



REFOCUS is an association-wide missions event engaging churches with missionaries who are currently or retired from serving with the International Mission Board (IMB), North American Mission Board (NAMB), and Georgia Baptist Mission Board (GBMB).
April 30– May 1, 2022.

For more details visit:

centennialbaptistassociation.com/refocus

Saturday, April 30 - Orientation Meal for Missionaries with Pastors and Wives @ Mountain View
Sunday, May 1 - Missionaries speak in our Churches (AM services)
- Celebration Service, Q&A with Missionaries (6:00 PM) @ Mountain View

Everyone is encouraged to attend! How often do you have the chance to speak to those who are serving all over the state, the nation, and the world? We have **43** missionaries sharing what God is doing through the Cooperative Program and Southern Baptists. Our mission team along with so many others has worked hard to make this event something that will both engage our churches in missions and bless our missionaries.

We want every missionary to leave this experience knowing that the people of the Centennial Association support and love them. Make your plans now to join us.

What is left to do to prepare for REFOCUS?

- **Begin praying for our missionaries as they prepare to travel to be with us.**
- **If your church hosts a missionary this Sunday morning, please attend and engage them.**
- **If your church meets regularly for Sunday night services, we ask that you move your services to this combined gathering of churches.**
- **If you would like to participate in the community choir Sunday night during the Celebration Service at Mountain View, please meet in the sanctuary at 4:30 that afternoon.**



The Southern Baptist Convention invites everyone to join them at the Anaheim Convention Center for four full days of equipping, and inspiration. With nearly 200 ancillary meetings, events, and gatherings throughout the week, you'll connect with leaders and laypersons from around the country to be encouraged, equipped and mobilized for Kingdom work.



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**

This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come. – Matthew 24:14

Why do we go to the ends of the earth to preach the good news of the Gospel? Aren't there people right here in middle Georgia who desperately need Jesus? I wonder if the apostles wondered the same thing. As Jesus was talking to them about the Gospel being preached in the whole world, could they have ever imagined how big this world is or how many people would some day need to hear?

Believe it or not there are still places in the world where the Gospel has not been preached. We call the people who live there "unengaged" or "unreached" people. Living where we do it is nearly impossible to imagine there are places where people have never heard there is a Savior who was sent to redeem us from our lost condition and reconcile us to our Creator who loves us. Aren't you thankful that you have heard? Now, what should we do with this glorious message we have received?



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Perhaps the Lord is calling you to go to the ends of the earth. Have you ever considered that? Colonel Sanders was 62 years old when he opened his first Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant. Missions is not just for young people. Marni and I have friends who spent over 10 years in South Africa AFTER they retired. Although, God is also calling young people to missions. Perhaps you are just beginning your career or considering what life after college will be like. Have you thought about becoming a Journeyman and spending two years on the mission field? The opportunities are available for everyone.

I guess what I am saying is that none of us should answer the call to missions with an excuse. God may very well intend for you to spend your life serving Him right where you are. But He may also have other plans. Let's not limit what He will accomplish through us. I can say with full confidence that there are plenty of fellow believers in your church and in your community who will do everything in their power to support you as you go.

As I write this note to you, we are three days away from REFOCUS. This event has once again reminded me of the value of missions. My prayer is that we will see many respond to the call to go.



We will be collecting a love offering for the Blackmons at REFOCUS 2022 on May 1st during the evening Celebration Service at Mountain View in Thomaston beginning at 6:00 PM. Our hope is for this offering to help cover airfare and moving expenses for the Blackmons. Please pray for their visas to be processed and issued in a timely manner.

If you want to stay in touch, subscribe to their newsletter by simply emailing bangkokblackmons@gmail.com John is also active on Facebook at www.facebook.com/john.blackmon.39 Please clearly mark all financial support sent to PO BOX 210, Thomaston, GA for "Thailand Missions".

It's almost Vacation Bible School season again! We would love to help you promote your VBS. Simply email us at centennialbaptistassociation@gmail.com and we will dedicate space in the summer edition of this publication to help spread the word!



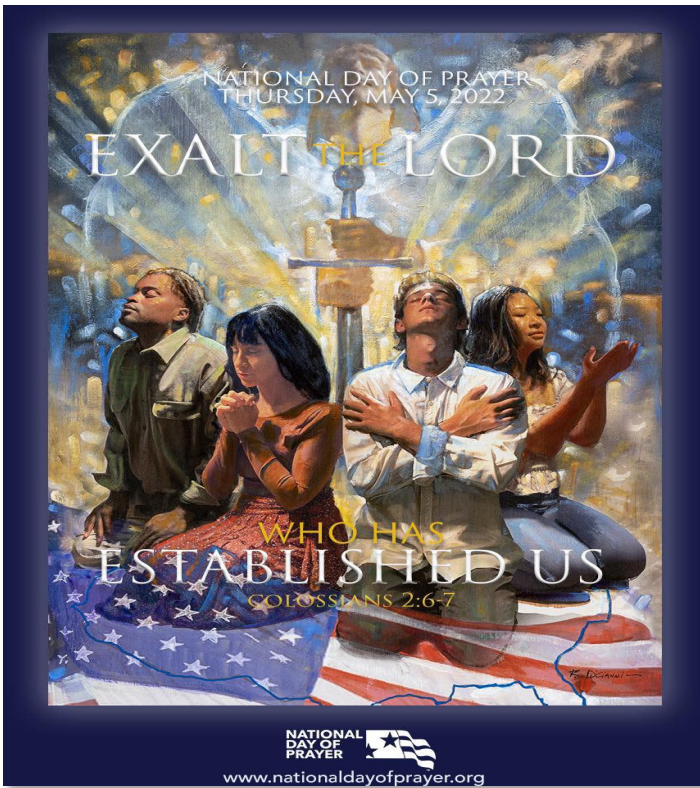
Don't forget to make sure your church reserves the outreach and activities trailer for VBS!
Time is running out and the summer dates fill up quickly. For more information, visit www.centennialbaptistassociation.com/outreachtrailer

National Day of Prayer • Thursday, May 5

Our Mission:

The National Day of Prayer exists to mobilize unified public prayer for America.

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. Our Task Force is a privately funded organization whose purpose is to encourage participation on the National Day of Prayer. It exists to communicate with every individual the need for personal repentance and prayer, to create appropriate materials, and to mobilize the Christian community to intercede for America's leaders and its families. The Task Force represents a Judeo-Christian expression of the national observance, based on our understanding that this country was birthed in prayer and in reverence for the God of the Bible.



Camp Kaleo is a great summer camp option for small and medium sized churches. We are owned and operated by the Georgia Baptist Mission Board. You do not have to send chaperones with kids. Our Staff stay in the cabins with kids for supervision. We also don't have minimum number requirements and kids can sign up just themselves if they want. We want to see kids ENCOUNTER, GROW in, and SHARE Jesus. This year's theme is 5 Loaves 2 Fish. We hope that kids will leave knowing if they give of themselves to God in time, willingness to go, in serving others, and sharing Jesus that he can do great things with what they have to offer. For more information visit

<https://campkaleo.org/>



CONNECTING YOU TO RESOURCES.

Special Guest:
Dr. Marcus Merrit
Director of Ministry Relations &
Student Recruitment
Read more [HERE](#)



Ministry Leadership CONNECTION



Deraney's Two City Tavern, Barnesville
May 16th @ Noon & 6:30 PM

All are invited
to attend this meeting.

The **Ministry Leadership Connection** is designed for all people in the local church not just those who are on staff. The goal is to connect those of you giving your time to ministry to other like minded ministry leaders. This meeting is held in various places around the association, and all are encouraged to attend.

Pastor Roundtables
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STUDENT MINISTRY ROUNDTABLE
MAY 19TH. 6:30 PM
THE PIE, THOMASTON

MONROE-LAMAR ROUNDTABLE
MAY 3RD. 10 AM
NEW PROVIDENCE

UPSON-PIKE ROUNDTABLE
MAY 5TH. 10 AM
GATHERING GROUNDS

VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE
MAY 5TH. 8 PM
GoToMeeting code
CBARoundtable

CBA Financials for March 2022

	Mar 22	Jan - Mar 22
Checking Interest	1.23	3.42
Antioch	1,299.53	3,122.03
Bethany	333.33	666.66
Beulah	308.00	939.00
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Clark's Chapel	200.00	500.00
Concord	250.00	450.00
Culloden	0.00	150.00
East Thomaston	313.74	1,012.18
Elkins Creek	0.00	0.00
Emory's Chapel	0.00	0.00
FBC Barnesville	0.00	0.00
FBC Forsyth	100.00	300.00
FBC of High Falls	0.00	1,445.05
FBC Thomaston	1,541.92	3,756.30
Fellowship	0.00	700.70
Garden Hill	75.00	225.00
Grace Community	0.00	0.00
GracePoint	0.00	0.00
Hendricks	100.00	100.00
Jeff Davis	25.00	50.00
King's Chapel	0.00	0.00
Macedonia	150.00	450.00
Maynard	899.03	2,452.01
Meansville	250.00	750.00
Milner	422.26	1,431.40
Mount Olive	2,868.04	5,791.92
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	0.00
Mountain View	2,257.00	6,521.00
Mt. Zion	0.00	40.00
Neal	100.00	300.00
New Bethel	50.00	150.00
New Harmony	28.55	79.56
New Hope Zebulon	317.37	1,178.06
Pritchett Memorial	190.10	592.45
Russellville	101.73	216.55
Shiloh Lamar	550.00	550.00
Shiloh Upson	100.00	200.00
Silvertown	136.64	412.08
The Rock	0.00	321.42
Trinity	300.00	900.00
Valley Grove	452.40	1,745.86
Yatesville	175.00	525.00
Miscellaneous Income	1,565.00	1,565.00
Total Receipts	15,460.87	39,592.65
Disbursements for March 2022		
Total Budgeted Expenditures		8,667.07
Designated Accounts Expenses		53.99
Monthly Surplus/Shortfall		6,793.80

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
Oak Hill is seeking a **full-time Children's Minister**. Contact Chuck Johnson to submit resumes and for more information. chuck@oakhillchurch.com
Meansville is seeking a **full-time Pastor**. Please send resumes to meansvilleresumes@att.net
Valley Grove is seeking a full-time Associate Pastor for Students and Worship. Please send resumes to pastor@valleygrovechurch.org
FBC Forsyth is seeking both an organist and pianist to play for their traditional service. Contact jerryelder@fbcforsyth.com

Steering Committee Meeting • May 3



6:30 PM • The Rock Church, The Rock, GA

May 2022			
1	REFOCUS missionaries in churches	Centennial Churches	AM services
1	REFOCUS Celebration Service	Mountain View	6:00 PM
3	Monroe-Lamar Roundtable	New Providence BC	10:00 AM
3	Steering Committee Mtg	The Rock	6:30 PM
5	National Day of Prayer		
5	Upson-Pike Roundtable	Gathering Grounds	10:00AM
5	Virtual Roundtable	GoToMeeting	8:00 PM
16	Ministry Leaders Connection		Noon & 6:30 PM
June 2022			
6	Ethan Laughman marries Jasan Kaur	We are thrilled!	Office Closed
14-15	Southern Baptist Convention	Anaheim, CA	

Missionaries are the BEST! Guys, this weekend is REFOCUS 2022!
Your associational Mission Team has been waiting for 2 years for this event to happen, and its finally time! This weekend there will be 43 missionaries coming to Centennial churches between Saturday and Sunday evenings. Some will be at a Welcome and Orientation dinner hosted by you, Centennial Association churches. Mountain View in Thomaston has graciously agreed to be the host location, and per usual they are going above and beyond to make every single missionary feel loved and appreciated. A big shout out to Linen Ladies in Thomaston for coordinating all things necessary to make sure this Saturday night dinner is served on the very best you could afford. They will also make sure the room and décor details are taken care of, and I can not wait to see what they have arranged. Chet Yates and those that help him are cooking all of the food for the dinner that

night, and they will also be stocking a hospitality room for the missionaries on Sunday afternoon as well. Each missionary will receive a hefty hospitality bag filled with everything the churches gave through your Women's Ministry to further bless our missionaries. And before anyone asks, yes. Each missionary will receive an honorarium for the time they will spend with us. I want to encourage each and every one of you to be at Mountain View on Sunday night at 6:00 PM for a Celebration service. We will collectively hear what God has done, is doing, and hopefully will continue to do in and through the Southern Baptists' global effort to reduce lostness! We are praying that God will call out new missionaries ready to answer the call to **GO!**
I can't wait to see you this weekend!

Your Associational Ministry Assistant,
Marni Laughman