



“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”

And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”” Isaiah 6:8

Steve and I are actively praying for those God called out during Refocus 2022. Is it you? Did you end the weekend with a vision of you on foreign soil telling someone you just met your Jesus story? Did you weep when Nathan Hill pleaded for workers to reach the deaf communities of the world? Were you an overbearing parent repentant of not encouraging your child to go? There is still much to do. How can we not respond to the call?

Steve and I “count it all joy” to get to serve Centennial. This is not a job to us. To the glory of His Great Name!



Refocus 2022 was a huge success! God worked through the churches of Centennial and other like minded churches to highlight what He is doing around the world to reduce lostness. We are anticipating sending out missionaries in the coming years due to seeds planted during Refocus 2022.

Thank you to **Linen Ladies** for making our vision come to life, to the **students of The Rock Church** that served, and to **Chet and Kelly Yates and Mountain View** for making sure our missionaries were well fed the entire time, and for hosting. You guys were GREAT!



A special thanks to all of our **pastors** who hosted missionaries during their Sunday morning services. Thank you for opening your pulpit and giving them time to share what God had shown them while serving. We are continuing to pray for those who will



Thank you to **Julie Rogers**, CBA Women’s Ministry Director, and **all of the women around the association** that collected items and packed the hospitality bags for each missionary. Your generosity and thoughtfulness were appreciated. The missionaries appreciated us using the Focus2020 bags we had printed for this purpose but never got to use.



You sacrificially gave during a special offering taken up during Refocus 2022 to bless the Blackmons as they prepare to relocate to Bangkok, Thailand. That offering now totals \$6,100.03! This combined with other designated gifts for the Blackmons now totals \$10,187.15!! This is almost exactly what God told John and Cheryl they would need. Isn’t He magnificent and altogether glorious!! **Thank you for giving. Thank you for praying. Thank you for supporting some of our own as God sends them across this planet He created.**

A special thanks to all of our **missionaries** who came to share their experiences. Your passion to follow Christ and your desire to see lost people saved changed Centennial. Many of us wept with you as you pleaded for us to go and tell the nations the Good News.

Many thanks to **Keith Johnson** and everyone that participated in the **community choir**, the **band at Mountain View**, and the **AV team**. You all went above and beyond to make sure worship was engaging. I apologize for not getting a group picture of all of you!

Your Ministry Assistant,
Marni Laughman

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**

Thank you for participating in REFOCUS! What an incredible time we had celebrating what God is doing through our missionaries! Our goal of being a blessing to the missionaries was met. You welcomed them with open arms and showed them how much you appreciate the work they do. I also believe we accomplished our second goal of helping churches engage in missions. I have heard reports of mission trips being planned and various groups adopting missionaries to pray for and support. It is a beautiful thing to see the body of Christ work together for the advancement of the Gospel.

As the school year ends and churches focus on summer activities like VBS, I am praying for you. I pray that God will give you the energy and resources you need to do the work he calls you to. I pray for souls to be saved and believers to be equipped. I pray that we will be a light to those who need to see the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

I also find myself praying for a change of heart in our culture. Whether the news is about a shooting or the abortion debate, I am broken for what seems to be a constant theme. People have lost sight of the value of a human life. Every child, every person is made in the image of God. When we treat people as disposable, it is no



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wonder people justify taking a life. As followers of Jesus, we understand better than most that human life is valuable. Not only did God create us in his image, but He sent His Son to redeem us with His own blood.

The report from the Sexual Abuse Task Force is another reminder of this same sin. When men called by God to proclaim the Gospel are able to not only commit these sins, but actively cover them up, they show a disregard for the value of those lives being abused. Although I am deeply saddened by the sin being exposed in this report, I am thankful that it has come to light. When Marni and I attend the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention this month, we hope to be part of a convention that is repentant and ready to face the challenges of righting these wrongs. We must protect the vulnerable and be a voice for the abused. As guidelines are suggested for implementation at the associational level, we will work to make sure we are doing our part to protect people.

The partnership we share as churches and fellow believers is strong. I am extremely grateful to serve the Lord by serving the churches of the Centennial Association. Let me know how I can help you and your church. Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. It is my privilege to serve you.

The Blackmons will be serving in

BANGKOK

THAILAND



Cheryl, Josiah, Lillie Jo & John

Look who was featured in [The Christian Index!](#)

Please continue to pray for their missionary visas to be processed and issued in a timely manner.

If you want to stay in touch, subscribe to their newsletter by simply emailing bangkokblackmons@gmail.com or follow John at [facebook.com/john.blackmon.39](https://www.facebook.com/john.blackmon.39)

Please clearly mark all financial support sent to PO BOX 210, Thomaston, GA for “Thailand Missions”.

A word of thanks from the Blackmons...

To our Centennial Baptist Association Family:

When Steve and Marni called with the news of the love offering from the Refocus celebration, we were absolutely stunned. We are beyond thankful not only for your generosity and kindness, but rejoice in the Lord’s faithfulness and Providence. Just a few days prior to the event, we went over our basic needs for start-up costs/

moving and had arrived at the conclusion that our needs would bring us to approximately ten thousand dollars, and the offering combined with what had been given previously (and came in soon afterwards) was exactly what we needed. Although we trust and believe in His ability to provide for those who answer His call, it is always overwhelming and awe-inspiring to actually see it come to fruition. Further, the celebration itself, from the direct encouragement to us, the music, the Q&A with missionaries (including ASL church planter Nathan Hill) was also a gift. We are thankful for the partnership we shared in the Gospel in our ten years in Georgia, what we are sharing now as we prepare, and what we will share in as we go. Please do continue to pray for us in this preparation/transition period. And, thank you!

John, Cheryl, Lillie Jo, and Josiah



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Saturday, August 6th.

Registration opens SOON

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www.thesparkconference.com/2022insider



2022 VBS Schedule

Valley Grove/Silvertown	June 5-9	6:00- 8:30 PM
FBC Thomaston	June 6-10	8:30 AM-12 Noon
East Thomaston	June 11(10AM- 1:30 PM)& 12(11 AM - 12 Noon)	
Shiloh Upson	June 12-15	6:00-8:30 PM
Mount Olive	June 12-16	5:30- 9:00 PM
Milner	June 12-16	6:00-8:00 PM
FBC High Falls	June 12-17	6:00-9:00 PM
Shiloh Lamar	June 17th, 6-8PM & June 18th, 9AM-1PM	
Clark's Chapel	June 19-22	5:00-8:00 PM
Mountain View	June 20-24	6:00-8:30 PM
Neal	June 24-25	9:00-12 Noon
FBC Barnesville	July 10-14	5:15- 8:45 PM

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.



The Southern Baptist Convention invites everyone to join them at the Anaheim Convention Center for four full days of equipping, and inspiration. With nearly 200 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.



Camp Kaleo is a great summer camp option for small and medium sized churches. We are owned and operated by the Georgia Baptist Mission Board. You do not have to send chaperones with kids. Our Staff stay in the cabins with kids for supervision. We also don't have minimum number requirements and kids can sign up just themselves if they want. We want to see kids ENCOUNTER, GROW in, and SHARE Jesus. This year's theme is 5 Loaves 2 Fish. We hope that kids will leave knowing if they give of themselves to God in time, willingness to go, in serving others, and sharing Jesus that he can do great things with what they have to offer. For more information visit <https://campkaleo.org/>



NAMB Pastors Luncheon | FBC Atlanta | 4400 N Peachtree RD | August 15

Free for Pastors and Pastoral Staff

The North American Mission Board invites Pastors and Pastoral Staff to participate in a **Free Pastors Luncheon** as we give a mission update, celebrate some wins, and emphasize the priority of prayer helping fulfill Jesus' strategy to "pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38). Speaker: Dr. Anthony George-Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church Atlanta

FREE LUNCHEON + GIFTS | REGISTRATION REQUIRED
 (And you guys know those NAMB gifts are worth the drive. If you know you know.)

Register yourself and your pastoral staff by visiting www.namb.net/pastor/luncheon/

CBA Financials for April 2022

	Apr 22	Jan - Apr 22
Checking Interest	1.29	4.71
Antioch	582.59	3,704.62
Bethany	0.00	666.66
Beulah	193.00	1,132.00
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Clark's Chapel	100.00	600.00
Concord	150.00	600.00
Culloden	0.00	150.00
East Thomaston	264.10	1,276.28
Elkins Creek	0.00	0.00
Emory's Chapel	0.00	0.00
FBC Barnesville	6,378.56	6,378.56
FBC Forsyth	100.00	400.00
FBC of High Falls	846.76	2,291.81
FBC Thomaston	908.20	4,664.50
Fellowship	634.23	1,334.93
Garden Hill	0.00	225.00
Grace Community	0.00	0.00
GracePoint	0.00	0.00
Hendricks	0.00	100.00
Jeff Davis	0.00	50.00
King's Chapel	0.00	0.00
Macedonia	150.00	600.00
Maynard	854.03	3,306.04
Meansville	250.00	1,000.00
Milner	364.71	1,796.11
Mount Olive	1,738.21	7,530.13
Mountain View	0.00	6,521.00
Mt. Pleasant	400.00	400.00
Mt. Zion	0.00	40.00
Neal	50.00	350.00
New Bethel	50.00	200.00
New Harmony	43.52	123.08
New Hope Zebulon	336.78	1,514.84
Pritchett Memorial	261.00	853.45
Russellville	88.03	304.58
Shiloh Lamar	0.00	550.00
Shiloh Upson	0.00	200.00
Silvertown	102.42	514.56
The Rock	343.12	664.54
Trinity	600.00	1,500.00
Valley Grove	481.82	2,227.68
Yatesville	175.00	700.00
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	1,565.00
Total Receipts	16,447.43	54,575.08

Disbursements for April 2022	
Total Budgeted Expenditures	14,380.69
Designated Accounts Expenses	12,697.69
Monthly Surplus/Shortfall	2,066.74

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
Oak Hill is seeking a **full-time Children's Minister**. Contact Chuck Johnson to submit resumes and for more information. chuck@oakhillchurch.com
Meansville is seeking a **full-time Pastor**. Please send resumes to meansvilleresumes@att.net
Valley Grove is seeking a full-time Associate Pastor for Students and Worship. Please send resumes to pastor@valleygrovechurch.org
FBC Forsyth is seeking both an organist and pianist to play for their traditional service. Contact jerryelder@fbcforsyth.com

June 2022			
1-7	Ethan Laughman marries Jasan Kaur	We are thrilled!	Office Closed
14-15	Southern Baptist Convention	Anaheim, CA	
21	Steering Committee Meeting	The Rock Church	6:30 PM
30	Upson Pike Roundtable	Gathering Grounds	10:00 AM
July 2022			
13-16	Unity in the Community	Participating churches	
18	Ministry Leaders Connection	The Pie, Thomaston	12 Noon
19	Monroe Lamar Roundtable	New Providence BC, Forsyth	10:00 AM
August 2022			
2	Steering Committee Meeting	The Rock Church	6:30 PM

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Pastor Roundtables

MONROE-LAMAR ROUNDTABLE
JULY 19TH. 10 AM
NEW PROVIDENCE

UPSON-PIKE ROUNDTABLE
JUNE 30TH. 10 AM
GATHERING GROUNDS



CONNECTING YOU TO RESOURCES.

Special Guest:
 Chad Minter, Founder of
 **NEW MERCIES**
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Ministry Leadership CONNECTION

The Pie, Thomaston
July 18th @ Noon

All are invited
 to attend this meeting.



The **Ministry Leadership Connection** is designed for all people in the local church not just those who are on staff. The goal is to connect those of you giving your time to ministry to other like minded ministry leaders. This meeting is held in various places around the association, and all are encouraged to attend.

Congratulations to Pastor Eddie Johnson of Macedonia Baptist Church in Thomaston! He is the 2022 recipient of Centennial's **Edwin L. Cliburn Scholarship**. He is attending Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary pursuing a Ph.D. in Biblical Studies. Please pray for him "to study to show himself approved" while being a full time pastor, husband, father, grandfather, and community leader.