

Networking churches to make disciples

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135th Annual Fall Meeting October 23, 2018

Yatesville Baptist Church

59 College St, Yatesville, GA

Business meeting at 4:30 PM

Dinner served after the business meeting

Worship at 6:45 PM

Message given by Rev. Dean Hemphill, Clark's Chapel

Collection of Christmas Backpacks for

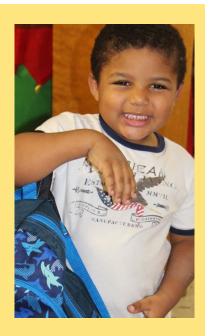
Bethel Association beginning at 4:30

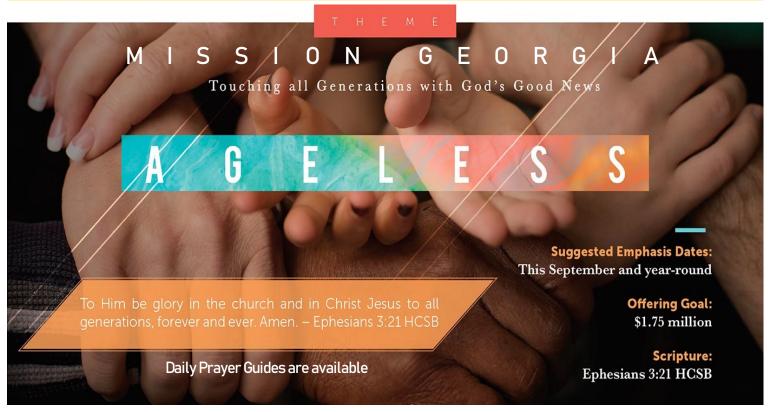
For details, visit

www.centennialbaptistassociation.com/christmasbackpacks/

*Please include school supplies in each backpack.
The Christmas Stories that should also be included can be picked up at the CBA office.

Our Goal: 500 backpacks





Rev. Steve Laughman- Associational Missionary Rev. Bill Barber- Moderator

Rev. Joey Smith- Vice Moderator

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A Word from Your Mission Strategist, Steve Laughman

What's in a name? In case you haven't heard, the Steering Committee of the Centennial Baptist Association voted to adopt the recommendation from the Southern Baptist Conference of Associational Leaders that my title be changed to Associational Mission Strategist. The new title better reflects what associational leaders like me actually do. Rather than serve as a missionary to our churches (who presumably already know Jesus), I work to help our churches strategically impact their communities and make disciples.

This is the time of year when we begin to look forward to our Annual Fall Meeting where we will celebrate what God has done so far this year and will present some plans for 2019. In preparation for the Fall Meeting, here are a few things you can do:

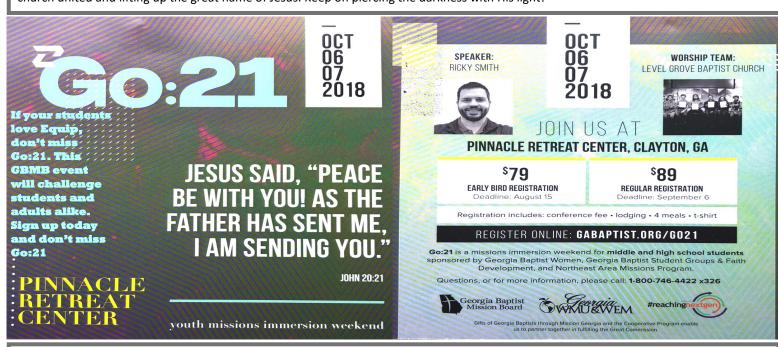
Be willing to serve. The Nominating Committee will be calling on some of you to serve in various capacities next year. Thank you in advance for using your gifts for the association.

Be willing to host. Every year we ask churches to host meetings throughout the year. Next year could be your year to host a women's event, Quarterly Fellowship Lunch, or annual meeting.

Attend the Executive Committee meeting at Neal Baptist Church on September 6. In order to streamline the business portion of the Fall Meeting, we handle some of our business at the Executive Committee meeting. If you are a member of the Executive Committee, please attend.

Last month we kicked off a new and exciting ministry for music ministers. We all know how important music is to corporate worship in our churches. We held our first **Music Ministers Roundtable** in August, and, like our Pastor Roundtables, it was a great time of encouragement. We plan to begin an additional Roundtable specifically for our music leaders who are unable to attend during the day. The first Bivocational Music Ministers Roundtable will be held Tuesday, September 11, 6:30 PM at Mountain View. Check the calendar each month for future meetings. Both Roundtables are open to anyone serving in music ministry.

I am so thankful that our God loves variety. No matter what your passion, your personality, or your gifts, He has a place for you in the body of Christ. Every church has the ability to reach people no other church will reach. We need one another and the world needs to see a church united and lifting up the great name of Jesus. Keep on piercing the darkness with His light!





Centennial has a vision for an Outreach Trailer. This resource will be filled with inflatables, block party games, popcorn machine, and more. We pray it will be an incredible resource for your church to use as a tool to engage the lost in your community.

Will you join with us as we pray for wisdom to move forward?

If you, your church, Sunday school class, or family would like to financially contribute, send donations to the CBA office designated as "Outreach Equipment".





ALL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE...

Mark your calendars for September 6th. We will meet at Neal Baptist Church at 6:30 PM for a working dinner meeting. Neal is located at 5517 HWY 18W, Concord. (About 2.8 miles North of the caution light in Molena.)

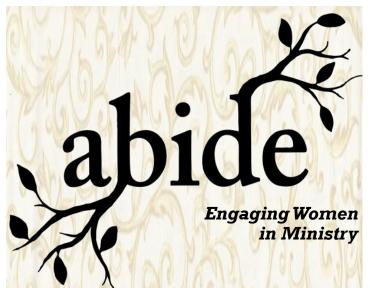
Membership: "The Executive committee shall be composed of the pastor of each church, one lay member from each church elected by the church, the Moderator, the Vice Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer of the Association, the Parliamentarian, members of the Steering Committee, all Directors and Committee Chairmen,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





GG Challenge

How are YOU doing reaching your personal goal for gospel conversations in 2018?
Be intentional. Be the church.
Cause ain't nobody else gonna do it!
https://gcchallenge.com/



Saturday, September 22, 8:30 AM-1 PM Molena Baptist Church 2526 Main Street Molena GA 30258



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Breakout Leaders



Cara Grobbelaar, BCM Gordon State Julie Rogers, Maynard, Prayer Raquel Russell, New Choices Christie Guy, New Choices Nancy Riner, Another Alternative

Get inspired to live out the Great Commission in your Jerusalem.

\$3 Early Registration deadline 9/10 \$5 Late Registration deadline 9/17 RSVP for lunch by 9/17 to cbawomensministries@gmail.com

OUR VISION:

By 2020, CBA will be a unified yet diverse network of equipped churches moving in a strategic missional direction.

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_	July 18	Jan18 – July18
Checking Interest	6.50	43.46
Antioch	773.38	4,695.08
Bethany	250.00	2,000.00
Beulah	216.00	1,606.00
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Clark's Chapel	100.00	700.00
Concord	0.00	1,200.00
Culloden	0.00	300.00
East Thomaston	362.57	2,463.19
Elkins Creek	0.00	0.00
Emory's Chapel	0.00	0.00
FBC Barnesville	1,116.24	11,011.17
FBC Forsyth	0.00	0.00
FBC Thomaston	773.05	6,132.67
Fellowship	494.96	4,102.02
Garden Hill	0.00	0.00
GracePoint	100.00	150.00
Hendricks	0.00	0.00
Jeff Davis	25.00	175.00
King's Chapel	0.00	100.00
Macedonia	0.00	0.00
Maynard	534.44	4,004.58
Meansville	241.66	1,691.62
Milner	438.09	3,115.79
Molena	0.00	0.00
Mount Olive	901.63	7,629.85
Mountain View	1,465.00	12,817.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00	300.00
Mt. Zion	0.00	509.00
Neal	50.00	400.00
New Bethel	50.00	350.00
New Harmony	39.98	238.86
New Hope Thomaston	0.00	163.08
New Hope Zebulon	333.66	1,146.97
Pine View	0.00	300.00
Pritchett Memorial	0.00	469.76
Russellville	56.59	380.30
Shiloh Upson	50.00	350.00
Shiloh Lamar	0.00	1,202.00
Silvertown	156.37	1,274.70
The Rock	23.30	174.40
Trinity	300.00	2,100.00
Valley Grove	613.48	3,282.42
Yatesville	200.00	800.00
Total Church Receipts	9,665.40	77,335.46
Disbursements for J	July 2018	
Administrative Expenses Associational Programs		2,447.80 0.00
Miscellaneous Expenses		0.00
Organizational Expenses Pastorium Maintenance		0.00 943.77
Salaries and Allowances		6,902.04
Total Budgeted Expenditures	-	10,293.61
Designated Accounts Expenses Monthly Surplus/Shortfall	•	508.00 (628.21)
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Opportunities & Church News

New Hope is seeking a *pianist*. If you are interested in applying, please email your resume to newhopebaptist1@windstream.net

Silvertown is searching for an *Associate Pastor of Music*. This bi-vocational position requiring approximately 12-16 hours per week. Visit www.silvertownbc.com/staffneeds for details and application instructions.

FBC Barnesville is seeking a full-time Children's Minister (Preschool-5th) with adequate theological education and/or experience. Please send resumes to First Baptist Church, 200 Zebulon St., Barnesville, GA 30204 (Attention: Pastor) or email them to fbcpastor@fbcbarnesville.com. Receiving resumes through September 15, 2018.

Molena is seeking volunteers to serve in music and youth ministries. Contact Pastor Terry Murphey at murpheyc1@bellsouth.net

Calendar of Events

Septe	ember 2018		
6	Executive Committee	Neal	6:30-8 PM
10	Ministers Meeting	Garden Patch	12 Noon
	SS Mentoring Session #2	FBC Thomaston	6:30 PM
11	Bi-Vo Music Min Roundtable	Mountain View	6:30 PM
22	Abide Women's Conference	Molena	8:30 AM-1 PM
27	Upson Pike Roundtable	Gathering Grounds	10 AM
Octol	per 2018		
2	Music Ministers Roundtable	Fellowship	10:00 AM
8	Ministers Meeting	Garden Patch	12 Noon
	SS Mentoring Session #3	Trinity	6:30 PM
9	Monroe Roundtable	New Providence	2:00 PM
23	CBA Annual Fall Business Mtg	Yatesville	4:30 PM
	Christmas Backpack Collection	Yatesville	4:30 PM
	Fall Mtg Dinner & Worship	Yatesville	6:00-8 PM
24	Christmas Backpack Delivery	Bethel Association	8:00 AM

Shepherd Stories

Aren't they just the cutest?! John Wesley Long and his bride, Lindsay, are one of the youngest pastor and wife teams that serve in Centennial. Do not let their age fool you. These two are very much a package deal and are always about the ministries of Yatesville Baptist Church in Yatesville. John Wesley is a very tall man, not that it's hard to be tall around me, but is one of the shortest men in his family. He serves as the Chairman of the Steering Committee for the association and holds fast to the inerrancy of Scripture. He loves studying about creation and how the pieces of science fit into and make up our history according to Scripture. His thirst for knowledge is real and genuine. He is always willing to open their historic building to host events and



meetings. I have learned that Thursdays are not the best nights for them to host, though. It will get in the way of their bread ministry and trivia night with friends:) Yatesville Baptist Church will be hosting our Fall meeting in October of this year, so if you haven't already taken the time to admire the architecture of this church, you need to. Most modern structures do not have the same character that adorns their facility. It is obvious this couple loves the Lord and are called to His service above all else. I have spent countless hours across the table from John Wesley, and his humble approach to ministry is something that usually takes years of ministry bumps and bruises to attain. This character is something more often found in seasoned Shepherds. He is quick to listen and slow to speak (something I personally lack). Lindsay is soft spoken yet has a mind of her own. These are just a few of the reasons I cherish every minute I get to spend with them.