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THOMASTON  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH //

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NOV 14  
4 PM //

# REST

Equip to

Phil. 4:5-7

OUTDOOR STUDENT EVENT // FREE



Middle and high school students can often times find themselves overwhelmed by the cares of this world yet not fully equipped to handle things with a confidence that thwarts the enemy's schemes. Chip Dean, keynote this year at *Equip to Rest*, will cut to the heart of the issue with the truth of Philippians 4:5-7.

<sup>5</sup>Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

2020 has proven challenging for us all. Many have stayed in a perpetual state of worry and anxiety. On Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM, bring a lawn chair and a snack to East Thomaston Baptist Church in Thomaston, GA. Come ready to worship and receive. May you leave better equipped to *REST*.

**Georgia Baptist Convention  
Annual Meeting**

**November 9th  
One Day Event  
1-6 PM**

**Ingleside Baptist Church  
834 Wimbish Road  
Macon GA 31210**

**Register to be a Messenger**  
<https://gabaptist.org/registration>

A stylized logo consisting of a globe with latitude and longitude lines, positioned above an open book. The entire logo is rendered in white lines on a blue background with a subtle geometric pattern.

## THANK YOU!

The nearly **200** backpacks you gave at the CBA Fall Meeting will be delivered to Randolph County later this month and will be given to children in need on December 5th.



**Merry Christmas to all!!**

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**

“In everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Most of us who have followed Jesus for any length of time have struggled with discerning God’s will at one time or another. Circumstances cloud our understanding. Limited knowledge makes us question our direction. Unconfessed sin can keep us from hearing what God is saying to us. Even when we fervently seek God’s wisdom there are times when He seems to remain silent. But He is never truly silent. God has spoken through His Word and through His Son, Jesus Christ. He spoke through the prophets and the writers of Scripture. He continues to speak through His Spirit and the written Word today.

Paul encouraged the church at Thessalonica to be thankful always. He even writes that this is the express will of God. Giving thanks in everything is not our natural reaction. When we experience a year like 2020, our first response is not often to thank God. Yet this is exactly what the Bible tells us is God’s will for us in Christ Jesus. It takes discipline to thank God when life is hard. We must die to that part of us that



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fighters back and wants to complain. Why would God expect or even want for us to do something so difficult?

His desire for us is to treasure Christ above all. When we give thanks in everything, we acknowledge that God is still the Giver of good things, including His Son, Our Savior. Even when we have lost our faith, God is faithful. When our family member is sick, God is good. When we lose our job, God is our provider. When the world is in disarray, God is our peace. Giving thanks in everything requires a change in perspective – a necessary change for all of us. We do not give thanks to some nebulous universal force. We direct our thanks to the One who created us and sustains us. He is the object of all our thanksgiving.

Hopefully, you will have the opportunity to sit at a table with people you love and enjoy a Thanksgiving meal this month. You will be able to worship either in person or online with other believers as we give thanks to God for all He has done. As you do, remember that Thanksgiving is not a once a year event. Giving thanks is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus every day, in every situation. It is a discipline well worth the effort.

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**Jason Teal**, Campus Minister at **Gordon State College** and Student & Young Adult Pastor at FBC Barnesville, would like to invite each of you to participate in **The Great Exchange** on the campus of **Gordon State College** **November 4th and 10th from 10AM—1PM.**

What is...  **THE GREAT EXCHANGE**<sup>.org</sup> and why do I need to know about it?



### **Spiritual Conversations**

There is an unprecedented opportunity to reach 20-year olds on the university campus.

The **Great Exchange** has found this next generation of young people to be extremely open to hearing and responding to the good news of the **Gospel**. They are not attracted to religion or our entertainment, but when we begin to discuss the means that God has made for us to know Him, they are intrigued.

At university campuses everywhere we are having hundreds of **ongoing conversations about Jesus**. It is an exciting, attractive atmosphere and students find it fun and exhilarating. It is a lot like what it might have been like to be at the Areopagus in Athens in Acts 17.

The Great Exchange is an **equipping ministry** whose goal is to come alongside existing churches and ministries with tools to share the gospel in their spheres of influence. We do this by **partnering with the church or ministry** to hold Great Exchange events on their campuses and in their communities. At our events, we politely ask people if they would like to participate in spiritual interest **surveys**. If they say yes, we merely listen politely to their answers. At the end of the survey, we ask if they would like to know how they can **know God personally**. Because we have listened politely, more often than not they are happy to hear what we have to say. It is an **open door to share the gospel** and offer an opportunity to make a personal decision to follow Jesus.



# PREACHING/TEACHING LAB

JAN 2021  
FIRST SEMESTER BEGINS



Registration, syllabus, and other information will be available soon.

CENTENNIALBAPTISTASSOCIATION.COM/PTLAB

**Centennial Baptist Association**  
exists to network churches through equipping and encouraging them to make disciples.

A Great *Multitude* + You Rev 7:9

2020 GOAL

**\$175 million**

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING GOAL

NOV 29-DEC 5  
Week of Prayer for a Lifetime of Change

**PASTORS' ROUNDTABLES**

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

**WHERE IRON SHARPENS IRON**

VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE  
DEC 17TH. 8 PM  
GoToMeeting code  
CBARoundtable

MONROE-LAMAR ROUNDTABLE  
DEC 1ST. 10 AM  
NEW PROVIDENCE BC

**MISSION GEORGIA**

Gospel-centered care for every Georgia community

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*The Gathering: Pastors' Wives Retreat*

He Sees Me

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Paula Dunn

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## CONNECTING YOU TO RESOURCES.

DISCUSSION OF THE CBA PREACHING/TEACHING LAB

**MINISTERS CONNECTION**

The Pie Hometown Pizzeria  
Thomaston, GA  
Nov 16th @ 12 Noon

NOV 30 & DEC 1

AND TO THE EARTH IT GAVE GREAT LIGHT

A Christmas CANOPY

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**Income for September 2020**

	Sept 2020	YTD 2020
Checking Interest	7.10	64.12
Antioch	724.65	6,429.94
Bethany	333.33	2,999.98
Beulah	126.00	1,049.00
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Clark's Chapel	100.00	900.00
Concord	0.00	800.00
Culloden	0.00	450.00
East Thomaston	351.03	3,039.09
Elkins Creek	0.00	0.00
Emory's Chapel	0.00	0.00
FBC Barnesville	0.00	11,482.05
FBC Forsyth	0.00	0.00
FBC Thomaston	993.75	7,913.25
Fellowship	0.00	350.00
Garden Hill	75.00	675.00
GracePoint	0.00	0.00
Hendricks	0.00	0.00
Jeff Davis	50.00	225.00
King's Chapel	0.00	0.00
Macedonia	150.00	1,350.00
Maynard	881.18	7,702.04
Meansville	250.00	2,250.00
Milner	468.40	4,058.62
Molena	0.00	0.00
Mount Olive	1,672.93	12,185.97
Mountain View	1,703.00	17,650.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	300.00
Mt. Zion	45.00	374.00
Neal	50.00	450.00
New Bethel	50.00	450.00
New Harmony	92.79	495.09
New Hope Zebulon	227.65	1,735.61
Pritchett Memorial	184.76	1,967.82
Russellville	0.00	668.93
Shiloh Lamar	475.00	1,525.00
Shiloh Upson	50.00	450.00
Silvertown	224.85	1,468.67
The Rock	0.00	497.21
Trinity	300.00	2,700.00
Valley Grove	800.00	3,489.13
Yatesville	175.00	1,575.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>10,561.42</b>	<b>99,720.52</b>
<b>Disbursements for September 2020</b>		
Administrative Expenses		1,391.94
Associational Programs		2,000.00
Miscellaneous Expenses		0.00
Organizational Expenses		257.74
Pastorium Maintenance		2,991.36
Salaries and Allowances		7,181.58
<b>Total Budgeted Expenditures</b>		<b>13,822.62</b>
Designated Accounts Expenses		50.00
<b>Monthly Surplus/Shortfall</b>		<b>(3,261.20)</b>

**Opportunities & Church News**

Concord is seeking **Worship Leader**. Contact Bob Hurd at 770-656-5447 or [bobhurd5@gmail.com](mailto:bobhurd5@gmail.com).  
 Neal is seeking a **Children & Youth Minister**. Please submit resume to [nealbaptist@gmail.com](mailto:nealbaptist@gmail.com).  
 Shiloh Upson seeks a **PT Music Director**. Send resumes to [shilohbaptist1@windstream.net](mailto:shilohbaptist1@windstream.net).

For the latest Coronavirus Resources & Updates from the GA Baptist Mission Board

visit <https://gabaptist.org/covid19>

**November 2020**

3	Steering Committee	GoToMeeting	6:30 PM
5	Upson-Pike Roundtable	Gathering Grounds	10:00 AM
9	Georgia Baptist Convention	Ingleside Baptist	1:00-6:00 PM
16	Ministers Connection	The Pie, Thomaston	12 Noon
26	Thanksgiving Day		
29-5	Wk of Prayer for International Missions		

**December 2020**

1	Monroe-Lamar Roundtable	New Providence	10:00 AM
17	Virtual Roundtable	GoToMeeting	8:00 PM
23-31	CBA Office closed		

**Shepherd Stories**

Around Christmas of 2018, I stumbled upon *The Shepherd* directed by Dallas Jenkins. This beautifully crafted short film based in Luke 2 brings to life the day Emmanuel tabernacled among mankind. I was so moved that I donated twenty bucks for the filming of an entire season dedicated to depicting the life of Christ. I did not think much about it but never forgot that initial moving of the Spirit as I watched. Fast forward a year to 2019 and I come across an advertisement for *The Chosen*. I clicked on the link not realizing *The Shepherd* was the prequel to this show. Visual learner that I am, I was instantly drawn in again. I binged the entirety of Season 1 in two days and have not stopped talking about it since. I encourage everyone to watch. The ladies in Bible study probably got tired of me reminding them to download the free app so they too could partake. Ok... I hear some of you..."But Marni, I don't do smartphones. I don't do apps." That's alright. You can purchase DVD's of Season 1 and watch them that way. Still not good enough? Call me and I will come over so that we can watch them together on my device. Once you watch *The Chosen* you will understand my enthusiasm and encourage your people to watch as well. It is that good! This has created a healthy space for me in



2020. Those Bible study ladies I hounded about watching chose to use Season 1 and the companion devotion book for our weekly study. We have been digging deep into the Scriptures each episode portrays. What I feared would be a lite study has been profoundly rich. I know that the Holy Spirit has met me at my point of need and has lit a fire within me. My thirst is unquenchable, and I am thoroughly enjoying every second. Don't you love when God reveals a new truth in Scripture then weaves it into a conversation where that truth is affirmed by another believer only to have Him bring it up again in life where you are prompted to share it with another? The washing of the Word is unlike anything else in this life! Ok... On smartphones, search *The Chosen* in the app store and download for FREE. Either watch it right there or cast it to any streaming device to share with family and friends. OR go to <https://studios.vidangel.com/the-chosen> on a computer. It is that easy. If you have questions, call me, I will gladly help. 770-314-6037. Also, I will gladly respond to any messages I receive thanking me for this suggestion. You're welcome in advance. :)

Your Associational Ministry Assistant,  
 Marni Laughman