



2017 GEORGIA BAPTIST CONVENTION

North Metro First Baptist Church, Lawrenceville
November 12-14

"The harvest truly is plentiful..." Matthew 9:37

Host Pastor



Frank
Cox

Speakers



Anthony
George



Robby
Foster



Thomas
Hammond



David
Platt



J. Robert
White

Musical Guests



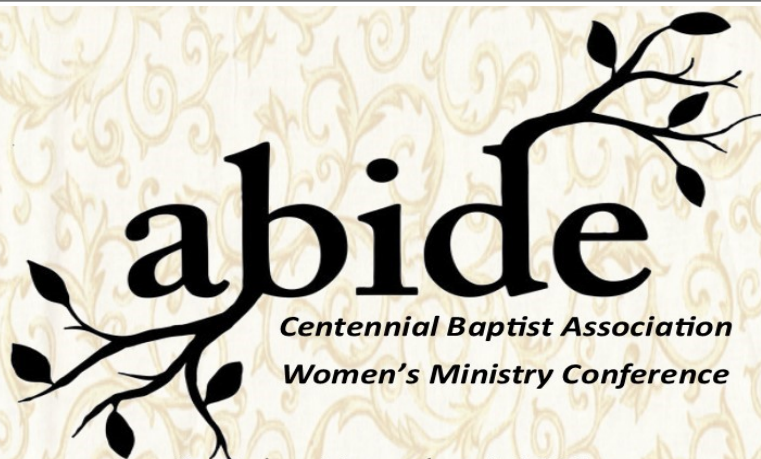
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Centennial Baptist Association
Women's Ministry Conference

Saturday, November 4, 2017

9:00 AM– 1:00 PM

Shiloh Lamar Baptist Church
1530 Hwy 41 S, Barnesville

Register by October 31st at
www.centennialbaptistassociation.com/abide
Or call 706-647-4959

Recommended \$5 donation
Includes lunch

9:00 Registration of Attendees
9:15 Welcome & Instructions
9:30 First Breakout
10:30 Second Breakout
11:30 Lunch Provided
12:15 Karen Pace - Keynote Speaker

Breakout sessions include



Incorporating Missions Education Within Your Church

Karen Pace— Keynote Speaker
Consultant for GBMB WMU & WEM

Karen Pace is currently serving as consultant with the Georgia Baptist Woman's Missionary Union and Women's Enrichment Ministry. In this position, she serves Georgia Baptist churches in assisting them with missions education for preschool and children, as well as leadership development. In addition, she serves as the camp consultant for the girls' summer missions camp at Camp Pinnacle. Throughout the years, Karen has served in many volunteer church positions working mostly with youth and children. Before joining Georgia Baptists, she worked with the North American Mission Board, taught high school, and worked for a corporation in Atlanta.

What Is My Role in WMU/WEM?

Mary Laughman
GA WMU/WEM State Prayer Coordinator



Parenting Out Of Love Rather Than Fear

Marni Laughman
Ministry Assistant for Centennial Baptist Association

A Healthy Mind In A Corrupt World

Denise Cox
WMU Director at FBC Barnesville



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

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

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A Word from Your Missionary, Steve Laughman

This past week I was reminded that Jesus died for our best days, just as much as He died for our worst day. If we are all honest with ourselves and each other for a moment, we would admit that we tend to have a pretty high opinion of our own righteousness. Then there are those days when we are hit right in the face with the fact that we are not even close to where we think we are. We could mope around and feel sorry for ourselves and our condition. We could compare ourselves to others in order to boost our morale and our self-inflated perception. Or we could simply rest in the fact that although we were desperately without hope, Jesus died for us in order to redeem us, to reconcile us to the Father, and to lavish His grace on us. There is tremendous freedom in the realization that any good we do cannot be credited to us, but to the one who empowers us to accomplish His will.

Left on my own, I will disappoint you. Praise God, I am not left on my own! As we celebrated the work God has accomplished through Centennial this past month, I have been overwhelmed with the truth that God allows us to be a part of what He is doing. He has given us a clear vision for the future and He will be faithful as we follow His lead. Will we make mistakes? Yes. Will we sometimes misinterpret His directions? Perhaps. Will we get ahead of His plans? Hopefully, not. But will we devote ourselves to following Jesus? Yes, we will, without reservation and without apology.

As Thanksgiving and Christmas approach believers have a great opportunity to share the truth of what Jesus has done for us. When we celebrate Thanksgiving, we are reminded that our thanks is not just a general appreciation for the things we have. Our thanks is directed at Someone – at the Creator and the Giver of all good things. Be creative about starting conversations about that with the people you encounter this season. Christmas brings with it songs of praise to our Lord and Savior on every radio station and through every sound system in every store. How easy it would be to engage people in conversation about the gift of salvation while “What Child is This?” is being played?

Ministers & Wives
Christmas Dinner & Fellowship
****REGISTER NOW****
December 4, 2017

Justin's Place
1441 Hwy 19 North
Thomaston, GA
6 PM
\$10 per person

RSVP at
centennialbaptistassociation.com/christmas
Or 770-647-4959
By Nov 27
with your
dinner choices



CBA Mission Trip to
Bethlehem, PA
April 7-14 2018
\$100 deposit due 01-02-18

TAKE NOTE & SAVE THESE DATES

JOHNNY HUNT
MEN'S CONFERENCE

CBA EVENT • TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH • 2/3/2018 • \$20 REGISTRATION • STEAK DINNER

Ministers Meeting

The Garden Patch
100 Southland Drive
Barnesville, GA 30204

November 20, 2017
12 Noon

All ministers are invited to attend.

Centennial partnered with Bethel Baptist Association and supplied **649 BACKPACKS OF HOPE** to children in Quitman County.

Dec. 2 everyone is encouraged to attend the **distribution** of these backpacks at the Quitman County Elementary School Gymnasium.



649
BACKPACKS
OF HOPE
were collected
on October 24th!

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ to our sister association. May God receive all the glory!



FBC Barnesville Drop Off Location Schedule:

Monday	11/13	11-1 PM & 5-7 PM
Tuesday	11/14	11-1 PM & 5-7 PM
Wednesday	11/15	11-1 PM & 5-8 PM
Thursday	11/16	11-1 PM & 5-7 PM
Friday	11/17	11-1 PM & 5-7 PM
Saturday	11/18	10-12 Noon
Sunday	11/19	12-3 PM
Monday	11/20	9-12 Noon

*All boxes MUST be delivered by noon on the 20th!!

There will be someone on hand during these hours to receive boxes. If you arrive at another time, go to the office on Zebulon Street or call 770-584-4521 or 770-358-4272 for assistance.

Centennial Baptist Association would like to welcome the members of these congregations to our network of churches. May God be glorified in our partnership as we seek to reduce lostness in our communities.

GracePoint Church, Thomaston, GA



Pastor Derrick Keeter
and his wife, Amanda



Macedonia Baptist Church, Thomaston, GA



Pastor Eddie Johnson, Sr. and his wife, Joyce



New Hope Baptist Church Zebulon, GA



Pastor Frank Winfrey, his wife, Danah, and son, Andrew



Our Vision

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

Income for September 2017

	Sept 17	Jan17– Dec17
Checking Interest	4.87	40.24
Antioch	656.78	5,313.96
Bethany	250.00	2,500.00
Beulah	182.00	2,027.00
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Clark's Chapel	100.00	900.00
Concord	200.00	1,800.00
Culloden	0.00	450.00
East Thomaston	308.45	3,069.91
Elkins Creek	0.00	0.00
Emory's Chapel	0.00	0.00
FBC Barnesville	2,530.64	11,217.38
FBC Forsyth	0.00	0.00
FBC Thomaston	818.56	8,200.42
Fellowship	515.00	4,368.00
Garden Hill	0.00	469.63
Hendricks	0.00	0.00
Jeff Davis	25.00	225.00
King's Chapel	100.00	200.00
Maynard	456.44	5,013.82
Meansville	241.66	2,174.94
Milner	537.18	4,426.15
Molena	0.00	0.00
Mount Olive	1,032.28	9,083.32
Mountain View	3,535.00	15,851.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	300.00
Mt. Zion	63.50	609.00
Neal	50.00	450.00
New Bethel	50.00	450.00
New Harmony	96.69	663.80
New Hope	500.00	2,250.00
Pine View	0.00	0.00
Pritchett Memorial	0.00	473.56
Russellville	0.00	0.00
Shiloh (Upson)	50.00	450.00
Shiloh Lamar	520.00	1,805.72
Silvertown	187.60	1,550.85
The Rock	22.60	246.84
Trinity	300.00	2,700.00
Valley Grove	766.54	2,530.31
Yatesville	100.00	800.00
Total Church Receipts	14,195.92	92,570.61

Disbursements for September 2017

Administrative Expenses	977.00
Associational Programs	80.82
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00
Organizational Expenses	0.00
Pastorium Maintenance	2,003.00
Salaries and Allowances	6,775.04
Total Budgeted Expenditures	9,835.86
Designated Accounts Expenses	108.24
Monthly Surplus/Shortfall	4,360.06

Opportunities & Church News

New Hope is seeking a *pianist*. If you are interested in applying, please email your resume to newhopebaptist1@windstream.net

Silvertown is seeking a *pianist*. Anyone interested should contact Steve Shock at (706) 741-6762.

Mountain View hosts Grief Support Group Tuesdays 7PM. Oct 3-Nov 21.

GracePoint is seeking a pianist. Contact Derrick Keeter at 678-898-9864.

Upson Lee Elementary School will be having a **Veterans Day** program at 6:00 pm on November 9th at the Upson-Lee Fine Arts Center.

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.

CORRECTION: The YTD Receipts for FBC Thomaston were incorrectly reported in the written Book of Reports. The correct amount is \$8,200.42. My sincerest apologies!!

Calendar of Events

November 2017

2	Upson Pike Roundtable	Valley Grove	10:00 AM
4	Abide Women's Training	Shiloh Lamar	9:00 AM
9	Quarterly Fellowship Lunch	Concord	12 Noon
	Steering Committee Mtg	Yatesville	6:30 PM
13-14	GBC Annual Meeting	North Metro Baptist Church	Lawrenceville, GA
20	Ministers Meeting	Garden Patch	12 Noon

December 2017

2	Backpacks of Hope Distribution	Quitman County	12-4 PM
4	Ministers & Wives Christmas Dinner	Justin's Place	6 PM



Shepherd Stories

There were several photos I almost chose of Pastor John Blackmon, but I landed on this one for 3 reasons. #1 Cheryl, his treasure of a bride, captioned it simply "My John". #2 He's sporting a Martin Luther tee paired with a hoodie and, if I had to guess, he's holding Scripture. And #3 Even though this picture is 7 years old, not much has changed. Just this morning, I sat under John's teaching, and like always, I walked him out as he tried to help me make sense of all he had taught. John challenges me. And I love that! John is a scholar-teacher-historian-pastor. Just ask the members of Meansville Baptist. He keeps current on all of the things and thus can have a conversation about all of the things. He and Cheryl have been beautifully woven into the fabric of our family. They genuinely care about the goings on of the Laughmans, and I am humbled to call them both friends. The day I met them, I knew God had given me a very special gift and I praise the Lord for them. John is the Moderator of CBA and member of the Strategy Planning Committee and currently is a Ph.D. student of Historical Theology at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He received an M.Div. from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary where Cheryl also graduated and received an M.Div. Cheryl has a National Interpretation Certification and works for Lamar County. Our daughter, Abigail, has gleaned much from her. John and Cheryl fill their time with ministry both locally and abroad. When they sneak away for some down time, they love to visit historical sites rich with the footprints of past sojourners. My prayer is for God to continue to stretch and grow them for whatever lies ahead. Follow @JohnRBlackmon on Twitter. You will thank me later.

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