

Centennial

BAPTIST NEWS

Networking churches to make disciples

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EQUIP TO WIN

MARCH 9 & 10

MEANSVILLE
BAPTIST CHURCH
12620 HWY 109

EQUIP2018 IS A
YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP
WEEKEND DESIGNED
TO EQUIP YOUTH FOR
LIFE. **WE HAVE VICTORY
IN CHRIST JESUS -
VICTORY OVER SIN,
VICTORY OVER OUR
CIRCUMSTANCE, AND
VICTORY IN THE END.**
EQUIP IS OPEN TO ALL
CHURCHES, WHETHER
PART OF

CENTENNIAL OR NOT. CHURCHES
ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO PROVIDE
HOST HOMES FOR THEIR STUDENTS
AND TO TAKE ADVANTAGE
OF THE LATE NIGHT
BIBLE STUDY MATERIALS.



WORSHIP TEAM

Scarlet
FADE

COACH BOBBY JACKSON
FRIDAY ONLY

PASTOR CRAIG OGLETREE
SATURDAY ONLY

2018 Dental Clinic

FBC Forsyth
95 West Morse St.
Forsyth, GA 31029
March 15-17, 2018

**If you or someone you know is
interested in attending,
appointments are given on a first
come first serve basis beginning
March 12th at 9:00 AM.
706-427-3387**

**There will be a meeting Thursday,
March 1st at 6 PM at FBC Forsyth.
Please make every effort to attend
if you are interested in volunteering
your time at this event.**



Sponsored by the churches of the
Centennial Baptist Association
and the Baptist Mobile
Health Ministry of the
Georgia Baptist Mission Board

If you need a church home, check out a list of our
churches at centennialbaptistassociation.com.

Application Deadline for the Centennial Baptist
Association Cliburn Scholarship is April 2, 2018.

www.centennialbaptistassociation.com/cliburn

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A Word from Your Missionary, Steve Laughman

This is the third article in a series related to our new strategy and vision as an association.

Priority Three is to guide churches to reduce lostness in their communities. If we are to believe the surveys, we can expect that about 70% of our neighbors do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. As representative of Jesus we have the privilege and imperative to proclaim the simple, clear message that Jesus came to seek and to save the lost. However, many of us never engage the lost with the Gospel. We want that to change.

The CBA Strategy Team set the following goals related to this priority:

Goal 1: Raise awareness of the lost population by providing Mission Insight Reports for every church by April 2018. Through our partnership with the Georgia Baptist Mission Board, we have access to valuable demographic information. Although this information is available directly to churches at any time, we are going a step further and delivering it to you at Elevate. If your church would like to get your hands on this data before then, just let us know.

Goal 2: Hold Roundtables for pastors that focus on evangelism and outreach. Roundtables are one of the greatest tools we have as pastors and ministers to sharpen our own skills and learn from one another. If you are not part of one of our existing roundtables or would like to start a new one, contact us. The topics vary, but we will be intentional in 2018 and beyond to include the topics of evangelism and outreach.

Goal 3: Provide training opportunities in evangelism and outreach for pastors and churches. In addition to our State Evangelism Conference which is held each January, we will seek to provide other opportunities for pastors and churches to be trained in this area. Elevate will offer workshops specifically related to reaching the next generation, being relevant in your community, and developing a missions strategy. Our Evangelism Ministry Director, Stephen Morgan, is also available to come to your church to speak on the topic of how to effectively engage people in a Gospel Conversation.

Goal 4: Guide churches to set evangelism goals by October 2018. We do not just want to talk about reaching the lost. We want to find out if we are actually doing it. Churches have measured the number of decisions and baptisms for years, and these are both effective tools. However, we are also looking for churches to set other tangible goals related to evangelism. One goal I would like to see is the number of Gospel Conversations completed. Imagine if every member of your church committed to talking to just one person about Jesus each week. To paraphrase one of my seminary professors, I believe we would catch more fish if we went fishing more often.

We have opportunities all around us to proclaim Jesus and win the lost. Let us remember why we exist and reclaim the urgency of the Gospel. The world around us cannot afford for us to be silent.

The **Spring Inspirational Meeting** for Centennial will be **March 12th**. Valley Grove, 1372 Atwater Road, Thomaston, GA, will host this event where ladies of all ages are encouraged to come together for a night of feasting on the Word and fellowship. Everyone is encouraged to **bring a friend that is not their same age!** This *multigenerational* event will serve to inspired all women of faith to engage in missions wherever the LORD has planted them. Beginning at **6 PM**, everyone will enjoy a meal together. Please bring a **side dish** to share. Then **Cara Grobbelaar**, a BCM student at Gordon State and a Send Me Now missionary, will be the keynote speaker.



"How will they know unless we tell them? How can they believe something they have never heard? How will they feel His love that's waiting? Oh Lord, I want to go so that they can know those who call upon the Lord will be saved."

Why Missions?

Help kids develop

a LOVE for God's Word

through Bible Skills, Bible reading, and
scripture memorization at church and home!



Associational Bible Drill Event Sunday April 15 @ 5:00 PM

FBC Barnesville, 200 Zebulon Street

For more information, contact Kristi Miller 770-358-2353

OUR VISION:

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


ON MISSION

HERE & NOW

**NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS
WEEK OF PRAYER MARCH 4-11**



Volunteers Needed
Bethlehem, PA Mission Trip
\$325
April 7-14, 2018
Call the office for more details and to reserve
your spot on this mission team!



BIBLE EMPHASIS WEEKEND

March 3, 2018

THEME: BIBLICAL ARCHEOLOGY

Dr. Daniel Warner
ARCHEOLOGIST AND PROFESSOR

FBC Barnesville
200 Zebulon St.

Lunch provided. Please RSVP by calling 770-358-2354



Ministers Meeting

The Garden Patch
100 Southland Drive
Barnesville, GA 30204

March 12, 2018
12 Noon

All ministers are invited.

ELEVATE

CHURCH STRATEGY SUMMIT

A Centennial event to help equip every believer for ministry through the local church

April 28, 2018

Workshops on topics including but not limited to

Mission Strategy, Sunday School & Small Group

Mentoring, Reaching the Next Generation,

Women's Ministry, Caring for the Hurting, Music

Ministry, Reaching your Community, Church

Health & Children's Ministry.



CHUCK LAWLESS

Plenary Speaker



GA Baptist Children's Home Truck Loading will begin at 7:30 AM at FBC Thomaston.

For more details and to register, visit www.centennialbaptistassociation.com/elevate

Hosted by First Baptist Church Thomaston • 208 S Church Street • Thomaston, GA 30286

Income for January 2018

	Jan 18	Jan18 – Dec18
Checking Interest	5.95	5.95
Antioch	697.78	697.78
Bethany	250.00	250.00
Beulah	298.00	298.00
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Clark's Chapel	100.00	100.00
Concord	200.00	200.00
Culloden	150.00	150.00
East Thomaston	411.01	411.01
Elkins Creek	0.00	0.00
Emory's Chapel	0.00	0.00
FBC Barnesville	4,019.46	4,019.46
FBC Forsyth	0.00	0.00
FBC Thomaston	1,257.71	1,257.71
Fellowship	644.00	644.00
Garden Hill	0.00	469.63
GracePoint	0.00	0.00
Hendricks	0.00	0.00
Jeff Davis	25.00	25.00
King's Chapel	0.00	0.00
Macedonia	0.00	0.00
Maynard	634.99	634.99
Meansville	241.66	241.66
Milner	500.70	500.70
Molena	0.00	0.00
Mount Olive	1,320.04	1,320.04
Mountain View	1,675.00	1,675.00
Mt. Pleasant	300.00	600.00
Mt. Zion	107.00	107.00
Neal	100.00	100.00
New Bethel	50.00	50.00
New Harmony	67.07	67.07
New Hope Thomaston	0.00	0.00
New Hope Zebulon	208.30	208.30
Pine View	0.00	0.00
Pritchett Memorial	0.00	0.00
Russellville	0.00	0.00
Shiloh Upson	50.00	50.00
Shiloh Lamar	260.00	260.00
Silvertown	346.95	346.95
The Rock	30.70	30.70
Trinity	300.00	300.00
Valley Grove	801.00	801.00
Yatesville	200.00	200.00
Total Church Receipts	14,946.37	14,946.37

Disbursements for January 2018

Administrative Expenses	1,103.67
Associational Programs	2,205.10
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00
Organizational Expenses	750.00
Pastorium Maintenance	0.00
Salaries and Allowances	6,902.06
Total Budgeted Expenditures	10,960.83
Designated Accounts Expenses	142.00
Monthly Surplus/Shortfall	3,985.54
YTD Surplus/Shortfall	3,985.54

Opportunities & Church News

Clark's Chapel is hosting a revival with evangelist Rick Coram March 4-7.

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 is a bi-vocational position requiring approximately 12-16 hours per week. Visit www.silvertownbc.com/staffneeds for details and application instructions.

GracePoint is seeking a *pianist*. Contact Derrick Keeter at 678-898-9864 if you are interested in applying.

If your church would like to post a ministry opportunity or an event, please contact the CBA office by the third week of the month to get it into the next month's newsletter.

Calendar of Events

March 2018

1	Upson Pike Roundtable	Meansville	10:00 AM
	Dental Clinic Training	FBC Forsyth	6:00 PM
4-11	North American Missions Week of Prayer		
9-10	EQUIP Weekend	Meansville	6:15 PM Check-In
12	Ministers Meeting	The Garden Patch	12 Noon
12	Women's Inspirational Meeting	Valley Grove	6:00 PM
13	Monroe Roundtable	New Providence	2:00 PM
15-17	Dental Health Clinic	FBC Forsyth	4:00 PM

April 2018

1	Resurrection Sunday		
2	Cliburn Scholarship Application Deadline		
7-14	Bethlehem, PA Mission Trip	Bethlehem, PA	
12	Ministers Meeting	Garden Patch	12 Noon
28	Elevate Church Strategy Summit	FBC Thomaston	8 AM - 3 PM



Shepherd Stories

You guys have no idea how many times I had to ask my husband before I was allowed to include this.

Steve Laughman was named Associational Missionary of the Year for 2017! He received this award at the annual Associational Missionary and Wives retreat in Toccoa, GA on February 7, 2018. Dr. White, Executive Director of GBMB, presented the award where he mentioned several of the ways Steve has demonstrated leadership in Centennial. He loves his Lord and those that have been entrusted to him. Steve works alongside our State Missionaries and is a natural liaison for our local churches to

the resources our convention offers. The people know that Steve will speak the truth in love and work alongside them to do the ministry God has called them to do. When his name was called, I cried. It's one thing for me to think he is the best man for this job; it's quite another for others to feel the same way. I LOVE MY MAN!!

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