

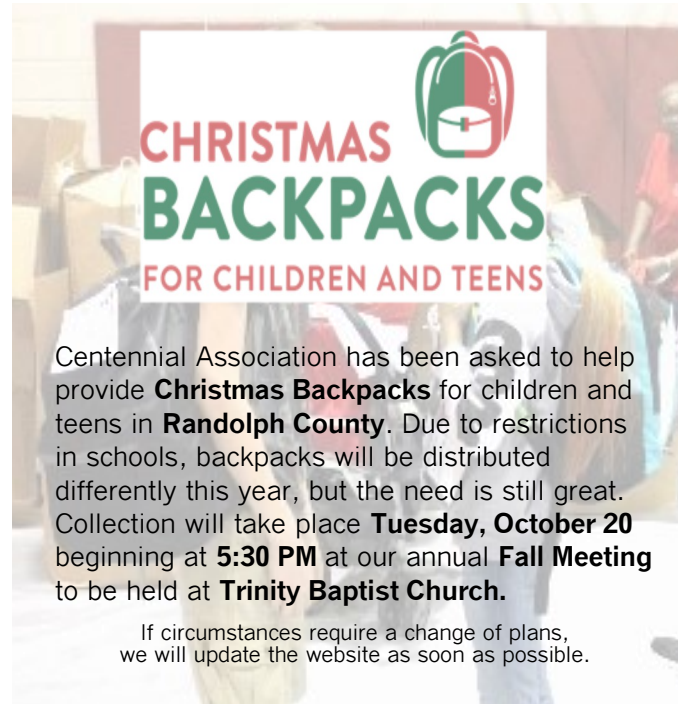


Centennial Baptist Association

ANNUAL FALL MEETING

- 10-20-2020
- 5:30 Christmas Backpack Drop-off
- 6:00 Business & Worship
- No meal

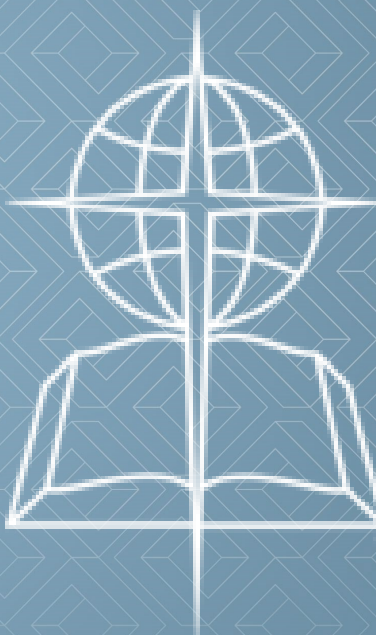
Location:
Trinity Baptist Church
410 S Church Street
Thomaston GA 30286
Location/platform are subject to change.
Check www.centennialbaptistassociation.com
for the most updated information.



CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

Centennial Association has been asked to help provide **Christmas Backpacks** for children and teens in **Randolph County**. Due to restrictions in schools, backpacks will be distributed differently this year, but the need is still great. Collection will take place **Tuesday, October 20** beginning at **5:30 PM** at our annual **Fall Meeting** to be held at **Trinity Baptist Church**.

If circumstances require a change of plans, we will update the website as soon as possible.



Georgia Baptist Convention Annual Meeting

November 9th
One Day Event
1-6 PM

Ingleside Baptist Church
834 Wimbish Road
Macon GA 31210

// EAST THOMASTON BAPTIST CHURCH //

SAT // NOV 14 4 PM //

REFRESH

Equip to

Phil. 4:5-7

OUTDOOR STUDENT EVENT // FREE

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

As we approach the 137th Annual Fall Meeting of the Centennial Baptist Association I want to take a few minutes to thank you for allowing me to serve as your Associational Mission Strategist. 2020 has been a difficult year for all of us. Much of what we hoped to accomplish this year has been put on hold or abandoned in favor of more pressing tasks. We have been challenged to think about church in new and different ways. Some of those challenges have resulted in more people being reached and church members choosing to prioritize people over preferences. For those things, I am thankful. However, other challenges have left us frustrated and overwhelmed.

During times like these, I would be surprised if you have not thought of Jesus' return. The subject has come up many times in our home. Regardless of your understanding of eschatology and the order of end times events, we can all agree on two things: 1) Jesus is returning and 2) His coming is closer now than ever. When I read through the book of Revelation, I am comforted by the heavenly perspective it gives us. I am reminded that if future events are planned out with such precision by our Father, then so are the events we are living through today. There is tremendous peace in knowing I



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can trust God no matter what happens.

As we move forward as an association of churches, I trust the Lord to order our steps. We will make plans knowing that everything we do is contingent on His allowing us to proceed. We hope that this next year will include the FOCUS missions conference, a return to Pennsylvania to continue our partnership with Riverbend Church, various equipping events like a preaching/teaching lab, and a continued emphasis on resourcing each church to accomplish what God has given you to do. We move forward with hope.

None of us knows exactly what the future holds, but this is not a reason to fear. We know the Source of all good things, and we call Him Father. We have been redeemed by His Son Jesus and filled with His Holy Spirit. "What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *is* against us?... Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?... But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:31, 35, 37-39

What does **diversity** in missions look like?
 What are the long-term implications of **urbanization**?
 What is the state of the **U.S. church**?
 How does **Gen Z** think about missions?

One night. Two hours.
 Together, we'll begin a conversation about our future.

Please join **Dr. Paul Chitwood**, President of the **IMB**, **David Kinnaman**, President of **Barna**, and a panel of experts For a 2-hour virtual event on **October 29th @ 7pm EDT.**

THINGS THAT WON'T CHANGE ON NOV. 3RD

(That's Election Day, by the way.)



God is still God

He is in control. His character remains constant. He is just, holy, and worthy of worship and thanksgiving (whether your favored candidate wins or not).



Scripture is still true

God's Word does not change no matter how much our world does. It is our constant, consistent source of truth.



Church is still vital

We are called to be His witnesses. We function as a body, dependent on our Head and on one another. We get to do this together!



Lost people still need Jesus

Our mission to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus remains until every knee bows and every tongue confesses that He is Lord.



Jesus is still victorious

Our Lord defeated sin, death, hell, and the grave and will soon return as conquering King.



God still loves you

His love never fails, and He loves you! This fact alone should lighten your load, bring your overwhelming joy, and calm your fears.



Life is still good

We still get to experience love, laughter, friends, family, Chick-fil-A, SEC football, and so much more that God has given us. So, take a deep breath and enjoy.

PASTORS' ROUNDTABLES

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

WHERE IRON SHARPENS

IRON

VIRTUAL
ROUNDTABLE
OCT 8TH. 8 PM

GoToMeeting code
CBARoundtable

MONROE-LAMAR
ROUNDTABLE
OCT 6TH. 10 AM
NEW PROVIDENCE BC

Ministry Leader or Pastor:
CBA is thankful for the opportunity to provide all video resources from 2020 SPARK Conference. You will have access to "the Vault" where the conference content will be available for one year. This is free for everyone and access to log in information is available through CBA office.

Ministers Dental Projects 2020

These dates are open to any GBMB Minister and spouse and retirees who do not have dental insurance. For appointments and information regarding these events, contact Laura Gray 706-936-5364 or email Ted Kandler at tkandler@gabaptist.org.
Oct 28-31 Danielle Baptist Association in Ailey GA

Just a reminder that the Annual Church Reports (ACR) are due. Please make sure your church has filled yours out and sent it back to the GBMB office. The data gained from these reports of GA Baptist churches plays a major role in the direction of ministries our state convention develops.

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

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

TWILIGHT DRIVE UP REVIVAL SERVICE

OCT 6,7,8, 2020

Revival 7:30

TUESDAY OCT 6, 2020 PASTOR JIMMY LYONS	WEDNESDAY OCT 7, 2020 PASTOR TERRANCE CURTIS	THURSDAY OCT 8, 2020 PASTOR C. DERRICK SHELTON

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH
PLEASE JOIN US ON THE HILL AT THE 512 CORNER OF HIGHTOWER & DANIEL STREET
REV. EDDIE J. JOHNSON, SR., PASTOR



Gospel-centered care for every Georgia community

- AREAS OF FOCUS:**
- PROJECT: Well Fed
 - Human Trafficking
 - Pre/Post Natal Care
 - Childhood Literacy
 - Refugees & Internationals
 - Foster Care & Adoption

Income for August 2020

	Aug 2020	YTD 2020
Checking Interest	7.32	57.02
Antioch	686.32	5,705.29
Bethany	333.33	2,666.65
Beulah	182.00	923.00
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Clark's Chapel	100.00	800.00
Concord	100.00	800.00
Culloden	0.00	450.00
East Thomaston	346.97	2,688.06
Elkins Creek	0.00	0.00
Emory's Chapel	0.00	0.00
FBC Barnesville	1,257.51	11,482.05
FBC Forsyth	0.00	0.00
FBC Thomaston	0.00	6,919.50
Fellowship	0.00	350.00
Garden Hill	75.00	600.00
GracePoint	0.00	0.00
Hendricks	0.00	0.00
Jeff Davis	25.00	175.00
King's Chapel	0.00	0.00
Macedonia	150.00	1,200.00
Maynard	686.18	6,820.86
Meansville	250.00	2,000.00
Milner	351.90	3,590.22
Molena	0.00	0.00
Mount Olive	0.00	10,513.04
Mountain View	0.00	15,947.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	300.00
Mt. Zion	40.00	329.00
Neal	50.00	400.00
New Bethel	50.00	400.00
New Harmony	40.45	402.30
New Hope Zebulon	159.24	1,507.96
Pritchett Memorial	182.09	1,783.06
Russellville	56.15	668.93
Shiloh Lamar	0.00	1,050.00
Shiloh Upson	50.00	400.00
Silvertown	181.67	1,243.82
The Rock	0.00	497.21
Trinity	300.00	2,400.00
Valley Grove	0.00	2,689.13
Yatesville	175.00	1,400.00
Total Receipts	5,836.13	89,159.10

Disbursements for August 2020	
Administrative Expenses	1,183.29
Associational Programs	139.36
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00
Organizational Expenses	50.00
Pastorium Maintenance	0.00
Salaries and Allowances	7,181.58
Total Budgeted Expenditures	8,554.23
Designated Accounts Expenses	0.00
Monthly Surplus/Shortfall	(2,718.10)

Opportunities & Church News

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

October 2020

6	Monroe-Lamar Roundtable	New Providence	10:00 AM
8	Virtual Roundtable	GoToMeeting	8:00 PM
18-25	Week of Prayer for Associational Missions		
20	CBA Annual Fall Meeting	Trinity Baptist	5:30 PM

November 2020

3	Steering Committee	TR? GtM?	6:30 PM
9	Georgia Baptist Convention	Ingleside Baptist	1:00-6:00 PM
16	Ministers Connection		12:00 Noon
26	Thanksgiving Day		
29-5	Wk of Prayer for International Missions		

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

Shepherd Stories

On September 8, 2019, I prayed the closing prayer of Wesley Lassiter's ordination service at Meansville. During that prayer, I felt God prompting me to pray for Wesley's wife... the woman God had designed for him in life and ministry... the woman he was not dating yet... the woman who was searching for the man God has designed for her.



Steve and I attend The Rock Church restart where Wesley is Pastor. Since I am literally old enough to be his mother and since God prompted me to pray for Wesley's wife, I regularly made it my business to check the progress of his dating life.

Four short months later, Lindsey Thompson sat down for coffee across the table from Wesley. Hours later coffee turned into lunch as God began to reveal their future together to them.

When the world shut down due to a global pandemic and our church replant navigated virtual ministry, they fell in love.

Five months after coffee and after a long hike in Georgia heat, Wesley bent the knee and asked Lindsey to be his bride. This nerdy book lover of a man and this beautifully soft-spoken woman decided to love one another for the rest of their lives.

On the one year anniversary of my first prayer for Lindsey, I was making centerpieces for her wedding shower. I am

honored to have been given the opportunity to witness God uniting them. I am humbled by His timing and tickled to witness their commitment to the Father and to each other.

October 3, 2020, they will be man and wife and I will probably cry the entire time. The year 2020 will be a trigger for people in the future. Some will lament the rest of their lives over what was taken from them. Wesley and Lindsey Lassiter will remember 2020 as the year their love story began. "To everything there is a season..." Ecc. 3:1 Marni Laughman, Your Associational Ministry Assistant