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# MERCER-THOMAS BAPTIST NETWORK

MERCER AND THOMAS COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONS SERVING TOGETHER



Barnetts Creek Baptist is accepting applications for a **Children's Leader** and **Music Leader**

Interested applicants should contact

Pastor Paul Blough

229-977-1071

pblough@bloughtech.com

Talent  
Wanted

## PASTORS & CHURCH LEADERS

We would love to share events and news from your church.

Please email info to  
rowens@thomascountybaptist.org

Please share the newsletter with your email contacts and/or print out copies for your congregation.

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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.*





Dear Servants of the King,

I want to invite you to join me in three prayer focuses for June. God has instructed me to view these three focuses a personal priority as His servant and as parts of a whole which have equal importance. Do not underestimate the significance and value of trusting and obeying God in prayer.

Focus #1 • Vacation Bible Schools and other evangelism and outreach ministries our churches will engage. Every church in Mercer and Thomas County Associations has a mandate from the Lord to make disciples for Jesus Christ. Our Associations have resources to assist our churches to engage this mandate. Praying for each other in intercession and supplication heads the list. Serving together and sharing resources are biblical models of Kingdom work. We have Summer Interns available until their schedules are filled. Pray for our pastors, for UBS leaders and workers, for UBS participants of all ages to trust and obey what the Lord speaks to each one, for consecration and sanctification of people and resources used for these engagements, and every other specific matter God asks of you.

Focus #2 • Revival and spiritual awakening throughout our churches, our region, and our nation. Revival and spiritual awakening come when people obey God's call to repent. For many, repent is a very negative word because it requires complete submission to the Lord. Some people insist on retaining control while rejecting all God offers to those who repent. When viewed appropriately, repent is a highly positive word because of all God is and all He offers: Life, truth, love, peace, strength, hope, joy, security, adoption, and much more. Regardless the specific definitions for revival and spiritual awakening we may prefer, the outcome for both is people trusting and obeying the Lord on His terms in every facet of their lives. Brothers and sisters, the need for trusting and obeying the Lord is all around us.

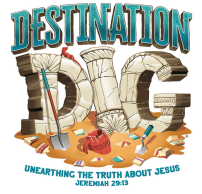
Focus #3 • Graduates transitioning to the next step/phase/chapter of life. The spiritual, emotional, psychological, and physical needs of persons making these transitions are quite real, even dramatic. God has a very specific plan for each of these. Who among them acknowledges God's presence and plan in their lives? Who among them has determined to trust and obey God with their next step(s)? You and I do not get to choose for these, though we may have the privilege of pointing them to Jesus Christ through various expressions. These graduates will impact our lives, our churches, our families, and our communities through the choices they make. What scripture will you pray for those God places on your heart?

Let's trust God's heart and Word so that we are doing the work of prayer He calls us to fulfill.

Praying for you,  
Bro. Grant



# VBS 2021



- Antioch June 14-19
- Barnetts Creek June 18-20\*
- Big Creek June 11-13
- Boston Wed nights during summer
- Coolidge June 13-18
- Dawson St. June 14-17
- Enon June 21-25
- First Newark June 6-11
- Friendship TBA
- Gatlin Creek June 21-25
- Midway June 19
- New Growth June 14-18
- New Shiloh July 10-11
- Pineland July 11-15
- Salem June 13-17
- 1st Thomasville June 14-18



\*VBS camp will be out of town



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# Church News

## Do Prayer Cards Matter?

Ever since the announcement of the mission partnership of the GBMB SW Region and the Baptist Resource Network of Pennsylvania/South New Jersey I have been seeking how our church could be involved in ministering and working with BRN churches. After hearing the first vision team report, I was touched by the need of encouragement and prayer from fellow believers. So in response to that need I challenged our Adult Sunday School to pray for two BRN churches each week and to send a card signed by all class members in attendance. They accepted the task and I enlisted one of the class members to help coordinate the prayer cards. Two weeks after we started sending the prayer cards, we received a return card from one of the pastors. His response was a blessing and showed the need and the importance of praying for our brothers and sisters in the BRN. He stated that he received the card at the perfect time because he had faced several setbacks over that week and was feeling discouraged. The card showed him that he was not alone in this fight and that the prayers of others really do matter.

So are you wondering what you or your church can do to minister or be a missionary to others? Imagine the kingdom impact of several churches praying for several other churches as they share good news of Jesus Christ. How about asking one of your Sunday School classes or small groups to pray for the churches and congregations of the Pennsylvania/South New Jersey Baptist Resource Network. It doesn't cost much, but the reward will be eternal.

If you would like a list of churches to pray for please contact Brother Grant and he will send you the information.

Prayer Cards matter, because Prayer matters to God.

Pastor Jim Pitt  
Morven Baptist Church



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## Bus Driver Appreciation Luncheon

On Wednesday, May 5, Morven Baptist Church provided an appreciation lunch for the Brooks County School System Bus Drivers, Monitors, Substitutes, and Transportation Department. Of the 50 employees 27 came to the church for a roasted pork dinner with sides and desserts, and 13 to go trays were prepared. Church members served the drivers and waited on them as they enjoyed a time of fellowship and appreciation. Each driver was given a thank you note with these verses from 1 Peter 5:2-3, "Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock." Also on the card was a coupon for a small ice cream from Lawson's Peach Shed.





## Faithfully Stewarding Your Estate Webinar Opportunity for Your Church

Register now for one of our upcoming "Faithfully Stewarding Your Estate" seminars. Each seminar will focus on the faithfully stewarding principles necessary to create a Christ-centered estate plan.

The faithfully stewarding principles will:

- Educate you and your family on the importance of a properly planned estate (Will).
- Provide you with inspiration and practical steps to move forward with your own biblically-based estate plan.
- Create an opportunity for you to bless your church with a gift from your estate.
- Provide you an opportunity to strengthen your favorite ministries at your church.

Use the blessings God has given you to strength your church's ministry.

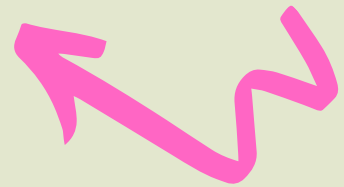
Protect your family against probate complications.

Click the Date of Your Preference To Register for a Webinar.



June 23, 2021 at 6:30pm  
September 22, 2021 at 6:30pm

[www.gbfoundation.org/webinars](http://www.gbfoundation.org/webinars)



2021 Pastors' Wives Fellowships

## Gathering Together

Join us for one of our 2021 regional events. Each event includes a meal, special gift, fellowship and inspiration.

Cleveland Thursday, April 15	Tulsa Saturday, May 1	Augusta Saturday, September 25
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Registration is required. No cost to attend.

Georgia Baptist

Join us at one of our two remaining regional events, where we will share a meal and fellowship together. Registration is required and there is no cost to attend. We'd love to see you there!

For additional information, please contact Laura Simms at 770-936-5362 or [lsimms@gabaptist.org](mailto:lsimms@gabaptist.org).



# JUNE

## **Tue Jun 1, 2021**

7pm MBA Men's Mtg  
Philadelphia Baptist Church 3091 Troupeville Rd, Quitman, GA

## **Wed Jun 2, 2021**

9:30am SW Region AM Zoom Prayer Meeting

## **Thu Jun 3, 2021**

10am Pastors Prayer Time  
TCBA Office, 1020 Remington Ave, Thomasville, GA

## **Sun Jun 6, 2021**

11am Preach @ Meigs Baptist Church  
5:30pm VBS @ First Newark Bap Ch  
First Newark Baptist Church, 225 Russell Rd, Thomasville, GA

## **Mon Jun 7, 2021**

5:30pm VBS @ First Newark Bap Ch  
First Newark Baptist Church, 225 Russell Rd, Thomasville, GA

## **Tue Jun 8, 2021**

5:30pm VBS @ First Newark Bap Ch  
First Newark Baptist Church, 225 Russell Rd, Thomasville, GA

## **Wed Jun 9, 2021**

9:30am SW Region AM Zoom Prayer Meeting  
5:30pm VBS @ First Newark Bap Ch  
First Newark Baptist Church, 225 Russell Rd, Thomasville, GA

## **Thu Jun 10, 2021**

10am Pastors Prayer Time  
TCBA Office, 1020 Remington Ave, Thomasville, GA  
5:30pm VBS @ First Newark Bap Ch

## **Fri Jun 11, 2021**

6pm VBS Big Creek

## **Sat Jun 12, 2021**

6pm VBS Big Creek

## **Sun Jun 13, 2021**

SBC & Associated Meetings  
Nashville, TN  
5pm Kick-off Block Party for VBS FBC Thomasville  
6pm VBS @ Coolidge Mem Bap Ch  
6pm VBS @ Pauline Bap Ch  
6pm VBS @ Salem  
6pm VBS Big Creek

## **Mon Jun 14, 2021**

SBC & Associated Meetings  
Nashville, TN  
VBS @ New Growth  
8am VBS @ First Bap Ch Thomasville  
9am VBS @ Dawson St Bap Ch  
6pm VBS @ Coolidge Mem Bap Ch  
6pm VBS @ Pauline Bap Ch  
6pm VBS @ Salem  
6:30pm VBS @ Antioch



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## **Tue Jun 15, 2021**

SBC & Associated Meetings  
Nashville, TN  
VBS @ New Growth  
8am VBS @ First Bap Ch Thomasville  
9am Brooks County Ministerial Association  
First Baptist Church Quitman, 509 W Screven St, Quitman, GA  
9am VBS @ Dawson St Bap Ch  
6pm VBS @ Coolidge Mem Bap Ch  
6pm VBS @ Pauline Bap Ch  
6pm VBS @ Salem  
6:30pm VBS @ Antioch

## **Wed Jun 16, 2021**

SBC & Associated Meetings  
Nashville, TN  
VBS @ New Growth  
8am VBS @ First Bap Ch Thomasville  
9am VBS @ Dawson St Bap Ch  
9:30am SW Region AM Zoom Prayer Meeting  
6pm VBS @ Coolidge Mem Bap Ch  
6pm VBS @ Pauline Bap Ch  
6pm VBS @ Salem  
6:30pm VBS @ Antioch

## **Thu Jun 17, 2021**

VBS @ New Growth  
8am VBS @ First Bap Ch Thomasville  
9am VBS @ Dawson St Bap Ch  
10am Pastors Prayer Time  
TCBA Office, 1020 Remington Ave, Thomasville, GA  
6pm VBS @ Coolidge Mem Bap Ch  
6pm VBS @ Pauline Bap Ch  
6pm VBS @ Salem  
6:30pm VBS @ Antioch

## **Fri Jun 18, 2021**

Barnetts Creek VBS Camp, North GA  
VBS @ New Growth  
8am VBS @ First Bap Ch Thomasville  
6:30pm VBS @ Antioch

## **Sat Jun 19, 2021**

Barnetts Creek VBS Camp, North GA  
VBS @ Midway Bap Ch

## **Sun Jun 20, 2021**

Barnetts Creek VBS Camp, North GA

## **Mon Jun 21, 2021**

VBS @ Enon Bap Ch  
VBS @ Gatlin Creek Bap Ch

## **Tue Jun 22, 2021**

VBS @ Enon Bap Ch  
VBS @ Gatlin Creek Bap Ch



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## **Wed Jun 23, 2021**

VBS @ Enon Bap Ch

VBS @ Gatlin Creek Bap Ch

9:30am SW Region AM Zoom Prayer Meeting

## **Thu Jun 24, 2021**

VBS @ Enon Bap Ch

VBS @ Gatlin Creek Bap Ch

10am Pastors Prayer Time

TCBA Office, 1020 Remington Ave, Thomasville, GA

## **Fri Jun 25, 2021**

VBS @ Enon Bap Ch

VBS @ Gatlin Creek Bap Ch

## **Sun Jun 27, 2021**

6pm VBS @ Morven Bap Ch

## **Mon Jun 28, 2021**

Youth Camp - FBC Quitman, Tennessee

6pm VBS @ Morven Bap Ch

## **Tue Jun 29, 2021**

Youth Camp - FBC Quitman, Tennessee

6pm VBS @ Morven Bap Ch

## **Wed Jun 30, 2021**

Youth Camp - FBC Quitman, Tennessee

9:30am SW Region AM Zoom Prayer Meeting

6pm VBS @ Morven Bap Ch



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## **Mercer Baptist Association Giving Report January 1-April 30, 2021**

	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	July-Sept	Oct-Dec	YTD
Barney Baptist	\$ -				\$ -
Barwick Baptist	\$ 488.45	\$ 179.49			\$ 667.94
Beulah Baptist	\$ -				\$ -
Dixie Baptist	\$ 903.60				\$ 903.60
Elam Baptist	\$ 392.30				\$ 392.30
Evergreen Baptist	\$ 243.62	\$ 96.16			\$ 339.78
First Baptist	\$3,000.00				\$ 3,000.00
Friendship Baptist	\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00
Morrison Baptist	\$ 314.07	\$ 154.95			\$ 469.02
Morven Baptist	\$1,148.28				\$ 1,148.28
Northside Baptist	\$ 405.41	\$ 117.41			\$ 522.82
Ochlawilla Baptist	\$ 800.00	\$ 500.00			\$ 1,300.00
Okapilco Baptist	\$ 527.00				\$ 527.00
Pauline Baptist	\$ 873.12	\$ 334.59			\$ 1,207.71
Philadelphia Baptist	\$ -				\$ -
Union Baptist	\$ 300.00				\$ 300.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$9,595.85</b>	<b>\$1,382.60</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 10,978.45</b>

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.*



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Antioch Baptist	\$ 1,943.15	\$ 399.90			\$ 2,343.05
Barnetts Creek Baptist	\$ 483.36	\$ 182.59			\$ 665.95
Big Creek Baptist	\$ 454.77	\$ 183.84			\$ 638.61
Big Ochlocknee Baptist	\$ 300.00	\$ -			\$ 300.00
Boston Baptist	\$ 506.02	\$ 103.75			\$ 609.77
Coolidge Memorial Baptist	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -			\$ 3,500.00
Dawson Street Baptist	\$ 3,014.88	\$ 1,004.96			\$ 4,019.84
Enon Baptist	\$ 200.00	\$ 50.00			\$ 250.00
Thomasville First Baptist	\$ 4,167.33	\$ 4,168.00			\$ 8,335.33
First Newark Baptist	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,000.00			\$ 4,000.00
Fredonia Baptist	\$ 380.34	\$ 149.20			\$ 529.54
Friendship Baptist	\$ 75.00	\$ 50.00			\$ 125.00
Gatlin Creek Baptist	\$ 738.48	\$ 802.81			\$ 1,541.29
Little Ochlocknee Baptist		\$ -			\$ -
Meigs Baptist	\$ 1,768.34	\$ 327.86			\$ 2,096.20
Merrillville Baptist	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -
Midway Baptist	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -
New Day Christian	\$ 75.00	\$ 25.00			\$ 100.00
New Growth Baptist	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -
New Shiloh Baptist	\$ 557.78				\$ 557.78
Ochlocknee Baptist	\$ 500.00	\$ 100.00			\$ 600.00
Pavo Baptist	\$ -	\$ 300.00			\$ 300.00
Pineland Baptist	\$ 1,249.98	\$ 416.66			\$ 1,666.64
Salem Baptist	\$ 1,001.40	\$ 936.36			\$ 1,937.76
Summerhill Baptist	\$ 219.00	\$ 77.00			\$ 296.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$24,134.83</b>	<b>\$10,277.93</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$34,412.76</b>

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