

Networking churches to make disciples

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A Word from Your Missionary, Steve Laughman

Summer is here, and the opportunities for ministry are boundless. My experience is that although summer has its challenges with members taking vacation and schedules being fluid, this can be one of the most productive times for a church to connect with their community. People are outside! They are going to the park and playing games. Families are grilling out and swimming. A church that keeps her eyes open will see a plethora of chances to engage neighbors in conversation and hopefully build some relationships. Let's be involved in the lives of those around us.

Marni and I will be heading to Dallas, TX, for the Southern Baptist Convention in a couple of weeks. Thank you for the privilege of representing you there. Our denomination is facing many

questions at this time in our history. We are at a crossroads and have the opportunity to become the voice for truth and mercy that God intends for us to be. The annual meeting can be a time for us to proclaim loudly that we understand our primary purpose is to shine the light of Jesus to every corner of our world. Or it can be another missed opportunity where we are known more for what we condemn. Pray with me that God will speak loudly, and that nothing we do will cause shame to be brought to His great name. Even when leaders fall, we have an opportunity to show grace and mercy. Even when we disagree, we have the opportunity to show the world how love transcends diverse opinions. My hope is that we will once again become the standard bearers of truth - that we will not just make bold proclamations, but will live out our convictions. The world desperately needs to see a church that stands FOR something.

Last week I attended a listening session for the search committee to find the new Executive Director of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board. Dr. Robert White has served our state faithfully for nearly 26 years and will be retiring this year. He has big shoes to fill, but God has already prepared his replacement. During the session I was filled with hope knowing that those who sit on this committee are listening to Georgia Baptists of all corners of our state. They are also listening to God as He guides the process. The future is uncertain from our perspective, but God knows every detail and He is trustworthy. Join me in praying for the search committee. You can find a prayer guide at <u>christianindex.org/executive-director-search-committee-releases-prayer-guide-prior-beginning-work/.</u>

I look forward to seeing many of you at VBS in the coming weeks. Thank you for reaching the next generation with the Gospel.



If you are not personally going to attend the Southern Baptist Convention in **Dallas, TX, June 12-13, 2018** you can still participate by praying for the messengers of your denomination as they meet together and vote on the matters at hand. Pray for wisdom and discernment as the convention joins together for this annual time of iron sharpening iron. Southern Baptist Convention Reaching the world for Christ

Have you ever wondered how many churches cooperate for the purpose of missions and ministry?

Or maybe you were wondering just how many active missionaries the SBC current has commissioned.

Visit this link for interesting facts about the Southern Baptist Convention.

http://www.sbc.net/BecomingSouthernBaptist/FastFacts.asp

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OUR VISION:

By 2020, CBA will be a unified yet diverse network of equipped churches moving in a strategic missional direction.

How are YOU doing reaching your personal goal for gospel conversations in 2018? Be intentional. Be the church. Cause ain't nobody else gonna do it! https://gcchallenge.com/

URGENT

The House of Care in Thomaston is in dire need of **volunteers** to minister to people in our area who are in need of assistance with food, clothing, house wares, furniture, medical supplies and equipment and registration/counseling. We continue to lose volunteers because of health related issues, including age, and other legitimate reasons. The House of Care buildings are located on the properties of the Thomaston First Baptist Church, **but it is not solely a ministry of that church**. It has always been a community ministry with volunteers coming from many of our area churches. However, some churches are not participating as they have in the past. The greatest need at this time is in the clothing division (it needs a minimum of 10 volunteers with only five currently) and the registration/counseling area, however, all areas need help. Volunteers may choose to work from one hour a week to four or five hours a week and may choose the area in which to work. Please **prayerfully consider** helping out so that no area has to close its doors to the community. If you can help, please contact **Elizabeth DeLoach**, HOC Director at 706-975-6217 to

If you can help, please contact **Elizabeth DeLoach**, HOC Director at 706-975-6217 to volunteer. Thank you for your prayerful consideration. (Submitted by a current volunteer.)

CBAVBS Summer 2018

July 22-26

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Trinity **East Thomaston FBC** Thomaston **Clark's Chapel** Meansville Maynard **Shiloh Lamar Valley Grove Yatesville Mount Olive FBC Forsyth** Hendricks **Bethany** Antioch Concord Milner **Mountain View** Silvertown Neal **Garden Hill Shiloh Upson Jeff Davis** Molena **FBC Barnesville Pritchett Memorial**

May 30-June 1 6-9 PM June 1(6PM), 2(10AM), 3(11AM) **June 4-8** 8:30AM-12Noon **June 4-8** 6-8:10 PM **June 4-8** 6:30-8:30 PM June 8(5 PM), 9(8:30 AM-5:30 PM) June 8 (6-8PM), 9 (9AM-1PM) **June 10-14** 6-8:30 PM **June 10-14** 6-8:30 PM **June 10-14** 6-9 PM **June 11-15** 9AM-12 Noon June 15 (6PM) 16 (10 AM-2 PM) **June 16-20** 6-8 PM **June 18-21** 5:30-8:30 PM **June 18-22** 9-12 Noon **June 18-22** 6-8:30 PM **June 18-22** 6-8:30 PM **June 18-22** 6-8:30 PM 10 AM-5 PM **June 23 June 25-29** 6:30-8:30 PM **July 9-13** 6-8:30 PM July 14 **July 20-21**

BLACKABY

5:30-8:30 PM 6:30-9 PM



All ministers are invited.

Wellness & Dental Care Assistance for Ministerial Staff & their Spouses

Save the date Sept 12-15, 2018 Ministers and Wives Wellness Retreat Georgia Baptist Conference Center, Toccoa

This event is sponsored by the Georgia Baptist Mission Board Church Minister Relations and Mobile Health Ministries. Registration is open to any Georgia Baptist Convention minister and spouse who do not have preventive health insurance. Dental service is offered to participants of this event who do not have dental insurance.

Thank you for your continued support of the Cooperative Program!

Georgia



https://gogeorgia.net/

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NATIONAL SPEAKERS



BREAKOUT SESSIONS

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_	Apr 18	Jan18 – Apr18				
Checking Interest	6.34	24.17				
Antioch	654.06	2,583.31				
Bethany	0.00	1,000.00				
Beulah	182.00	845.00				
Calvary	0.00	0.00				
Clark's Chapel	100.00	400.00				
Concord	200.00	800.00				
Culloden	150.00	300.00				
East Thomaston	331.50	1,390.48				
Elkins Creek	0.00	0.00				
Emory's Chapel	0.00	0.00				
FBC Barnesville	1,102.62	7,155.96				
FBC Forsyth	0.00	0.00				
FBC Thomaston	805.61	3,581.09				
Fellowship	639.78	2,312.50				
Garden Hill	0.00	0.00				
GracePoint	0.00	0.00				
Hendricks	0.00	0.00				
Jeff Davis	25.00	100.00				
King's Chapel	0.00	100.00				
Macedonia	0.00	0.00				
Maynard	1,144.43 241.66	2,411.42 966.64				
Meansville Milner	406.50	966.64 1,786.58				
Molena	400.50	0.00				
Mount Olive	1,202.78	4,399.58				
Mountain View	1,651.00	7,152.00				
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	0.00				
Mt. Zion	114.00	296.00				
Neal	50.00	250.00				
New Bethel	50.00	200.00				
New Harmony	0.00	125.28				
New Hope Thomaston	0.00	163.08				
New Hope Zebulon	194.28	574.30				
Pine View	0.00	0.00				
Pritchett Memorial	469.76	469.76				
Russellville	56.39	176.78				
Shiloh Upson	50.00	200.00				
Shiloh Lamar	314.00	874.00				
Silvertown	191.07	754.99				
The Rock	23.40	100.00				
Trinity	300.00	1,200.00				
Valley Grove	443.83	1,988.98				
Yatesville	100.00	400.00				
Total Church Receipts Disbursements fo Administrative Expenses Associational Programs Miscellaneous Expenses Organizational Expenses Pastorium Maintenance Salaries and Allowances Total Budgeted Expenditures Designated Accounts Expens Monthly Surplus/Shortfall		45,057.73 1,340.32 519.32 0.00 1,746.12 0.00 <u>6,902.04</u> 10,507.80 2,290.00 685.87				
YTD Surplus/Shortfall		5,760.33				

Opportunities	& Church	News
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New Hope is seeking a *pianist*. If you are interested in applying, please email your resume to newhopebaptist1@windstream.net

Silvertown is searching for an Associate Pastor of Music. This bi-vocational position requiring approximately 12-16 hours per week. Visit www.silvertownbc.com/staffneeds for details and application instructions. Free pulpit to be given away to any church that would like it. Contact Don Timberlake at 706-647-2652.

Calendar of Events

18	2018 Southern Baptist Convention Ministers Meeting Equip Missions	Dallas, TX C Garden Patch FBC Barnesville	CBA Office Closed 11-14 12 Noon		
July 20 2 16 26	Deadline for churches to sign up Ministers Meeting	o for Sunday School Me Garden Patch Mount Olive	ntoring Program 12 Noon 10:00 AM		
August 2018Milner6:30 PM7Steering Committee MtgMilner6:30 PM9Quarterly Fellowship Lunch, Meansville Campus GA Baptist Children's Home, 12 Noon13Ministers MeetingGarden Patch12 Noon14Monroe RoundtableNew Providence2:00 PM17-18GoGeorgiaMable White, MaconFri 3PM-Sat 6PM					

Shepherd Stories

This family makes me so happy! Joey Smith and his wife, Julie, along with their 6 children have been serving East Thomaston Baptist Church for 19 1/2 years! You can see in this picture that they are a fun loving bunch and they welcomed us into their circle soon after we moved here. Joey is a teaching pastor that accurately and passionately shares the



truth of Scripture with the believers who call East Thomaston home. Julie will rarely sit down on any given Sunday. She is a talented musician and interprets the message into ASL when needed. This couple is intentional about missions and mindful to reach every person right where they are. They have encouraged each of their children to work summer camps and go on mission trips so they too will understand the gravity of living out the gospel. East Thomaston has learned well from their Shepherd and they also live out the call to evangelism. It is in the DNA of their church. They plan and attend mission opportunities as often as the Lord provides. Joey is a part of the Upson Ministerial Association which services numerous households every week. East Thomaston is seen by the local community as a body of believers that love people. As you can see, they have added one to their family through marriage. I pray that God will continue to entrust Joey and Julie with more children and grandchildren as the years pass. I trust them with my own children and know that any time spent with the Smiths is time well spent! Marni