

Networking churches to make disciples

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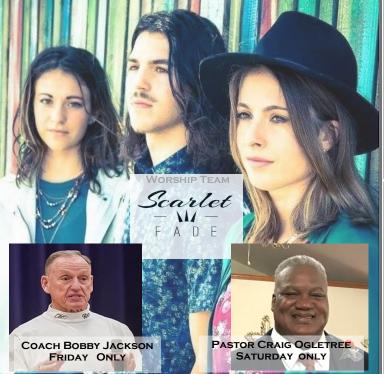
MARCH 9 & 10

MEANSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH 12620 HWY 109

EQUIP2018 IS A YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP WEEKEND DESIGNED TO EQUIP YOUTH FOR LIFE. WE HAVE VICTORY IN CHRIST JESUSVICTORY 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
2 0 1 8 BIBLE STUDY MATERIALS.





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.



Mrs. Marni Laughman- Ministry Assistant & Clerk

Mrs. Gail West-Treasurer

Rev. Steve Laughman- Associational Missionary

Rev. Bill Barber- Moderator

Rev. Joey Smith- Vice Moderator



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: <u>Hold Roundtables for pastors that focus on evangelism and outreach</u>. 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: <u>Guide churches to set evangelism goals by October 2018</u>. 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.



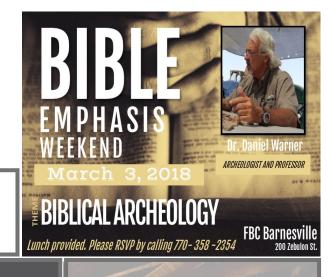


Associational Bible Drill Event Sunday April 15 @ 5:00 PM FBC Barnesville, 200 Zebulon Street

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.



HERE NOW

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!

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

CHUCK LAWLESS

Plenary Speaker

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.



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

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to P.O.		A 30286-0003.
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 Pine View	208.30	208.30
Pine view 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 Administrative Expenses Associational Programs Miscellaneous Expenses Organizational Expenses Pastorium Maintenance Salaries and Allowances Total Budgeted Expenditure	es	1,103.67 2,205.10 0.00 750.00 0.00 6,902.06 10,960.83
Designated Accounts Exper Monthly Surplus/Shortfall	ises	142.00 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 bivocational 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 E	vents			
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				
	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		
	Dental Health Clinic	FBC Forsyth	4:00 PM		
April 2	2018				
11	Resurrection Sunday				
2	Cliburn Scholarship Application Deadlin	ne			
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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