

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



Hosted by **Kathy Branzell** and **Andrew Palau** along with music by **Shane and Shane**



Join us **Thursday evening, May 6th at 8 pm ET** for this year's 2021 National Broadcast. For information on where to watch, check out our website at www.nationaldayofprayer.org!



Guests will include Greg Laurie, Will Ford, Matt Lockett, T.D. Jakes, Tony Evans, Anne Graham Lotz, Jack Graham, Ronnie Floyd, and more!

This year marks 70 years since Reverend Billy Graham stood on the capitol steps in February 1952 and called for congress and the president to establish a day of prayer. By April of that year, President Truman signed the legislation into public law.

Through the decades, the efforts of the National Day of Prayer Task Force have mobilized Americans to observe the National Day of Prayer in all 50 states and in U.S. territories to praise God and intercede for our nation. In the evening we "gather" as a nation around our televisions, radios, phones and computers to pray for our nation from all across the nation. Through the generosity of our host and sponsors, The Museum of the Bible and OneCry.com, we invite you to **join us at 8PM ET** to unite in a significant evening of prayer.

As we believe and pray in 2021, our theme echoes our prayers: **"LORD pour out Your LOVE, LIFE, and LIBERTY."** Once again proclaiming a promise of God in our theme verse, 2 Corinthians 3:17 NKJV, "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

"It is our prayer today and throughout 2021 that the Spirit of the Lord would pour out and pour through us across America," said Kathy Branzell. *"We pray to see the Lord fill our lives, families, churches, workplace, education, military, government, arts, entertainment and media, with Biblical, not cultural, not worldly, but Spirit-empowered, Spirit-filled LOVE, LIFE and LIBERTY as designed and defined by our Creator*

Centennial Baptist Association

exists to network churches
Through equipping
and encouraging
them to make disciples.

Quarterly Fellowship Lunch originally scheduled for this month has been cancelled. The next QFL is scheduled for August 12th.

Rev. Steve Laughman- Associational Mission Strategist
Rev. Joey Smith- Moderator
Rev. Eddie Johnson- Vice Moderator

Mrs. Marni Laughman- Ministry Assistant
Mrs. Gail West- Treasurer

A Word from Your Mission Strategist, Steve Laughman

A few months ago I watched a movie that had quite a twist at the end. When the truth was revealed, I am sure I reacted like many others who had watched it – with surprise and a sense of satisfaction that I had been drawn in by the plot. But when I thought about it, the clues were there from the beginning. I probably should have seen the end coming. That's the beauty of hindsight.

The Gospel writers knew before they penned their accounts that Jesus had already risen from the dead. By the time they wrote, they had been preaching about the resurrection and had probably been persecuted for it. But, to their credit, they repeatedly acknowledge their own lack of understanding as the events took place. Jesus told them a number of times that he was going to be arrested, beaten, and killed. He also told them that he would be resurrected. At least once he even said it would take three days just like Jonah's time in the fish. But when it actually happened, they acted as though they didn't see it coming.

The death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ is essential



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for our faith. We celebrate the resurrection every Sunday when we gather for worship. I am so thankful that we have the benefit of Scripture to guide us in our understanding of who Jesus is and what He has done for us. I cannot say for certain that I would have picked up on the clues if I had been walking with Jesus during His time here on earth.

In the same way, He has clearly told us that He will return. He gave us signs and clues. He instructed us to be watching and waiting. He told us what to look for and even gave us the Lord's Supper to remind us that one day we will celebrate together with Him. We can debate the sequence of events regarding His return, but we all know that He is coming. My prayer is that we will not be like the disciples, arguing about who is greatest in the kingdom while Jesus is trying to tell us His plans.

Until He comes again may we be found proclaiming the truth of the Resurrection and the Life. And like the apostle John wrote in the Revelation, "He who testifies to these things says, 'Yes, I am coming quickly.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen."

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.

Register for a Seminar Below Dates & Locations

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

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

PREACHING/TEACHING LAB

MARCH 2021
FIRST SEMESTER BEGINS



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

CENTENNIALBAPTISTASSOCIATION.COM/PTLAB

Spring Semester - Preparing the Message

May 15, 2021. "The Sufficiency of Scripture"

Fall Semester - Delivering the Message

August 21, 2021. "Proclaiming Christ"

October 16, 2021. "Hearing the Message"

December 11, 2021. Delivery Practicum

- Each class includes general & individual sessions for both the preaching and teaching track, and a Q&A panel discussion.
- All sessions take place at The Rock Church. 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 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

CBA 2021 VBS Schedule

Valley Grove/Silvertown	June 6-10	6:00- 8:30 PM
FBC Thomaston	June 7-11	8:30 AM-12 Noon
East Thomaston	June 12 (10 AM - 3 PM) & 13 (11 AM - 12 Noon)	
Mount Olive	June 13-17	6:00- 9:00 PM
Antioch	June 20-24	
Milner	June 21-25	
Meansville	June 21-25	6:30 PM
Mountain View	June 21-25	6:00-8:30 PM
FBC Barnesville	July 11-14	6:00- 8:00 PM
Trinity	July 11-14	6:00- 8:30 PM

If your VBS is not listed here, and you want it to be, please contact the office. 706-647-4959. If you happen to call and we are away, feel free to leave a voicemail with the name of your church, the dates, and times of your VBS. Or email us at centennialbaptistassociation@gmail.com

Don't forget about your **Outreach Trailer.**

This resource is equipped with:
 *Bounce house *Sno-cone machine
 *Popcorn machine *Generator *Tent *Sports equipment *Sound equipment *And MORE
 This tool can help your church engage the lost in your community.

Click [HERE](#) if your church would like to reserve the CBA Outreach Trailer.

We accomplish more when we cooperate together.



CONNECTING YOU TO RESOURCES.



The Canopy is a worship gathering for all women with the intention of encouraging friendships, equipping women, and encountering Jesus.

May 10 & 11

Make your Canopy reservations here.

Special Guest:
 Mike Stone, Pastor at Emmanuel Baptist Church and former Chairman of the SBC Executive Committee
 Topic: The Future of the SBC



Ministry Leadership CONNECTION

GoToMeeting
 join: CBARoundtable
 May 17th @ 10AM

This is not an endorsement by Centennial Baptist Association of Rev. Stone over any other potential candidates for SBC President.



Emmaus Road Quartet

will be in concert at Shiloh Baptist in Thomaston on May 23rd @ 6pm.

They would like to extend an invitation to all the churches to come to support this group and their ministry.

free concert with love offering



THE KINGSMEN

Mountain View would like to welcome all seniors to a spirit-filled night of Southern Gospel Music.

(However, people of all ages are welcome!)

Free concert with love offering

Also Appearing



THE EXHORTERS

AFTER GRACE

WELCOME BACK SENIORS EVENT
 MOUNTAIN VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
 FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2021 @ 6:00PM ET

WWW.MVBAPTIST.ORG

Income for March 2021

	Mar 2021	YTD 2021
Checking Interest	7.35	20.71
Antioch	718.77	2,219.57
Bethany	0.00	0.00
Beulah	205.00	403.00
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Clark's Chapel	100.00	300.00
Concord	100.00	300.00
Culloden	0.00	150.00
East Thomaston	369.01	953.76
Elkins Creek	0.00	0.00
Emory's Chapel	0.00	0.00
FBC Barnesville	1,885.06	3,040.32
FBC Forsyth	200.00	200.00
FBC Thomaston	937.03	2,639.71
Fellowship	0.00	0.00
Garden Hill	75.00	225.00
Grace Community	0.00	0.00
GracePoint	0.00	0.00
Hendricks	0.00	0.00
Jeff Davis	25.00	50.00
King's Chapel	0.00	0.00
Macedonia	150.00	450.00
Maynard	698.30	2,753.17
Meansville	250.00	750.00
Milner	444.52	1,328.29
Mount Olive	1,132.01	4,019.74
Mountain View	2,611.00	6,757.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	0.00
Mt. Zion	0.00	17.00
Neal	50.00	150.00
New Bethel	50.00	150.00
New Harmony	41.20	133.43
New Hope Zebulon	166.92	879.42
Pritchett Memorial	0.00	400.59
Russellville	110.29	216.33
Shiloh Lamar	325.00	325.00
Shiloh Upson	50.00	150.00
Silvertown	130.88	384.48
The Rock	0.00	488.52
Trinity	300.00	900.00
Valley Grove	884.15	1,348.63
Yatesville	175.00	525.00
Total Receipts	12,191.49	32,628.67

Disbursements for March 2021	
Total Budgeted Expenditures	8,694.46
Designated Accounts Expenses	0.00
Monthly Surplus/Shortfall	3,497.03

Opportunities & Church News

Neal is seeking a **full time Pastor**. Send resumes to darrellgresham@yahoo.com.
Shiloh Upson seeks a **PT Music Director**. Send resumes to shilohbaptist1@windstream.net.
Harps 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. 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.
Bethany is seeking a **PT Children's Director**. For more information or to apply contact the church office at 478-974-0002.

May 2021

4	Steering Committee Meeting	GoToMeeting	6:30 PM
6	National Day of Prayer		
15	Preaching/Teaching Lab #3	The Rock Church	8:30-11:30 AM

June 2021

15-16	Southern Baptist Convention	Nashville, TN	
29	Monroe- Lamar Roundtable	New Providence BC	10:00 AM

Shepherd Stories

My son, Silas Laughman, picked up a tennis racquet for the first time in the spring of his freshman year, and he hasn't laid it down since. He has held the 1st seed Singles spot on Upson-Lee high school's boys tennis team since the beginning of his sophomore year. He loves the sport! Coach Boz, many of you may know him as Tim Bosworth- Pastor of New Harmony, was excited when Silas and two of his best friends walked onto the tennis courts four years ago. It was the beginning of something excellent, and they all knew it. Coach mentored the boys and encouraged them to put in the work. Silas, John Hernandez, and Jed Weatherford would leave practice after school everyday just to be dropped off at the tennis courts in town. They would play until dark. When they started driving and got part-time jobs we all thought the love of the sport would at least dwindle a bit. It never did. As a matter of fact, they encouraged younger guys to join the team as well. They became something to reckon with. These guys could all be found on the courts any day that the weather cooperated. Then Covid hit. During lockdown, the courts were chained closed and the 2020 season came to an abrupt halt. Coach Boz was beyond proud of their dedication. Fast forward a bit to 2021. Upson-Lee dropped from AAAA to AAA, and we all knew that meant our boys team would have a good chance at pulling off Region Champs. They finished the season UNDEFEATED Region Champs and made it to the state quarter finals... **Elite 8, Baby!** They played hard and had nothing to be ashamed of. They made history this season. Upson-Lee has never finished a tennis season like this one! Before every match, Coach Boz would rally the boys together for a pep talk and prayer. Some days the boys would lead the prayer and some days Coach would. As a believing parent, it was a beautiful thing to watch. One visiting coach, also a believer, asked Tim how he was allowed to pray with the team before the matches. Tim just smiled. What he didn't say was that any one of those boys would have rallied behind him if something were to ever be said. Guys... that is

what Jesus looks like on the court. Leading by example. Loving his team well to the glory of God. I personally witnessed guys apologizing for acting out or displaying unsportsmanlike conduct. I heard Coach Boz reprimand players for unbecoming attitudes. We played teams that had a very different standard modeled. It was discouraging for our guys and for us as fans. If you know my Silas, you know he is not very social. It's almost painful to watch. I'm not sure where he gets that quiet spirit. But on the court, he is a different person. Coach Boz gave my son space to belong, a community of believers to grow with, and a healthy environment where he was lead by a man who loved God and loved others well. I will forever be grateful for Tim Bosworth and his place in our lives. I will miss watching this group of guys on the court. Shepherding doesn't always happen within the walls of church. Sometimes, it happens on the tennis courts.

Your Associational Ministry Assistant,
Marni Laughman



Tim Bosworth- Pastor, New Harmony & Head Coach of UHS Boys Tennis team. Silas Laughman- #1 Singles & my very handsome youngest son!