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MERCER-THOMAS BAPTIST NETWORK

MERCER AND THOMAS COUNTY
BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONS SERVING TOGETHER

PASTORS & WIVES
Spring Retreat
APRIL 9-11, 2021
JEKYLL ISLAND CLUB RESORT
JEKYLL ISLAND, GA

MUSIC:
Matt Duren,
Worship Leader
Eagles Landing FBC

SPEAKERS:

Todd Wright
Pastor, Midway BC

Charles Lowery,
Pres./CEO, Lowery Institute of
Excellence

Shawn Darrough,
GuideStone Financial

Dr. Denise Colson,
Exec. Director, Eagles Landing
Christian Counseling

Tim Dawdy,
Lead Strategist,
GBMB

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GEORGIA BAPTIST WOMEN
SPRING EVENT
An experience for women of all ages

April 24, 2021
Central Baptist Church, Warner Robins

Early Bird Rate: \$59 (Through March 5)
Regular Rate: \$79 (Through March 31)
Come early and join us for dinner for the
Missions Celebration (Additional \$20)

Find more information and register at
georgiabaptistwomen.org/springevent.

Kristi McLelland
Featured Speaker
JESUS & WOMEN IN THE
FIRST CENTURY AND NOW

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Mercer
Baptist
Associations
Thomas
County

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

February 16, 2021

Dear Co-Laborers in the Gospel,

How is it with your soul today? We who are Christ followers have all we need to receive and apply encouragement from our God such that we are willing and glad to bless his name. Psalm 103:1 says, "Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name!" (NKJV) Are you and I living out our faith and hope in the Lord before a hurting, broken, and spiritually lost world?

The seasonal change from Winter to Spring (March 20) will come and go with each of us adjusting, amending, and adapting accordingly in order to continue moving toward our identified destinations, targets, or ends. Making disciples for Jesus Christ should be at the forefront of our adjusting, amending, and adapting as Christ followers.

Ask God to lead you into the choices, actions, and steps which will evidence and express genuine faith and hope to those in your sphere of influence. Tell God you want to be intentional and you are trusting him to lead you to adjust, amend, and/or adapt as needed. Watch, then, how God leads you to **Pray. Love. Serve.** as you trust and obey him.

As we look over the weeks and months to come, what opportunities and occasions will we encounter as individuals, as local churches, and as Associations to live out our faith and hope in Jesus Christ? What adjusting, amending, and adapting will be needed for us to make disciples for Jesus Christ intentionally? How does God want you to intentionally bless his name?

May you and I make Psalm 103:1 our personal declaration to the Lord with the view to blessing his name and living out our faith and hope in Jesus Christ.

Because God first loved me,
Bro. Grant Hignight



Exciting VBS News!!!

Jenni Carter from the Georgia Baptist Mission Board will hold an early VBS training session in our Association! The meeting will be held Monday, February 22 at the Association Mission Center sanctuary (1020 Remington Avenue). The meeting will begin at 6:30pm. Materials will be available to preview. Social distancing will be maintained and participants will be asked to wear masks. Let's get together and make plans to share Jesus with children and adults!!! If you have any questions, please contact Teresa Carver at 229-224-0953 or email teresahuckebacarver@gmail.com

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Mercer news

Dear Church Family,

This past Sunday Morven Baptist Church held its 116th Homecoming Celebration. Many of you were unable to attend due to the pandemic situation, sickness, or family concerns, but we wanted to share with you the many accomplishments our church was able to do in spite of the pandemic.

2020 – A Year to Celebrate

List of Accomplishments:

- Began the Year with “What On Earth Am I Here For” Campaign
- Started streaming morning services through Facebook Live; there are over 100 views every week
- Increased our on-line presence through Facebook/Church Website/On-line giving
- No missed Sunday morning services. A couple of weeks we didn’t have services, but we did post a Facebook Live video every week.
- Met numerous benevolent needs
- Sponsored a Community Blood Drive back in April
- Restarted Celebrate Recovery Large Group Meetings in July
- Gave away 44 CR Bibles, along with many Bibles/NT
- We continued to give through many special offerings: Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, Military Bible Sticks, Change for Life Baby Bottles, Baptist Children’s Home, Bridges of Hope, missionary support, Cooperative Program giving to Mercer Baptist Association, Georgia Baptist Mission Board, and Southern Baptist Convention

List of Outreach Events:

- 300+ items for Souper Bowl
- 4 Food Box Giveaways
- 4 boxes of School Supplies to North Brooks Elementary School
- Community Trunk/Treat: 12 Bible Themed Trunks; approximately 200 people attended
- Ladies Christmas Cards to NBES Faculty & Staff
- 68 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes sent to Chad and Congo (Africa)
- 12 Christmas Backpacks; that were part of 300 sent to Arlington, GA from the Mercer and Thomas County Associations
- Brooks County Family Connection Heaven’s Sleigh Christmas: over 2,500 gifts for children; 160 food boxes for families
- Cards & Cookies for Bridges of Hope
- Grilled Hamburgers/Hot Dogs for Quitman Housing Authority Christmas Story Outreach

In spite of the pandemic, political turmoil, and our world being turn upside down Morven Baptist Church has still been able to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ to numerous people and places. All of this contributed to an accomplishment I’m really proud of: 10 Baptisms for 2020. One of the first verses we started sharing together when everything started was 2 Timothy 1:7, “*For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.*” I believe Morven Baptist Church has lived those words this past year. To God be the Glory!

Morven Baptist Church Evangelism Training

Open to anyone who desires to share the love of Jesus with others.



Imagine if every member of your church could answer that question with the name of a person—a person for whom they're praying and with whom they're sharing the gospel. How would it change your church? How would it change the world?

Sermon Series: Sundays at 11 am: March 7, 14, 21 & 28

Every home loved

Every home loved

The Gospel is a story of Jesus' love for everyone. While a lot of people know things about Jesus, fewer have truly encountered His life-giving love. Even fewer of those who know Jesus' love will share it.

Training Dates: Sunday evenings, 6 pm: Feb, 21 & 28, Mar 7 & 14.



THE BEST NEWS

This three-week training is designed to equip Christians to share the saving truth of the gospel through a simple method using an accompanying card.

Training Dates: Sunday evenings, 6 pm: April 11, 18, & 25



LIVE THIS

The greatest thing you can do for a person is pray for them.
The greatest thing you can share with them is the gospel.

Training Dates: Sunday evenings, 6 pm: May 16, 23, & 30

Mission Georgia

As a new year begins, Mission Georgia would like to have some opportunities to meet together in each region to learn how we can partner together around the five areas of focus Mission Georgia is highlighting. To help with that, they are hosting Mission Georgia Roundtables for the next two months.

The Roundtables are intended to bring together leaders from churches, associations, nonprofits and community partners for a facilitated conversation. This time of networking and collaboration will help us all be better aware of ongoing ministries to join as well as needs we can address together.

The locations and dates for the Roundtables, as well as registration link are on this link

<https://missiongeorgia.org/roundtable-registration/>



Human Trafficking



Pre/Post Natal Care



Childhood Literacy



Refugees &
Internationals



Foster Care &
Adoption

Where can you and your church plug in?



GEORGIA BAPTIST WOMEN
SPRING  EVENT

April 24, 2021

In Person
In Your Home
At Your Church

Registration Now Open!
[GEORGIABAPTISTWOMEN.ORG/SPRINGEVENT](https://georgiabaptistwomen.org/springevent)

1 Day. 3 Ways to Attend.

- In person
- In your home
- At your church

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State of Georgia 2021 Annual Registration

****Attention Church Clerks,
Administrative Staff, and Pastors****

The deadline to complete 2021 Corporate
Annual Registrations is April 1.

Annual registrations can be filed online
with a credit card at ecorp.sos.ga.gov. If
you have any questions or need any
assistance, contact TCBA Ministry
Assistant, Robin Owens at 229-225-1177.

MARCH

TUE MAR 2, 2021

10:30AM SW AMS ZOOM PRAYER MTG

7PM MBA MEN'S MEETING

LOCATION TBD

THU MAR 4, 2021

10AM PASTORS PRAYER TIME

TCBA OFFICE, 1020 REMINGTON AVE, THOMASVILLE

SUN MAR 7, 2021

3PM MEET VISION TRIP TEAM

NEW ELM BAPTIST, 5226 GA-33, MOULTRIE

TUE MAR 9, 2021

10:30AM SW AMS ZOOM PRAYER MTG

THU MAR 11, 2021

10AM PASTORS PRAYER TIME

TCBA OFFICE, 1020 REMINGTON AVE, THOMASVILLE

TUE MAR 16, 2021

9AM BROOKS COUNTY MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

QUITMAN CHURCH OF GOD, 1405 E SCREVEN ST,
QUITMAN

10:30AM SW AMS ZOOM PRAYER MTG

THU MAR 18, 2021

10AM PASTORS PRAYER TIME

TCBA OFFICE, 1020 REMINGTON AVE, THOMASVILLE

SUN MAR 21, 2021

11AM PREACH @ OCHLAWILLA BAP CH

TUE MAR 23, 2021

10:30AM SW AMS ZOOM PRAYER MTG

THU MAR 25, 2021

10AM PASTORS PRAYER TIME

TCBA OFFICE, 1020 REMINGTON AVE, THOMASVILLE

SUN MAR 28, 2021

11AM PREACH @ OCHLAWILLA BAP CH

TUE MAR 30, 2021

10:30AM SW AMS ZOOM PRAYER MTG

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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, 2021 - January 31, 2021

	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	July-Sept	Oct-Dec	YTD
Barney Baptist					
Barwick Baptist	\$ 115.30				\$ 115.30
Beulah Baptist					\$ -
Dixie Baptist	\$ 903.60				\$ 903.60
Elam Baptist	\$ 288.87				\$ 288.87
Evergreen Baptist	\$ 70.82				\$ 70.82
First Baptist	\$1,500.00				\$ 1,500.00
Friendship Baptist	\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00
Morrison Baptist	\$ 76.38				\$ 76.38
Morven Baptist	\$ 550.42				\$ 550.42
Northside Baptist	\$ 121.43				\$ 121.43
Ochlawilla Baptist	\$ 500.00				\$ 500.00
Okapilco Baptist					\$ -
Pauline Baptist	\$ 253.33				\$ 253.33
Philadelphia Baptist					\$ -
Union Baptist					\$ -
Totals	\$4,580.15	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,580.15

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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Thomas County Baptist Association Giving Report January 1, 2021 - January 31, 2021

	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	July-Sept	Oct-Dec	YTD
Antioch Baptist	\$ 1,221.57				\$ 1,221.57
Barnetts Creek Baptist	\$ 206.60				\$ 206.60
Big Creek Baptist	\$ 138.27				\$ 138.27
Big Ochlocknee Baptist	\$ -				\$ -
Boston Baptist	\$ 117.92				\$ 117.92
Coolidge Memorial Baptist					\$ -
Dawson Street Baptist	\$ 1,004.96				\$ 1,004.96
Enon Baptist	\$ 50.00				\$ 50.00
Thomasville First Baptist	\$ 2,083.33				\$ 2,083.33
First Newark Baptist	\$ 1,000.00				\$ 1,000.00
Fredonia Baptist	\$ 80.20				\$ 80.20
Friendship Baptist					\$ -
Gatlin Creek Baptist	\$ 357.49				\$ 357.49
Little Ochlocknee Baptist					\$ -
Meigs Baptist	\$ 382.83				\$ 382.83
Merrillville Baptist					\$ -
Midway Baptist					\$ -
New Day Christian	\$ 25.00				\$ 25.00
New Growth Baptist					\$ -
New Shiloh Baptist					\$ -
Ochlocknee Baptist	\$ 300.00				\$ 300.00
Pavo Baptist					\$ -
Pineland Baptist					\$ -
Salem Baptist	\$ 1,001.40				\$ 1,001.40
Summerhill Baptist	\$ 111.00				\$ 111.00
Totals	\$ 8,080.57	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,080.57

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.