

# Centennial

## BAPTIST NEWS

Networking churches to make disciples

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Centennial invites all **Ministers and Spouses** to **Shiloh Lamar** on December 3rd for the CBA Christmas Fellowship.

Bring your favorite **heavy hors d'oeuvre AND dessert** to share.

Bring your guitars for a night of **fellowship & reflection** as we **play games and sing songs** while enjoying their **FABULOUS fireplace**.

Festivities will begin at 6 PM and childcare is provided for the little ones.

Call/Text **Steve 770-314-6107 & Marni 770-314-6037** to RSVP

Shiloh Lamar, 1530 US-41, Barnesville, GA, 30204

**Look what God did!...** And He used you guys to do it. Let's continue to pray for the distribution of these backpacks in Quitman and Randolph Counties. Pray for:

- Hearts will be softened to the Gospel of Christ
- Bold unashamed messengers because the Word will not return void
- Many to come to salvation to the glory of GOD
- Intentional follow-up
- God to grow up a mighty army in the next generation
- The faith of the Centurion in Luke 7

**May our faith  
cause the Lord  
to MARVEL!**



**Collected: 662 backpacks**



### Schedule

Pre-Convention Rally, November 11, 2018

Preaching Conference, November 12, 2018

GBC Annual Meeting, November 12-13, 2018

**MISSION POSSIBLE**  
reaching generation yet

PSALM  
78:1-8

The **2018 GBC Annual Meeting** is a yearly event to conduct the business of the Georgia Baptist Convention. The Annual Meeting serves to provide inspiration for messengers from the member churches of the Convention as well as provide opportunities for networking among the member church representatives. It provides the opportunity for the Georgia Baptist Mission Board staff to increase the awareness of the ministries and resources available to the churches of the Georgia Baptist Convention.

Rev. Steve Laughman- Associational Mission Strategist  
Rev. Bill Barber- Moderator  
Rev. Joey Smith- Vice Moderator

Mrs. Marni Laughman- Ministry Assistant & Clerk  
Mrs. Gail West- Treasurer

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

Have you ever wondered why God saw fit to create us with emotions? In his wisdom, He allows us to experience joy, grief, anger, and relief, often times in quick succession. This roller coaster of emotions can overwhelm us if we are not careful to put things in their proper perspective. We have a hope in Christ that those without Him never know. That makes all the difference.

The last week has been one of those up and down weeks. The CBA Annual Fall Meeting was such an incredible experience! Yatesville Baptist Church hosted us with such care and attention to detail. The music was exceptional, the reports were uplifting, and the preaching was timely. God has blessed us with a spirit of cooperation and I am grateful. Thanks to you, the BCM loaded 662 backpacks on the truck bound for Randolph and Quitman Counties. Marni and I were able to deliver these to some very

thankful partners in this work. Yet as we drove there, we could not help but notice the damage caused by the hurricane. Once again, joy mixed with grief.

We celebrated my birthday this weekend by taking a few days to rest. I thank God for my wife and the great work she does by my side for the CBA. Even as we took a break, we kept up with the news of bombs being mailed and worshippers being attacked in a synagogue in Pittsburgh. While some have already drawn battle lines using these depraved acts as weapons in ongoing political warfare, we must remember that we have only one enemy. His name is Satan, and he will use every means at his disposal to divert our attacks on him toward one another. May the Lord remind us that He has won.

This week also brought with it the opportunity to remember one of our own. Dr. Ken Ross displayed the kind of temperament we need today. His kind words and gentle manner remind us that we serve a God of peace. Ken never failed to encourage me to press on in the work God has called me to do. I grieve for his family and his church and for my own loss, but I do not grieve as one without hope. I pray you do the same.

I eagerly look forward to what we have going on in the months ahead. The Georgia Baptist Convention will meet in Warner Robins November 11-13. Communities will join for Thanksgiving worship services. Ministers and their wives will gather for our annual Christmas fellowship. And the Church will celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas with special times of worship. However, we may also face loss, tragedy, and unknown dangers. Some of you are going through your own personal struggles even now. How we respond will depend on whether or not we see how God is working through it all to bring glory to Himself. What looks like chaos from one view may just be a perfect design from another perspective. Let us have eyes to see, ears to hear, and hearts to respond to God correctly.



**imb** | **LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING®**

**DECEMBER 2-9, 2018**

**COMMUNITY GOSPEL CONCERT**  
**\* TO BENEFIT MISSIONS \***

**Sat., Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**6:30 PM**  
**NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH**

*Special Singers will include: Double Clutchin, Dawn Clarke, Tom & Candee Schreiner, Earl Wright, Luke & Kate Morgan and more*

**CONCERT for a CAUSE**

*\*A SPECIAL LOVE OFFERING will be received at this event that will go directly to MISSIONS\**

*\* Event sponsored by Earl Wright & New Hope Baptist Church*



**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

**Chuck Johnson** will share a  
fresh approach to  
**DEACON MINISTRY**

The Garden Patch  
100 Southland Drive  
Barnesville, GA 30204

**12 Noon on  
November 19, 2018**  
All ministers are invited.

Full-time  
Music Ministers  
Roundtable  
TBA Jan 2019

Bi-Vocational  
Music Ministers  
Roundtable  
TBA Nov 2018

**Contact Keith Johnson**  
For more details  
706-648-6224

**Tis the season for  
Music Ministers to be  
BUSY!!  
Pray for them.**

## HOLT INTERNATIONAL PRESENTS The Very Merry Christmas Tour

FEATURING



*New Song*



*Cotton Dixon*

December 16th  
\$15 a ticket



*Unspoken*

Upson Lee Fine Arts Bldg  
[rushministries.com/events](http://rushministries.com/events)

INTRODUCING  
Bethany Cruz



Sometimes things don't  
always work out the  
way we intend.  
However, God's plan is  
always for our good  
and for His glory.  
Rest in that.

FBC Barnesville  
200 Zebulon Street  
Drop Off Schedule  
November 12th-19th  
(Times vary each day of schedule)

## Reaching >> the Nations

Race for Missions Congress



JOIN US AT CAMP KALEO!

**NOVEMBER 2-3, 2018**

## GC Challenge

How are YOU doing reaching your personal  
goal for gospel conversations in 2018?  
Be intentional. Be the church.  
Cause ain't nobody else gonna do it!  
<https://gcchallenge.com/>



*jason crabb*  
**UNEXPECTED**  
THE TOUR

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

THE FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR



**THOMASTON UPSON-LEE FINE ARTS CENTER**

262 KNIGHT TRAIL, THOMASTON, GA

**FRIDAY DEC 21, 7PM**

TICKETS: \$15 ADVANCE \$25 VIP- MEET & GREET 5:15 PM

**TO ORDER TICKETS**

[WWW.ITICKETS.COM](http://WWW.ITICKETS.COM) OR BY PHONE: 1-800-965-9324

CONCERT INFORMATION : 910-880-0354

## OUR VISION:

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

Bumper Sticker Version:

**Equipping Churches To Make Disciples**



## Income for September 2018

### Sept 18 Jan18 – Sept18

Checking Interest	6.67	56.86
Antioch	0.00	6,141.10
Bethany	250.00	2,500.00
Beulah	195.00	2,061.00
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Clark's Chapel	100.00	800.00
Concord	0.00	1,400.00
Culloden	0.00	450.00
East Thomaston	341.12	3,230.47
Elkins Creek	0.00	0.00
Emory's Chapel	0.00	0.00
FBC Barnesville	1,350.64	13,753.64
FBC Forsyth	0.00	0.00
FBC Thomaston	785.18	7,814.68
Fellowship	512.57	5,288.18
Garden Hill	0.00	0.00
GracePoint	50.00	250.00
Hendricks	0.00	0.00
Jeff Davis	25.00	225.00
King's Chapel	0.00	200.00
Macedonia	150.00	150.00
Maynard	509.68	5,037.10
Meansville	241.66	2,174.94
Milner	398.43	4,036.73
Molena	0.00	0.00
Mount Olive	1,048.72	10,141.48
Mountain View	0.00	16,645.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	300.00
Mt. Zion	69.00	708.00
Neal	50.00	500.00
New Bethel	50.00	450.00
New Harmony	34.24	353.43
New Hope Thomaston	0.00	368.36
New Hope Zebulon	173.76	1,320.73
Pine View	0.00	300.00
Pritchett Memorial	0.00	469.76
Russellville	48.41	514.19
Shiloh Upson	50.00	450.00
Shiloh Lamar	625.00	1,827.00
Silvertown	0.00	1,274.70
The Rock	25.40	221.90
Trinity	300.00	2,700.00
Valley Grove	0.00	3,989.87
Yatesville	100.00	900.00
<b>Total Church Receipts</b>	<b>7,483.81</b>	<b>98,947.26</b>

### Disbursements for September 2018

Administrative Expenses	378.84
Associational Programs	-86.36
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00
Organizational Expenses	665.62
Pastorium Maintenance	179.95
Salaries and Allowances	6,902.04
<b>Total Budgeted Expenditures</b>	<b>8,040.09</b>
Designated Accounts Expenses	199.16
<b>Monthly Surplus/Shortfall</b>	<b>(556.28)</b>

## Opportunities & Church News

**New Hope Thomaston** is seeking a *pianist*. If you are interested in applying, please email your resume to [newhopebaptist1@windstream.net](mailto:newhopebaptist1@windstream.net)

**Molena** is seeking *volunteers to serve in music and youth ministries*. Contact Pastor Terry Murphey at [murpheytc1@bellsouth.net](mailto:murpheytc1@bellsouth.net)

**New Hope Thomaston** will be hosting a *FREE concert to raise money for Lottie Moon* on Saturday, Nov. 20th at 6:30 PM.

**Neal** is having a BBQ fundraiser Nov 10th at 10 AM. Plates are \$8 and include BBQ, beans, slaw, chips, bread and a drink.

**FBC Barnesville** would like to donate 53 maroon *choir robes* to a sister congregation. Contact Greg Burrell.

## Calendar of Events

(Bold type - CBA Events & Regular type - Important Dates)

### November 2018

<b>6</b>	<b>Steering Committee Mtg</b>	<b>Milner</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Upson/Pike Roundtable</b>	<b>Yatesville</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
	<b>Quarterly Lunch Fellowship</b>	<b>Pritchett Memorial</b>	<b>12 Noon</b>
12-13	GA Baptist Convention	Second Baptist Warner Robins	
<b>19</b>	<b>Min. Mtg &amp; Pastor Enrichment</b>	<b>Garden Patch</b>	<b>12 Noon</b>
	<b>SS Mentoring Session #4</b>	<b>Yatesville</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>21-23</b>	<b>CBA Office Closed for Thanksgiving</b>		

### December 2018

<b>3</b>	<b>Minister &amp; Spouse's Christmas Fellowship</b>	<b>Shiloh Lamar</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>SS Mentoring Session #5</b>	<b>FBC Thomaston</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>24-31</b>	<b>CBA Office Closed for Christmas</b>		



## Shepherd Stories

### "A modern day Barnabas."

I will never forget the flood of emotion I felt when Pastor Ken Ross said of my husband, "Steve Laughman is 'The Best' Associational Missionary that I have ever worked with... and I have worked with many." Because I am a woman that can not keep my body from reacting to my feelings, I'm sure he noticed my draw drop to the floor. I remember thinking how special I felt for Steve that day. Dr. Ken Ross never let Steve forget just how extraordinary he thought he was. He made both of us feel special... set apart... uniquely gifted for the work God had called us to do everyday. After talking with countless others before and after Dr. Ross' funeral, I realized something. He made everyone feel special... set apart... uniquely gifted. He personified the gift of Encouragement. He brought breath and life to the worth of every believer as described in the Word. He invited those that afforded him their time, to come and commune and he would give them his ear, his advice, his experience, his personal resources, and his heart. I prayed for him often in the last years of his life. His health echoed that of my own daddy's more times than I care to remember. He would not let our conversations end without asking about my family and the ministries of Centennial. I will miss this man of God. I will remember his sermon about a chicken. I pray God's grace is poured out on Mrs. Donna as she continues this life figuring out how to live in her new normal. Please join me as I pray for his natural family and his God appointed family at Milner. They are all hurting. We are all hurting. One day, death will be no more... forever. What a glorious hope and reality.

Marni