

MERCER-THOMAS BAPTIST NETWORK

MERCER AND THOMAS COUNTY
BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONS SERVING TOGETHER



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The mission of the Mercer Baptist Association is to promote evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, cooperation, and stewardship among associational churches to bring glory to God as Christians living in the everyday world.



The Thomas County Baptist Association is a group of diverse churches that exists to be vital and relevant partners in strengthening churches and their pastors.



Pray. Love. Serve.

Mercer and Thomas County Baptist Associations

December 15, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thomas O. Chisholm wrote *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* decades ago reflecting Lamentations 3:22-23. The chorus of this great hymn declares and celebrates,

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed,
Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me!

God's faithfulness should inspire and encourage each of us. God's faithfulness provides opportunity and occasion for loving Him with all our hearts, all our souls, and all our strength. Additionally, God's faithfulness provides opportunity and occasion for making disciples for Jesus Christ. Will we be found faithful?

Paul encouraged and challenged Timothy concerning God's faithfulness and our own in 2 Timothy 2:11-13, "This saying is trustworthy: For if we have died with Him, we will also live with Him; if we endure, we will also reign with Him; if we deny Him, He will also deny us; if we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself." Because God IS faithful, He gives us what we need to be faithful to Him, for Him.

Stepping into a new year should enhance our view, understanding, reception, and application of God's faithfulness. Each new day demonstrates God's faithfulness. May our testimonies declare daily God's faithfulness to the world around us. May we trust God's heart and Word day upon day until Jesus Christ returns or we meet Him face-to-face.

Happy New Year!

Because God first loved me,
Bro. Grant Hignight

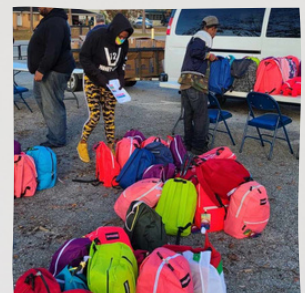


Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed,
Because His compassions fail not.
They are new every morning;
Great is Your faithfulness!

Lamentations 3:22-23

Thank You!

Many thanks to each of you that packed backpacks, donated towards them, and prayed over them. A great big THANK YOU to Barnetts Creek for the use of the trailer, to Dan & Sheri Stewart and Grant Hignight for taking them to Arlington for distribution.



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Sanctity

of Human Life Sunday
January 17, 2021

First Option Care offers the following to local Churches celebrating Sanctity of Human Life Sunday:

- A Guest Speaker from First Option Care to share with your Church Congregation about Life-Affirming Resources in this community
- Bulletin inserts describing FREE Life-Affirming services offered by First Option Care
- A 7 minute video featuring information from the Executive Director as well as testimonies by past patients of First Option Care

Planned by the Lord

Loved. No matter what.

Jeremiah 29:11

Join us for

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

on Jan. 17, 2021.

We would love to include your Church

Congregation

In this Celebration of LIFE!

Feel free to contact us at 229-226-0510 or by email at meghan@1stoption.care with any questions or requests.

JANUARY

Fri Jan 1, 2021

Closed for Christmas holidays

Thu Jan 7, 2021

10am Pastors Prayer Time

TCBA Office, 1020 Remington Ave, Thomasville

Tue Jan 12, 2021

6:30pm Pastor/Staff Roundtable

TCBA Office

Thu Jan 14, 2021

10am Pastors Prayer Time

TCBA Office, 1020 Remington Ave, Thomasville, GA

Tue Jan 19, 2021

9am Brooks County Ministerial Association

Quitman Church of God, 1405 E Screven St, Quitman, GA

Thu Jan 21, 2021

10am Pastors Prayer Time

TCBA Office, 1020 Remington Ave, Thomasville, GA

Mon Jan 25, 2021

GBMB Evangelism Conference

Central Baptist Church, 1120 Lake Joy Rd, Warner Robins, GA

Tue Jan 26, 2021

GBMB Evangelism Conference

Central Baptist Church, 1120 Lake Joy Rd, Warner Robins, GA

TCBA Administrative Committee

TCBA Office, 5 pm

Thu Jan 28, 2021

10am Pastors Prayer Time

TCBA Office, 1020 Remington Ave, Thomasville, GA

Thomas County Baptist Association would like to extend our sincerest condolences to the Jason Morgan family and Ochlocknee Baptist Church. Please pray for them in their journey forward.

*Memory fails at all the sermons he preached,
Yet preserved is the vision of all the souls reached,
some weeping and crying,
afraid of the last day,
others rejoicing for they found Jesus is the way.
– Roger Reeves II*



REV. JASON CARL MORGAN
NOVEMBER 04, 1972 - NOVEMBER 21, 2020

Church Christmas Celebrations

Mercer Baptist Association

Morven Baptist

Christmas Eve Service, Dec. 24 at 5 pm



Thomas County Baptist Association

Enon Baptist

Personal Sharing and Christmas Carols, Dec. 20 at 6 pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion, Dec. 24 at 6 pm

Gatlin Creek Baptist

Christmas Eve Communion, Dec. 24 at 6:30 pm

Church Christmas Celebrations



Thomas County Baptist Association



Big Creek Baptist Children's Program Pictures



CHURCH *News*

Mercer

What is going on in your church?

We would like to share with others in the association! Send info to Karen
twofrogzkh@hotmail.com
229-263-7921



Thomas County

What is going on in your church?

We would like to share with others in the association! Send info to Robin
rowens@thomascountybaptist.org
229-225-1177

Enon Baptist Church

Available paid pianist position available, Sunday morning worship only



Vision 2021

Morven Baptist Church

Sundays at 11:00 am

- Jan. 3 "Be Thou My Vision"
Pastor Jim Pitt
- Jan. 10 Samuel Ayala
GBMB SWGA Missions Consultant
- Jan. 17 PJ Dunn
GBMB SWGA Discipleship Consultant
- Jan. 24 Homecoming Celebration
Chris Reynolds
GBMB SWGA Pastor Wellness Consultant
- Feb. 7 Tim Williams
GBMB SWGA Evangelism Consultant



Coolidge Community Christmas Celebration

Some of our Coolidge Area Churches participated in the Coolidge Community Association's Tree Lighting Event. There was special music from Coolidge Baptist, elves from Big Creek Baptist, and treat bags from Enon Baptist.



Yes, 2020 had COVID happen, but look what Southern Baptists did!
-Ronnie W. Floyd

While COVID-19 continues to reshape and affect everything across America and the world in 2020, I want to share a few wonderful things God has done through our work together as Southern Baptists despite a global pandemic. In our fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, Southern Baptists gave:

- *\$467,073,000 through the Cooperative Program, which is the financial fuel that funds our Great Commission work statewide, nationally, and internationally.*
 - *\$159.5 million to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions, which is the second-highest offering in its history.*
 - *\$49.3 million to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions.*
- Following three record-breaking offerings, this remains an awesome level of commitment to giving despite the onset of the pandemic at the time this offering was being collected.*

When you add that up, it means more than \$675,873,000 has been given by our churches to our Great Commission missions and ministries during this year of uncertainty. Beyond this amount, millions of dollars have also been given to other Southern Baptist needs beyond these three major financial priorities.

Even in the midst of this global pandemic year, we have appointed 416 new missionaries to take the Gospel to the nations. Southern Baptists have the third largest disaster relief organization in America, only following the Red Cross and the Salvation Army. Through the ministries of Southern Baptist Disaster Relief:

- *753,977 meals prepared for survivors of national disasters*
- *668,687 hours of work were given by volunteers*
- *7,975 recovery jobs were completed by volunteers, which includes chainsaw jobs, as well as flood, fire, and debris removal*
- *6,813 gospel presentations were made*
- *875 people made the decision to follow Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord*

Send Relief is a partnership between the International Mission Board and the North American Mission Board that inspires, equips, and trains people to meet physical needs on the ground in dozens of countries, sharing the hope of the Gospel across the world. Send Relief is about meeting needs and changing lives. For example, in 2020:

- *More than 700 projects took place this year across North America and in 77 countries around the world*
- *228,000 N-95 masks and protective suits were donated to hospitals and first responders in 13 states*
- *304,000 meals were distributed through Send Relief ministry centers throughout America*

While facing extraordinary and unprecedented circumstances, our six Southern Baptist seminaries were able to prepare and equip:

- *25,023 students for Gospel ministry*
- *3,287 of those students graduated this year*

In addition, Mission:Dignity, a ministry of GuideStone Financial Resources that assists retired Southern Baptist pastors or their widows, is on track to set a record for fund-raising, having raised more than \$1 million on Mission:Dignity Sunday and almost \$900,000 on the nationwide #GivingTuesday emphasis.

This is not a comprehensive list of all we were able to do together as Southern Baptists. Each of our national entities, 42 state conventions, and 1,200+ associations can tell their own story of all God has done through our work together despite this COVID-19 global pandemic.

Everything we do is only possible because of the work God is doing through our Southern Baptist churches across this nation. If each of our 51,000 churches and congregations could tell their own story, we would hear thousands of stories that would astound us and greatly increase our faith in God.

Be encouraged: God has done so many things this year and He is preparing each of us for even greater things in the year to come. Great is God's faithfulness to each of us and our churches. Each day, remember these words:

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23 ESV.

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Thank you for your contributions through your association that make it possible for us to carry out the task of missions and ministry and to support organizations and ministries who share a common goal. May the Lord continue to bless your church and may we continue to join hearts, hands and resources to help in the accomplishment of the Great Commission.

Mercer Baptist Association Giving Report January 1, 2020 - November 30, 2020

	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	July-Sept	Oct-Nov	YTD
Barney Baptist	\$ 751.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 751.00
Barwick Baptist	\$ 527.35	\$ 678.77	\$ 446.87	\$ 337.95	\$ 1,990.94
Beulah Baptist	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Dixie Baptist	\$ 784.53	\$ 668.00	\$ 1,051.80	\$ -	\$ 2,504.33
Elam Baptist	\$ 288.59	\$ 139.05	\$ 308.27	\$ 103.52	\$ 839.43
Evergreen Baptist	\$ 228.80	\$ 285.14	\$ 243.72	\$ 143.22	\$ 900.88
First Baptist	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$ -	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 8,250.00
Friendship Baptist	\$ 335.00	\$ -	\$ 274.00	\$ -	\$ 609.00
Morrison Baptist	\$ 372.45	\$ 444.84	\$ 437.82	\$ 256.53	\$ 1,511.64
Morven Baptist	\$ 684.63	\$ 1,315.13	\$ 1,102.96	\$ 565.48	\$ 3,668.20
Northside Baptist	\$ 301.82	\$ 129.82	\$ 237.98	356.03.	\$ 669.62
Ochlawilla Baptist	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,700.00
Okapilco Baptist	\$ 675.00	\$ 770.00	\$ 733.00	\$ -	\$ 2,178.00
Pauline Baptist	\$ 956.01	\$ 668.06	\$ 924.36	\$ 553.38	\$ 3,101.81
Philadelphia Baptist	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Union Baptist	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 900.00
Totals	\$ 8,805.18	\$ 8,048.81	\$ 6,060.78	\$ 6,660.08	\$ 29,574.85

Psalm 100:4-5

Give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

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Antioch Baptist	\$ 1,088.70	\$ 494.94	\$ 2,382.27	\$ 672.70	\$ 4,638.61
Barnetts Creek Baptist	\$ 597.08	\$ 581.75	\$ 618.67	\$ 355.39	\$ 2,152.89
Big Creek Baptist	\$ 521.82	\$ 550.85	\$ 442.38	\$ 252.66	\$ 1,767.71
Big Ochlocknee Baptist	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Boston Baptist	\$ 350.21	\$ 606.59	\$ 502.35	\$ 303.73	\$ 1,762.88
Coolidge Memorial Baptist	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Dawson Street Baptist	\$ 3,107.16	\$ 3,107.16	\$ 3,107.16	\$ 2,071.44	\$ 11,392.92
Enon Baptist	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 550.00
Thomasville First Baptist	\$ 6,249.99	\$ -	\$ 10,416.65	\$ 8,333.32	\$ 24,999.96
First Newark Baptist	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
Fredonia Baptist	\$ 386.80	\$ 360.08	\$ 384.74	\$ 218.28	\$ 1,349.90
Friendship Baptist	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ 225.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Gatlin Creek Baptist	\$ 331.48	\$ 500.07	\$ 353.25	\$ 502.12	\$ 1,686.92
Little Ochlocknee Baptist	\$ 105.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 105.00
Meigs Baptist	\$ 648.25	\$ 835.08	\$ 1,000.25	\$ 847.89	\$ 3,331.47
Merrillville Baptist	\$ 201.35	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 201.35
Midway Baptist	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 2,200.00
New Day Christian	\$ 75.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 250.00
New Growth Baptist	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
New Shiloh Baptist	\$ 518.76	\$ 461.34	\$ 275.58	\$ 447.76	\$ 1,703.44
Ochlocknee Baptist	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 900.00
Pavo Baptist	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 225.00
Pineland Baptist	\$ 416.66	\$ 2,083.30	\$ 833.32	\$ 833.32	\$ 4,166.60
Salem Baptist	\$ 747.14	\$ 598.69	\$ 782.70	\$ 773.02	\$ 2,901.55
Summerhill Baptist	\$ 134.00	\$ 166.00	\$ 171.00	\$ 167.00	\$ 638.00
Totals	\$ 19,879.40	\$ 13,845.85	\$ 25,020.32	\$ 19,778.63	\$ 78,524.20

Luke 6:38

Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.