at FBC Thomaston, 706-647-7889.

Clark's Chapel is seeking a full-time **Youth Minister**. For more information, call 706-647-6169. Send resumes to clarkschapel@yahoo.com OR Clark's Chapel Baptist Church, 176 Mathis Lake Road, Thomaston, GA 30286.

July 2023

17	Equip Planning Meeting	FBC Barnesville, Barnesville	6:30 PM
18	Discipleship Learning Community	FBC Barnesville	12 Noon & 6 PM

August 2023

1	Monroe Lamar Roundtable	New Providence BC, Forsyth	10:00 AM
1	Steering Committee Meeting	The Rock Church, The Rock	6:00 PM
7	Faithfully Stewarding Your Estate	Antioch BC, Yatesville	6:00 PM
12	Gordon BCM- Move-In Day	Gordon College, Barnesville	8:00 AM
14	Gordon BCM- Snow Cones & Volleyball	Gordon College, Barnesville	6:30 PM
17	Upson Pike Roundtable	Country Cupboard, Thomaston	10:00 AM
25	Gordon BCM- Get to Know You Game Night	Gordon College, Barnesville	6:30 PM
28	Gordon BCM- Club Day	Gordon College, Barnesville	10:00 AM
28	Gordon BCM- The Gathering	Gordon College, Barnesville	6:30 PM

September 2023

5	Gordon BCM- Club Day	Gordon College, Barnesville	10:00 AM
5	Executive Committee Meeting	Valley Grove, Thomaston	6:30 PM
8-10	EQUIP Student Discipleship Weekend	FBC Barnesville, Barnesville	Fri 6P-Sun 10A
11	Gordon BCM- Acoustic Worship Night	Gordon College, Barnesville	6:30 PM
19	Discipleship Learning Community	FBC Barnesville, Barnesville	12 Noon & 6 PM
25	Gordon BCM- The Gathering	Gordon College, Barnesville	6:30 PM



First Baptist Thomaston will be having **REVIVAL** meetings in August. For more information like dates and times, contact their church office at **706-647-7889**.

Disbursements for May 2023

Total Budgeted Expenditures	13,982.42
Designated Accounts Expenses	2,000.00
Monthly Surplus/Shortfall	(1,766.53)