

Community Thanksgiving Services

Lamar County

November 23rd at 7PM

First United Methodist Church

Monroe County

Nov 13th at 6 PM

First Baptist Church Forsyth

Pike County

Date and Time TBA

Mt. Gilead

Upson County

Nov 16th at 7 PM

First Presbyterian Church



You collected 866 backpacks! Thank you to everyone who participated.

If you are interested in being a part of a **Ministry Day** in Ducktown on December 10th, contact Steve Blackston at 706-648-6224 for more details.

A graphic for the "Battle Ready" event. It features a soldier in full combat gear, including a helmet and camouflage uniform, standing in the center. To the left of the soldier, the words "BATTLE READY" are written in large, stylized, metallic letters. To the right of the soldier, the text "THEREFORE TAKE THE WHOLE ARM OF GOD, THAT YOU MAY BE ABLE TO DESTROY EVIL DAY, AND HAVE DONE ALL STAND FIRM" is written in a smaller, yellow, sans-serif font. Below the soldier, the text "JOHNNY HUNT MEN'S CONFERENCE ★ 2017" is written in a white, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the graphic, the text "LIVE SIMULCAST @ Trinity Baptist Church" is written in a white, sans-serif font.

Sponsored by the Men's Ministry of Centennial Baptist Association
Call 706.647.4959 to register **COST: \$25.00 includes steak dinner**

Rev. Steve Laughman- Associational Missionary
Rev. John Blackmon- Moderator
Rev. Bill Barber- Vice Moderator

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**Quarterly
Fellowship
Lunch
NOVEMBER 10th
At
12:00 Noon
FBC Forsyth, 95 W Morse St.
Forsyth, GA 31029
Bring a friend and a covered dish to share!**

A Word from Your Missionary:

I recently heard an interview with A. J. Jacobs, a secular Jewish man, who wrote *The Year of Living Biblically* after spending a year trying to closely follow every law in the Bible. Jacobs does not claim to be a follower of Christ or even a believer in God. But according to the interview, among the most important thing this year taught him was the value of gratitude. Thanksgiving is a powerful principle that is found throughout Scripture. I wonder how our lives would change if we practiced it more often.

In a culture in which we can go to the store and get whatever we want 24/7, we take for granted pretty much everything. If we ever find ourselves without electricity or food or some other convenience, we complain a little, but know that it is probably just temporary. If we are honest, most of us are pretty spoiled. Thanksgiving reminds us that we are not our own provider. Everything we have comes from a loving God who cares deeply for us and meets our needs in abundance.

I am as guilty as the next guy in my lack of gratitude for God's blessings. You would think that those of us who live comfortable lifestyles compared to the rest of the world would be more grateful, but I think the opposite tends to be true. So what is the solution? I started by reading from the book of Psalms. The various authors remind us over and over to give thanks to God. We are to remember His blessings and cry out to Him with thanksgiving and praise. Our worship is to reflect a grateful heart for His presence in our lives. We should be aware continually of how He has delivered us from our enemies and the sin that would destroy us without His ever-present help. That's a good place to start.

I am thankful for the great year we have had together. I am grateful to work with so many great churches and pastors who understand the power of the Gospel to save. I praise God that we have freedom to proclaim His truth and to live out our convictions. I thank God for the family and friends He has given me. And I thank God for the calling He has placed on my life, that I can live my life with purpose know He has a plan much bigger and greater than I can even imagine.

Join me this Thanksgiving season in being more intentional in our praise and thanksgiving to the One who gives all good gifts. Keep your eyes open to His goodness and grace in all the little things in life. Enjoy the time with family and friends and let each one of them know how thankful you are for them. And take the time to tell God how thankful you are.

In His Name,

Steve Laughman



195th Georgia Baptist Convention Annual Meeting

November 14-15, 2016 - Savannah, Georgia

"...striving together
for the faith
of the gospel..."

Philippians 1:27

UNITE
Georgia



Host: Calvary Baptist Temple

INVEST IN THE NEXT GENERATION

JANUARY 26-28, 2017

CONCLAVE

CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

A TRAINING CONFERENCE

TO EQUIP AND REJUVENATE YOUR YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

Operation Christmas Child Drop Off location:

FBC Barnesville November 14-21

Drop off times vary depending on the day. Zebulon St office can assist you further.

Or call Nancy 770-584-4521 or Sandra 770-468-3822



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a shoebox gift ➤



2017 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



gabaptist.org/kids

SCHEDULE

7:30 - 8:15	Registration & Continental Breakfast
8:15 - 8:40	Worship Rally
8:45 - 10:15	Base Level Conferences
10:15 - 10:50	Food, Fun & Fellowship
10:50 - 11:35	Special Interest Conference #1
11:35 - 11:45	Break
11:45 - 12:30	Special Interest Conference #2

(Special Interest Conference Topics will be on our website March 1, 2017)

REGISTRATION/COST

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION	\$15.00/pp by February 15, 2017
REGULAR REGISTRATION	\$20.00/pp by March 6, 2017
LATE/ AT THE DOOR REGISTRATION	\$25.00/pp

CHILDCARE: Childcare is not available. Children are not allowed to attend conference.

REFUNDS: Full refunds are available if requested 21 days prior to the conference. No refunds are available within 20 days of the conference.

REGISTER ONLINE BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

gabaptist.org/kids

Call 1.800.746.4422 Ext. 286 with questions



2017 VBS CLINICS

March 11, 2017

Northeast Church
2001 Cherry Dr.
Braselton, GA 30517

First Baptist Church
400 S. Main Street
Moultrie, GA 31768

March 18, 2017

First Baptist Church
1105 Main Street
Perry, GA 31069

Roswell Street
Baptist Church
774 Roswell St.
Marietta, GA 30060

March 25, 2017

First Baptist Church
1311 Union Street
Brunswick, GA 31520

Royal Baptist Church
70 Mayo Royal Ind. Blvd.
Newnan, GA 30263

Macon Coliseum | Macon, GA

December 29 - 30, 2016

MOVE CONFERENCE

Earlybird only \$49.00 per person!

REGISTER NOW for Tickets & Hotel

www.moveconference.com

Church Receipts: September 2016

	Sept 16	Oct 15 - Sept 16
Antioch	0.00	13,244.94
Bethany	250.00	2,437.49
Beulah	182.00	3,122.00
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Clark's Chapel	100.00	1,200.00
Concord	0.00	500.00
Culloden	0.00	600.00
East Thomaston	303.14	4,093.65
Elkins Creek	0.00	0.00
Emory's Chapel	100.00	600.00
FBC Barnesville	4,780.09	18,961.56
FBC Forsyth	0.00	328.75
FBC Thomaston	725.68	10,292.95
Fellowship	388.00	4,161.00
Garden Hill	0.00	1,027.54
Hendricks	0.00	0.00
Jeff Davis	25.00	300.00
King's Chapel	0.00	200.00
Maynard	528.00	7,800.00
Meansville	241.66	2,749.97
Milner	404.16	4,762.57
Molena	0.00	0.00
Mount Olive	850.35	10,553.72
Mountain View	0.00	17,862.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	150.00
Mt. Zion	70.00	866.70
Neal	50.00	600.00
New Bethel	50.00	600.00
New Harmony	0.00	381.25
New Hope	250.00	3,000.00
Pine View	0.00	125.00
Pritchett Memorial	0.00	338.24
Russellville	0.00	500.00
Shiloh (Upson)	50.00	600.00
Shiloh Lamar	0.00	2,835.00
Silvertown	167.11	2,183.34
The Rock	30.12	370.08
Trinity	300.00	3,600.00
Valley Grove	216.15	4,160.62
Yatesville	100.00	1,200.00

Total Church Receipts 10,161.46 126,308.39

Disbursements for September 2016

Administrative Expenses	3,529.18
Associational Programs	142.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00
Organizational Expenses	706.98
Pastorium Maintenance	0.00
Salaries and Allowances	7,350.05
Total Budgeted Expenditures	13,060.75
Designated Accounts Expenses	1,332.54
Monthly Surplus/Shortfall	(2,899.29)

Opportunities & Church News

Neal is seeking a pianist. Contact Clarence Burton at 770-229-6132.

Jeff Davis is seeking a pianist. Contact Betty Blackston at 706-647-9273 or mail inquiry to: Jeff Davis Baptist Church, 236 Jeff Davis Road, Thomaston, GA 30286.

Antioch seeks a Family Minister to oversee all of their Youth & Children's Ministries. Please send resumes to antioch.pastor@windstream.net

New Hope is seeking a pianist. If you are interested in applying for this position, please send your resume to: New Hope Baptist Church, ATTN: Personnel Team, 1165 Hannah's Mill Rd, Thomaston, GA 30286 or email your resume to newhopebaptist1@windstream.net

New Harmony is seeking a bi-vocational Pastor. If you are interested, send resume to New Harmony Baptist Church, 163 New Harmony Church Rd, Thomaston, GA 30286.

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 Events

November 2016

3	Steering Committee Mtg	Yatesville	6:30 PM
10	Quarterly Fellowship lunch	FBC Forsyth	12 Noon
14-15	Georgia Baptist Convention	Savannah	
17	Missions Team Meeting	East Thomaston	2:00 PM
	Youth Team Meeting	FBC Barnesville	6:30 PM
21	Minister's Meeting	Shiloh Lamar	10 AM
24	Thanksgiving		

December 2016

4-11	Week of Prayer & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering		
6	Midstate Round Table	New Providence	2 PM
8	Upson Pike Round Table	Shiloh Upson	10 AM
25	Christmas		
26	CBA Office Closed		

November Birthdays

10	Brent Willis	FBC Thomaston
16	Bob Wilson	Trinity
20	Garth Forster	FBC Barnesville
28	Bill Barber	FBC Thomaston
29	Mike McMullan	Garden Hill

November Anniversaries

3	Clarence Burton	Neal	14 years
9	Stephen Morgan	Hendricks	2 years
9	Rick Rose	Pritchett Memorial	2 years
16	John Wesley Long	Yatesville	3 years
20	Jason Teal	FBC Barnesville	5 years