

**PREACHING/TEACHING  
LAB**

**MARCH 2021**  
FIRST SEMESTER BEGINS



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

CENTENNIALBAPTISTASSOCIATION.COM/PTLAB

The first semester of the Centennial Preaching/Teaching Lab is scheduled to begin March 2021. The lab will be divided into two semesters for 2021.

**Spring Semester** - Preparing the Message  
 March 20, 2021. "What is Preaching and Teaching?"  
 May 15, 2021. "The Sufficiency of Scripture"  
 To Be Determined. "The Prepared Messenger"

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

- Each class will include large group sessions, individual sessions for both the preaching and teaching track, and a Q&A panel discussion.
- All sessions will take place at The Rock Church unless otherwise noted. 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 purchase of these books is at the discretion and expense of each person.
- 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](http://www.centennialbaptistassociation.com/ptlab)

GEORGIA BAPTIST WOMEN

## SPRING EVENT

An experience for women of all ages

**April 24, 2021**

Central Baptist Church, Warner Robins

Early Bird Rate: \$59 (Through March 5)  
 Regular Rate: \$79 (Through March 31)

Come early and join us for dinner for the Missions Celebration (Additional \$20)



Kristi  
McLelland

Featured Speaker

Find more information and register at [georgiabaptistwomen.org/springevent](http://georgiabaptistwomen.org/springevent).

Join FBC Barnesville's very talented ladies from...

the canopy



## CLIBURN SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

April 1, 2021

APPLY TODAY

The Centennial Baptist Association established this award in honor of Dr. Ed Cliburn and his years of service to the churches of this association. Our hope is that through this we can assist men and women as they seek to be equipped to serve the Lord in vocational ministry.

Recipients:  
 2017- Justin Mahaffey now serving FBC of Jamestown in Tennessee.  
 2018- John Blackmon serving Meansville Baptist Church, Meansville GA.  
 2020- Rebecca Milby currently attending Southern Seminary.  
 2021- This could be you!

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

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**A Word from Your Mission Strategist,  
Steve Laughman**

“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit.” – Jesus of Nazareth (John 15:1-2)

Jesus spoke these words to the apostles on the night He was betrayed and arrested. It appears He is referring to individuals, how we are to remain in Him in order to bear fruit for the kingdom. While this is absolutely true for each individual Christian, I believe we can apply the same principles to each local body of believers.

Pruning is no fun for the branch. It seems painful, harsh, and sudden. What seemed to be growth has now suddenly been taken away for the sake of the entire branch. Frankly, it seems a little counterproductive. Why would you cut away growth and expect it to help the branch? Yet that is God’s design for the vine and, evidently, for us as well.



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It has now been one year since the pandemic began. Life has changed dramatically for us as individuals and for us as the church. Although things might be different now, I also believe God has used this year to prune us. He has taken away things, and in their place, we have found the resources to do something more productive. He has refocused our attention on priorities that may have been lost in the busyness of life. He has reminded us that our time on earth is limited and therefore valuable. He has expanded our vision and given us a hunger to do more than we ever did before.

If your goal is just to get back to the way we did church before, then I challenge you to rethink why we had to go through the struggles of this past year. Much of what we did before is worth doing again, but other things were pruned away for a reason. Take time to evaluate the health of your church body and to prioritize those things that matter most. I think you may find that God has made it possible for you to grow in ways you never thought of before.

## 2021 Financial Compliance & Giving Seminars

The Georgia Baptist Foundation (GBF) is hosting the **2021 Financial Compliance & Giving Seminars** designed to help your church navigate tedious and complicated financial matters. These two seminars will provide actionable information to help you and your church make sound financial decisions. Executive Pastor and CPA, **Tony Neal** brings a wealth of knowledge in church finances, giving, taxes, and much more. You will also learn how the GBF can help your church:

*\*Better manage church funds and receive greater returns on church accounts (savings, reserve, emergency, scholarships, cemetery, missions, etc.).*

*\*Encourage members to establish a biblical estate plan or planned gift.*

*\*Process donations of timber through Christian Timber Reserve, LLC.*

### Seminar Topics

#### Contribution Credit and Designated Giving

This seminar focuses on the types of giving often received from church members and how to properly record/acknowledge these types of gifts.

#### Tax Update and Protecting Church Finances

This session focuses on the many tax issues impacting churches and ministers.



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#### AREAS OF FOCUS:

[PROJECT: Well Fed](#)

[Human Trafficking](#)

[Pre/Post Natal Care](#)

[Childhood Literacy](#)

[Refugees & Internationals](#)

[Foster Care & Adoption](#)

#### CONNECTING YOU TO RESOURCES.

ALLIANCE DEFENDING FREEDOM  
**CHURCH ALLIANCE**

**Ministry Leadership CONNECTION**

Guest speaker:  
Harrison Smith

**GoToMeeting  
join: CBaroundtable  
March 15th @ 10AM**

**All are invited**  
to attend this virtual meeting as we discuss how to protect your church legally & the potential dangers of the Equality Act.

#### Register for a Seminar Below

##### Dates & Locations

[March 8, 2021: Central Baptist Church Waycross, Waycross GA](#)

[March 9, 2021: First Baptist Church Washington, Washington GA](#)

[March 18, 2021: Truett McConnell University, Cleveland GA](#)

[March 25, 2021: Salem Baptist, Dalton GA](#)

[April 15, 2021: First Baptist Church Cordele, Cordele GA](#)

[April 20, 2021: The Church at Godley Station, Savannah GA](#)

[May 6, 2021: First Baptist Church Colquitt, Colquitt GA](#)

[May 13, 2021: First Baptist Church Newnan, Newnan GA](#)



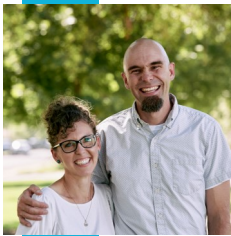
**Day 1:**  
**Shahid & Maroofa Kamal**  
 Delta, British Columbia  
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**Day 2:**  
**Ryan & Tricia McCammack**  
 Avondale Estates, Georgia  
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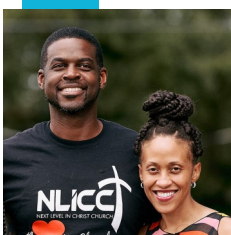
**Day 3:**  
**Victor & Ludmila Moura**  
 Somerville, Massachusetts  
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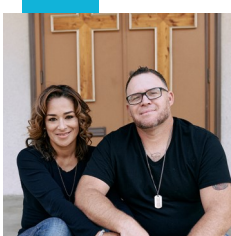
**Day 4:**  
**Anders & Jessica Snyder**  
 Nampa, Idaho  
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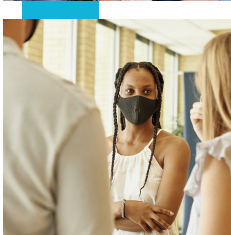
**Day 5:**  
**Joshua Valdez**  
 Farmington, New Mexico  
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**Day 6:**  
**Bobby & Lakeisha Williams**  
 Slidell, Louisiana  
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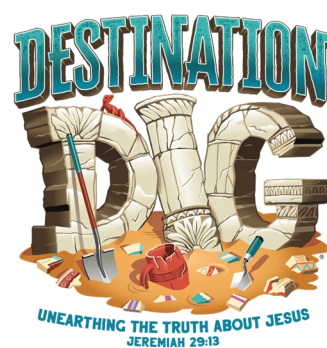


**Day 7:**  
**Jacob & Francine Zailian**  
 Sanger, California  
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**Day 8:**  
**Stead On Mission**  
 Kevin Ezell, NAMB President  
[Read more...](#)

The Week of Prayer for North American missions is annually observed by SBC churches to pray for missionaries, their ministries and their families. Prayer is the fuel for spiritually sustaining missionaries in places where the gospel is greatly needed, but often opposed. The official date is the first Sunday in March through the second Sunday. Your church can choose this date or another time during the Easter season to participate.



The **VBS Training** Events are a great opportunity for your entire VBS team to come be motivated to have the most successful VBS to reach your community. There will be large group times for worship, base level classes, and over **14 breakout sessions**. There will be training for both **Destination Dig** and **Concrete and Cranes** curriculums on **March 6, 13, 20, & 27**. Register today! The main theme will be Destination Dig, but there will be some classes offered for Concrete and Cranes. Some churches didn't have VBS in 2020, and they saved the curriculum to use this year. For locations & schedules, go to [gabaptist.org/vbstraining/](http://gabaptist.org/vbstraining/)

**Income for January 2021**

	<b>Jan 2021</b>	<b>YTD 2021</b>
Checking Interest	6.98	6.98
Antioch	691.30	691.30
Bethany	0.00	0.00
Beulah	94.00	94.00
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Clark's Chapel	100.00	100.00
Concord	100.00	100.00
Culloden	150.00	150.00
East Thomaston	287.52	287.52
Elkins Creek	0.00	0.00
Emory's Chapel	0.00	0.00
FBC Barnesville	1,155.26	1,155.26
FBC Forsyth	0.00	0.00
FBC Thomaston	873.14	873.14
Fellowship	0.00	0.00
Garden Hill	75.00	75.00
Grace Community	0.00	0.00
GracePoint	0.00	0.00
Hendricks	0.00	0.00
Jeff Davis	25.00	25.00
King's Chapel	0.00	0.00
Macedonia	150.00	150.00
Maynard	1,050.28	1,050.28
Meansville	250.00	250.00
Milner	338.28	338.28
Mount Olive	1,314.83	1,314.83
Mountain View	2,265.00	2,265.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	0.00
Mt. Zion	0.00	0.00
Neal	50.00	50.00
New Bethel	50.00	50.00
New Harmony	47.18	47.18
New Hope Zebulon	330.42	330.42
Pritchett Memorial	183.35	183.35
Russellville	0.00	0.00
Shiloh Lamar	0.00	0.00
Shiloh Upson	50.00	50.00
Silvertown	124.33	124.33
The Rock	488.52	488.52
Trinity	300.00	300.00
Valley Grove	0.00	0.00
Yatesville	175.00	175.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>10,725.39</b>	<b>10,725.39</b>

<b>Disbursements for January 2021</b>	
<b>Total Budgeted Expenditures</b>	<b>7,874.46</b>
Designated Accounts Expenses	0.00
<b>Monthly Surplus/Shortfall</b>	<b>2,850.93</b>

**Opportunities & Church News**

Neal is seeking a **Children & Youth Minister**. Please submit resume to [nealbaptist@gmail.com](mailto:nealbaptist@gmail.com).  
**Shiloh Upson** seeks a **PT Music Director**. Send resumes to [shilohbaptist1@windstream.net](mailto:shilohbaptist1@windstream.net).  
**Harp's 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](mailto: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](mailto:fbcbpastorsearchteam@gmail.com).  
**FBC Forsyth** is seeking a **PT Minister of Church Worship**. Please send a video of your abilities and resume to [hambricbrooks@fbcforsyth.com](mailto:hambricbrooks@fbcforsyth.com). For more information about this opportunity [click here](#)  
**Bethany** is seeking a **PT Children's Director**. For more information or to apply contact the church office at 478-974-0002.

**March 2021**

7-14	Week of Prayer for NA Missions		
11	Virtual Ministers' Roundtable	GoToMeeting	8:00 PM
15	Ministry Leadership Connection	GoToMeeting	10:00 AM
20	Preaching/Teaching Lab	The Rock	8:30 AM
28	Palm Sunday		

**April 2021**

4	Resurrection Sunday		
20	Monroe Lamar Roundtable	New Providence	10:00 AM
23-24	GB Women Spring Event	Central BC, Warner Robins	

**Shepherd Stories**

Molena Baptist Church is going through a bit of a relaunch and the changes have made quite a buzz in Molena, Georgia. I was able to attend a Sunday morning service a couple of weeks ago with Steve. It was the first time I had heard Pastor Terry Murphey preach since he began preaching there a couple of years ago. That morning his wife, Cindy, played the drums and Pamela, his daughter, played the piano and sang. Terry Murphey, Jr is the Youth Director. This church is very much a family affair. The change that created quite a buzz is located in the parking lot. They purchased a new sign that reads "Grace Community Baptist Church". The phones began to ring and people started asking questions. Many in Molena wondered if the property had been sold to another congregation of worshippers. Thankfully, that was not the case at all. Molena went through a simple name change to jump-start a relaunch. With the new Facebook page where the Sunday services are livestreamed, the church is able to reach



a larger demographic. During Pastor Terry's message, he spoke about wanting to reach outside of normal comfort zones to reach the hurting people that would not feel comfortable in a traditional church environment. As a volunteer counselor with a ministry called "A Better Way Ministries" Pastor Terry works closely with individuals that are recovering from life choices that have had some hard consequences. Pastor Terry challenged those in attendance and those that were watching that day to engage hurting people and minister to them right where they are at. Throughout the pandemic, Molena/Grace Community has not closed for worship at all. Steve and I have found that smaller congregations do not experience the social distancing dilemmas that larger fellowships encounter. We pray for each of the churches to navigate the pandemic as the Lord directs. What works for some does not always work for others.

Your Associational Ministry Assistant,  
Marni Laughman