

# Centennial

BAPTIST NEWS

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## ANNUAL FALL MEETING

October 22

The Rock Church, The Rock, GA

4:30 Christmas Backpack Collection

5:00 Dinner

6:00 Business Meeting & Worship



Pictured: Pastor of Macedonia in Thomaston, Rev. Eddie Johnson and, "the queen" of his house, Mrs. Joyce. He will bring the message during worship at the Fall meeting.

**\*All Ministry Directors** are asked to submit a written and oral report for the annual meeting. Please touch base with the office by **Friday, October 11th** with your submissions. God has done great things this year within Centennial.



OUR GOAL:

450

Our partnership with Bethel Association continues this year. Collection of Christmas Backpacks will begin at 4:30 PM at The Rock prior to the Annual Fall Meeting. If you or your church are still in need of The Christmas Story that is to be included in each backpack, contact the associational office.

## UNCULTURED

ADDRESSING THE DANGERS OF CULTURAL CHRISTIANITY IN THE CHURCH

3 LOCAL CHURCHES MEETING TOGETHER FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHURCH

OCTOBER 13TH, MEANSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 14TH, CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 15TH, MT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

6:30 PM EACH NIGHT  
CHILDCARE PROVIDED  
COME AND INVITE A FRIEND

2019 Georgia Baptist Convention  
Annual Meeting | Fayetteville  
November 10 – November 12



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

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

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The teacher begins Ecclesiastes 3, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." We all experience seasons in our lives. Perhaps you are going through a season of joy, where God is pouring out His favor in a way that others notice God's goodness. Or maybe you are in a season of drought, where no matter what you do, it seems fruitless. Some of us are going through a season of change. Marni and I are experiencing some of that. Many of the changes are beyond our control, things that affect our kids' jobs or schools or our parents' health. Isn't it reassuring to know that whatever we are going through God is our firm foundation? He is constant and sure no matter what. I was reminded Sunday morning that God has promised us a blessed future with Him, and God cannot lie. My prayer for you today is that you will fix your hope on our constant God.



A Word from your Mission Strategist, Steve Laughman

existing ministries and to network with other churches to see how you can best work together. Come early to drop off your Christmas Backpacks and have a Chick-fil-A meal with us. Then stay for the business meeting and time of worship where Pastor Eddie Johnson, Macedonia Baptist Church, will be bringing a message from God's Word.

Many of our churches are also in a time of transition as they bring on new deacons. How we serve the people God has given us matters. The Bible gives us qualifications for deacons which we carefully follow. However, we want to make sure our deacons are not just qualified but are equipped with the skills and tools needed to minister well. Larry and Cynthia Thompson will be leading SERVE, a leadership workshop for pastors, staff, deacons, and

their spouses on November 16th at Fellowship Baptist Church. The Thompsons bring a wealth of experience and will be a blessing to your church. I encourage every church member to insist that your deacons and staff attend this workshop. Whether you have been serving for years or you are newly installed, you will benefit from this time together.

The Annual Fall Meeting will be held October 22 at The Rock Church! Come see and hear what God has been doing through this replant. We will also hear from the various ministries of the Centennial Association. The Annual Fall meeting is a great way for your church to connect with

## Saturday, November 16

# SERVE

A leadership workshop for Pastors, Staff, Deacons, and Spouses sponsored by Centennial Baptist Association.

Hosted by  
**Fellowship Baptist Church**  
1165 Hannah's Mill Rd  
Thomaston, GA 30286

**Doors open at 8:30 AM**  
**Lunch provided**

**Each church should register with the associational office by Nov 1st.**

#### Deacon Track:

- Biblical Foundations of Deacon Ministry
- Common Roadblocks to Effective Deacon Ministry

#### Spouse's Track:

- Our Role as Biblical Helpers
- Guarding Your Ministry



## FAITHFOUNDRY



Larry Thompson, Retired Pastor FBC Fort Lauderdale, and his wife Cynthia will be facilitating the tracks during SERVE. Larry is the Executive Director of FaithFoundry which is a nonprofit that focuses on young pastors, global partnerships, and marriage retreats. Chuck Johnson, retired IMB and a member of FBC Thomaston, recommended the Thompsons because of his exposure to their philosophy on deacon ministry.

**Ministers Meeting**  
The Garden Patch  
100 Southland Drive  
Barnesville, GA 30204

**October 14  
&  
November 18**  
12 Noon  
All ministers are invited.

**A WORSHIP GATHERING FOR MEN**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15**

# THE SUMMIT

**TAILGATE AT 6P  
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30P  
WORSHIP BEGINS AT 7P**

## Quarterly Fellowship Lunch & Senior Adult One Day Revival

Thursday, November 14, 12:00 PM

**Maynard Baptist Church**  
1195 Juliette Rd, Forsyth, GA 31029

Special Guest Speaker

**Dr. J Robert White**

President and CEO Georgia Baptist Health Ministry Foundation  
&  
Former Executive Director of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board

**Please make plans to bring your Senior Adults and friends to this event!**

## CENTENNIAL FALL MEETING

Tuesday, October 22

From 4:30- 8p at The Rock Church  
Hyw 36, The Rock, GA 30285  
(across from the Post Office)

**The OUTREACH TRAILER is fully stocked.**  
[www.centennialbaptistassociation.com/outreachtrailer](http://www.centennialbaptistassociation.com/outreachtrailer)

# FALL BLOCK PARTY

**BOOK NOW!**

**We accomplish more when we cooperate together.**

# beloved

YOU'RE INVITED TO...

## a FUNDRAISING Banquet and SILENT AUCTION

for Heritage Pregnancy Center

Thursday, October 3, 2019  
Thomaston First United Methodist Church

- Doors open at 6:00 p.m. for silent auction. Dinner served at 7:00.
- Keynote Speaker—Kim Ketola

**RESERVE your table now!**  
For table sponsorship information or individual reservations, call (706) 647-8602 or visit <http://bit.ly/hpcbancquet2019>.

**HERITAGE PREGNANCY CENTER**

**Income for August 2019**

	<b>August 19</b>	<b>Jan19 – Aug19</b>
Checking Interest	7.71	61.35
Antioch	641.47	5,835.67
Bethany	291.67	2,583.36
Beulah	262.00	1,512.00
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Clark's Chapel	100.00	800.00
Concord	100.00	800.00
Culloden	150.00	450.00
East Thomaston	268.79	2,639.08
Elkins Creek	0.00	0.00
Emory's Chapel	0.00	0.00
FBC Barnesville	1,352.54	15,796.97
FBC Forsyth	0.00	0.00
FBC Thomaston	713.76	7,216.94
Fellowship	0.00	1,421.31
Garden Hill	75.00	150.00
GracePoint	50.00	400.00
Hendricks	0.00	0.00
Jeff Davis	25.00	225.00
King's Chapel	0.00	0.00
Macedonia	150.00	900.00
Maynard	618.61	6,205.76
Meansville	250.00	2,000.00
Milner	365.64	3,849.15
Molena	0.00	0.00
Mount Olive	1,106.53	9,945.47
Mountain View	2,106.00	16,235.00
Mt. Pleasant	300.00	300.00
Mt. Zion	49.00	344.00
Neal	50.00	450.00
New Bethel	50.00	400.00
New Harmony	35.02	330.09
New Hope Thomaston	0.00	400.00
New Hope Zebulon	179.09	1,384.78
Pine View	0.00	0.00
Pritchett Memorial	0.00	220.93
Russellville	67.11	750.97
Shiloh Lamar	0.00	1,227.00
Shiloh Upson	50.00	400.00
Silvertown	0.00	0.00
The Rock	0.00	128.34
Trinity	300.00	2,400.00
Valley Grove	578.52	6,713.19
Yatesville	100.00	900.00
<b>Total Church Receipts</b>	<b>10,385.75</b>	<b>95,315.01</b>
<b>Disbursements for August 2019</b>		
Administrative Expenses		1,233.84
Associational Programs		240.00
Miscellaneous Expenses		0.00
Organizational Expenses		5,451.14
Pastorium Maintenance		2,624.00
Salaries and Allowances		<u>7,069.26</u>
<b>Total Budgeted Expenditures</b>		<b>16,618.24</b>
Designated Accounts Expenses		8,896.15
<b>Monthly Surplus/Shortfall</b>		<b>(6,240.20)</b>

**Opportunities & Church News**

**Shiloh Lamar** will celebrate their 193rd Homecoming October 6th. Service will begin at 10:30 AM and lunch will follow. All are welcome to attend.

**Russellville** will celebrate 170 years as a church on October 6th at 11 AM and lunch will follow. All of the men who have filled the pulpit while they have been without a full time pastor are invited to attend. Your families are also welcomed to join in this time of fellowship.

**New Harmony** will host a Fall Palooza October 26th at 6:00 PM. Everyone is invited to attend. **Maynard** is seeking a PT Worship Leader. 15 hrs planning/prep per week. \$15K a year. Resumes may be submitted to [matthewbishop@maynardbc.com](mailto:matthewbishop@maynardbc.com)

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

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

**Trinity** is in need of a Part-time Music Director & Part-time Children's Director. Send resumes to Trinity Baptist Church, 410 S Church ST, Thomaston. Or Call 706-647-4234.

**FBC Thomaston** is in need of volunteers to work in the House of Care Tues & Thurs 12:30-2 PM processing clothes. Please contact Susan Dasher at 706-648-8006 for more information.

**Concord** is seeking someone to oversee all aspects of music and worship. Contact Bob Hurd at 770-656-5447 or email [bobhurd5@gmail.com](mailto:bobhurd5@gmail.com).

**High Falls Baptist Church** is seeking a pianist for Sunday services. Compensation is negotiable. Contact 478-733-1955.

**October 2019**

8	Monroe Roundtable	New Providence	2:00 PM
14	Ministers Meeting	Garden Patch	12:00 PM
20-26	Week of Prayer for Assoc. Missions	SBC Family	
22	Centennial Associational Fall Mtg. & Backpack Collection	The Rock	4:30 PM

**November 2019**

5	Steering Committee	Milner	6:30 PM
7	Upson Pike Roundtable	Gathering Grounds	10:00 AM
11-12	Georgia Baptist Convention	New Hope Baptist Fayetteville, GA	
14	Quarterly Fellowship Lunch & Senior Adult Revival	Maynard	12 Noon
16	SERVE- Staff/Deacon/Wives Retreat	Fellowship, Hannahs Mill Rd	8:30 AM
24	Mission Team Meeting	TBA	12:30 PM

**Shepherd Stories**

Pastor Ken and Mrs. Pam English serve at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Barnesville. Ken was called as pastor in 2010 and this past June celebrated 9 years of faithful service. Not many people know that Steve and I have known Ken, Pam and Mandy Jones, their daughter since before Steve and I were married. The English family lived in our hometown of Douglasville and attended church with Steve's parents. They faithfully served as lay members there. When we moved to Thomaston and realized that Ken was pastoring one of the churches within Centennial, we were excited. It was comforting to know people from 'home' here. In the early days of ministry, this family dressed up

and shared the gospel through clowning. It is not hard to picture if you know them as a family. They are joyful people. We recently walked through Mt. Zion with Mrs. Pam and discussed small projects and space planning that will help the church better serve those who attend Mt. Zion for worship and discipleship. Since Steve and I moved to Thomaston, this couple has experienced some health issues and the loss of loved ones. Please pray for Pastor Ken and Mrs. Pam as they minister to the community around the Mt. Zion Church area and as they seek to honor the LORD.



Ken and Pam English

Marni Laughman,  
Your Associational Ministry Assistant