

### Networking churches to make disciples

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## THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER | MAY 2, 2019

**★ PRAY FOR AMERICA ★** 

# **LOVE ONE ANOTHER**

LOVE ONE ANOTHER. JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU JOHN 13:34

FBC BARNESVILLE GYM @ 12:10 PM LUNCH PROVIDED WITH A \$1 DONATION TO LAMAR COUNTY MINISTERIAL ASSOC.

**UPSON COUNTY** COURTHOUSE @ 12 NOON BIBLE READING ALL DAY 8 AM-6:30PM

MONROE COUNTY COUTHOUSE @ 12 NOON

**PIKE COUNTY COURTHOUSE @ 12 NOON** 

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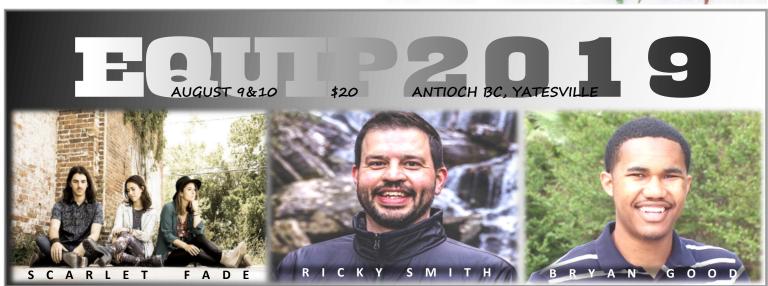
Maynard invites you to attend MAY DAY PRAY DAY.

This interactive prayer walk experience will leave you CHANGED.



Mrs. Marni Laughman- Ministry Assistant





Rev. Steve Laughman- Associational Mission Strategist Rev. Bill Barber- Moderator

Rev. Joey Smith- Vice Moderator

Mrs. Gail West-Treasurer rator

#### A Word from Your Mission Strategist, Steve Laughman

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love one for another."

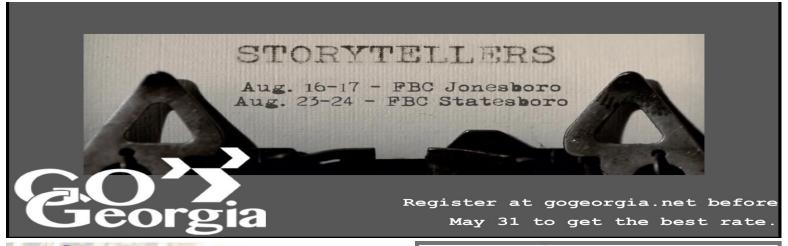
The Apostle John recorded these words of Jesus that were spoken on the night He was betrayed. Having a limited amount of time, our Lord made sure His closest followers knew the importance of loving the way He loves. Love One Another is the theme for the National Day of Prayer which will take place on May 2, 2019. Each county in our association will have an observance, and I hope that you will take the time to join your community in prayer. More than that, I hope that you will take seriously Jesus' mandate to love one another. The world needs to see and experience people of God who genuinely love.

By the time many of you read this, Elevate will have concluded. Thank you for your participation and for taking advantage of the opportunity to strengthen your church. Many churches struggle to survive when God has both the power and the desire for each church to thrive. As your Associational Mission Strategist, it is my privilege and hope to help your church be what God desires. We all want to see souls saved and disciples made. Hopefully you were able to glean from Bob Bickford some things that will help you achieve God's purpose in your church.

School will be out, and summer will be in full swing before we know it. Enjoy these days of graduations, honors programs, and end-of-year activities. Invest your time in the next generation, even if you don't have a student of your own. You would be surprised how much impact you can have on a family when you show support for their child, not to mention what it says to that child. As we move into the summer, I look forward to seeing many of you at Vacation Bible School, as well.

If you are looking for missions opportunities this summer, we are here to help. EQUIP Missions will take place June 23-26 at FBC Barnesville. Contact Jason Teal or the CBA office for more information. We are also continuing our partnership with Riverbend Church Planting Network in Allentown, PA. If you would like to be part of the team, contact the CBA office. We need to have deposits paid by June 1 for our trip which will be held July 30-August 4. We know that many of our churches are also going on mission all over our country and the world. If you are interested in going, but do not know where to start, call us and we will connect you with the right folks.

What a blessing to be able to serve together! Thank you for the tremendous spirit of cooperation and unity. Praise be to God for allowing us to work together for His kingdom purpose.





Equip Your Students To Go From "Scared To Prepared"
To Share Their Faith Story With The World!

Become part of a story-sharing movement designed to impact the lives of your students so they can impact their world!

Register your church TODAY!

Centennial has a vision for an Outreach Trailer.

This resource will be filled with inflatables, block party games, popcorn machine, and more. We pray it will be an incredible resource for your church to use as a tool to engage the lost in your community. Will you join with us as we pray for wisdom to move forward?

If you, your church, Sunday school class, or family would like to financially contribute, send donations to the CBA office designated as "Outreach Equipment".

Ministers Meeting & Pastor Enrichment

David Drake

Truett-McConnell University

The Garden Patch 100 Southland Drive Barnesville, GA 30204

May 13, 2019

12 Noon

All ministers are invited.



Quarterly Fellowship Lunch • Shiloh Upson • 2737 Hwy 19N

May 9th @ 12 Noon





Let the office know when your church is hosting VBS. We would love to help you get the word out!

Call 706-647-4959 or email us the details at centennialbaptistassociatiation @ gmail.com

OUR VISION:

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

Networking Churches
To Make Disciples

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O 19 SBC ANNUAL MEETING

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA • JUNE 11-12

Morning Sessions: 8:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Afternoon Sessions: 2:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. ° %% %% %% 1 C●RINTHIANS 15:3-4

#### **Riverbend Church Planting Network**

Bethlehem, PA CBA Mission Trip approx. \$550 per person •Deposit due by June 1st•



"As a former church planter, I knew that Centennial needed to partner with Riverbend Network. They understand how to plant churches and they do it well."

Steve Laughman

July 29- August 4



Income for March 2019						
		Jan19 - Mar19				
Checking Interest	7.62	21.93				
Antioch	698.94	2,218.98				
Bethany	583.34	1,125.01				
Beulah	191.00	605.00				
Calvary	0.00	0.00				
Clark's Chapel	100.00	300.00				
Concord	300.00	300.00				
Culloden	0.00	150.00				
East Thomaston	319.01	1,024.53				
Elkins Creek	0.00	0.00				
Emory's Chapel	0.00	0.00				
FBC Barnesville	1,185.15	8,885.04				
FBC Forsyth	0.00	0.00				
FBC Thomaston	818.80	2,704.11				
Fellowship	149.12	856.25				
Garden Hill	0.00	0.00				
GracePoint	50.00	150.00				
Hendricks	0.00	0.00				
Jeff Davis	25.00	100.00				
King's Chapel	0.00	0.00				
Macedonia	0.00	150.00				
Maynard	515.59	2,204.04				
Meansville	250.00	750.00				
Milner	443.31	1,678.38				
Molena	0.00	0.00				
Mount Olive	1,166.59	3,766.15				
Mountain View	1,808.00	6,072.00				
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	0.00				
Mt. Zion	84.00	123.00				
Neal	50.00	200.00				
New Bethel	50.00	150.00				
New Harmony	23.96	128.88				
New Hope Thomaston	100.00	300.00				
New Hope Zebulon	144.57	489.21				
Pine View	0.00	0.00				
Pritchett Memorial	0.00	0.00				
Russellville	53.50	407.62				
Shiloh Lamar	347.00	667.00				
Shiloh Upson	50.00	150.00				
Silvertown	0.00	0.00				
The Rock	20.40	63.10				
Trinity	300.00	900.00				
Valley Grove	359.34	3,475.48				
Yatesville	100.00	400.00				
Total Church Receipts	10,286.62	40,493.78				
<b>Disbursements for M</b> Administrative Expenses	March 2019	1,219.28				
Associational Programs		156.21				
Miscellaneous Expenses Organizational Expenses		0.00 25.72				
Pastorium Maintenance		191.40				
Salaries and Allowances Total Budgeted Expenditures		<u>7,069.26</u> 8,661.87				
Designated Accounts Expense	es	0.00				
Monthly Surplus/Shortfall		1,624.75				

#### **Opportunities & Church News**

Molena is seeking volunteers to serve in music and youth ministries. Contact Pastor Terry Murphey at murpheyc1@bellsouth.net

Brooks Baptist Church in Flint River Association is looking for a part time Youth Minister. All interested applicants can contact Ric Veal at 706-340-5225.

Shiloh in Upson is looking for a Bi-Vocational Minister of Music. All interested should send resumes to 2737 Highway 19N, Thomaston, GA 30286.

#### Calendar of Events

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2	National Day of Prayer		
5	Mission Team Meeting	<b>FBC Thomaston</b>	12:30 PM
7	Monroe Roundtable	New Providence	2:00 PM
	Steering Committee Mtg	Milner	6:30 PM
9	Upson Pike Roundtable	Gathering Grounds	10:00 AM
	Quarterly Fellowship Lunch	Shiloh Upson	12 Noon
13	Ministers Mtg/Pastor Enrichment	Garden Patch	12 Noon
	SS Mentoring Session #10	<b>FBC Thomaston</b>	6:30 PM

#### June 2019

10-11 Southern Baptist Convention Birmingham, AL 17 **Ministers Meeting** Garden Patch

30 Cliburn Scholarship Decision Deadline



#### **Shepherd Stories**

In 2013, Jason Weeks moved his wife, Jennifer, and their five girls to Upson County to begin his first pastoral position. He was exactly what Fellowship needed and Fellowship was exactly what the Weeks' needed. From my vantage point I immediately saw change, growth, excitement, and genuine worship. Steve and I would leave excited because the Spirit was not hindered, the Word was being preached, and the people were responding with grateful

12 Noon

hearts. This eclectic fellowship just loves Jesus and are thankful to be counted among the redeemed. They are excited about church life and stand firm when shaken. If something doesn't feel right, they pause and wait for peace. If things don't go as planned, they praise the Lord for going before them. If problems arise, they address them head on. This church is healthy. In the middle of April, they got married to New Hope in Upson County. These two congregations courted several months before voting to unite. Easter Sunday they worship together as one: "Fellowship Baptist" Church: New Hope for the future." Those that call this fellowship home, find freedom to question and seek answers, to worship without reservation, to disagree and coexist. With that being said, Jason don't play. His teaching is rooted in what he knows to be true from Scripture. He will be the first to tell you that he doesn't know everything, but he will also be the first to search Scripture to find the answers you need. He leads with raw unhindered honesty and he doesn't shy away from tough issues. He reminds me of pastors that I have sat under in my youth but with a truthful realness that is refreshing. He is teachable and truly listens. He takes things to heart and ponders the advice of others. Not long ago, I attended the ordination service of Jason Weems and Stacey Harper. We spoke briefly before the service and this rascal quoted me during his message. I held my breath when he called my name and was relieved that I hadn't said anything that would embarrass Steve. Jason is as real and down to earth as they come. I would bet that he cries remembering sweet memories of his girls toddling around or at the thought of walking any one of them down the aisle to be wed. I know for a fact, he spent hours in prayer over wedding Fellowship and New Hope. I also know that when God directed his steps on every area of that union he accepted God's will and did not waver under pressure. I am proud of him and his leadership. I am thankful that God has given me a seat with a view. I look forward to the days ahead when Jason will sit across the table from other believers within Centennial instilling wisdom from this chapter of life. Marni