

Centennial Baptist Association

# ANNUAL FALL MEETING

OCTOBER 23, 2022

5:00 Light meal in fellowship hall  
5:45 Business meeting in fellowship hall  
7:00 Worship in Sanctuary

Location:  
Fellowship Baptist Church  
1165 Hannah's Mill Road  
Thomaston GA 30286



Be sure to put this date on your calendar. You will notice that the Fall Meeting will be held on a Sunday evening this year. We ask churches to encourage those members attending your regular evening worship to attend Fellowship that night so we can

all worship together. **Bob Wilson, Pastor at Trinity** in Thomaston, will be rightly dividing the Word.

Everyone is welcome to attend the entire Fall Meeting. Each church is allowed at least **four voting messengers** in addition to the Pastor and anyone serving as an officer of Centennial. If you have questions related to how many messengers your church can send, please contact the CBA office.

Below is one agenda item you might want to read through before the business meeting at 5:45 PM on the 23rd. Feel free to contact the office if you want further clarification on this matter at hand.

We look forward to handling the business of Centennial and worshipping alongside all of you.

## **Proposed amended bylaw regarding the structure of the Steering Committee:**

### **STEERING COMMITTEE:**

The Steering Committee shall be composed of eleven members. Members will include the chairpersons of all (3) standing committees, Ministry Leaders for each of the (4) Priority Teams, and four (4) at-large members. All vacancies shall be filled by the Nominating Committee. Duties: Work in close harmony with the Associational Mission Strategist and have general oversight of his work. They shall see that the properties of the Association are kept in proper repair. They shall encourage the churches to give generously to the Association. This Committee shall be the Trustees of the Association. This Committee shall elect its own Chairman at its first meeting of the year. Amendment: October 21, 2014. That the Steering Committee have the authority to make necessary Executive Committee decisions between Associational Meetings.

Note: Rotation among members of the Steering Committee will naturally occur as the members are added to or roll-off the committees and teams. At-large members will continue to serve rotating 3 year terms, as well.

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

What is to be our first priority?

As mission-minded, Gospel-preaching, Bible-believing Baptists, most of us would immediately answer this question by quoting Matthew 28:19-20: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to follow all that I commanded you..." In fact, our mission statement as an association echoes this command: Networking Churches to Make Disciples.

Recently I attended a training event for associational leaders and was challenged with something I had never truly considered. The speaker said that for twenty years of his pastoral ministry, he considered himself an evangelist and a Great Commission pastor. He would have responded to my question exactly like most of us would have. Around year 20 of his ministry, he was given a sabbatical where he spent time alone in a cabin with God's Word. It was there that he was hit with the context of Matthew 22:36-40. "Teacher, which is the great commandment of the law?" And He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Upon these two commandments hang the whole Law and the Prophets"



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He began to think about why Jesus would respond this way rather than to tell the man to go and make disciples, baptizing them and teaching them to obey. If Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost, shouldn't the greatest commandment be to follow in his footsteps and seek and save the lost? Yet Jesus answered with two very familiar commandments from the Torah. Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18 had not been traditionally linked until Jesus identified them as the greatest and second commandments, respectively. So, the question remains why Jesus would say this.

According to Jesus Himself, all the other commandments depend on these two. In other words, even the command He would soon give to go and make disciples would depend on these two commandments. If we do not love God or our neighbor, we will not go, we will not tell, we will not make disciples. On the other hand, if we love God with all we are and we love our neighbor as ourselves, we cannot help telling our neighbor, whom we love, about the God whom we love. We want them to follow Him and love Him as we do. Our passion for the Gospel will be rightly centered on the person of God and not an obligation we feel toward sharing our faith.

So, what is our first priority? According to Jesus, it is to love the Lord with all our heart, soul, and mind. Out of that love flows our love for others and our passion to see disciples made and the Gospel proclaimed.



## Blackmons in Bangkok

**The Blackmons are busy learning Thai** and are exploring Bangkok. If you want to stay in touch, see current photos, and pray specifically, subscribe to their newsletter by simply emailing [bangkokblackmons@gmail.com](mailto:bangkokblackmons@gmail.com) or by following John on at [facebook.com/john.blackmon.39](https://facebook.com/john.blackmon.39) Before leaving the states, John sent prayer cards to be distributed among Centennial churches. Drop in, pick one up, and post it on your refrigerator as a reminder to pray for the Blackmons as they serve Thailand. **Please clearly mark all financial support sent to, PO BOX 210 Thomaston, GA 30286 for "Thailand Missions".** [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about Centennial's partnership with the Blackmons.



**You're invited** to an upcoming Worship and Music Roundtables! To learn more and to register for a roundtable near you, click [HERE](#) or visit [gabaptist.org/wmlisteningssessions/](http://gabaptist.org/wmlisteningssessions/)

**If you are interested** in attending the roundtable being held at **FBC Jackson on October 6th, Judd Greer is taking a bus from FBC Thomaston.** He will leave between **4:30-4:45 PM.** Contact him directly @ **706-380-6102.**

**FBC Barnesville, 200 Zebulon St, is a Drop-off site for Operation Christmas Child.**

Monday-Friday, 11/14-18/2022: 11-1 PM & 5-7 PM

Saturday, 11/19/2022: 10-12 Noon

Sunday 11/20/2022: 12-3 PM

Monday 11/21/2022: 9-12 Noon

Contact Nancy Cloudt directly 770-584-4521 or 770-358-4272.

For more information on how to pack an Operation Christmas Child box, visit <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

**Send Good News, Great Joy in Jesus' Name**



To learn more, visit [samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ)



CENTENNIAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



# Women's Retreat

CAMP KALEO  
463 OLD ZEBULON RD  
FORSYTH, GA 31029

Nov 4-5

\$55 PER PERSON  
SPACE IS LIMITED  
SEND REGISTRATION TO  
PO BOX 210,  
THOMASTON, GA 30286

Guest Speaker  
RHONDA MORGAN,  
RED CLAY MINISTRIES



# FORWARD

NOT DONE YET

You are invited!

## Georgia Baptist Convention Annual Meeting

Join with other Georgia Baptists as we celebrate the **200th** anniversary of the Georgia Baptist Convention.  
Augusta•Nov 13-15• Warren Baptist Church

This year, the Preaching Conference and the Annual Meeting Sessions will be live streamed through the new streaming platform called ACTS2 which stands for **Authentically Christian, Theologically Sound**. It is designed by Georgia Baptists with Southern Baptists in mind.

Simply click above, sign up, and you'll have access to the Annual Meeting live stream, plus hundreds of documentaries, trainings, short films, and more.  
Sign up now by [CLICKING HERE](#)



**FREE EVENT!** ✨

# BEAUTY UNVEILED CROSSROADS

NOVEMBER 5, 2022  
GIRLS 6TH-12TH GRADE  
AT MOUNTAIN VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

MORE INFORMATION AT  
[BEAUTYUNVEILED.ONLINE](http://BEAUTYUNVEILED.ONLINE)

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## Serving Your Church's Vision for Gospel Impact

Is your church finance team following best practices? Join us at one of our **Church Financial Conferences in 2023 (CFC23)** to discover sustainable giving solutions for your church members, budgeting strategies to advance kingdom work, pastor compensation recommendations that demonstrate the value of pastoral ministry, and practical guidance on navigating financial and tax matters above reproach. Get your tickets at the early bird rate of \$15, which includes admissions, conference packet, dinner, and more. The price will increase on November 29th.



Georgia Baptist  
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# INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD

**IMB Missions College 2023** is a hands-on training event for pastors, church leaders, mission trip participants, and church members who are engaged in short-term, mid-term, and long-term missions or who are interested in partnering with IMB teams. IMB missionaries will be there to help you gain the knowledge and practice the skills you will need to effectively engage the lost in cross-cultural settings. The IMB Missions College program is designed to facilitate interaction and build relationships with IMB missionaries as well as other Southern Baptists who share a passion for missions.

**Mark your calendar.** There will be two opportunities to attend this training. Registration information for both events can be found at

[imb.org/events](http://imb.org/events)

### January 4-7, 2023

International Learning Center  
Richmond, Virginia  
Registration will begin October 3, 2022

### February 23-25, 2023

Gateway Seminary  
Ontario, CA (Los Angeles Campus)  
Registration for this event will begin in mid-October  
Questions? Email [info@imb.org](mailto:info@imb.org) or call (804) 353-1041.

### CBA Financials for August 2022

	Aug 22	Jan - Aug 22
Checking Interest	3.72	12.62
Antioch	879.04	5,594.17
Bethany	666.66	2,666.64
Beulah	273.00	2,062.00
Calvary	259.81	657.91
Clark's Chapel	100.00	1,000.00
Concord	0.00	1,050.00
Culloden	0.00	450.00
East Thomaston	344.69	2,551.89
Elkins Creek	0.00	0.00
Emory's Chapel	0.00	0.00
FBC Barnesville	3,322.08	12,936.96
FBC Forsyth	100.00	800.00
FBC of High Falls	0.00	3,339.58
FBC Thomaston	1,051.31	8,372.71
Fellowship	0.00	1,970.63
Garden Hill	0.00	225.00
Grace Community	0.00	0.00
GracePoint	0.00	0.00
Hendricks	100.00	200.00
Jeff Davis	25.00	175.00
King's Chapel	0.00	0.00
Macedonia	150.00	1,200.00
Maynard	850.12	6,406.93
Meansville	250.00	2,000.00
Milner	533.61	3,714.85
Mount Olive	1,606.50	12,450.10
Mountain View	1,851.00	15,094.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	400.00
Mt. Zion	0.00	40.00
Neal	50.00	550.00
New Bethel	50.00	400.00
New Harmony	0.00	253.96
New Hope Zebulon	357.30	2,932.34
Pritchett Memorial	210.00	1,515.95
Russellville	159.49	782.97
Shiloh Lamar	350.00	1,300.00
Shiloh Upson	50.00	400.00
Silvertown	127.64	1,125.17
The Rock	0.00	1,007.60
Trinity	300.00	2,400.00
Valley Grove	828.51	4,981.62
Yatesville	175.00	1,400.00
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	1,565.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>15,024.48</b>	<b>90,961.12</b>

Disbursements for August 2022	
Total Budgeted Expenditures	9,576.01
Designated Accounts Expenses	1,000.00
<b>Monthly Surplus/Shortfall</b>	<b>5,448.47</b>

**Opportunities & Church News** (Full job descriptions and other positions are listed [HERE](#))  
**Bethany** is seeking a **PT Children's Director**. For more information or to apply contact the church office at 478-974-0002.  
**Concord** is seeking a full-time **Minister to Students and Family**. Send resumes to [jeff.yearwood@fnf.com](mailto:jeff.yearwood@fnf.com)  
**FBC Forsyth** is seeking both an organist and pianist to play for their traditional service. Contact [jerryelder@fbcforsyth.com](mailto:jerryelder@fbcforsyth.com)  
**FBC Thomaston** is seeking a **full-time Pastor** with a masters degree from a seminary, 30-50 years old, and feels God leading him to consider a move. Send resume to [fbcpastorsearch.yahoo.com](mailto:fbcpastorsearch.yahoo.com)

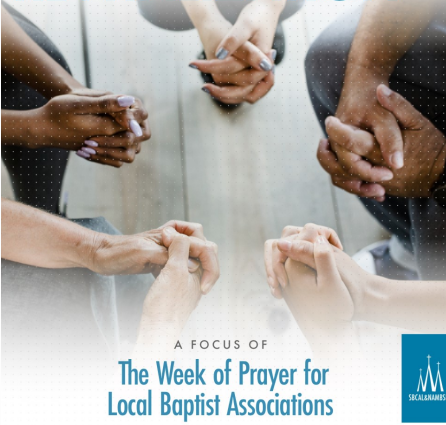
#### October 2022

16-23	Week of Prayer for Assoc. Missions	Every person. Every church.	All week
20	Upson Pike Roundtable	Gathering Grounds	10:00 AM
23	Centennial Annual Fall Meeting	Fellowship BC in Thomaston	5:00-8:00 PM
24-28	Centennial office closed		

#### November 2022

1	Steering Committee Meeting	The Rock Church	6:30 PM
7	Ministry Leaders Connection	TBA	12 Noon
13-15	Georgia Baptist Convention	Warren Baptist Church in Augusta, GA	
29	Monroe Lamar Roundtable	New Providence	10:00 AM

## DEVOTIONAL PRAYER GUIDES FOR CHURCH REVITALIZATION



**Have you ever taken an inventory of your prayers?** You probably pray for people who are sick, your church and its leaders, the lost, missionaries, and the grieving. You may pray that our society will improve. I have been a pastor for over fifty years and in most of the prayer meetings I have attended, these are the things that are usually shared. You should be praying for these things. You should pray for your own needs: your problems, desires, and family. Also include praise to God for who He is, thanks to Him for all He has done for you, and confession of your sins.

The Apostle Paul said in Ephesians 6:18 "... always keep on praying for all the saints." In the Bible a saint is not a super Christian but any Christian. Paul means our fellow believers. You pray for their material, physical, and emotional

needs. Yet many believers pray very little for their fellow believers' spiritual needs. There is seldom a prayer shared for fellow believers to grow in their faith, in Christlikeness, and in becoming effective disciples of the Lord Jesus.

### "What should we pray for our fellow believers?"

The Bible gives an answer. In this devotional guide you will find what Paul prayed for the members in some New Testament churches. In Philippians 4:9a Paul said, "Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice." Paul's prayers for his fellow believers provide a pattern for us as we pray for one another.

**Imagine the renewal your church will experience if such prayers are prayed and answered.**

(The rest of this prayer guide written by associational leaders across this country is available [HERE](#) or visit [www.centennialbaptistassociation.com/week-of-prayer](http://www.centennialbaptistassociation.com/week-of-prayer))

Please use this prayer guide to participate in

**Week of Prayer for Associational Missions • October 16-23**