

EQUIP TO STAND

Student Discipleship Event

September 25

8:30 AM-4:30 PM

Mount Olive Baptist Church

\$20 per student

[centennialbaptistassociation.com/
equip2021](http://centennialbaptistassociation.com/equip2021)



Tattoos are not included.



We are excited to announce that our speaker for EQUIP2021 will be Brooke Lovingood. Brooke and her husband, Tyler, live in Athens, GA, where she serves as a Youth Associate at Watkinsville First Baptist Church. She is a graduate of the University of Georgia (GODAWGS!) and is working

on her Masters in Christian Studies from Southeastern Seminary. Brooke is passionate about helping students understand and own their faith in Jesus. Her joy and enthusiasm for God's Word is contagious. We know your students are going to love her.

Centennial
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ANNUAL FALL MEETING

OCTOBER 19, 2021

The evening meal will begin
at 5:30 followed by
business and worship.

Location:

Maynard Baptist Church

1195 Juliette Road

Forsyth, GA

As a whole, CBA will not be collecting Christmas Backpacks this year. If you or your church still want to participate, please contact the office for assistance.

A Word from Your Mission Strategist,

Steve Laughman

You are not alone.

As I speak with pastors and other ministry leaders both here in our association and throughout the state, there seems to be a growing frustration and sense of isolation. The past 18 months have challenged us in far reaching ways. Despite the hope that we would be past all of this by now, we are finding ourselves having to make hard decisions once again. Logistically we are better prepared now than we were at the onset of the pandemic, but that does not relieve the discouragement that comes from having to shut down aspects of our ministry that were just getting started again.

Of course, the human toll this has taken is the hardest part. We have all lost friends or family members. Our churches have lost leaders, Sunday School teachers, and even pastors. People who played vital roles in the life of our churches are no longer here, and we are feeling that impact. The challenges of pastoral care when we are not able to visit our folks weigh heavy on us. The struggle is real, and it has drained us.

But be encouraged. Hasn't the Church faced bigger problems in the past? Didn't Paul write that God's grace is sufficient? Aren't there believers in other countries facing persecutions that far outweigh any struggle we have? Doesn't God prove His faithfulness daily to us in

the midst of our pain? I am reminded that any trial I face is an opportunity for me to grow in grace. When I realize my own limitations, I more clearly see how limitless God's power is. If I have learned nothing else, I have learned how very dependent we are on God each and every day. It is in that reliance on Him that we are most effective.

Brothers and Sisters, please hear my heart. I do not wish to belittle your struggle in any way. Some of you have gone through so much more than I have, and I grieve with you. I simply want to offer hope. When you feel alone, know that you are not. You have so many around you who care about you and what you are facing. You have a Father in heaven who is fully aware of your situation. You are loved, and your prayers are heard. As we walk this road together, I pray we will learn what God is teaching us, and we will be stronger, more faithful followers of Jesus.



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Sunday School Directors Summit

FBC Barnesville
6:00 PM –8:00 PM
September 30

Facilitated by:
Matthew Gibbs,
Discipleship GBMB
East Central Region



PREACHING/TEACHING LAB

FALL 2021
SECOND SEMESTER



Registration, syllabus, and other information are available now at the link below.

www.centennialbaptistassociation.com/preachingteaching-lab

Fall Semester - Delivering the Message
October 16....."Proclaiming Christ"
To Be Determined..."Hearing the Message"
December 11.....Delivery Practicum

- Each class includes general & individual sessions for both the preaching and teaching track, and a Q&A panel discussion.
- All sessions take place at The Rock Church. Depending on how many participants complete both semesters, the Delivery Practicum may be held in multiple locations.
- There is no cost to participate; however, there will be an optional, suggested reading list.
- The Preaching/Teaching Lab is open to **anyone** who desires to be better at proclaiming the Word of God whether it be in the pulpit, the classroom, or in your home. **Let me repeat that: the lab is not limited to just pastors!** This is a resource for any **man or woman** who wants to be better equipped to share God's Word.

Register at

www.centennialbaptistassociation.com/ptlab

Pastor Roundtables

**UPSON-PIKE
ROUNDTABLE
OCT 7TH. 10 AM
GATHERING GROUNDS**

**WHERE
IRON
SHARPENS
IRON**

**VIRTUAL
ROUNDTABLE
OCT 7TH. 8 PM
GoToMeeting code
CBARoundtable**

**MONROE-LAMAR
ROUNDTABLE
OCT 26TH. 10 AM
NEW PROVIDENCE BC**



ANNUAL CHURCH REPORT

You may recognize this logo if you have ever completed the **Annual Church Report (ACR)**. It is that time of year when you as a church get to **brag just a bit about what God has been doing in your local congregation**. The wide-range of information this report includes helps the state and national conventions **project the trajectory of ministry and missions for our entities**. You can imagine how important accurate and comprehensive reporting should be if we as a convention are going to **strategy plan** based on the information gained from this report. Such information includes things like church **attendance** both in person and virtual, the number of people **baptized** in every age group, **VBS** total enrollment for attendees and volunteers, how many individuals went on **mission trips** both foreign and domestic, total undesignated **contributions** given and **gifts** to local associational work, total number of people participating in **discipleship** and **women's ministries** and so much more.

Please make sure to do your part and help church leadership to fill this report out accurately and return it by **November 15th**. You may contact the office for help. The link to the report is below:

<https://gabaptist.egnyte.com/fl/Bj7mUBbtRs>

We say this all the time, but this is an example of how **we are stronger** together on a global scale.

One Day Health Care Summit
For pastors, ministerial staff and their spouses

DO YOU KNOW YOUR RISK FACTORS?
To register go to www.gabaptist.org/health-summit

Georgia Baptist
PASTOR WELLNESS

One Day Health Care Summit

This event offers a variety of valuable healthcare including dental services and a mobile Angio Screening.

\$50 per person.

For additional information call 770-936-5362.

September 23

FBC Cartersville • 241 Douthit Ferry Road • Cartersville

CONNECTING YOU TO RESOURCES.

Special Guest:
Rolando Castro
Church Planting Network consultant

Read more about Rolando [here](#).

Ministry Leadership CONNECTION

Oink Joint, Zebulon
September 20th @ Noon

All are invited
to attend this virtual meeting.

The **Ministry Leadership Connection** is designed for all people in the local church not just those who are on staff.

Please join us this month as **Rolando Castro** will share how church planting is vital to the health of the body of Christ.

"We understand from a biblical and practical perspective, that the only way of experiencing a church multiplication movement in Georgia is by focusing our efforts and resources on our established churches," Castro said. "They are the ones called by God to raise and train leaders who will become the future ministers in their own congregations, but also church planters, international missionaries and pastors to other churches."

If you walk into the Oink Joint with Steve, it is quite possible that he will pay for your lunch :) You're welcome.

"Arise, Go!"
Women's Conference

Jonah's Heart: Our Mess, God's Mercy

A weekend of worship & an answer to God's call

FRIDAY
Registration/Dinner: 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Worship service: 6:30pm - 7:30pm

SATURDAY
Registration/Breakfast: 9:15am - 10am
Morning Worship Service: 10am - 11am
Breakout Sessions A & B: 11am - 12:15pm
Lunch and Presentation: 12:15pm - 1:00pm
Afternoon Worship Service: 1:00pm - 2:05pm

October 22nd and 23rd, 2021
Free Admission - Bring a friend!

RSVP your headcount on the "Arise, Go!" Facebook event page OR contact Maynard Baptist Church: 478-994-2120 / Office@MaynardBC.com

Music Leader: Becca Martin
Speaker: Julie Rogers

Income for July 2021

	July 2021	YTD 2021
Checking Interest	7.86	50.92
Antioch	1,446.57	6,021.27
Bethany	999.99	1,999.98
Beulah	275.00	1,428.00
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Clark's Chapel	100.00	700.00
Concord	200.00	800.00
Culloden	150.00	450.00
East Thomaston	293.13	2,243.11
Elkins Creek	0.00	0.00
Emory's Chapel	0.00	0.00
FBC Barnesville	0.00	3,040.32
FBC Forsyth	100.00	700.00
FBC Thomaston	787.88	6,385.04
Fellowship	0.00	0.00
Garden Hill	75.00	525.00
Grace Community	0.00	0.00
GracePoint	0.00	0.00
Hendricks	0.00	0.00
Jeff Davis	25.00	150.00
King's Chapel	0.00	0.00
Macedonia	150.00	1,050.00
Maynard	802.89	6,199.45
Meansville	250.00	1,750.00
Milner	415.59	3,627.23
Mount Olive	2,819.85	11,077.58
Mountain View	2,410.00	15,257.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	300.00
Mt. Zion	0.00	113.00
Neal	50.00	350.00
New Bethel	50.00	350.00
New Harmony	66.84	371.75
New Hope Zebulon	238.10	2,186.78
Pritchett Memorial	241.00	1,327.00
Russellville	160.55	637.27
Shiloh Lamar	0.00	1,090.00
Shiloh Upson	50.00	350.00
Silvertown	104.14	965.21
The Rock	0.00	783.92
Trinity	300.00	2,100.00
Valley Grove	0.00	2,970.04
Yatesville	175.00	1,225.00
Total Receipts	12,744.39	78,574.87

Disbursements for July 2021	
Total Budgeted Expenditures	12,795.03
Designated Accounts Expenses	24.74
Monthly Surplus/Shortfall	50.64

Opportunities & Church News

Shiloh Upson seeks a **PT Music Director**. Send resumes to shilohbaptist1@windstream.net.
Bethany is seeking a **PT Children's Director**. For more information or to apply contact the church office at 478-974-0002.

September 2021

7	Virtual Executive Committee	GoToMeeting	6:30 PM
20	Ministry Leaders Connection	Oink Joint, Zebulon	12:00 Noon
25	EQUIP2021	Mount Olive	8:30 AM
30	Sunday School Directors Summit	FBC Barnesville	6:00 PM

October 2021

7	Upson-Pike Roundtable	Gathering Grounds	10:00 AM
7	Virtual Roundtable	GoToMeeting	8:00 PM
16	Preaching/Teaching Lab	The Rock	8:30-11:30 AM
19	Annual Fall Meeting	Maynard	5:00 PM
26	Monroe-Lamar Roundtable	New Providence BC	10:00 AM

Shepherd Stories

Mountain View Baptist Church just celebrated a six month anniversary with Ryan Christopher serving as their new Senior Pastor. Ryan served as Associate Pastor under the leadership and ministry of former Senior Pastor, Rex King, who retired in February of this year. The church felt confident to call Ryan to serve as Senior Pastor since he had served Mountain View faithfully for six years. Ryan is a man of God that unapologetically preaches the Word.



I got to witness his love for kingdom work when The Rock Church in The Rock was preparing for a restart in the summer of 2019. Ryan Christopher serves on the external Board of Elders for The Rock and was charged with overseeing renovations of the building. It was then that I learned that Pastor Ryan wakes around 4 AM each morning. If I am not mistaken, that's before the sun rises, right? I have so much respect for someone who has been up for 8 hours by noon! But I digress.

During the renovations, Ryan and Steve

were in frequent communication scheduling all the work that had to be done. I remembered feeling honored to have witnessed the work of God being done by the people of God to the glory of God all on His time table. It was beautiful.

Since Steve and I chose to be a part of the restart at The Rock, I have not been to a service at Mountain View since Ryan became Senior Pastor. However, I am confident the Word is preached with the same high energy and passion Mountain View is accustomed to.

If you get the chance, pray for the ministries of Mountain View. They are farther reaching than many realize, and they have always supported the work of this association of churches. This body of believers is always willing to help when asked.

I wanted to wish Ryan and Amy a very happy 26th wedding anniversary and 6 month anniversary serving MVBC!

Your Associational Ministry Assistant,
 Marni Laughman