

CommUNITY

Students partnering together for local missions
July 5-7

Monday	Meet Up	9:00 AM - 10:15 AM	FBC Thomaston
	Mission Location	10:30 AM - 2:30 PM	Weaver Park
	Fellowship & Worship	6:00 PM- 8:00 PM	First United Methodist
Tuesday	Meet Up	9:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Silvertown
	Mission Location	10:30 AM - 2:30 PM	Greatest Generation Park
	Fellowship & Worship	6:00 PM- 8:00 PM	Fellowship
Wednesday	Meet Up	9:00 AM - 10:15 AM	East Thomaston
	Mission Location	10:30 AM - 2:30 PM	Far View Park
	Fellowship & Worship	6:00 PM- 8:00 PM	Mountain View

Contact Eric McWaters for more information 770-364-8836

Georgia Baptist Mission Board

SPARK CONFERENCE

STRENGTHEN YOUR CHURCH

One-Day Total Church Equipping Conference
going LIVE Thursday, August 12, 2021!

"Claim My Free Ticket Now!"

Check Out This Year's Stellar Keynote Speakers
Plus over 40 session leaders!



Ben Mandrell



Tony Evans



David Kinnamon



Charles Lowery

GBMB assembled a diverse team of practicing leaders prepared to give you best practices in their field of expertise. Every part of the gathering, from the keynote speakers to the SPARK breakout sessions, has been intentionally designed by the team to equip and inspire your leaders. Make plans now to join online for #SPARKcon2021!

What You're Going To Learn...

- Strategies for ministry longevity
- How to teach teenagers
- Doing practical, simple evangelism
- Conversational apologetics in womens' outreach
- New post-pandemic rules for small group success
- Starting missions from zero
- How your church can help end human trafficking
- Leading worship in a post-pandemic world
- New ways to get your church into church planting
- Starting a bulletproof church security program
- How to implement the 3 pillars of successful childrens' ministry
 - Gaining data-driven knowledge of your community
 - Protecting your ministry in a changing culture
 - Recovering a biblical framework for discipleship
 - Engaging and mobilizing Gen Z
 - Updating to current changes related to reducing risk of abuse

Who is this for?

Pastors•Lay Leaders•Discipleship Leaders•Childrens' Leaders•Student Pastors•Worship Leaders•Small Group Leaders•Missions Coordinators...
Anyone involved in ministry and equipping!

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**

Summer is here, and if your calendar looks like mine, the next few months are packed. Some of those scheduled events are family related. Others are ministry or church related. And, of course, there will be plenty of things that come up that are not planned yet. As I reflect on the volume of events on my calendar, I am thankful that life is returning to a normal pace. Churches are planning Vacation Bible Schools and student camps. Mission trips are happening, and more and more are resuming regular, pre-pandemic schedules.

One of the major events in June is the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. I am thankful to be able to represent Centennial Association for those of you who will not be able to attend. While there I will have the opportunity to lead a conference for potential Associational Mission Strategists. Pray for me as I prepare and present. I still believe that the association of local churches is one of the most important things we do as the Church. We are stronger together, and the partnership we share in the Gospel work demonstrates to a lost world that God is bigger than just one local body. God has blessed me with a calling to serve the churches of Centennial, and it is my privilege to invest in others



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who share a similar calling.

The challenges facing our convention of churches is real, but not insurmountable. We can be assured that the Baptist Faith and Message remains our guiding doctrinal confession. While this has not changed, voices throughout our convention and outside our convention would have you believe we are struggling with one another over doctrinal issues. From my perspective, it appears that most of our issues are rooted in how we live out our stated beliefs rather than in deciding what we believe. I have said for years that the Baptist umbrella is quite large. Let us agree wholeheartedly on the essentials and give grace in the tertiary

matters. To that end, pray for us as we gather with Baptist messengers from all over the country to make decisions for our convention.

Speaking of a busy summer I look forward to joining many of you at Vacation Bible School this year. Please make sure we know your dates and times so we can drop in. VBS is where many of us were introduced to the Gospel. Thank you for all the work you do to prepare, promote, and participate in this vital ministry. May the Lord grant you souls for your labor and joy in the offering.

Quarterly Fellowship Lunch
Don't forget to bring a side dish to share.
August 12th @ Noon • Location TBD

PREACHING/TEACHING LAB
AUGUST 2021
SECOND SEMESTER BEGINS

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

CENTENNIALBAPTISTASSOCIATION.COM/PTLAB

PASTORS' ROUNDTABLES

UPSON-PIKE ROUNDTABLE
JUN 24TH. 10 AM
GATHERING GROUNDS

WHERE IRON SHARPENS IRON

VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE
JUN 24TH. 8 PM
GoToMeeting code
 CBARoundtable

MONROE-LAMAR ROUNDTABLE
JUN 29TH. 10 AM
NEW PROVIDENCE BC

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

Fall Semester - Delivering the Message
 August 21, 2021 "Proclaiming Christ"
 October 16, 2021 "Hearing the Message"
 December 11, 2021 Delivery Practicum

- Each class includes general & individual sessions for both the preaching and teaching track, and a Q&A panel discussion.
- All sessions take place at The Rock Church. 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 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

CBA 2021 VBS Schedule

Valley Grove/Silvertown	June 6-10	6:00- 8:30 PM
Clark's Chapel	June 6- 9	
FBC Thomaston	June 7-11	8:30 AM-12 Noon
East Thomaston	June 12 @10 AM - 3 PM & 13 @ 11 AM - 12 Noon	
Mount Olive	June 13-17	6:00- 9:00 PM
Antioch	June 20-24	
Milner	June 21-25	6:30 PM
Meansville	June 21-25	6:00-8:30 PM
Mountain View	June 21-25	9:00-2:30 PM
Neal	June 26	6:00- 8:00 PM
FBC Barnesville	July 11-14	6:00- 8:30 PM
Trinity	July 11-14	
The Rock	July 17	

Don't forget about your

Outreach Trailer.

This resource is equipped with:
 *Bounce house *Snow cone & Popcorn machines *Generator
 *Tents *Sports & Sound equipment
 *NEW Flat-top griddle & more!
 This tool can help your church engage the lost in your community.

Click [HERE](#) if your church would like to reserve the CBA Outreach Trailer.

We accomplish more when we cooperate together.



TRANSITIONAL PASTOR TRAINING

Aug. 9 - 10, 2021

Bethany Baptist Church, Juliette, Ga.

Register at gabaptist.org/pastorwellness

COST:
\$85

The **transitional pastor ministry** is a guided process that prepares the congregation to receive a new pastor. The transitional pastor process is a proven path that builds unity, heals hurts, promotes fellowship, and focuses on the mission of the church. Transitional Pastor Training will be held at **Bethany Baptist Church** for pastors seeking to upgrade their skills to help churches move forward before calling a full time pastor.

Mark Marshall and Tim Dowdy will be co-teaching. The cost is \$85 for first timers and \$65 for repeaters. Dinner is provided for Monday evening.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Laura Simms at 770-936-5362 or lsimms@gabaptist.org

Equip 2021

Details will be announced SOON!

If you work with students or you want a seat at the planning table for this annual event, please text or call Steve, 770-314-6107.

You are needed!!



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 REGISTER NOW | JUNE 13-14, 2021 | NASHVILLE

Nashville, TN
 June 13-16, 2021

Join us at the Nashville Music City Center for four full days of equipping and inspiration. With more than 100 ancillary meetings, events, and gatherings throughout the week, you'll connect with leaders and laypersons from around the country to be encouraged, equipped and mobilized for Kingdom work.

NASHVILLE
 WE ARE GREAT COMMISSION BAPTISTS
 2021 SBC ANNUAL MEETING
 JUNE 13-16

Income for April 2021

	Apr 2021	YTD 2021
Checking Interest	7.30	28.01
Antioch	1,424.64	3,644.21
Bethany	0.00	0.00
Beulah	489.00	892.00
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Clark's Chapel	100.00	400.00
Concord	100.00	400.00
Culloden	150.00	300.00
East Thomaston	275.48	1,229.24
Elkins Creek	0.00	0.00
Emory's Chapel	0.00	0.00
FBC Barnesville	0.00	3,040.32
FBC Forsyth	200.00	400.00
FBC Thomaston	1,008.54	3,648.25
Fellowship	0.00	0.00
Garden Hill	75.00	300.00
Grace Community	0.00	0.00
GracePoint	0.00	0.00
Hendricks	0.00	0.00
Jeff Davis	25.00	75.00
King's Chapel	0.00	0.00
Macedonia	150.00	600.00
Maynard	1,065.89	3,819.06
Meansville	250.00	1,000.00
Milner	550.41	1,878.70
Mount Olive	1,196.59	5,216.33
Mountain View	2,177.00	8,934.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	0.00
Mt. Zion	0.00	17.00
Neal	50.00	200.00
New Bethel	50.00	200.00
New Harmony	57.47	190.90
New Hope Zebulon	228.93	1,108.35
Pritchett Memorial	377.82	778.41
Russellville	178.87	395.20
Shiloh Lamar	0.00	325.00
Shiloh Upson	50.00	200.00
Silvertown	170.37	554.85
The Rock	295.40	783.92
Trinity	300.00	1,200.00
Valley Grove	0.00	1,348.63
Yatesville	175.00	700.00
Total Receipts	11,178.71	43,807.38

Disbursements for April 2021	
Total Budgeted Expenditures	10,421.72
Designated Accounts Expenses	40.28
Monthly Surplus/Shortfall	756.99

Opportunities & Church News

Neal is seeking a **full time Pastor**. Send resumes to darrellgresham@yahoo.com for consideration. **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@harpscrosing.com. Inquiries call 678-314-6580. **FBC Barnesville** is currently receiving resumes for **Senior Pastor**. All resumes should be sent by email to fbcbpastorsearchteam@gmail.com. **Bethany** is seeking a **PT Children's Director**. For more information or to apply contact the church office at 478-974-0002.

June 2021

15-16	Southern Baptist Convention	Nashville, TN	
20	Fathers Day		
24	Upson-Pike Roundtable	Gathering Grounds	10:00 AM
24	Virtual Roundtable	GoToMeeting	8:00 PM
29	Monroe-Lamar Roundtable	New Providence	10:00 AM

July 2021

1-5	CBA office closed		
5-7	CommUNITY Student Mission	Various churches & parks	9AM-8PM ea day

August 2021

3	Steering Committee	GoToMeeting	6:30 PM
9-10	Transitional Pastor Training	Bethany BC in Juliette, GA	2:00 PM
12	Quarterly Fellowship Lunch	TBA	12:00 Noon
12	SPARK Conference	www.thesparkconference.com/home2021	
21	Preaching/Teaching Lab	The Rock	8:30 AM

Shepherd Stories

Pastor Michael Edward Thomas, age 69, of Zebulon, passed away May 20th at Upson Regional Medical Center. Michael grew up in Locust Grove. He was ordained at The Rock Tabernacle Church in

Griffin and was a Baptist minister for 45 years. He was currently serving at Hendricks Baptist Church in Thomaston and prior to that at County Line Baptist Church in Jenkinsburg. He was also a master carpenter. Michael enjoyed fishing, hunting and spending time with his grandchildren. He was a huge fan of the New York Yankees, the Atlanta Braves, and Georgia Tech. He was preceded in death by his father, Edward Thomas, Jr. and his brother-in-law, Jim Fordham, sisters-in-law, Betty Jo Fordham and Molly Roche. He is survived by his wife: Lynn Fordham Thomas; sons and a daughter-in-law: Shane and Tiffany Thomas of Meansville, and Dusty Thomas of Zebulon; grandsons: Buck Thomas



and Mason Thomas; mother: Elizabeth Thomas of Locust Grove; sisters and a brother-in-law: Gail Phillips of Griffin, Pam Dillard, Sheila and Bobby Melton and Donna Thomas all of Locust Grove; many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, May 23rd, at 3 p.m., in the chapel of Moody-Daniel Funeral Home with Rev. Wade Corley and Rev. Riley Fenley officiated. Burial followed at Moody Memorial Gardens. (obituary provided by Moody-Daniel Funeral Home)

Continue to pray for Mrs. Lynn and Hendricks Baptist Church. Grief is hard and we weren't created to experience it. This sister church has lost so much in the recent weeks in the wake of Covid. Many of you have as well. A GoFundMe account has been set up to help with funeral expenses. <https://gofund.me/c6c93233>

Your Associational Ministry Assistant,
Marni Laughman