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ELEVATE

A CHURCH STRATEGY SUMMIT WITH AN EMPHASIS ON
COLLEGIATE MINISTRY

GORDON STATE STUDENT CENTER AUDITORIUM
IN BARNESVILLE APRIL 23 & 24

SUNDAY NIGHT APRIL 23RD DOORS OPEN 5:30PM
PANEL DISCUSSION BEGINS 6:00PM

MONDAY MORNING APRIL 24TH 10:00-1:00
THE GREAT EXCHANGE IN LAMB DEN QUAD
M25 BARBECUE WILL SERVE LUNCH TO THE FIRST 200 PEOPLE

MONDAY NIGHT 6:00-8:00 PM
THE GATHERING A BCM WORSHIP EVENT
GSC STUDENT CENTER AUDITORIUM

THIS 2 DAY CHURCH STRATEGY SUMMIT IS DESIGNED TO EQUIP CHURCHES TO INTENTIONALLY REACH COLLEGE STUDENTS THROUGH AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIP BUILDING, PURPOSEFUL DISCIPLESHIP & ENGAGEMENT, AND GENUINE WORSHIP. EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND BOTH DAYS.



Beverly Skinner,
Collegiate Ministries Catalyst,
Georgia Baptist Mission Board



Jesse Holmes,
Discipleship Pastor,
Crawford Avenue Baptist Church



Todd Wiggins, Pastor,
Southbridge Community Church



The
DENTAL CLINIC
serviced 64 patients and
PROVIDED \$30,000+
in FREE dental procedures.
Thank you to the 28 volunteers
who made this a huge success!

We are already making preparations for 2024!

Hosted by GBMB, & Centennial Association
at
First Baptist Church Thomaston



THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH...

The 2023 Dental Clinic was a huge success! Thank you to the 28 volunteers that that served. Whether they were filling out paperwork, screening patients, coordinating lunch, or pulling teeth, **the volunteers are the essence of the Dental Clinic.** This ministry to the community would not exist without volunteers! God hand picked FBC Thomaston as our location this year, and we are thankful for their flexibility and dedication to serve Upson County. Plans are already underway for **Dental Clinic 2024 in Monroe County.**

March 25 • FBC Dublin • 405 Bellevue Ave • Dublin 31021
The VBS Training Events are a great opportunity for your VBS team to be motivated to have the most successful VBS to reach your community.
\$25 per person until Monday prior to the event then \$30 at the door.
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM. A detailed schedule will be emailed to registrants.



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

Over the next few weeks, you will be hearing more about our upcoming Spring event, **ELEVATE**. When you see a promotion for it, you may be tempted to think that it is a conference for college students.

IT IS NOT JUST FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS. IT IS FOR **ANYONE WHO WANTS TO SEE GOD SAVE AND GROW COLLEGE STUDENTS AND OTHER YOUNG ADULTS.**

God has been moving among college students in recent days. Every year, thousands of young adults gather at Passion to worship and learn together. College campuses are experiencing a hunger for a relationship with God. Our own state mission board has set a goal to have a presence on every campus in Georgia. Through ministries like Baptist Collegiate Ministries, we are seeing students come to Jesus and surrender their lives to Him. We want to be part of what God is doing among young people.

The awesome thing is that you saw the need years ago. As an association, we have actively supported our Gordon State BCM for years. We took a big step last year to call Gabe Thomas as our representative on campus. He joins with Jason Teal and others from our churches in working with the BCM students to lead their campus to Jesus.

ELEVATE will give you, as the church, tools and action steps to reach young adults in your area and on the Gordon State Campus. You may

not have any college-aged people attending your church. But would you like to be the kind of church where they would be welcomed and discipled? Do you want to see this generation answer the call to missions and ministry? Do you want to know how to pray for them? Can you take the time to learn more about college ministry and how it impacts the kingdom of God? If your answer to these questions is "Yes", let me encourage you to attend **ELEVATE on April 23 & 24.**



"Why is this important?... the truth is that you know exactly why this is important. Jesus has given us a message of hope..."

We will begin with a panel discussion with individuals who are active in college ministry. This will take place in the Auditorium of the Gordon State Student Center at 6:00 PM, Sunday, April 23. You will have a chance to have your own questions answered. Following this discussion, Eric Swenson, Campus Minister for Georgia Tech, will lead us in a time of equipping. On Monday morning, April 24, you are invited to an outreach event called The Great Exchange where we will serve food, hand out Bibles, and engage students with the Gospel. Monday evening is The Gathering, the regular, monthly time of worship for BCM. All our churches are invited to participate to show our support for what God is doing among students.

Why is this important? I could list statistics about how many young people leave the church or how many suffer from anxiety, but the truth is that you know exactly why this is important. Jesus has given us a message of hope and this generation needs to hear it. And the church needs this generation. Join us in making Campus and Collegiate Ministry a true priority.



NEW MERCIES BIBLICAL COUNSELING

GOLF TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2023

100% OF ALL PROCEEDS GO TO NEW MERCIES BIBLICAL COUNSELING

7:30 REGISTRATION, BREAKFAST, WARM-UP
8:30 INTRODUCTION, RULES OF PLAY
9:00 AM SHOTGUN START

GRIFFIN GOLF COURSE
625 CAMP NORTHERN RD, GRIFFIN, GA 30224

REGISTRATION:
\$300 PER FOURSOME/4-PERSON SCRAMBLE FORMAT
(REGISTRATION INCLUDES RANGE BALLS, 18 HOLES GOLF, CART, BREAKFAST & LUNCH)
MULLIGAN PACKAGE:
\$20 PER PLAYER
(INCLUDES 2 MULLIGANS, 1 RED TEE, 1 THROW, 1 RAFFLE TICKET CASH PAYOUT FOR 1ST (\$500), 2ND (\$300), & 3RD (\$200) PLACE PLUS PRIZES
RAFFLE, LONGEST DRIVE, CLOSETS TO PIN ON ALL PAR 3'S CONTEST

TO REGISTER, CONTACT STEPHEN GOODMAN
CALL 770.584.1400 OR EMAIL STEPHEN@GOODMANGOLFING.COM
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NEWMERCIESBIBLICALCOUNSELING.ORG
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Blackmons in Bangkok

The Blackmons have been in Bangkok seven months now. It's hard to believe until you look at the recent pictures of the children in their latest newsletter. They are growing up so fast! 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](https://www.facebook.com/john.blackmon.39)

Before leaving the states, John sent prayer cards to be distributed among Centennial churches. Drop in, pick one up, and post it on your refrigerator as a reminder to pray for the Blackmons as they serve the people of Thailand.



John, Josiah, Lillie Jo & Cheryl Blackmon

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.



WHERE IRON SHARPENS IRON PASTOR ROUNDTABLES

Upson-Pike
Mar 23 · 10 AM
Country Cupboard

Monroe-Lamar
Apr 4 · 10 AM
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



March 24-25
Cost ranges from \$40-15

Disaster Relief Introduction (DRI) is required for all first-time volunteers and all Disaster Relief Volunteers who have not recertified since September 2017. The DRI consists of:

- **Session 1 – Friday Night (6:30 – 9:00 PM):** This is an introduction to the ministry of Disaster Relief.
- **Session 2 – Saturday Morning (8:00 – 10:00 AM):** Training in the specific ministry area. During the online registration, choose from one of following ministry areas you are wanting to serve in: Cleanup & Recovery, Family Care, Feeding & Shower Units.

gabaptist.org/events/disaster-relief-training-wr/

Bringing Help, Hope, and Healing! Disaster Relief is a ministry of credentialed volunteers committed to showing the love of Jesus to persons affected by disaster events. We offer them hope by meeting practical needs in their lives incurred by the disaster.

Central Baptist Church
1120 Lake Joy Road
Warner Robins, Georgia



What is the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering?

The offering was started in 1895 by Woman's Missionary Union® (WMU) to benefit the work of the Home Mission Board (now North American Mission Board). In 1934, it was named in honor of Annie Armstrong, a bold missions advocate and WMU's first national executive leader. Today, more than \$2 billion has been donated by Southern Baptist churches and individuals to support thousands of missionaries in church planting and compassion ministries. Because of this sacrificial giving, millions of lives have been and continue to be transformed by the power of the gospel.

Give now at www.anniearmstrong.com/checkout/

DISCIPLESHIP LEARNING COMMUNITIES

With
Matthew
Gibbs

Georgia Baptist Mission Board

[LEARN MORE](#)

MARCH 21
12-1PM OR 6-7PM
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](#)



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 to be equipped to serve the Lord in vocational ministry.

To learn more or to apply visit www.centennialbaptistassociation.com/cliburn

CBA Financials for January 2023

	Jan 23	Jan - Jan 23
Checking Interest	4.22	4.22
Antioch	0.00	0.00
Bethany	0.00	0.00
Beulah	0.00	0.00
Calvary	238.28	238.28
Clark's Chapel	100.00	100.00
Concord	0.00	0.00
Culloden	300.00	300.00
East Thomaston	302.24	302.24
Elkins Creek	0.00	0.00
Emory's Chapel	0.00	0.00
FBC Barnesville	6,542.10	6,542.10
FBC Forsyth	100.00	100.00
FBC of High Falls	897.48	897.48
FBC Thomaston	302.24	302.24
Fellowship	677.54	677.54
Garden Hill	0.00	0.00
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	724.64	724.64
Meansville	250.00	250.00
Milner	306.72	306.72
Mount Olive	1,903.72	1,903.72
Mountain View	2,160.00	2,160.00
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	16.48	16.48
New Hope Zebulon	409.95	409.95
Pritchett Memorial	0.00	0.00
Russellville	93.08	93.08
Shiloh Lamar	800.00	800.00
Shiloh Upson	50.00	50.00
Silvertown	67.39	67.39
The Rock	413.62	413.62
Trinity	300.00	300.00
Valley Grove	0.00	0.00
Yatesville	175.00	175.00
Total Receipts	18,403.46	18,403.46

Disbursements for January 2023	
Total Budgeted Expenditures	9,726.61
Designated Accounts Expenses	1,000.00
Monthly Surplus/Shortfall	8,676.85

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 **Hostess** to oversee all aspects of the kitchen. All inquiries submitted through the church office to the attention of Ted Kandler.

March 2023

21	Learning Communities	FBC Barnesville	12-1 PM or 6-7 PM
23	Upson Pike Roundtable	The Country Cupboard	10:00 AM
27	The Gathering	Gordon State College	7:00 PM

April 2023

1	Application deadline Cliburn scholarship	CBA office	End of the day
4	Monroe-Lamar Roundtable	New Providence BC	10:00 AM
9	Resurrection Sunday	All believers across the globe	All day long
13	Mission Team meeting	The Rock Church, The Rock	6:30 PM
23-24	Elevate Church Strategy Summit-	Gordon State College,	Doors open Sunday



Registration is open for the 2023 Georgia Baptist Women's Spring Event! **Join us on Saturday, April 22, at Second Baptist Church, Warner Robins**, featuring author and speaker,

Kandi Gallaty. Come early on **Friday, April 21, for a hands-on mission project, dinner, and the annual Missions Celebration!** Register by March 15 to take advantage of the Early Bird rate! www.georgiabaptistwomen.org/springevent.

2023 Summer Fun at Camp Kaleo

The facilities at the camp are comfortable yet rustic with a wilderness camp atmosphere. The campus features a lake, swimming pool, activity field, gymnasium, and trails cutting through the surrounding hardwood forest. Come join us!

Camp Kaleo provides summer camps for families with children who need a safe environment during summer break. We look forward to seeing you! Visit our website at <https://campkaleo.org/>

Steve and I pray you have a wonderful Resurrection Sunday, April 9th. May your worship be intense, your time in the Word transforming, your celebration Christ centered, and your time with family and friends refreshing.

You are all dear to us!!

