

We now have a slide in the outreach trailer!

Make sure your church has reserved the trailer for your end of school block parties, summer kick-offs, Vacation Bible School community nights, and yes...Back-To-School bashes! Your AMS has worked hard to make sure all the activities offered in the trailer are in tip-top shape which makes this resource a quick set up for any size church. A \$100 deposit reserves your date on the calendar, and comes with enough popcorn and snow-cone syrup to entertain 100 children. Fill out [THIS](#) quick form soon while the calendar still has dates!

Or visit www.centennialbaptistassociation.com/outreachtrailer



Faithfully Stewarding Your Estate

August 7
6-8 PM

A seminar presented by the Georgia Baptist Foundation



Planning for our future can be a challenge. As we move through the various stages of life, our priorities and needs change as they relate to planning for those we will leave behind. The Georgia Baptist Foundation has the expertise and experience to help pastors, their families, and their church members navigate stewarding our resources well.

This dinner is for senior pastors and wives. Sam Warner will be sharing valuable information about estate planning including preparing a will. This will also serve as an introduction to how this information can be shared effectively with your church as a whole.

Please [register](#) for the dinner no later than August 1 by completing the form below or by contacting the CBA office at 706-647-4959.



Welcome, Georgia Baptists!

Join us for a special **online prayer gathering** as we come together to lift up the Southern Baptist Convention's Annual Meeting in June.

We believe that prayer is powerful and can bring direction, transformation and healing to our convention, and we invite you to **join us in prayer on Thursday, May 18th from 8-9 am.** Join us on this page for the livestream.

Thomas Hammond, Executive Director of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board, along with several pastors from across our state, will be leading us during this time.

During this one-hour prayer session, we'll be praying for the leaders and attendees of the Annual Meeting, asking God to provide wisdom, guidance, and unity. We'll also be praying for our local churches and communities, asking for God's blessings and protection over them.

Let's come together as Georgia Baptists and lift up our convention in prayer. We look forward to praying alongside you on **May 18th!** To ensure that you don't miss out on this important event, simply **enter your information at the link below** to receive reminders and viewing details. We'll send you all the information you need to join us online and be a part of this powerful time of prayer.

[GET REMINDERS >>>](#)

Rev. Steve Laughman- Associational Mission Strategist
Rev. Eddie Johnson- Moderator
Rev. Mark Harris- Vice Moderator

Mrs. Marni Laughman- Ministry Assistant
Mrs. Joan German- Treasurer

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Recently I sat in a meeting with other Associational Leaders where the question was asked: "What do you tell people who ask why their church should be part of a local association?" Without hesitation the answers came from around the room:

- "We are stronger together than alone."
- "Associations provide links to resources churches may not be aware of."
- "Pastors need one another, and we help facilitate those relationships."
- "To help maintain doctrinal integrity."
- "Partnering for missions and ministry, especially in a rural setting."

The discussion went on for some time, so you can imagine that this list could be much longer. As I listened to my colleagues (and put my two cents in, as well), I was once again reminded of how grateful I am to serve you in this role. Centennial has a culture of cooperation that does not exist everywhere. We are blessed to share in one another's successes and burdens. We celebrate when one of our churches experiences salvations and baptisms. We come together to support those among us who have been called to attend seminary or serve on the mission field. We seek out ways to help when a church is struggling. We cheer one another on, because we know that we are all part of the same Kingdom. What a joy it is to be part of what God is doing here in the Centennial Association!



"Connecting people to one another and watching the Lord work through them both is one of the best parts of my job."

The association exists for every church of every size, style, and setting. We understand that while each church is different, we share the same purpose – to make disciples of Jesus Christ. To that end we join together to share resources and talent. I cannot tell you how many times someone has contacted me with a need for training or expertise and the best person to provide that is a member of one of our churches. Connecting people to one another and watching the Lord work through them both is one of the best parts of my job. When Paul wrote about the Church being a body with many members, he described both the local church and the larger Church. That's just one of the reasons we need one another. Marni and I are grateful for each one of you and thankful we get to serve the Lord together. Whatever your need is, please give us the opportunity to help. If the Lord has placed a ministry on your heart, let us know. We may know of someone else with that same burden who is seeking partners in ministry. If you are skilled at something and want to help others serve the Lord with excellence, let us know, and we will connect you with those who could benefit from your gifts. And even if there is something you see that we could be doing better, please let us know. We welcome your suggestions on how we can better serve this association and the Kingdom of God.

Save The Date!

CALLED

EQUIP 2023
September 8-10

3 days of
intentional large group discipleship,
small group break out sessions,
fun games,
team building activities,
and teen approved food!

This equipping conference is designed to help the local church provide solid opportunities for spiritual growth for students grades 6-12.

We can do more when we cooperate together.

Hosted by FBC Barnesville in their NEW Students and Young Adult facility.



It is hot hot hot in Bangkok, but the Blackmons are learning how to balance ministry and keeping cool. Pray for them as they continue reaching the displaced and lost in a city of over 10 million residents. 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

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.



Lillie Jo, John, Cheryl & Josiah Blackmon



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PASTOR ROUNDTABLES

Upson-Pike Monroe-Lamar
 June 29 · 10 AM August 1 · 10 AM
 Country Cupboard 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

Once again **FALL 2023**,
GBMB will sponsor
their Total Church
Equipping Conference
SPARK2023
with LIVE Keynotes,
plus... over 40 session
leaders!

They've assembled a diverse team of practicing leaders prepared to give you best practices in their field of expertise. Every part of the gathering - from keynote

speakers to our SPARK breakout sessions - has been intentionally designed by their team to equip and inspire your leaders.

Make plans now to join us for #SPARKcon2023
Below are the closest locations to Centennial churches.

West Central Region
Roopville Road Baptist Church
Roopville, GA
Saturday, August 19
8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

ga.sbcworkspace.com/pub/event/register/55235988
[REGISTER HERE](#)

East Central Region
First Baptist Church
Sandersville, GA
Sunday, August 27
4:30 PM - 8:30 PM

ga.sbcworkspace.com/pub/event/register/55235990
[REGISTER HERE](#)



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MAY 23
 12-1 PM OR 6-7 PM
 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](#)

Centennial Baptist Family,

Thank you so much to everyone that attended our events during the **Elevate Conference**. It is encouraging to see so many people within our association committed to the effort of reaching college students for Christ and helping them grow into better disciples. I could not be more pleased with how things went. Our speakers on Sunday night did an incredible job informing us how we can better reach college students and prepare our high schoolers to go off to college and continue to follow Jesus. Monday was a great day of outreach as we had four students make decisions for Christ and made contact with over 60 other students as well. If you are interested in helping out with any of our outreach efforts next semester, please reach out to me at cbacollegiateministry@gmail.com.



Gabe Thomas

Campus Minister for the Baptist Collegiate Ministry at Gordon State College



CBA Financials for April 2023

	Apr 23	Jan - Apr 23
Checking Interest	4.02	16.51
Antioch	538.63	1,677.62
Bethany	0.00	999.99
Beulah	237.00	860.00
Calvary	0.00	1,022.40
Clark's Chapel	100.00	400.00
Concord	300.00	600.00
Culloden	0.00	300.00
East Thomaston	244.96	1,244.45
Elkins Creek	0.00	0.00
Emory's Chapel	0.00	0.00
FBC Barnesville	2,969.70	9,511.80
FBC Forsyth	100.00	400.00
FBC of High Falls	1,084.39	1,981.87
FBC Thomaston	940.00	3,828.23
Fellowship	665.90	1,343.44
Garden Hill	0.00	0.00
Grace Community	0.00	0.00
GracePoint	0.00	0.00
Hendricks	1,004.00	1,004.00
Jeff Davis	0.00	25.00
King's Chapel	0.00	0.00
Macedonia	150.00	600.00
Maynard	873.11	3,333.63
Meansville	250.00	1,000.00
Milner	392.64	1,694.92
Mount Olive	0.00	6,655.01
Mountain View	2,032.00	8,933.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	0.00
Mt. Zion	0.00	0.00
Neal	50.00	200.00
New Bethel	50.00	200.00
New Harmony	29.07	106.27
New Hope Zebulon	360.54	1,459.58
Pritchett Memorial	198.22	665.16
Russellville	92.55	313.04
Shiloh Lamar	0.00	1,200.00
Shiloh Upson	50.00	200.00
Silvertown	0.00	324.12
The Rock	339.72	753.34
Trinity	300.00	1,200.00
Valley Grove	591.70	1,822.09
Yatesville	175.00	700.00
Total Receipts	14,123.15	56,575.47

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 part-time **Church Hostess** to prepare meals for Wednesday fellowship supper and other events. Please contact Ted Kandler at FBC Thomaston, 706-647-7889.
FBC Thomaston is seeking paid Nursery workers for Sunday AM, Sunday PM & Wednesday PM services. Please contact Ted Kandler at FBC Thomaston, 706-647-7889.

May 2023

18	Call To Prayer for SBC annual mtg	Livestream	8:00- 9:00 AM
23	Discipleship Learning Community	FBC Barnesville	12 Noon & 6:00 PM

June 2023

10-14	SBCAL & SBC annual meetings	New Orleans, LA	
29	Upson Pike Roundtable	Country Cupboard, Thomaston	10:00 AM

2023
Annual Meeting
NEW ORLEANS

Serving the Lord **Serving others**

JUNE 11-14 2023

Join the SBC at the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial 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.

[PRE-REGISTER HERE](#)

Disbursements for April 2023

Total Budgeted Expenditures	12,133.58
Designated Accounts Expenses	351.14
Monthly Surplus/Shortfall	1,989.57