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Abide

Equipping women for ministry

September 21st
Maynard Baptist Church
1195 Juliette Rd, Forsyth
Lunch provided
Doors open at 9:00 AM

Abide is an associational conference designed to equip women for ministry.

Join us in worship with the Young Adult Worship Team from FBC Barnesville. If you have attended Canopy, you know you are in for a treat!

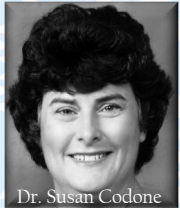
This year we have the honor of hearing from Dr. Susan Codone who spoke at the Southern Baptist Convention in Birmingham. Her testimony of sexual abuse suffered at the hands of Baptist ministers, horrified Southern Baptists and helped us reevaluate how we as a convention and autonomous churches should rightly handle sexual abuse.

We will also participate in a self defense class led by Mrs. Debbie Chambers from Jabbok Ministries.

The Laughmans will close out our day by facilitating a panel discussion on what it looks like to be a female in ministry.

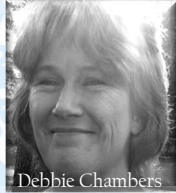
This **free** one day conference is designed to **engage** women in worship ...

... call women to be advocates for the sexually abused...



Dr. Susan Codone

... **equip** women in self defense...



Debbie Chambers

... and to explore what it means to serve the body of Christ well within a complementarian convention.



Steve & Marni Laughman



Thrive Young Adult Worship Team, FBC Barnesville

Call 706-647-4959 or email cbawomensministries@gmail.com for more information.

All are invited to the Preacher Swappin' People Hoppin' REVIVAL

Monday, September 9

Pastor Garth Forster preaches at
Antioch

Tuesday, September 10

Pastor Jeff Morgan preaches at
FBC Thomaston

Wednesday, September 11

Pastor Bill Barber preaches at
FBC Barnesville

Services begin at 6:30 PM each night.

Dinner will be served at 5:30 each night. RSVP soon by calling each church office. \$5 Steak dinner served Wednesday night.



**FOUR CHURCHES. FOUR NIGHTS. FOR THOMASTON. FOR JESUS CHRIST.
7PM EVERY NIGHT**



**9/22 at
Trinity
Pastor of
Macedonia**



**9/23 at East
Thomaston
Pastor of
Silvertown**



**9/24 at
Silvertown
Pastor of
Trinity**



**9/25 at
Macedonia
Pastor of
East
Thomaston**

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

Mrs. Marni Laughman- Ministry Assistant
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What's happening at The Rock?

This question has been asked over and over as people are noticing activity around The Rock Church building. The answer is that God is doing something at The Rock, and we get to be a part of it. The story will take more space than I have here, but I will do my best to hit the highlights.

Late last year the saints at The Rock contacted me asking for help. Our conversation did not begin or end with that one meeting. We have been talking for years about how churches in our association exist to glorify God by working together for His kingdom. To that end, I assured the members of The Rock that Centennial would help. My first step was to contact pastors who had expressed a desire to help hurting churches. The discussions began, and in May we all met together with Bob Bickford who was here to lead us at Elevate. The results of that meeting were some clear steps forward regarding what it looks like to replant a church.

The Rock suspended services and voted to allow a board of elders made up of pastors from Centennial to make day-to-day decisions. That included everything from cutting the grass to hiring a new pastor. I am extremely thankful for the courageous step these dear saints made in placing their faith in us and in the Lord to guide us. They have entrusted us with their history and their future, and we do not take that lightly.

In June the Lord sent us a team of 45 people from North Highlands Baptist Church (Hueytown, Alabama) to help renovate the church. The following week, the students at EQUIP Missions painted, cleaned, and installed carpet. We are still working on getting the work done, but it has been a blessing to see God pull people together.



A Word from your
Mission Strategist,
Steve Laughman

As you read in the last newsletter Wesley Lassiter is the new pastor of The Rock Church. Marty Gilow will lead worship. Some of our churches have committed to sending members and funds to support this work. The Georgia Baptist Mission Board is also partnering with us to provide some funding. The core group comprised of the existing church members and some new families will begin meeting this week. We plan to begin worshipping together in September, with a goal to launch in January.

Although we probably won't have everything quite ready for the public, we have made plans for The Rock Church to host our CBA Annual Fall Meeting on October 22. Come and hear more of this story and see how your church can pray with us. The Fall Meeting is always a great time to hear how God has worked through the churches of the Centennial Association. As always, let us know how we can be a part of what God is doing in your church.

Annual Fall Meeting

Centennial Baptist Association

October 22

The Rock Church, The Rock, GA

4:30 Christmas Backpack Collection

5:00 Dinner

6:00 Business Meeting & Worship

CHRISTMAS
BACKPACKS 450
FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS



OUR GOAL:

Centennial churches will partner once again with Bethel Association in south GA to supply backpacks for lower income families. Collection day is October 22nd at the Annual Fall meeting. Make plans to participate!

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

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

**September 9
&
October 14**
12 Noon
All ministers are invited.

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

Don't forget that **Executive Committee** is **September 5th** at
New Harmony, 163 New Harmony Church Rd, Thomaston 6:30 PM.
Please make every effort to attend.

Membership: "The Executive committee shall be composed of the pastor of each church, one lay member from each church elected by the church, the Moderator, the Vice Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer of the Association, the Parliamentarian, members of the Steering Committee, all Directors and Committee Chairmen, Associational Missionary, and all full-time staff of member churches."

Saturday, November 16

SERVE

A leadership workshop for Pastors, Staff, Deacons, and
Spouses sponsored by the Centennial Baptist Association.
More info to come. Save the Date!

Your Outreach Trailer is **FULLY STOCKED** and your Mission Strategist has
been like a kid on Christmas morning! The Reservation Request page is ready to be filled in
with your church's ministry dates. Simply visit
www.centennialbaptistassociation.com/outreachtrailer
to check the availability of this excellent resource.

Not computer savvy?? No problem. Simply call the office and we
will be happy to take it from there.

We pray this first phase of equipment will be an incredible resource for your churches to
engage the lost in your community.

Click [here](#) if you, your church, Sunday school class, or family would like to contribute online.
All other donations can be sent directly to the PO BOX.



Launch date is **NOW!**

This resource is filled with:
*Inflatable Bounce house *Sno-cone machine *Popcorn machine *Generator
*Tents *Outdoor Games *Sports equipment *Sound equipment *Drink coolers *Table and everything necessary to use and clean all of the above.

We accomplish more when we
cooperate together.

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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/hpcbanquet2019>.



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

Income for July 2019

	July 19	Jan19 – Jul19
Checking Interest	8.00	53.64
Antioch	880.13	5,194.20
Bethany	291.67	2,291.67
Beulah	188.00	1,250.00
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Clark's Chapel	100.00	700.00
Concord	200.00	700.00
Culloden	0.00	300.00
East Thomaston	347.62	2,370.29
Elkins Creek	0.00	0.00
Emory's Chapel	0.00	0.00
FBC Barnesville	1,352.54	14,444.43
FBC Forsyth	0.00	0.00
FBC Thomaston	1,003.01	6,503.18
Fellowship	50.00	1,421.31
Garden Hill	75.00	75.00
GracePoint	50.00	350.00
Hendricks	0.00	0.00
Jeff Davis	25.00	200.00
King's Chapel	0.00	0.00
Macedonia	150.00	750.00
Maynard	876.81	5,587.15
Meansville	250.00	1,750.00
Milner	485.04	3,483.51
Molena	0.00	0.00
Mount Olive	1,333.70	8,838.94
Mountain View	1,866.00	14,129.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	0.00
Mt. Zion	74.00	295.00
Neal	50.00	400.00
New Bethel	50.00	350.00
New Harmony	36.41	295.07
New Hope Thomaston	0.00	400.00
New Hope Zebulon	361.08	1,205.69
Pine View	0.00	0.00
Pritchett Memorial	0.00	220.93
Russellville	86.85	683.86
Shiloh Lamar	240.00	1,227.00
Shiloh Upson	50.00	350.00
Silvertown	0.00	0.00
The Rock	0.00	128.34
Trinity	300.00	2,100.00
Valley Grove	784.07	6,134.67
Yatesville	200.00	800.00
Total Church Receipts	11,756.93	84,929.26

Disbursements for July 2019

Administrative Expenses	2,743.25
Associational Programs	59.01
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00
Organizational Expenses	0.00
Pastorium Maintenance	95.00
Salaries and Allowances	7,069.26
Total Budgeted Expenditures	9,966.52
Designated Accounts Expenses	5,034.12
Monthly Surplus/Shortfall	1,790.41

Opportunities & Church News

Molena is seeking *volunteers to serve in Music and Youth ministries*. Contact Pastor Terry Murphey at 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.

Antioch will be having an *ordination service* September 15th during the AM worship service for Jeremy Bulles. All are encouraged to attend.

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

Rock Springs will be hosting Johnny Hunt, now employed by NAMB, on September 15th @ 5PM. All are invited to attend. Details found [HERE](#).

New Harmony is having Homecoming September 22nd at 11 AM. All are invited to attend.

Milner is seeking a full-time pastor. Candidates must be a man called of God according to 1 Timothy 3:1-7, ordained in a Baptist church, and support the SBC, GBC, CBA, & willing to relocate. Pastor Profiles/Resumes will be accepted through September 15, 2019 and should be emailed to milnerpastorsearch@gmail.com.

September 2019

5	Executive Committee Meeting	New Harmony	6:30 PM
9	Ministers Meeting	Garden Patch	12:00 PM
21	Abide Women's Equipping Conf.	Maynard	9:00 AM
24	Upson/Pike Roundtable	Gathering Grounds	10:00 AM
29	Mission Team Meeting	Slices, Thomaston	12:15 PM

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

Shepherd Stories

Ricky and Susan Niblett serve at Shiloh Baptist Church in Lamar County. Steve and I have had the privilege of getting to know these two beautiful humans and we absolutely adore them both. Pastor Ricky is an incredibly intelligent man and a financial executive for a rock quarry company. Steve recently had a conversation with another bi-vocational pastor that does not ever see himself called to full time pastoring. Steve mentioned to me that Ricky models that very well. Do not mistake that to mean that Ricky isn't called to pastoral ministry and shepherding. He most certainly is called to do both AND is called to full time financial work. He sees his dual giftedness as God equipping him to cultivate relationships with people that do not consider church life their home. Believe it or not, many full time pastors struggle with this. When you are employed at and minister in the local church full time, that leaves little time to build relationships outside of 'Christian circles'. Evangelizing the lost is just as much of an intentional lifestyle for pastors as it is for lay people. So next time you see one of your church's pastoral staff out of the

office during regular business hours, pray for him to encounter the very thing he has probably also prayed to encounter... the lost. Ricky's wife, Susan, is an incredible woman of God. She is usually busy serving behind



Pastor Ricky & Mrs. Susan Niblett

counters, closed doors, and in the background. I do not know her to be one to insert herself into conversations or to be one to assume leadership in a small group. Her meek approach is endearing. I pray for her often. These two are another beautiful example of faithfulness and integrity in this Centennial Association. Pastor Ricky currently serves on our Budget and Finance Committee and Mrs. Susan has served alongside her faithful church as they have hosted numerous events for Centennial. The Minister and Wives Christmas get together will be hosted for the second year in a row in Shiloh's amazing fellowship hall. If you love a wood burning fireplace, you will love this space! Make sure your ministers and their wives attend!!

Marni Laughman
Your Associational Ministry Assistant