

# MERCER-THOMAS BAPTIST NETWORK

## TCBA Office Holiday Hours

*Office will be closed  
December 20 - December 31.  
Office will reopen January 3, 2022*

## Community Thanksgiving Service

**Tuesday, November 23, 7pm  
Antioch Baptist Church**

Join with Antioch, Salem, & Pavo Baptist churches as well as Pavo Methodist for a community-wide Thanksgiving worship service. Rev. Olen Cain will be leading the service and music will be provided by Salem. This service is open to the community.

DNow 2022

# RELENTLESS

*pursuing Christ at all costs*

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**Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

**Merry Christmas! Please allow me to encourage you to be more intentional and focused in celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ than ever! Much of the world around us wants the holiday with its array of trappings, expressions, and activities, but without the person of Jesus Christ. Let us who are Christ followers lift up and exalt the name of Jesus Christ. Let us live and worship because of the unspeakable gift we have received through the person and work of Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord.**

**As we celebrate and worship, how might we express to others the love we have received from Jesus Christ? There is no shortage of opportunities and needs. Thank you to all who have participated or are participating in the Christmas Backpacks, Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes, distribution of food and other needed items, serving another in Jesus' name, and more. Please keep responding to the conviction of the Holy Spirit to express to others the love of Jesus Christ in simple, tangible ways for Christ's sake.**

**Many of our churches will have worship services and other gatherings designed to celebrate and worship the Lord during the Christmas season. Pray for these to accomplish God's will on earth as in heaven. Invite people to participate with you in one or more of these, both through your own church as well as others. Look for ways to point people to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Ask God to help your family and you choose obedience to his will similar to the main characters in the Christmas story.**

**This world seems more challenging than ever. How grateful I am that the Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever (cf. Hebrews 13:8)!**

**Thank you for the joy and privilege of serving with you in southwest Georgia! I pray that you have a most fulfilling, memorable, and Christ-honoring Christmas!**

**Celebrating Jesus Christ,  
Grant Hignight**

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Evangelizing the World  
Jim Pitt  
Pastor, Morven Baptist Church

In Acts 1:8 we read where Jesus told His disciples, "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Many Christians wonder about how to be a witness "to the end of the earth." Well here in South Georgia we don't have to travel to the other side of the world to be a witness for Jesus Christ, because the world comes to South Georgia each year at the Sunbelt Ag Expo held in Moultrie, GA. For over 40 years the Sunbelt Ag Expo, known as "North America's Premiere Farm Show," draws tens of thousands of visitors. The Expo showcases over 1,000 vendors each year and one that has made a consistent appearance each year since 1999 is the Georgia Baptist Evangelism Tent.

Each year Georgia Baptists from the Mercer, Thomas County, Colquitt County, and Grady County Baptist Associations join together at the Georgia Baptist Evangelism Tent to share the love of Jesus through face painting, balloon making, sharing the gospel through FAITH bracelets, free popcorn, free ice water, free literature, friendly conversation, and a comfort station for moms and babies. In addition there is information about local hunting and fishing ministries, as well as, other Georgia Baptist ministries. Many visitors stop by the Georgia Baptist Evangelism Tent each year to take advantage of the free stuff, some stop by just see what's inside the tent, some stop by not knowing why, and some leave having found a new life in Jesus Christ.

For the past several years I have had the opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ through the **FAITH** bracelets. Through the use of a string and six beads (black, red, white, blue, green, and yellow) we can share the gospel and encourage people to follow Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Each year I have met people from all over the United States as well as from many countries.

This year I had the opportunity to meet and share the gospel to people, young and old, from Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Tennessee, Texas, and a couple of ladies from China. Though many of the people I made **FAITH** bracelets for proclaim their belief in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, it is always a thrill to encourage others to share the story of Jesus through the bracelets they are wearing. The Green bead reminds us of grass which grows and one of the ways Christians grow is by sharing their faith in Jesus Christ. And even though I didn't have the opportunity to personally witness someone come to faith in Jesus Christ at this year's Expo, I was able to share and to pray with several in the hope that the seeds planted will produce everlasting fruit.

**Want to be a witness to the world without leaving South Georgia? Then make plans to join with us at the next Sunbelt Ag Expo in October 2022.**

(Expo pictures on following page)



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Pastor Jim Pitt at the  
FAITH bracelets table at EXPO

# EXPO 2021



The kids love face painting in the GA  
Baptist Evangelism Tent at EXPO.



Rev. Grant Hignight  
sharing at EXPO



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## Evergreen Holds First Manna Drop

Evergreen Baptist, held it's first Manna Drop on November 13th. It was a great day for our Church not only did we supply food to 39 families, we had 20 of Evergreen's Church Family turn out to help. Evergreen not only give away food that day, we also gave away the Love of Jesus as we ministered to the people that showed up. I believe that our Church was the winner that day, the fellowship, the unity, and our service for Jesus was priceless, I truly believe the cost of the Manna Drop was the best money we have spent, that touched so many people for our Lord.

I mentioned that 20 of Evergreen's Family showed up to help, another good thing was that those 20 Christian servants, ranged in age from 12 years old to 90 years old. How can you put a value on that? This was our first Manna Drop, but I do not think it will be our last. As a Church we have been searching for ways to reach the community, this was a great start. When I look back on our Manna Drop I think of Jesus's words found in Matthew, Chapter 25 verses 35-40, you can read those, but I want us to think on verse 40 it says:

**AND THE KING SHALL ANSWER AND SAY UNTO THEM, VERILY I SAY UNTO YOU, INASMUCH AS YE HAVE DONE IT UNTO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE MY BRETHREN, YE HAVE DONE IT UNTO ME.**

IN JESUS NAME  
ROY LITTLE  
PASTOR EVERGREEN  
BAPTIST CHURCH



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## Hey Churches!!

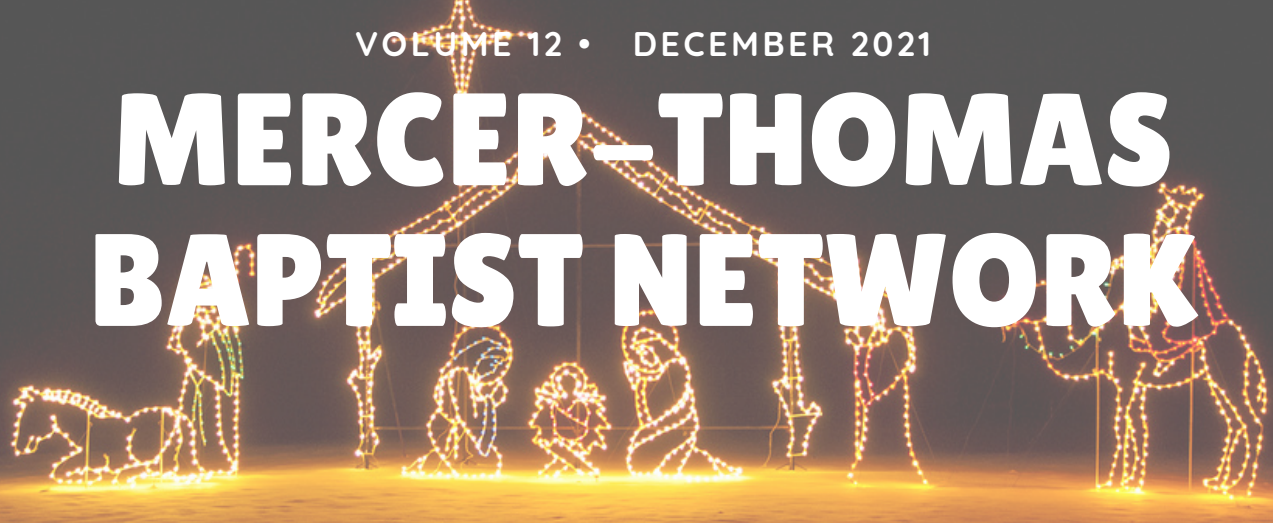


We want to hear from  
you! Share your events,  
your celebrations,  
your needs so we can  
include in our monthly  
newsletters!

Email Robin at [rowens@thomascountybaptist.org](mailto:rowens@thomascountybaptist.org)



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## **MBA CHURCHES UNITE FOR COMMUNITY TRUNK N' TREAT**

For many, Halloween is a night filled with frightful things. Well, this past Halloween night the Morven community decided to overcome the frightful things with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Members of Morrison, Morven, Pauline, and Philadelphia Baptist Churches joined together for a night of fun, fellowship, and evangelism through their Trunk n' Treat event at Lawson's Peach Shed in Morven. With 20 Bible themed trunks, four game stations, a mini-train ride, face painting, free hot dogs, free peach ice cream, two North Brooks VFD fire trucks, loads (I mean loads) of candy, and help from Morven Police Dept. and guys from the Bridges of Hope; over 450 registered people attended this year's event. For many this was their first time participating in such an event, but plans for next year are already on participants' minds. Along with the candy given out at each Bible-themed trunk was a card with the Bible verse or the Bible story for folks to read. God blessed us with a beautiful Fall evening and lots of folks who enjoyed a great time. (Pictures from Trunk n' Treat on following page)

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## MBA CHURCHES UNITE FOR COMMUNITY TRUNK N' TREAT



MBA Churches reaching out into the community to share Jesus! 



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1st Option Care offers local churches 2022 calendars, a guest speaker to share about our ministry, or a video about what they do for them to share with their congregation on this Sunday or another Sunday in January that works for them.

HE HOLDS ALL *Life*  
IN HIS HANDS



Join us for  
*Sanctity of Human Life Sunday*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23rd

We would love to include your church congregation in this celebration of Life!

Feel free to contact us at 229-226-0510 or email [meghan@1stoption.care](mailto:meghan@1stoption.care) for more informaton.

FOR THE LIFE OF EVERY LIVING THING IS IN HIS HAND, AND THE BREATH OF EVERY HUMAN BEING." JOB 12:1

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## DNow 2022

# RELENTLESS

*pursuing Christ at all costs*

Disciple Now (DNow) will be held on January 14-15 in local churches. The theme for 2022 is *RELENTLESS: Pursuing Christ at All Costs*. Guest speaker will be David Nasser and the Museum will be leading in worship. Church registration will be available soon and I will forward to each church once I receive it. If you have any further questions, contact me or Josh LaJeunesse at FBC, 228-6800, or [jlajeunesse@fbcthomasville.com](mailto:jlajeunesse@fbcthomasville.com)



David Nasser



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## Christmas In Coolidge CELEBRATING 120 YEARS! 1901-2021

Food  
and  
Music

Santa will be  
there with  
gifts for boys  
and girls.

Christmas  
Tree  
Lighting

Commemorative Ornaments and Coolidge  
Community cookbooks will be for sale.

**December 11th 2021**

**2090 S. Pine Street  
Coolidge, GA**

**Activities will begin at 5:00 p.m**

Sponsored by Coolidge Community Association

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## Recap of the GBC Annual Meeting



Friends and Partners,

Some of you were not able to attend the GBC Annual Meeting. You were missed!

The Lord did great things last week during our GBC Annual Meeting. It was a fulfilling few days of worship and preaching, as well as a sweet spirit during all business sessions. We heard reports of all God is doing through Georgia Baptists. And we heard plans for 2022.

We heard several significant reports, and we thought we would share a couple of these with you in video form. A significant number of people have asked for the historical perspective on our finances David Melber shared during the EC report. You will find that video [\[here\]](#). Please feel free to share this with others.

In addition, we have put together a highlight video of the Mission Georgia report and the Annual Meeting. The links to both of those videos are below. Please feel free to share these with your church so they can get a sense of all God is doing in Georgia. We look forward to the 2022 Annual Meeting as we celebrate our 200th Anniversary as a state convention!

[Mission Georgia](#)

[Annual Meeting Recap](#)

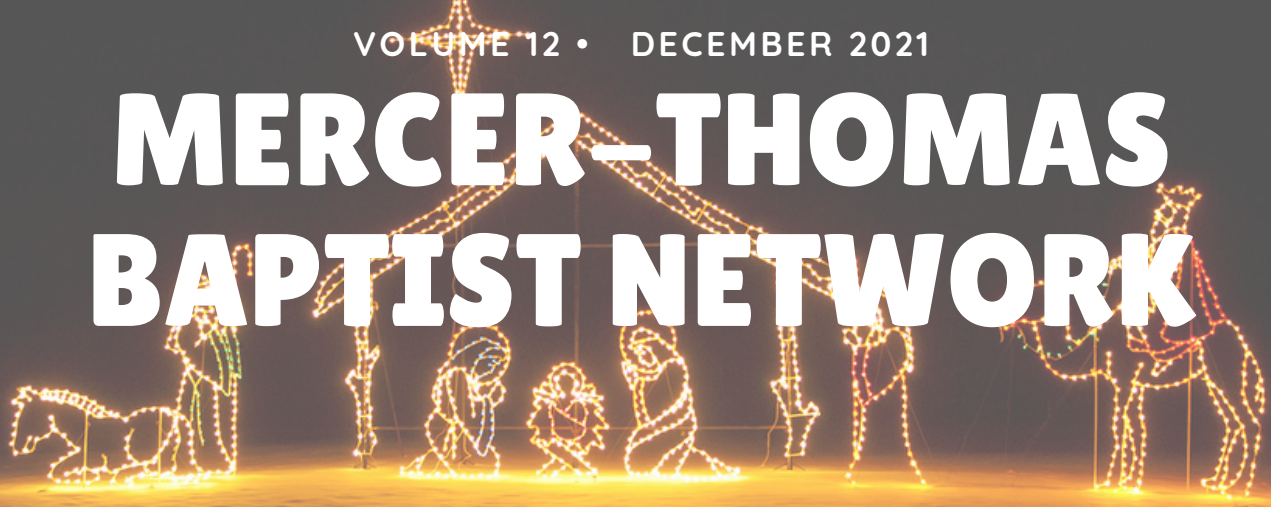
Sincerely,

Mark Marshall  
Assistant Executive Director  
Georgia Baptist Mission Board

Gifts of Georgia Baptists through the Cooperative Program enable us to partner together in fulfilling the Great Commission.



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## DECEMBER 2021



### Thu Dec 2, 2021

10am Pastors Prayer Time--In Person & Zoom  
TCBA Office, 1020 Remington Ave, Thomasville, GA

### Sun Dec 5, 2021

11am Friendship Bap Ch Christmas Program  
Friendship Baptist Church, 13540, Barney, GA

### Tue Dec 7, 2021

7pm MBA Men's Meeting  
Ochwilla Baptist Church

### Thu Dec 9, 2021

10am Pastors Prayer Time--In Person & Zoom  
TCBA Office, 1020 Remington Ave, Thomasville, GA

### Thu Dec 16, 2021

10am Pastors Prayer Time--In Person & Zoom  
TCBA Office, 1020 Remington Ave, Thomasville, GA

### Mon Dec 20, 2021

TCBA Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday

### Tue Dec 21, 2021

TCBA Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday  
9am Brooks County Ministerial Association  
First Baptist Church Quitman, 509 W Screven St, Quitman

### Wed Dec 22, 2021

TCBA Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday

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**Thu Dec 23, 2021**

TCBA Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday

**Fri Dec 24, 2021**

TCBA Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday

**Sat Dec 25, 2021**

TCBA Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday

**Sun Dec 26, 2021**

TCBA Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday

**Mon Dec 27, 2021**

Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday

**Tue Dec 28, 2021**

TCBA Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday

**Wed Dec 29, 2021**

TCBA Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday

**Thu Dec 30, 2021**

TCBA Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday

**Fri Dec 31, 2021**

TCBA Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday





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## MBA Giving Report

### Mercer Baptist Association Giving Report January 1-October 31, 2021

	Jan-Mar 21	Apr-Jun 21	July-Sept 21	Oct 21	YTD
<b>Barney Baptist</b>	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Barwick Baptist</b>	\$ 488.45	\$ 606.65	\$ 514.54	\$ 336.05	\$ 1,945.69
<b>Beulah Baptist</b>	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Dixie Baptist</b>	\$ 903.60	\$ 883.32	\$ 764.40	\$ -	\$ 2,551.32
<b>Elam Baptist</b>	\$ 392.30	\$ 125.21	\$ 304.17	\$ 55.60	\$ 877.28
<b>Evergreen Baptist</b>	\$ 243.62	\$ 268.22	\$ 216.10	\$ 73.20	\$ 801.14
<b>First Baptist</b>	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 7,500.00
<b>Friendship Baptist</b>	\$ 200.00	\$ 423.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 623.00
<b>Morrison Baptist</b>	\$ 314.07	\$ 405.87	\$ 394.10	\$ 97.65	\$ 1,211.69
<b>Morven Baptist</b>	\$ 1,148.28	\$ 575.78	\$ 1,129.03	\$ 278.39	\$ 3,131.48
<b>Northside Baptist</b>	\$ 405.41	\$ 397.79	\$ 349.17	\$ 113.43	\$ 1,265.80
<b>Ochlawilla Baptist</b>	\$ 800.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,300.00
<b>Okapilco Baptist</b>	\$ 527.00	\$ 679.00	\$ 438.00	\$ -	\$ 1,644.00
<b>Pauline Baptist</b>	\$ 873.12	\$ 1,130.60	\$ 989.07	\$ 375.97	\$ 3,368.76
<b>Philadelphia Bapt</b>	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
<b>Union Baptist</b>	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 900.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 9,595.85</b>	<b>\$ 8,795.44</b>	<b>\$ 8,148.58</b>	<b>\$ 2,580.29</b>	<b>\$ 29,120.16</b>

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	Jan - Mar 21	Apr - Jun 21	Jul - Sep 21	Oct 21	TOTAL
Antioch Baptist Church	1,943.15	720.73	930.79	1,189.09	4,783.76
Barnetts Creek Baptist Church	483.36	555.13	546.87	243.90	1,829.26
Big Creek Baptist Church	454.77	540.80	524.53	285.36	1,805.46
Big Ochlocknee Baptist Church	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
Boston Baptist Church	506.02	241.52	717.06	185.12	1,649.72
Coolidge Baptist Church	3,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,500.00
Dawson Street Baptist	3,014.88	3,014.88	3,014.88	1,004.96	10,049.60
Enon Baptist Church	150.00	150.00	150.00	50.00	500.00
First Baptist Church of Thomas...	4,167.33	8,336.00	8,336.00	2,084.00	22,923.33
First Newark Baptist	3,000.00	3,000.00	4,000.00	1,000.00	11,000.00
Fredonia Baptist Church	380.34	468.76	473.39	150.97	1,473.46
Friendship	75.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	125.00
Gatlin Creek Baptist	738.48	1,982.00	1,814.44	455.00	4,989.92
Meigs Baptist Church, Inc.	1,768.34	1,459.09	912.54	686.33	4,826.30
Midway Baptist Church	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00	600.00
New Day Christian Fellowship	75.00	25.00	125.00	25.00	250.00
New Shiloh Baptist Church	417.01	349.36	488.20	106.28	1,360.85
Ochlocknee	500.00	300.00	300.00	100.00	1,200.00
Pavo Baptist Church	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
Pineland Baptist Church, Inc.	1,249.98	1,249.98	833.32	833.32	4,166.60
Salem Baptist Church	1,001.40	936.36	822.21	0.00	2,759.97
Summerhill Baptist Church	219.00	211.00	231.00	54.00	715.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23,944.06</b>	<b>23,890.61</b>	<b>24,220.23</b>	<b>9,053.33</b>	<b>81,108.23</b>



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